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# Christopher McKimmie running for seat on Niagara County Legislature

Submitted by Christopher McKimmie

With great pleasure, I have decided to announce my candidacy for Niagara County legislator in the 3rd District.

My name is Christopher McKimmie, I am a father of two wonderful children, and I am a lifelong resident of the City of Niagara Falls. With a storied career in public service, I am committed to making our community the best it can be.

I am currently a lieutenant in the Niagara Falls Police Department. I serve as a supervisor in the patrol division and on the department's emergency response team. Having a specialty in traffic safety, DWI enforcement, and collision reconstruction, I have dedicated most of my career to making our streets safer.

Since 2010, I have served in the New York Air National

Guard, a reserve component of the United States Air Force. During that time, I served as a firefighter, a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and currently serve as first sergeant. As a key senior enlisted adviser to the commander, I am entrusted with ensuring the readiness, health, morale and welfare of the unit.

I have a significant history of volunteerism in our county. Prior to my law enforcement career, I volunteered as an EMS provider for more than five years at Tri-Community Ambulance Service Inc. During that time, I served on their board of directors as an assistant chief. Additionally, I served my community as a volunteer firefighter for more than 10 years at the Frontier Volunteer Fire Co., and served on their board of directors as president.



Christopher McKimmie

I am a graduate of Niagara Falls High School and I earned an associate of science in business administration from Niagara County Community College. Later, I earned a bachelor of science in business management and economics, with a concentration in public administration, from SUNY Empire State. I believe that my formal education, in addition to my practical experience solving problems in the community every day, make me perfectly qualified to serve as your next Niagara County legislator.

For more information about my campaign, visit our website at [www.chrismckimmie.com](http://www.chrismckimmie.com) or check out our Facebook at [www.facebook.com/chrismckimmie](http://www.facebook.com/chrismckimmie).

## Catholic Charities launches 'HOPE for the 100th'

Personal care item drive aims to collect 100,000 items throughout March to benefit neighbors in need across Western New York

Submitted on behalf of Catholic Charities

To mark 100 years of providing hope to the most vulnerable in Western New York, Catholic Charities of Buffalo is launching "HOPE for the 100th," a personal care item drive to bring the community together to help neighbors in need. Beginning today and running through March 24, Catholic Charities is welcoming the community to collect and donate new and unopened personal care products such as deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, lotion, etc., which are not covered by EBT.

"These basic needs are vital and costly, and many Western New Yorkers in need too often must choose between food and personal care items," said Clara Moran, chief development officer, Catholic Charities. " 'HOPE for the 100th' celebrates Catholic Charities' century-long legacy of being a beacon of 'HOPE' for our neighbors in need, and we're inviting parishes, schools, businesses and the community to join with us to collect 100,000 per-

sonal care items. Collected items will be distributed to our clients across all eight counties of Western New York over the next several months."

"HOPE for the 100th" items can be dropped off March 27-31 at several area Catholic Charities locations, which can be found at [ccwny.org/hopefor100th](http://ccwny.org/hopefor100th).

If your business or organization is interested in participating with a collection drive, please email [jewell.eason@ccwny.org](mailto:jewell.eason@ccwny.org).

Born out of the Diocese of Buffalo from a collection of institutions serving the very young to the elderly, Catholic Charities of Buffalo was incorporated on Oct. 30, 1923. During its first year, Catholic Charities served about 12,500 people. Last year, Catholic Charities provided help and hope to more than 134,000 individuals, families, and children of all faiths. Keep up to date with Catholic Charities 100th anniversary year activities now through October 2023 at [ccwny.org/centennial](http://ccwny.org/centennial).

As the most comprehensive human services provider serving

people of all faiths across all eight counties of Western New York, Catholic Charities' programs and services include basic emergency assistance such as food pantries, educational and vocational advancement services, family safety and stabilization services, immigration and refugee assistance, behavioral health and substance use treatment, and youth and family support services. If you or someone you know needs assistance, visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org) or call 716-218-1400 to find help through Catholic Charities.

### More About Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has helped individuals and families in need since its founding in 1923. That need is varied and widespread – from emergency assistance to mental health counseling and treatment, and from specialized services for older adults to help with job training and education. Catholic Charities empowers children, families and seniors to achieve meaningful, healthy and productive lives. In all situations, Catholic Charities delivers sup-

port to meet immediate needs, and then assesses clients for other needs to ensure long-term success. An excellent steward of the contributions it receives, Catholic Charities earns high ratings from Charity Navigator for transparency and sound fiscal management and is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity. Catholic Charities also receives highest ratings from the Council on Accreditation for quality service. For more information, visit [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org).

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