



Catholic  
Charities

of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

The Martha & Mary House  
Cambria County Emergency Homeless Shelter Program  
*Operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown*

## Community Overview

**Be Utility Wise Conference**

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# Locations.....

## **Blair County**

300 12th Avenue  
PO Box 1349  
Altoona, PA 16603  
P: (814) 944-9388  
F: (814) 941-2677

## **Cambria County**

321 Main Street  
Suite 5G  
Johnstown, PA 15901  
P: (814) 535-6538  
F: (814) 535-2235

## **Martha & Mary House**

899 Bedford Street  
Johnstown, PA 15902  
P: (814) 254-4413  
F: (814) 254-4430

**(Cambria County Residents ONLY)**



# Who we are.....

Catholic Charities, Inc. of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is a non-government, private, faith-based, not-for-profit ministry serving Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset counties for over 75 years.



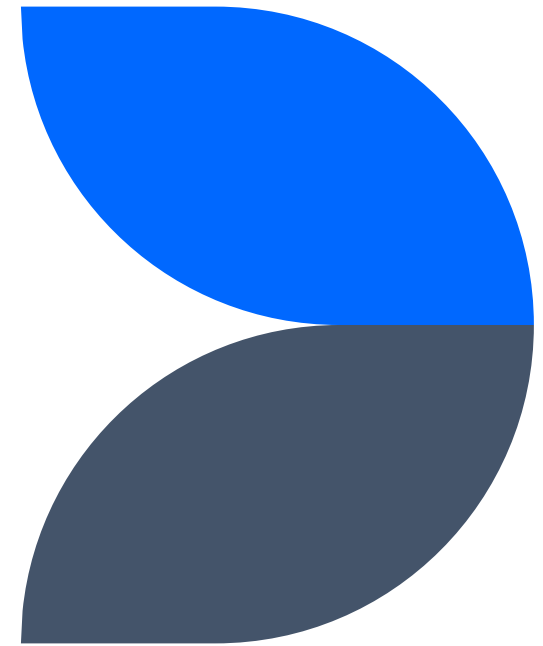
# Our mission is to....

- Assist individuals and families facing an immediate crisis with consultation, coordination & seeking appropriate solutions
- Educate the community about active critical social justice issues & needs
- Advocate for policies that enhance human dignity to ensure basic human rights, and their universal accessibility



# Service Module: Acts of Mercy

Assisting vulnerable populations with compassion & empathy with focus on a setting free of bias, judgement or discrimination...



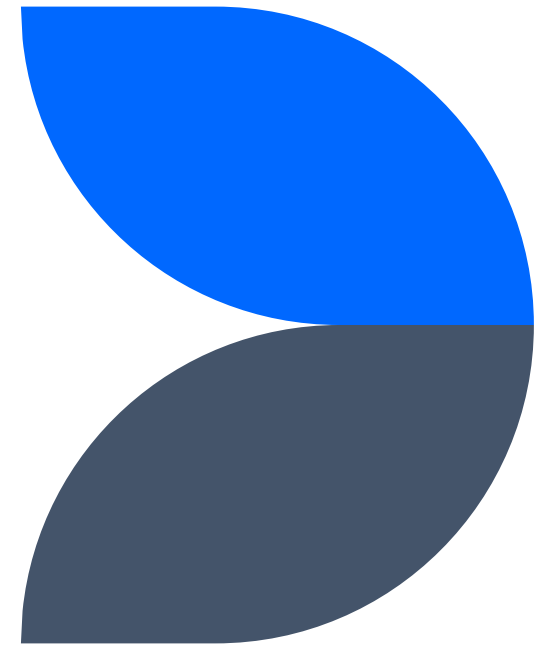
# Principles.....

- We **SERVE** all persons who come to us in need, regardless of their faith and we do not discriminate on basis of race, color, creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, handicap, or disability
- We **LISTEN** to our clients actively and with respect who are in vulnerable situations and/or lacking resources
- We **HELP** to the best of our ability to assist with emergency financial services to those without access to basic needs such as food, electricity, heat, water, and emergency shelter accommodations
- We **ADVOCATE** for the voices of the marginalized and at risk to assist them in their journeys for self-sufficiency
- We **CARE** by serving persons and families in need with compassion, dignity, equity and empathy

# The Martha & Mary House

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*Providing shelter, safety and support  
to the housing compromised  
individuals and families of Cambria  
County since 2015...*



# Who does the MMH serve?

The Martha and Mary House provides shelter placement for actively homeless individuals and families who reside within Cambria County, Pennsylvania. You must be a Cambria County Resident for a minimum of 90 days, showing proof of residency.



# Admission requirements:

- Actively homeless on the street (HUD Category 1 Homelessness) with all other options of permanent or temporary housing having been explored and exhausted prior to admissions.
  - ***Definition: actively street homeless without alternative options for safe overnight accommodations.***
- All clients must be current residents of Cambria County with proof of 90 day Cambria County Residency from each party applying.
- Examples of documents accepted to verify your resident are: Photo ID, Benefit Statement, Mail with a Cambria Address and postage date 90 days ago or more, Pay stubs, etc.

# Admission requirements:

- Background Check (Completed by us once application is received to screen for any Active criminal cases/charges, and any past charges of a violent or sexual nature)
- The shelter is fully ADA accessible, however non-medical, all forms of “hands on care” is not available. All residents must be 100% independent with their ADL’s and IADL’s in order for their admission to be safe (*includes bathing/dressing/hygiene, shopping/preparing own meals, ability to utilize transportation independently, do ones laundry, clean/keep up both personal and communal areas, etc.*)
- Residents to maintain compliance with all established internal and external services in order to remain in placement at the shelter.

# Thank you

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