



CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF VENICE, Inc.
DISTRICT I

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District Office

(941) 379-5119

Family Counseling

(941) 379-9111

Financial Assistance

(941) 379-7997

Above programs located at
4930 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34232
FAX (941) 379-3611

Community Resources

(941) 496-8286

Refugee Resettlement

(941) 492-4855

Above programs located at
So. County Resource Ctr.
7810 S. Tamiami Tr. # A-2
Venice, FL 34293
FAX (941) 496-4837

Our Mother's House

405 Manatee Court

Venice FL 34285

(941) 485-6264

Fax: (941) 488-2289

St. Martha's Day Care

1658 4th Street

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 366-1395

Fax: (941) 366-5585

To whom it may concern:

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. has worked with Karen Eber Davis since 1996. The following lists some of the successful consulting projects she has provided to our agency over the years:

- Venice Foundation Request, 1996
- Leadership Team, Local Needs Assessment, 1996
- Our Mother's House Funding Opportunities and Grant Writing, during several years
- Low-Income Immigrant Help Meetings, 1998
- Step-by-Step Plan for Funding of the Sarasota District, 2002.

Karen has worked with two executive directors, district directors, program directors, Catholic Charities board members, line staff and volunteers. She thoroughly researches her information and is able to elicit the best that others have to offer so that strategies are specific to *our* organization. She offers the best grant seeking, writing and strategy training available as well as the most cost effective. I have lived and worked in this community for many years and worked in diverse not for profits and have lost count of all the workshops I attended – in and out of Sarasota. Hers were the most relevant. I have literally used some of her resource lists until they were ragged.

In 1997, she reviewed the first grant I wrote and made suggestions. I am convinced it would not have been funded if it were not for the advice and suggestions she gave. I have required some of my program people to attend her grant writing workshops.

Karen is highly competent on various tasks and possesses an excellent character. Her workshop on fund raising planning impressed not only me and my staff, but several board members who made positive comments as well. Karen is professional and ethical and I recommend her services, without reservation, for the purpose of organizational development.

Sincerely,

Nancy Shoemaker
District Director
Sarasota/Manatee



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