

Carolyn N. Ketchel

Education:

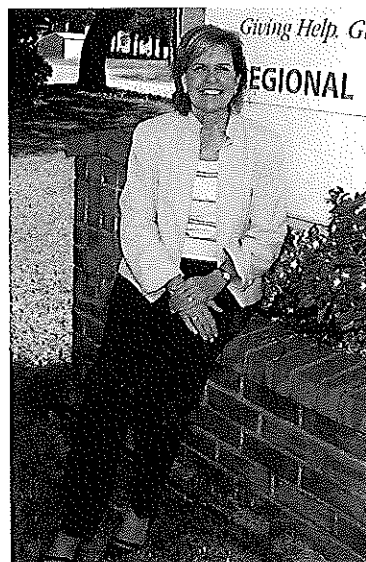
BS in Social Work 1974, Towson University
Masters in Social Work 1979, University of Maryland
Masters in Clinical Social Work, Florida State University

Occupation:

Regional Director / Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida

Following graduation, Carolyn was selected into the prestigious Presidential Fellowship Program and served on the White House Conference on Families. In 1983 she was appointed technical advisor to the White House Commission on Social Security Reform chaired by Alan Greenspan. She was recognized for her contribution to Social Security by President Ronald Reagan. She served as Assistant Counsel to the Subcommittee on Social Security and Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation for the Committee on Ways and Means in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979-1986. During this time she wrote many policy changes that made a positive difference in the lives of families that are still law today.

Carolyn is married to Judge Terry Ketchel and they have two sons. After the birth of their first child, Carolyn and her husband moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida.



Carolyn came to Catholic Charities in 2007 as Regional Director and has worked tirelessly to transform the Okaloosa Walton agency. She raised private donations to remodel and repair the facility. Through her efforts and community relationships she organized volunteers to serve as manpower.

Once the facility was safe with new security cameras, she began to increase the services offered. She hired trained Licensed Counselors. She forged a relationship with University of West Florida and Florida State University to bring in trained social workers as interns. She brought

in Spanish speaking staff members to serve the needs of the growing Hispanic population. She revitalized the adoption program, implemented a dental program, instituted emergency assistance services and greatly expanded the food pantry services to meet the needs of the "Great Recession". The community has discovered Catholic Charities. In 2007, the NWFCC office saw 2,700 clients for service, while in 2009 the same office saw 20,000 clients for services. Over 20% of Okaloosa County has received services from this mission this year. These services are provided to anyone that needs assistance regardless of faith.