



# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

## Hope in the Good Life

February 2020

St. Amata Charlene Diers

### Knowing that we are loved

Have you heard of St. Amata? Not much is known about her. As a matter of fact all we could find on her was that she lived a life of youthful exuberance and much of that youth was a life of youth misspent. She became very ill and was healed by her aunt, St. Clare.

She then went through a religious conversion and became a Poor Clare sister. The Poor Clares are a group of religious sisters who live contemplative lives and surround the world in prayer. They live a life of contemplation, community, and joy. Poor Clares are not focused on seeing tangible results like most of the world is wired for. They are dedicated solely to God and trust His Will will reign over all.



lived, St. Amata always knew she was beloved by God. May we know that we are all beloved by Him and may we share His love with those who do not know His love.

One volunteer in our Diocese that knows she is beloved by the Father is Charlene Diers. She shares the love of God through her volunteerism at the food recovery program at our Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska Hastings office. Every year her volunteerism helps contribute to over 205 tons of food recovery and redistribution in central and western Nebraska. In this way, Charlene shares the love of Christ with hungry Nebraskans throughout our state.

Here is what a peer of Charlene's has to say:

***I don't know that I've seen a harder***

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"Amata" is Latin for *beloved*, or *loved*. What a beautiful name St. Amata has!! Consider asking her to pray for you during her feast which is celebrated on February 20<sup>th</sup>. No matter what life she



**Last year,  
volunteers  
donated  
11,163  
hours  
to our  
Hastings  
office  
valued at  
\$100,476  
to the agency**

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### *Knowing that we are loved (Continued)*

*worker than Charlene. By the end of the day, you can see the effort she has put into her work. She's exhausted, yet still smiling and lovingly helping those in need. She's very organized, yet not in a controlling or obsessive way. She truly has a heart for service.*

We can see virtue lived out in the saints and we also see virtues lived out in our CSS volunteers, employees, and benefactors. In this way, we who are beloved by the Father share His love with the world around us. This is what we are all called in accord with our Baptismal promises.

Please consider joining us, supporting us, and helping share the love of the Trinity with our neighbors of southern Nebraska. It costs us nearly \$16,000/day to bring our services to the poor of southern Nebraska. We have offices in Imperial, Hastings, Lincoln, and Auburn. We would love to connect with you to help support others who need the love of Christ in their lives.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. Thank you for your faith in Jesus Christ. May God bless us always!

**Volunteer, donate or connect with us!**  
[www.cssisus.org](http://www.cssisus.org)

# 17th ANNUAL TRUMPET FEST

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23rd  
**2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
7900 Trendwood Dr., Lincoln, NE

A free will offering with proceeds going to Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska

