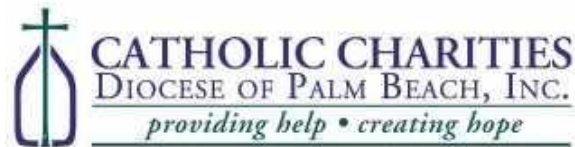


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COVID-19 Mental Health Crisis; Catholic Charities Rising to meet the Need

(Palm Beach Gardens, FL) October 5, 2020 – Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach is pleased to announce our new partnership with the Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) as a provider of outpatient mental health services. SEFBHN is the managing entity for the Florida Department of Children and Families tasked with meeting the specific behavioral health needs in the Counties of Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach. This partnership has resulted in a \$150,000 10 month contract to provide no-cost mental health counseling to adults and children negatively impacted by COVID-19 within all five counties covered by SEFBHN. Counseling sessions are available via telehealth video session during the COVID-19 pandemic and in-person at any of Catholic Charities' seven counseling office locations in Ft. Pierce, Stuart, Pahokee, Riviera Beach, Boynton Beach, Palm Beach, and Boca Raton. Catholic Charities counseling services help improve mental wellness and improve functioning for vulnerable populations such as adults and children with fragile mental health, traumatic experiences, and diagnosed mental health conditions. With the help of SEFBHN, Catholic Charities will offer no-cost services to up to 135 adults and children in need. **Call our toll-free Counseling Hotline to schedule a counseling intake session at 1-844-848-6777 or email counseling@ccdpb.org.**

Catholic Charities is thrilled that this opportunity allows us to expand our program with an additional licensed counselor that we hope to hire within the next month. Please visit our website at www.ccdpb.org/careers to view the counselor position advertisements.

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About Catholic Charities

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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach provides 11 social services and ministries throughout 8 locations in the Diocese of Palm Beach. Established in 1984, Catholic Charities responds to the needs of the poor and most vulnerable by providing quality programs that serve children, families, and homeless. Catholic Charities of the five-county Diocese of Palm Beach respects life in all its stages. In living our faith, we create hope for people in need, without regard to religion. Through our programs and ministries, we empower individuals, deliver social services and collaborate with others in building just and compassionate communities. Please visit us at www.ccdpb.org.

