

## Catholic Charities Holy Family Home Celebrates 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Oklahoma City, OK – On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Charities Holy Family Home welcomed a record number 72 guests for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. A tradition that began in 1994 as a way for former residents and their children to “come home for the holidays,” has since become a celebrated feast for volunteers, staff members and their families, residents and their friends and family, former residents, teachers, foster parents and donors to come together in thanks.

“The girls who used to live here feel like they're coming home. It's a time when everyone can get together and celebrate and support the Home. We always send our girls home with leftovers to enjoy,” said Mary Jane Webster, Director of the Home, of the tradition.

The Holy Family Home provided all of the food for the occasion, including three turkeys and two hams, and staff members prepared a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Residents of the Home wrote and read the prayer.

“Dear Lord, thank you for this opportunity to gather. Thank you for blessing us with a safe place to live. Thank you to the former residents for coming tonight. Seeing them do well in their lives reminds us all of your presence and gives us hope.

Bless everyone here this evening and help us to remember that your love has made all of this possible. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.”

Following dinner, staff members gave tours of the Home for first-time visitors.

Created and funded by Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Holy Family Home is a full-service residence that provides long-term care for young women in crisis pregnancies. For more information about the Holy Family Home, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesok.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesok.org) or call (405) 741-7419.