

\$2000 grant will support Catholic Charities' mission to help vulnerable in community

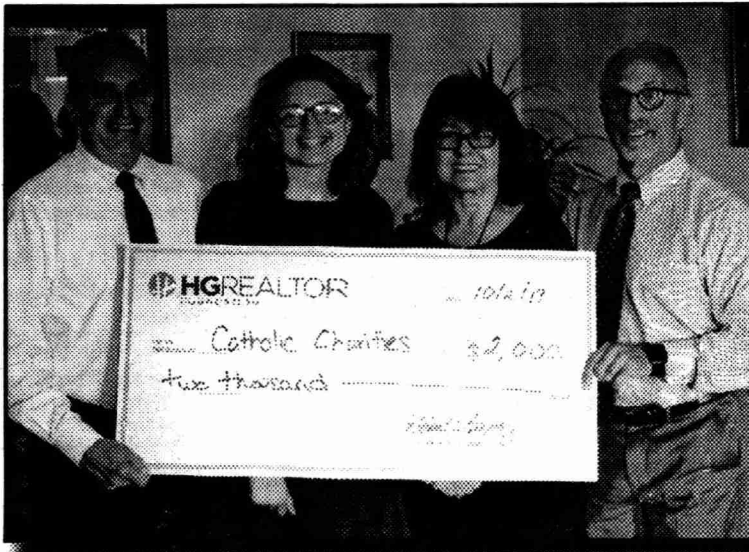
Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation presented Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster with a grant of \$2000, Catholic Charities announced October 17th. The funds will be used to support Catholic Charities' social safety net programs, including emergency food and shelter assistance, to help families in Orange County, especially those with children, improve and maintain a more secure quality of life.

Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors President Ronald Garafalo and member Amanda Martinez visited Catholic Charities' Goshen office for the ceremonial check photo and donation presentation.

"Catholic Charities' mission to provide help and create hope, and the programs they provide for those in need, is closely aligned with the Foundation's mission to serve the housing, hunger, health, happiness, and humane needs of citizens," said Garafalo. "Both organizations share a commitment to making the communities we serve great places to live, work, and raise families."

"Through its spectrum of social and human service programs, Catholic Charities strives to strengthen families and communities," said Julie Ubinas, Orange County regional supervisor for Catholic Charities. "Strong community partners like the generous members of the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation help us lend a hand up to those we serve so that our families may enjoy brighter futures." For more information about the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities in Orange County, visit www.cccsos.org. Catholic Charities serves Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster counties and all services are provided regardless of religion or ability to pay.

Established in 2004 and relaunched in 2013, the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation has donated thousands of dollars to charities and non-profit organizations throughout the Hudson Valley.



Ronald Garafalo, left, president of the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors; Shannon Kelly, chief operating officer of Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster; HGAR member Amanda Martinez; and Catholic Charities CEO Dean Scher with ceremonial check from the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation. The funds will be used to support Catholic Charities' community-based programs, including emergency food and shelter, that help those in need achieve a better quality of life.

