



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
Diocese of Arlington

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Mrs. Angela Rowley  
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*Mrs Rowley  
Thank you for your  
generous donation!*  
- Art Bennett

Dear Mrs. Angela Rowley,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we write to say "Thank You" to you; your students and their parents; and school faculty and staff for your enthusiastic participation in *We Care Week* in support of the **2017 Catholic Charities Ball – Together, Uplifting Families.**

Since its inception more than ten years ago, *We Care Week* has been a way to involve diocesan students in assisting the mission of Catholic Charities. More importantly, it has served as a vehicle to teach our children about charity by fulfilling the Gospel mission of serving the least of our brothers and sisters.

We are pleased to report that this year's Ball was a tremendous success. The event sold out with more than 950 guests joining in the celebration. By the conclusion of the Ball, more than \$1,000,000 was raised for the first time in the 35-year history of the Ball!

**Once again, *We Care Week* demonstrated the generosity and compassion of our school community by contributing \$32,000 to the record-setting total.** These gifts along with those of other Ball sponsors and guests support the critical programs and services provided by Catholic Charities across the 21 counties and seven cities of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

The program distributed at the Catholic Charities Ball included a page listing all the schools and religious education programs that participated in *We Care Week*. We thought you would enjoy seeing your donation included here and have enclosed a copy. Our new agency video, which debuted at the Ball, illustrates how *We Care Week* helps families in a transformative way. Please visit [www.cdda.net](http://www.cdda.net) to view the video and share it with your colleagues and students, as appropriate.

Catholic Charities truly is blessed to have your support and the support of so many students in our diocese. We wholeheartedly thank you for your help in making *We Care Week* such a success! Please thank your students for their generosity and genuine outpouring of compassion for those in need.

With warm regards,

Art Bennett  
President & CEO

Lauren Smith  
Chair, Parish Liaison Committee  
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