

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**Paula Ritter**

**Manager of Public Relations, Marketing & Special Events**

**Commonwealth Catholic Charities**

**1512 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23230-0565**

**Phone: 804-545-5947; Cell: 804-690-3159**

**E-mail: [Paula.Ritter@cccova.org](mailto:Paula.Ritter@cccova.org)**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Catholic Charities Receives Donation from Bishop's Appeal**

**RICHMOND, VA (Jan. 23, 2009)** . . . Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) received a generous donation this winter from the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's Fuel and Hunger Fund. CCC will use the donation to assist vulnerable individuals and families throughout Richmond and Roanoke in need of emergency food and financial assistance for past due rent, mortgage and utilities.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal, Operation Rice Bowl, and other contributions make this grant to Catholic Charities possible. "We are very grateful for the support of the Diocese as we continue our endeavor to serve those in need," said Vickie Jones, manager of the CCC Help in Emergencies and Long-Term Planning program. Last year's rise in gas and food prices have increased the numbers of individuals and families calling on CCC for help.

Donations of nonperishable food including peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, canned fruit, canned vegetables, dry cereal, crackers, rice, granola bars, baby formula, dry pasta and pasta sauce may be brought to Commonwealth Catholic Charities, 1512 Willow Lawn Dr., (across from the Shops at Willow Lawn) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individuals interested in becoming volunteers for the CCC emergency pantry or financial assistance program may contact Vickie Jones at 804-545-5925, email: [Vickie.Jones@cccova.org](mailto:Vickie.Jones@cccova.org).

-MORE-

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATION

PAGE 2

The CCC emergency food pantry is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until noon to anyone in need. No appointment necessary. Individuals in need of financial assistance are asked to call CCC at 804-285-5986 for information on how to apply for assistance.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit human service organization that assists all people, especially the most vulnerable regardless of faith.

#