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**AREA "EMERGING LEADERS" ISSUE INVITATION TO FIRST EVER ST. NICK SOIREE':
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

(Pittsburgh, PA) - Join the Emerging Leaders Council (ELC) of Catholic Charities for its first-ever St. Nick Soiree' on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Hotel Monaco (620 William Penn Place) in downtown Pittsburgh. The ELC is a group of like-minded philanthropic young professionals who promote awareness and support for the good works of Catholic Charities in the community.

With the theme, "Baby It's Cold Outside," the event will feature food and drink of the holiday season. DJ Andrew Williams gets the party started at 5:30 pm followed by Pittsburgh-based band Radio Tokyo at 6:30 pm. A Christmas raffle for prizes will also be held.

Proceeds from the St. Nick Soiree' will benefit Catholic Charities' winter outreach and other programs. Guests are also encouraged to donate and bring gently-used coats to the event that will be given to children and adults in need.

Last year, Catholic Charities provided 291,396 acts of charitable service to individuals and families throughout southwestern Pennsylvania, a 22% increase from the previous year.

Tickets for the soiree start at \$75 per person for general admission that includes food and two drink tickets. Tickets may be purchased online at www.stnicksoiree.org, or by contacting Kelli Mainous at kmaino@ccpgh.org/412-456-6950.

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About Catholic Charities:

Catholic Charities is the primary social service agency of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, serving all regardless of religious affiliation, at their time of great need. With outreach offices in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington counties, Catholic Charities has been providing programs and services since 1910 that include: basic needs assistance; counseling services; free health care for the uninsured and under-insured at Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center, downtown Pittsburgh; housing and homeless assistance in Butler County and St. Joseph House of Hospitality for older homeless men in Pittsburgh's Hill District; pregnancy and parenting support; refugee resettlement; and Challenges: Options in Aging senior services and centers in Lawrence County.