



# Livingston County Catholic Charities

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## Company History? Years in business?

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) was established in 1985; initially offering two programs - Mental Health Counseling and Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver, a senior outreach program. Since then LCCC has grown to meet the community needs by adding Senior Resource Advocacy; Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Case Management; Foster Care and Adoption; Be Our Guest Adult Day; and Prevention of Elder Abuse Neglect & Exploitation.

This past fiscal/program year (FY17/18), LCCC served more than 2,600 client cases (individuals/families) through our array of programs, only 31% of whom identify as Catholic. The Substance Abuse Prevention program is a community-awareness and community impact service and does not directly work with individuals. LCCC programs are offered to residents of Livingston County and non-residents who work in the county.

In addition to accepting most major insurances for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment, LCCC offers a sliding fee scale (ability to pay) for many of our programs, with two of the senior programs, Volunteer Caregiver and Resource Advocacy, on a donation only basis.

## What products or services do you offer companies or individuals?

Our services are listed above but I would like to expand on a few of them. Be Our Guest Adult Day is the only day center in Livingston County serving clients with dementia and other memory related diseases. It provides the caregiver respite (a break) from the 24/7 caregiving responsibilities and/or the opportunity to continue to work, attend to appointments and errands, and more.

Our Senior Outreach Services, Volunteer Caregiver and Resource Advocacy, serve a high number of homebound and low income seniors. These services aid in allowing the senior to remain independent in their homes for as long as possible - avoiding the high cost of assisted living, by providing volunteer services for transportation, friendly visits, connection to local, state and federal resources and more. These services are provided free to county seniors - though we do ask for a donation if they are able. Over 80% of those we serve in our senior programs live at or below 150% of the national poverty level.

Our therapists in our Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Counseling programs are all licensed and credentialed.

Call our offices at 517-545-5944 to learn more about these and our other services.

## What's an interesting fact about your business most people don't know?

We serve the entire community regardless of age, race, religion, gender, disability and financial ability. As stated above, only 31% of those we serve self identify as Catholics. We truly are a "community" resource.

## What accomplishments are you most proud of?

We are most proud of the help that we provide to the children, men and women who turn to us in their time of need. Having healthy individuals and families creates a healthy community and lessens the stresses on family, community and county resources.

**What are the greatest obstacles and/or challenges that your business has faced? How have you and your business overcome them?**

One of our greatest challenges is overcoming the belief that we only serve Catholics. Though many in the community know that, we still have work to do to make sure everyone knows we serve the entire community and are a "community" resource available to them.

**What do you foresee in the future for business?**

Livingston County Catholic Charities has grown over the last 34 years to meet the needs of the community. We continue to strengthen and expand our current programs as well as look for other unmet community needs that could possibly be a good fit for our agency.

**As someone doing business in and around Hartland, how does the chamber help you?**

We have just joined the Hartland Chamber in the last few months and have felt immediately enveloped into a warm, vibrant and welcoming community! This chamber is very active and growing and it's exciting to be a part of it. We also feel that by being a part of the Hartland Chamber, it helps us to reach and network with our friends and neighbors in another part of our county.

**When you are not working, what do you like to do in your free time?**

What free time??? When I do get some free time, I like to spend it with family, long walks, traveling, playing with my camera and being creative.