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**PRESS RELEASE**

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is honored to share that The Pulte Family Charitable Foundation has selected to grant LCCC $24,670 in support of the Be Our Guest Adult Day Service Program. This special funding is in support of LCCC’s adult day service program that provides a valuable resource for individuals and families dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's, as well as other chronic health concerns (Parkinson's, Lewy Body Disease, etc.).

The Mission of The Pulte Family Foundation is, “Guided by the belief in the inherent dignity of all persons, the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation works to meet the basic human needs of the most marginalized members of the human family, including socio-economically disadvantaged youth; the aged; persons with physical, emotional and mental disabilities; and those with the fewest material resources. In addition to the above, the Foundation seeks to serve religious communities and correlative organizations of Judeo-Christian beliefs.

To this end, the Foundation strives to enact through its grantees the seven-corporeal works of mercy: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; care for captives; shelter the homeless; visit the sick; and assist the mourning.”

Be Our Guest provides a supportive and caring environment for memory impaired adults who would benefit from a structured day club-like setting. The goal of Be Our Guest is to provide meaningful services that enrich the lives of older adults, families, and caregivers. Be Our Guest not only positively impacts the adults that attend the program but also provides respite for caregivers who may be balancing many responsibilities, including the full-time job of caring for a loved one. With the exorbitant cost of in-home care and independent living centers, many families are left with little to no option when it comes to caring for a loved one. Be Our Guest seeks to fill this void and alleviate this stress from caregivers in the county.

In addition to providing a safe environment for older adults dealing with forms of dementia or Alzheimer’s, Be Our Guest also actively engages guests to enrich and stimulate their minds and memory. Be Our Guest provides activities for guests such as art therapy, music therapy, petting zoos, exercise classes, gardening and more. Frequently the program tailors activates to the likes and abilities of the guests.

The LCCC team, our participants, and families are deeply grateful to have support of The Pulte Family Foundation through their investment into our community, our families, and vulnerable populations. One participant shared, ***“****"We are very grateful to have care for our Aunt during the weekdays. She loves coming and enjoys all the activities. If we didn't have this service, she would have to be in an assisted living facility. Thank you!!!"*

To learn more about Be Our Guest Adult Day Service, visit <https://www.livingstoncc.org> or contact Suzanne Snyder at suzi@livingstoncc.org.