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Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri to Celebrate 10 Year Anniversary with Kick-Off Picnic on July 24

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri kicks off a year-long celebration of 10 years serving the vulnerable in Southern Missouri with a picnic on July 24, 2019 at 424 East Monastery Road, Springfield, MO 65807.

11:00 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass celebrated by

The Reverend Edward M. Rice, Bishop of the Diocese of

Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Location: St. Anne's Chapel (building with cross on top)

12:00 p.m. Springfield Chamber of Commerce ceremonial ribbon cutting with

Chamber ambassadors

Location: Lawn behind Monastery

12:15 p.m. Phyliss Ferguson, Springfield City Councilwoman

Elijah Haahr, Missouri Speaker of the House

Congratulatory letter from Missouri Governor Michael Parson hand

delivered by Speaker Haahr

12:30 p.m. Executive Director Maura Taylor

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri was founded as a nonprofit charity on July 24, 2009, to serve the state's southernmost 39 counties. Over the last decade, this social service agency and "best kept secret" has helped more than 33,000 people rebuild their lives toward self-sufficiency and has been assisted in its work by nearly 35,000 volunteers who donated an estimated 230,000 hours.

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri serves people of all faiths with the following services: homelessness prevention; LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home; disaster case management; home repair and rebuilding, housing and financial counseling, on-the-job apprenticeship and training (Joplin), veteran services (excluding Greene, Christian, and Webster counties), and more. Please visit www.ccsomo.org or call 417.720.4213 for more information.