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## **The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley Grants \$10,000 to Catholic Charities**

AURORA, IL -The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley announced its decision to award \$10,000 to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockford in support of Catholic Charities' office relocation within Aurora. The grant will be used for the purchase of computers, computer accessories, telephones, and other electronic hardware to assist Catholic Charities in its adoptions and crisis pregnancy programs.

The Aurora office is the center of the Diocese's pregnancy support services and provides a variety of adoption services and support for those who face difficulties during pregnancy or are exploring adoption opportunities. The Foundation's award will provide the programs with the updated technical capacity to efficiently and effectively support those who need assistance in all phases of adoption services, including international and special needs adoptions. The office also counsels prenatal health care, budgeting, discipline, and other valuable life skills for expectant mothers. When notified of the grant, Program Director Jamie Weigand said:

Catholic Charities is extremely thankful to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley for the generous allocation to our Adoptions and Crisis Pregnancy Program. This funding will help our agency more effectively serve the pregnant and parenting population in Aurora, the Fox River Valley area and all of the Rockford Diocese. With this allocation we are able to re-commit our ministry to new families in new facilities in Aurora.

Catholic Charities' Crisis Pregnancy program assists expectant parents and their families in coping with the emotional, social, financial and physical stress of pregnancy by providing free, confidential counseling and support services. Catholic Charities' caseworkers assess all needs of their clients and provide positive, life-giving alternatives and support. Catholic Charities is a licensed State of Illinois DCFS Child Welfare Agency and is recognized by the Council on Accreditation.

For information on Catholic Charities' adoptions and crisis pregnancy programs, please call Jamie Weigand, Crisis Pregnancy Program Director, at (630) 820-3220. If you are experiencing a crisis pregnancy, please call the toll free, 24-hour hotline J-866-775-MARY (6279).