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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE USE OF CITY-OWNED COMMUNITY CENTER TO HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Today, City Council has approved an ordinance introduced by Mayor Rahm Emanuel that would authorize Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago to occupy space at the City of Chicago facility at 10 South Kedzie Avenue. The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services recently selected Catholic Charities to take over day-to-day operations of the City's Human Services Mobile Outreach Program, and the space at 10 South Kedzie is where program management is traditionally housed.

"Our City is committed to providing critical social services to those in need," said Mayor Emanuel. "Our partnership with Catholic Charities will allow us to improve and expand our mobile outreach services to homeless families and others in need at half the cost. We will use the savings to dramatically increase the number of homeless youth we presently serve at no extra cost."

The lease allows Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago to use approximately 3,416 square feet at the Garfield Community Service Center at 10 South Kedzie Avenue as a dispatch center for the mobile outreach teams and overflow shelter as part of the City's human services mobile outreach program. Catholic Charities will reimburse the City a pro-rated share of the building's operating costs. The lease expires on December 31, 2013, but may be canceled by either party with 90 days' notice.

"Partnering with Catholic Charities to operate the program will cost less than half of what we are presently paying for this program and allows us to use the savings to improve and expand services," said Evelyn Diaz, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS). "Catholic Charities has been one of the largest and most respected providers of social services in our region since 1917 and they utilize a highly qualified workforce with strong program management experience."



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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is part of the largest private network of social service providers in the country. They provide senior services, child care, health care, homeless assistance, nutrition, and veteran's services to the poor and underserved throughout Chicago.

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