

Press Release



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Statement from the Diocese of Charlotte Regarding the Gala for Hope

For nearly 70 years the Catholic Church in North Carolina has sponsored the organized work of charity to serve those in need and living on the peripheries of society. Since 1973, the Diocese of Charlotte has funded and sponsored this work through Catholic Charities. As an integral ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, Catholic Charities operates under the direction and authority of Bishop Peter Jugis.

The generous support received at the Gala each year supports our efforts to serve those in need. In Asheville, Catholic Charities provides counseling, nourishing food, clothing, immigration, material assistance, and citizenship services. Local support at the Gala goes directly to provide these programs in Asheville.

As most are aware, there has been controversy surrounding the entertainment at this year's event. Although the funds generated from this fundraiser help support critical services to thousands of individuals living in poverty, now seems to be the time to postpone the event indefinitely in order to focus our energies on the task which is our charge – to serve those who come through our doors in search of material and human support. Our goal each day is to improve the lives of those who come to us in need.

We remain committed to our mission of service and wish to express sincere appreciation for all those who assist us in our outreach as we all work together to help our local community.

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