First Bank of Highland Park

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Catholic Charities

If only "hope" could be gift-wrapped, it would be the perfect holiday gift. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago has found a creative way to give the gift of hope through their After Supper Visions photography program which serves hungry and homeless individuals. At their Tuesday Night Supper program, guests are offered disposable cameras and photography lessons which have enabled participants to create, connect, and communicate through art. On display throughout December at First Bank of Highland Park are photographs of "hope" from these artists. Every June, an exhibition is held in which the artists receive compensation from the sales.

Since its inception in 1917, Catholic Charities has helped ease financial and emotional stress for the less fortunate with programs which cover human needs from "cradle to grave," without regard to religious, ethnic or economic background. As one of the largest private, non-profit social service agencies in the Midwest, they annually assist more than one million people and provide 174 programs at 164 Catholic Charities locations across Cook and Lake Counties.

Join their efforts by dropping off nonperishable food items at the bank for the Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantry in Waukegan. Collections are also being requested for new socks and undergarments for men and women, as well as diapers for infants and toddlers.