



2018 ANNUAL APPEAL

**#YOUR MERCY**  
Transforming Lives + Communities

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES RESPONDS TO OPIOID CRISIS

All funds raised this weekend will be used to expand treatment services across our Diocese.

### You Can Help Keep Catholic Charities at the Frontline in Treating Addiction

With more and more people in Northeast Ohio suffering from the grip of opioid addiction, Catholic Charities is committed to providing an expanding continuum of treatment that will stretch throughout all eight counties of the Diocese. Programs and services will also be available to strengthen families that suffer from the impact of their loved ones' addictions. Catholic Charities knows that recovery is possible. Your support will help save lives.

### *With Your Gift, Catholic Charities Will Expand Treatment Services Needed for Recovery*

- Expanded Assessment & Referral
- Expanded Outpatient Counseling
- Expanded Psychiatric Services
- Expanded Intensive Outpatient Group Therapy
- Expanded Staff & Number of Therapists

#### SARA'S STORY:

#### *TRANSFORMED FROM ADDICTION TO RECOVERY*

*"Thank you for doing for us what we can't do for ourselves – for believing in the solution until we can believe it ourselves."*

Sara was in college when she started abusing opioids. In a few short years, Sara was shooting up heroin and trying to quit, just to be pulled back by her addiction. Sara entered treatment programs and was unsuccessful until she discovered Catholic Charities residential treatment for addiction at Matt Talbot for Women. "Without Matt Talbot, I'd probably be dead," says Sara who lost friends to overdoses. "At Matt Talbot, we were on a strict schedule with a real structure that allowed me to focus on treatment."



## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT THIS WEEKEND ONLY! \$100,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE GRANT

Any **NEW, INCREASED** or **ADDITIONAL GIFT** to Catholic Charities returned in the envelopes available at all Masses or donated online at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/Challenge](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/Challenge) will be **MATCHED**, up to \$100,000.

*"Everyone knows of someone who has been affected."*

Your gift, regardless of the amount, will transform someone's life.

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**THANK YOU!**