



All-Staff Summer BBQ

More than 100 CCS staff and customers gathered for some fun in the sun at the annual all-staff BBQ at River Road Park on August 8. As we work together to build a happy and healthy work community, we embraced a Blue Zones® friendly BBQ and hosted our very first salad competition. More than 15 different salads were entered, ranging from pasta salads to kale salads to tuna salads. Our staff and customers were tasked with taste testing the entries and voted for their favorites. Our salad competition winners will be revealed, along with their secret recipes, at the Souper Social on October 31st.

Make sure to check out the great photos from the BBQ.

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Enhanced Support for Foster Parents

Foster parents truly make a difference in the lives of the children in their care. That is why Catholic Community Services is investing in a new model called Enhanced Support for Foster Parents. This model creates a network of array homes that all have access to a "central home" with experienced foster parents who provide training, mentorship and respite. A behavior support specialist and community resource coordinator ensure access to needed services and supports.

Hear Reggie's story and the impact his foster parents, who are now central home parents, made on his life [here](#).

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Annual Health and Wellness Fair

Our Annual Health and Wellness Fair is just around the corner! Stop by and try some healthy and delicious snacks, get a health screen and relax with a free massage! There will also be a drawing for some awesome prizes. If you have any questions about the health fair, email Marilee Darby at mdarby@ccswv.org.

Health and Wellness Fair
Thursday, September 27th
12:00pm - 4:00pm
BSB, Rooms 112, 300 & 301



Save the Date! Oktoberfest Begins September 13

Mark your calendars for the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest! This annual Bavarian Harvest Festival features food and fun for the whole family. The Oktoberfest kicks off on **September 13** and goes through September 16. Stop by the Father Taaffe booth to show your support and sample some traditional German Pizza!

We are still looking for volunteers to help run the Father Taaffe booth! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Tonya Sorensen at tsorensen@ccswv.org. To view the volunteer shift schedule, click [here](#).



Volunteer Spotlight - Verna Scharbach

Verna Scharbach, long-time Mission Benedict volunteer, celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by loving friends, family and community members at the St. Joseph Shelter in Mt. Angel. Verna has been volunteering at Mission Benedict since its inception - in her very own garage - 30 years ago.

The Statesman Journal interviewed Verna about her time spent volunteering at Mission Benedict.

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Volunteer at Our 80th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 26!

The Catholic Community Services Annual Luncheon is right around the corner and we'd love a helping hand! We are still looking for folks to help out with setup, tear

down, check-in, and ushers and greeters. The luncheon is on **Wednesday, September 26** from 11:30am-1:00pm at the Salem Convention Center. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Heidi Frederick at hfrederick@ccsvw.org.



Updated Letterhead!

We have updated our letterhead! You can access and download the new letterhead by following the link, or by navigating to our Intranet and visiting the resource library.

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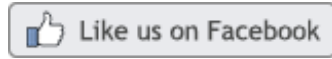


Sanctuary Theme of the Month - Open Communication

In most workplace cultures, we are expected to leave our personal lives at the door. Your work-life is your work-life, your home-life is your home-life, and the two don't mix. But here at CCS, we understand that that's not realistic. Our Sanctuary commitment of Open Communication encourages us to be open, honest and

transparent when communicating with others. Sanctuary teaches that knowing where everyone is at on an emotional level helps us to work more efficiently as a team. We strive to create an environment of trust, so we can feel safe when sharing information that can be tough to share.

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