

Blessed Sacrament Parish – October 21, 2018

*We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Are a Christ-Centered Community,
Committed to Worship the Father, Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts,
Committed to Loving Service to All God's People*

*Nosotros, la Parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento, Somos una Comunidad Centrada en Cristo,
Comprometidos a Adorar al Padre, Comprometidos a Responder a los Dones del Espíritu Santo,
Comprometidos en el Servicio Amoroso a Todo el Pueblo de Dios*

We Remember in Our Prayers:

Barber Family, Karen Bowling, John Bullock, Don Churchill, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Ro DeBias, Karol Dunford, Joe Eisel, Patty Farry, Marietta Fenton, Rose Finch, Patty Geissinger, Roger Green, Kathleen Groom, Ann Henderson, John & Claire Johnson, Joe Lynch, John Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alex Mansfield, Jr., Jo Midkiff, Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Linda Suson, Gary Sutton, Andrew Thompson, Tim Wells, Jr., Sandy Wheeler, Lily Woolwine, Robin Welsh.

Thanks be to God for inspiring and motivating our Good Stewards:

- who brought extra cardboard, chaperoned and presented for our Cardboard City participants!
- who share news about upcoming funerals with people who might be interested!
- who baked cookies for KAIROS prison ministry!
- who prepared and served the bereavement meal for Humbert Zappia and assisted with the liturgy on Friday!
- who donated flowers for our altar environment
- who lead our preschool sessions on Sunday mornings!
- who participate in the Crafty Companions gatherings!
- who read reply to questions in the announcements!
- who are sending messages of appreciation to the priests, deacons and bishops who have served them in the past!
- who accompanied a parishioner to a stressful court appearance!
- who have brought loads of food for the Coalburg Food Pantry and who helped to sort and pack it!

Music Ministry Performances

**Would you like to know when the instrument choir, bell choir, & full choir will be performing?
Just look on the Liturgical Ministers schedule (a separate attachment).**

Cardboard City Report

The 2018 Cardboard City was a huge success! Our 30 youth and 10 adults were able to raise \$1,528.00, which was donated to Manna Meal. The youth made recycled yarn for homeless sleeping mats, baked 100-dozen Kairos cookies, assembled keep-in-your-car homeless goodie bags, and learned from a series of speakers.

This Sunday!

***** Collection Counter Training Session *****

Sunday October 21st at 12:30pm in Room 5

Would you like to be a Collection Counter? Counters work in teams of three people each Sunday after the 11:30am Mass. Come see if you would like to join this stellar crew.

Help Needed this Sunday!

Immediately following the 9:00am Mass this Sunday we need helpers to carry the collected food items for the Coalburg Food Pantry onto the transport truck (loaned courtesy of the City of South Charleston!) near the South entrance to our building – one half hour max. No need to sign up – just be there after the Mass. After the Hayes family drives the truck to Coalburg, Good Shepherd Parish will have their volunteers to unload the truck. What a plan!

Help Needed next Sunday!

After the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11:30am Mass next Sunday, we will honor our confirmandi and welcome their guests at a delicious hot luncheon reception in our Parish Hall. Fr. John needs help to make this happen! We need one group of volunteers from 12noon until 2:00pm to manage the kitchen and keep the buffet table going. We need a second group of volunteers from 2:00pm until 4:00pm to wash dishes and clean up the kitchen and hall. If you can help with either group, please sign up on the list in our Gathering Space or just reply to this email right now!

All Souls List of our Beloved Dead

On All Souls Day, Friday, November 2, we will continue our custom of reading aloud the names of all our loved ones who have died since November 2, 2017. Please add the names of your loved ones to the sign up list in the Gathering Space or just reply to this email.

Parish Pictorial Directory

The New Parish Pictorial Directory needs **YOU!** In order to have an up-to-date directory, everyone is encouraged to have portraits taken. Michael Switzer, parishioner and professional photographer, needs **only ten minutes** of your time to snap a beautiful picture of you and your entire household. No cost, no hassle, no sales pitch! You can go to a website when you are at home to view, select and purchase any prints you want. What a deal! Everybody wins and we have a wonderful tool to help us know one another better! **More days and times will be available soon.** In December, we will have a week of evenings available for portrait sessions – a great time to have a portrait made with your college students! The photo session portion of our new directory project will probably stretch into February.

New Windows

Thank you for your very positive responses to our project to save energy costs by replacing the **windows** in the red-brick portion of our building! (This area includes the office, all faith formation rooms, the gym, etc.) The cost of this project is about \$25,000. We have received **\$12,850 (Wow!)** in donations. Thank you! The swap-out of new windows for old ones will probably be in late October.

Special Collection **This Weekend: Universal World Missions**

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Let's say "THANK YOU!"

October 28th is Priest Appreciation Sunday. This year our Vocations Committee invites us to focus our expressions of appreciation on **priests from our past** who have ministered well to us and our families.

There will be a selection of appropriate greeting cards with envelopes available in the gathering space for the rest of October. Choose a card or two to share your memory of the goodness shown to you, and to say Thank You! The cards, like everything else here, are FREE. Donations are welcome.

If you want to write to a priest in our diocese, just get onto the diocesan website at dwc.org, choose 'directory,' then choose 'priests,' then choose active or retired. The postal address and contact information are provided for both retired priests and those still in active ministry.

To find the address for a priest who is NOT from the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, you need to contact the specific diocese. They will be able to provide the information for you. If you are having trouble, you may contact Peg at ChesedPeg@gmail.com or John Finnell at snowman25303@hotmail.com for some extra help.

The large display of these cards in our Gathering Space will be dismantled after this weekend's Masses. After that, the cards themselves will continue to be available from our parish office upon request.

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

All Saints Day Masses

Thursday, November 1st at Noon and 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.
This is a holyday of obligation.

All Souls Day Masses

Thursday, November 2nd at Noon and 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
This is not a holyday of obligation.

The 6:00pm Mass will incorporate special readings, candle lighting ritual and *in memoriam* music led by Mark and Renae Haas, readings and reflections from our parish lectors, and the sacrifice of the Mass. Come join this unique liturgy in memory of our departed brothers and sisters.

First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

November 2nd - 7:00pm to Midnight in the Chapel

Labor for Neighbor - Sunday, November 4

Questions and Registration: contact Mark Haas: markhaascatholic@gmail.com

Daylight Savings Time ends – Sunday, November 4 – 2:00am

We get an extra hour to sleep!!

Interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate?

Join us for an informal gathering Thursday, November 8 at 6:30pm in the conference room.
For more information, please reply to this email.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend November 10, 11, and 12 at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

Questions and Registration: contact Mark Haas: markhaascatholic@gmail.com

Our Partners in Community Service
Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center

For the past 24 years, KPCC Counseling has hosted an annual fundraiser known as the **Jim Dent Dinner**. Each year this event brings together more than 400 people for a common purpose - to laugh.

We've brought in comedians . . . We've brought in magicians . . . Now in our 25th year, we bring you something new.... A new name: **Friday Night Live** - And a MENTALIST! (Just in time for Halloween! We know spooky, right?!)

Mentalist Craig Karges is an award-winning entertainer, a nationally recognized speaker, and an author. Karges has made over five thousand appearances in 22 countries on four continents and in all fifty states. He combines the art of magic with the science of psychology and the power of intuition to create the impression that *nothing is impossible*.

Fun fact about Craig – He's a native West Virginian and proud graduate of Marshall University. When Craig isn't out on the road blowing peoples' minds, he lives in Wheeling, WV with his wife Charlotte.

Proceeds from this event help provide fee subsidies for those in our community who cannot afford the cost of counseling services. We invite you to join us for an extraordinary evening of fun, mystery, mind reading, and illusion.

There is no dress code for this event... Wear a costume if you dare!

Friday, October 26, 2018 - Embassy Suites, Charleston WV **Tickets: \$85**
6:00 Cocktail Hour 7:00 Dinner 8:00 Performance Begins 9:00 Event Ends

The Metro Valley Gabriel Project needs your support!

Advance ordering is now underway for our Annual Jams, Jellies & Other Specialty Food Products sale. Five new products this year (marked with asterisks on the order form), along with 38 best selling and traditional favorites from past years. A variety of delicious jellies, jams, preserves, sauces, dressings, cheeseball mixes, soups and other items to choose from!

Prices remain the same as last year. All products are \$5.00 each except for soups which are \$6.50 per item. Most products are private label specially made for the Gabriel Project and all are made in America.

Order forms are due by **Friday, October 26th**. Advance ordering will close at that time. Product delivery is anticipated in late November. **Order forms are available on the credenza in our Gathering Space and** after the Helpful Information section of these announcements.

There are several convenient ways to submit your completed form: 1) Mail to the address on the bottom of the form; 2) Drop the form off at either the Metro Valley Chapter office (501 Elizabeth Street, Charleston) or the State Office (1207 Jefferson Road, South Charleston); or 3) Email your order to: metrovalley@gabrielwv.org.

(Do not leave your order form at Blessed Sacrament.)

Cash or checks accepted for payment. Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted for orders of \$15 or more.

Please contact me if you have questions, if you want to pay by credit card, or if you need to discuss submitting your order. You can reach me via this email, metrovalley@gabrielwv.org, or by calling my office at 304-205-5865. Thank you for your support. Donna Hawkins, Executive Director, Gabriel Project of West Virginia

Our Partners in Community Service

Habitat for Humanity Luncheon at Edgewood Country Club Thursday, November 8
more information after the "Helpful Information" section

RCCR – 22nd Annual Beans, Cornbread & More Dinner
(Religious Coalition for Community Renewal)

November 15th at 6:00pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1 Deerwalk Lane, Charleston

Tickets (\$75) can be purchased online at www.rccr.org or by calling 304-346-6398.

The event will include dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction.

Charity in Action Awards Luncheon

The 2018 Catholic Charities Charity in Action Honorees are Rev. Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer, V.F.; Mr. Matthew Bowles; Mr. Rich Stonestreet; Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #1666; Church of the Ascension, Hurricane; and the Roane County Long-Term Recovery Committee. Please join Catholic Charities West Virginia at the awards luncheon on **Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Charleston Marriot. The luncheon will also feature keynote speaker Brian R. Corbin from Catholic Charities USA. Proceeds from the luncheon will support the programs and services Catholic Charities provides in its Western Region. For tickets or more information, call (800) 900-2989 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

KPCC support groups for families of substance abusers

more information after the "Helpful Information" section

Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County

Tutor Training – Saturday, **November 10th** from 9:00am – 3:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church
You can register by calling 304-343-7323 or visiting literacyvolunteers@frontier.com by Nov. 7th.

Help change lives in your community!

HEART AND HAND

NEEDS BELL-RINGERS!

more information after the "Helpful Information" section

Faith in Action

We are so happy to be managing the Senior Christmas Bureau for its fourth year. If you aren't familiar with this program, it is designed to identify **isolated, lonely seniors in Kanawha County who have little to no family or network of support**, and for whom the holiday is just another day. While this started as a Faith in Action initiative, we have been blessed to be joined by many older adult resource and service organizations in the area, including Catholic Charities, KVSS, the Secret Santa Foundation, the Salvation Army, the United Way, and more who support the Senior Christmas program in a variety of ways.

You may know about someone you feel would be a perfect fit for this program. We do try to avoid redundancies of service as much as possible, and for this reason, we largely stay away from the high rises unless there are extenuating circumstances. We are trying to reach **seniors who live alone in their own homes who are cut off from community through lack of proximity, transportation, or for other reasons.**

Our goal is to provide each of these senior citizens with:

- 1) something they want,
- 2) something they need,
- 3) something to wear,
- 4) something to eat.'

The first two are identified through the senior's own wishes per the program application. These wish list items go on the Senior Angel Tree that the Salvation Army makes possible for us. We also provide each senior with a hat, scarf, and gloves (something to wear), a filled stocking, and some food items.

If you come across any seniors you feel would benefit from this program, we must have completed applications by end of day Friday October 26th. Please contact me for an application form by email to Jennifer@faithinactionkv.com or by mail to P.O. Box 11623, Charleston, WV 25339. You are also welcome to call me at 304-881-7253 at any time with questions or concerns.

As a final note, we also have volunteer opportunities with this program, including:

- 1) adopting an angel from the Angel Tree at the mall (which goes live November 9th),
- 2) signing up to help us during our gift wrapping/staging days, or
- 3) volunteering to be a Delivery Elf, which is a wonderful act of service the whole family can take part in - it makes these senior's day to see festive folks at their door bearing gifts and offering a couple of hours of good company.

Thank you for reading! I hope you find this effort worthy of your time and that it might be able to bring a little holiday cheer to a senior you know. Ho ho ho!

Jennifer Waggener

Other Items of Interest

Employment Opportunity: St Agnes Church is looking for a full time secretary.

Successful candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Office, possess and utilize great customer service skills and pass a back ground check. If interested please call the Church office 304-925-2836.

Calling All Men Ages 21-100!

Plan now to attend A **Regathering of Catholic Men** on **Saturday, November 3, 2018** at Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center from 9:00 am-2:00 pm featuring talks by Monsignor Dean Borgmeyer, Father Brian Crenwelge and Deacon Peter Minogue on Being Closer Tied with Christ in Body, Mind and Spirit. Mark Haas will be the featured soloist. The cost for the regathering is \$50.00 with a registration deadline of October 22, 2018. For additional information contact Dr. Bob Harrison at 304-932-8246 or DRBOBWV@AOL.COM.

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

Pastor

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E-mail: snowman25303@hotmail.com

Deacon

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Pastoral Associate

Jeanne Haas E-mail: haasjeanne@hotmail.com

Office Manager

Natalie Zellers Office E-mail: blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com

Music & Youth Director Mark Haas

E-mail: MarkHaasCatholic@gmail.com

Our Pastoral Council

Susan Churchill, facilitator	Rick Brennan	Matthew Crabtree	Ann Dever	Jack Dever
John Dever	Tim Frye	John F. Gianola	Travis Green	Joe Gresham
Matt Hayes	Ken Holz	Joe Jenkins	Laura Jennings	Bob Lucas
Philip Maramba	Tom McLane	Tim Norris	Colleen O'Neill	Jocelyn Ponciano
Danny Scalise	Bob Sylvester	Reagan Whitmeyer	Tiffany Wilson	

Minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council can be found on our webpage.

Our Contact Information:

Address: 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303
Parish Office: 304.744.5523 E-mail: blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com
Our office hours are from 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday.
Web page: www.blessedsacramentwv.org

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WLUX 1450 AM Dunbar; WNUX 89.7 FM Beckley; WOUX 105.3 Parkersburg
Visit www.sprwv.org for a link to stream Catholic radio to a smart phone



Heart + Hand

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

September 15, 2018

Dear Volunteers:

We are planning for that special time of year when our community comes together to help those in need of assistance. Last year, volunteers raised \$9,415 by ringing bells for Heart + Hand in front of the Kroger store at Riverwalk Plaza. These funds are used for our Christmas assistance and basic needs programs throughout the year.

Our goal this year is to raise more than \$10,000. We can only reach this goal with your help!

Date Options – Daily from November 24 through December 22, 2018 (No Sundays)

Time Options –
10:00 am – 6:00 pm (Full Day)
10:00 am – 2:00pm (Morning Shift)
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Afternoon Shift)

Bell Ringing tips to make it fun –

- Challenge a friend to see who can raise the most and second place gets to buy lunch.
- Play a guitar or sing.
- Ring as a family and then go Christmas shopping.
- Belong to a band or choir? Bring the group!

Please call 304-744-6741 or e-mail heartandhandsc@hhomwv.org to schedule.

Thank you for your time and willingness to help others! I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Patty Tilley
Program Director

Hope you can help this year!

hhomwv.org

212 D Street
South Charleston, WV 25303
p: 304-342-0029



**ANNUAL JELLY & OTHER SPECIALTY FOODS SALE
ORDER FORM – Due October 26, 2018**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Category	Product (Items marked with * are new products)	Quantity	Cost/Unit	Total Amt
Jams/Jellies	Apricot Jam		\$5.00	
	* Boysenberry Jam		\$5.00	
	Rhubarb Raspberry Jam		\$5.00	
	Concord Grape Jelly		\$5.00	
	Elderberry Jelly		\$5.00	
	Red Pepper Jelly		\$5.00	
Preserves	Blueberry Preserves		\$5.00	
	Cherry Berry Preserves		\$5.00	
	Chocolate Strawberry Preserves		\$5.00	
	Cranberry Preserves		\$5.00	
	Peach Preserves		\$5.00	
	Seedless Black Raspberry Preserves		\$5.00	
	Seedless Red Raspberry Preserves		\$5.00	
	Strawberry Preserves		\$5.00	
Fruit Spreads (No sugar added)	Blackberry Fruit Spread		\$5.00	
	Peach Fruit Spread		\$5.00	
	Strawberry Fruit Spread – All Natural		\$5.00	
Fruit Butters	Apple Butter		\$5.00	
	Peach Butter		\$5.00	
	Pumpkin Butter		\$5.00	
	* Sweet Potato Butter		\$5.00	
Marmalades	Orange Marmalade		\$5.00	
	Orange-Pineapple-Cherry Marmalade		\$5.00	
Dressings	Garlic Vinaigrette with Olive Oil Dressing		\$5.00	
	Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing		\$5.00	
	* Creamy Roasted Red Pepper Dressing		\$5.00	
	Creamy Vidalia Onion Dressing – No Fat		\$5.00	
Sauces	Buffalo Hot Wing Sauce		\$5.00	
	Vidalia Onion BBQ Sauce		\$5.00	
	* Mesquite Steak Sauce		\$5.00	
	Vidalia Onion Steak Sauce		\$5.00	
Dips/Salsas	Honey Mustard Pretzel Dip		\$5.00	
	Vidalia Onion Peach Salsa		\$5.00	
	Vidalia Onion Picante Salsa		\$5.00	
	Vidalia Onion Tomato Salsa		\$5.00	
Cheeseball Mixes	* Apple Cinnamon Cheeseball Mix		\$5.00	
	Key Lime Cheeseball Mix		\$5.00	
	Orange Cranberry Cheeseball Mix		\$5.00	
	White Cheddar & Chive Cheeseball Mix		\$5.00	
Soups	Chicken Broccoli Soup		\$6.50	
	Chicken Dumpling Soup		\$6.50	
	Creamy Potato Chowder		\$6.50	
	Creamy Wild Rice		\$6.50	
	TOTALS			

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Metro Valley Gabriel Project, PO Box 11182, Charleston, WV 25339 □ metrovalley@gabrielwv.org
 Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted for orders of \$15 or more. For credit card orders, call 304-205-5865.

Thank You for Your Order!



Do you have a loved one or family member who struggles with substance abuse?

Are you feeling hopeless or overwhelmed because of a loved one's substance use?

Would you like to help your loved one learn to make positive changes?

We can help!

FAMILIES MOTIVATING RECOVERY GROUPS

Free and Open to Everyone

Join in on any class at any time

No registration necessary, just come and listen,
and see if you think these ideas will be helpful to you in your situation.

NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL

If you are brave enough to ask for it, or probably even if you don't ask, people will give you their opinions, advice, and even veiled criticism about helping your loved one get help. In one ear you might hear: "How could you let that happen in your own house? You should kick him out!" And in the other ear you might hear: "Don't worry about it, it will all work out." Whom should you listen to? [read more ...](#)

ABOUT THE GROUPS

KPCC's Families Motivating Recovery Groups are based the evidence-based practices called Motivational Interviewing, ACT Therapy, and CRAFT. The book we have found to be most helpful to our families , which best describes our approach, is called "Beyond Addiction: How Kindness and Science can Help People Change" by Jeff Foote and Carrie Wilkens.

The groups provide a safe and supportive place for family members to share about difficult situations and consider new ways to deal with these situations. Group Leaders facilitate discussions around four topics:

- Understanding addiction and the process of change
- Helping your loved one with your words
- Helping your loved one with your actions
- Practicing self-care so you can be more helpful

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

Most family members, who have loved ones who are using, feel overwhelmed, hopeless, helpless, and alone. Anyone can come to a group: parents, grandparents, spouses, partners, adult children, friends of people who are using, all are welcome.

A mother once shared in a group something that her son told her:

*“Mom, I don’t know what you are doing in that group,
but keep going. It’s really helping me.”*

That son is now in recovery and has a job.

The groups help family members make small but impactful changes in how they relate to their loved one who is using. Group members report being less frustrated and having more hope about their situations. They report having more productive conversations with their loved ones about their choices, and they feel more helpful. And most importantly, their loved ones sometimes make surprising changes in a healthy direction.

Group members learn “how to take control of their lives, and as part of this process, to change their interactions with their loved one in ways that promote positive behavioral change.” (Jeff Foote, Beyond Addictions).

*“What you are doing in West Virginia with these groups
is nothing short of amazing!” – Jeff Foote*

KPCC'S “FAMILIES MOTIVATING RECOVERY” SUPPORT GROUPS

currently meeting and groups that will be starting soon

Contact the group leader listed to confirm the meeting time

WV Addiction Support Groups For Families					
City	Day	Time	Location	Host	Contact
Charleston, WV	Wednesdays	5:30 PM	Trinity Lutheran Church	KPCC Counseling (Sky & Erin)	erin@kpcc.com
Charleston, WV	Wednesdays	11:00 AM	WV Health Right	Wendy Francke	304-414-5927
Sissonville, WV	Tuesdays	5:30 PM	Sissonville Health Center	Erin Stroup	erin@kpcc.com
South Charleston, WV	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:00 PM	St. Paul United Methodist	Cindy Briggs-Biondi	cindy.briggsbiondi@gmail.com

Our groups provide members with support and discussion around a combination of evidenced-based approaches, including CRAFT, Motivational Interviewing, and Acceptance Commitment Therapy.



Building Habitat's Future

*Come enjoy amazing food
while supporting a great cause on November 8!*

Join us at Edgewood Country Club for a free gourmet dinner to help Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha & Putnam build five new homes in 2019.

Hear about the housing challenges that people in our community face and be inspired by how they have overcome these challenges with the help of Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha & Putnam.



The menu includes a house salad, red potatoes, chicken breast with wild mushroom marsala and desert. There will be a cash bar, and music will be provided by Ryan Kennedy.

This is your opportunity to learn how you can be a part of Habitat's work of building strength, stability and self-reliance through housing! It'll be a terrific time with great food and friends to help out a very worthy cause.

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Edgewood Country Club
1600 Edgewood Drive, Charleston



Call now to reserve your free table for up to 10 at 304-533-0018

or

[Reserve Your Spot Online](#)

Please join us or our free annual gift request event.

Giving is not mandatory, but NIP Tax Credits, Homebuyer Society Memberships, and Multi-Year Pledges will be available to help build Habitat's future in the region.