

SECRETARIAT FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

CatholicCharitiesIndy.org

Collectively last year all five agencies served more than 104,000 persons with the combined expenses of \$7.7 million and revenues of \$8.8 million. The total revenue amount includes a one million dollar capital grant from United Way of Central Indiana to help fund a new family homeless shelter in Indianapolis. (These figures are unaudited and a full audited statement is available at www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html.)

Each agency serves any person in need. In addition we are licensed to complete adoptions throughout the States of Indiana and Kentucky. For a detailed look at each agency's services and operating funds, visit CatholicCharitiesIndy.org.

Effective July 1, 2008, St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services became part of Catholic Charities Indianapolis, with David Bethuram serving as the agency director of this expanded agency. We are combining the strengths of each agency to deliver innovative services to complete adoptions and provide professional support for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies in central Indiana. It also allows us to become better stewards of our resources, particularly in the areas of fundraising, accounting and administrative support.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO SHINE!

A Social Ministry Renewal

Led by Catholic Charities and inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), this year-long social ministry renewal is an effort to celebrate and awaken the service element of the Catholic faith, as it is carried out by parishioners, parishes, educators and hospitals. Our ultimate goal is for more individuals and families in our communities who are suffering to be served by more Catholics and Catholic institutions. As a result of SHINE, we hope to witness more collaboration among various ministries, an increased involvement with Catholic Charities and parishes beginning or expanding their own parish social ministry.

SHINE will be kicked off at a gathering of all pastoral leaders and social ministry leaders on October 1, 2009. This day will be designed to inspire, educate and equip us with tools to expand this ministry. This renewal effort will be an opportunity for the entire archdiocese to focus on the social mission of the Church for one full year "as we go forth to love and serve the Lord."

"The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable."

Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est

David J. Bethuram, Agency Director

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For a full annual report of our expanded agency, visit CatholicCharitiesIndpls.org.



ST. ELIZABETH | COLEMAN

PREGNANCY & ADOPTION SERVICES

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ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2008: JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008

*Rooted in love,
respect and
courage.*

*"Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16*



FROM THE AGENCY DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of St. Elizabeth/Coleman,

We are continually inspired and humbled by the generosity that you, our friends and benefactors, demonstrate by your support and interest in the work of our pregnancy and adoption services. We are privileged to be continuing the long tradition of ministry of loving service for children, women and families on behalf of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

This concise report of our work in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 demonstrates the breadth and depth of caring concern that God's love, working through us, brings to the lives of people in need who live in our communities. To the husband and wife who have longed for a child, our adoption programs create a family. For the special-needs child, an adoptive family means finally being wanted and loved. To the pregnant woman who finds herself either economically or emotionally unprepared to



parent a child, supportive counseling is offered to help her make life-affirming decisions about parenting or adoption.

I express my deepest gratitude to the staff, advisory council and volunteers

of St. Elizabeth/Coleman. I am consistently impressed with the professional, compassionate manner in which our mission is carried out.

Every effective organization examines ways to increase its proficiencies and be good stewards of the resources that are entrusted to its care. I am proud to share with you that St. Elizabeth/Coleman is now part of Catholic Charities Indianapolis. On July 1, 2008, I began serving as the agency director for this expanded agency.

Serving together as sister agencies for nearly 90 years, the strengths of each agency will be combined to continue to provide comprehensive services for people in need across the spectrum of life. St. Elizabeth/Coleman is a service line of Catholic Charities Indianapolis and will remain committed to providing support and professional guidance to pregnant women and families facing parenting and adoption decisions.

Your generosity gives St. Elizabeth/Coleman the power to provide help to those who are in need and create hope for people who often see no hope ahead. I sincerely thank you for your past contributions and invite you to continue to participate in the work of charity, showing our love of God by serving others.

May God bless you and your families for your generosity and goodness!

David J. Bethuram

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Catholic Charities Indianapolis
Agency Director

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services, rooted in Catholic tradition, believes that every child has a right to a healthy, loving family. We provide life-long services to empower women and families of all faiths by offering support, compassion and professional guidance.

PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

Pregnancy and Adoption Counseling: 124 birthparents served

Professional birthparent counselors educate pregnant women and men on their true choices in regards to making the best decision for their futures and the future of their children.

At St. Elizabeth/Coleman, educating parents on the realities and resources needed to raise a child and be a good parent, and placing the child into the loving home of an adoptive couple are the true choices discussed.



Pregnancy and Adoption Outreach: 100 individuals

Birthparents that choose to parent their child are connected with the community resources that support self-sufficiency and staff track the additional resources we direct birthmothers and fathers to.

Because parenting takes a lot of hard work, we made 496 referrals to additional community resources and other types of assistance, averaging five referrals per client. We recognize that our services will never provide everything that a good parent needs, so we work diligently to develop creative community partnerships to meet their needs.

Adoption Awareness and Education: 2,007 individuals

We believe every child has the right to a healthy, loving family and our services reflect our commitment to professional resources needed to meet that goal. We make presentations to numerous groups to educate women and men on the power of adoption. We count the number of attendees at each presentation and then follow-up to track how new clients learned about us. Through this follow-up we had ten percent of those attending awareness education presentations become clients in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.



Adoption Placement Preparation: 44 individuals

Completed Adoptions: 24 placements

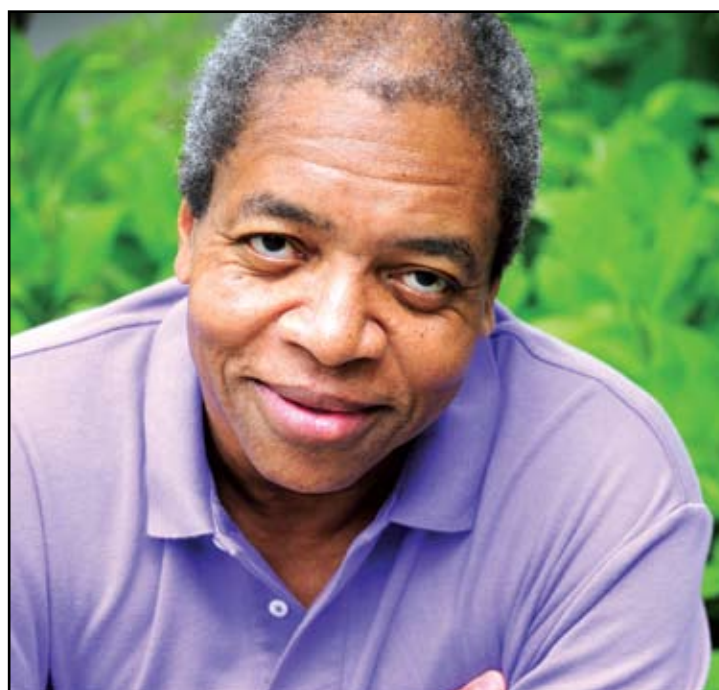
A significant part of the adoption process is to prepare couples for their new roles as adoptive families. We follow Indiana requirements to screen potential parents and offer educational classes to prepare them to be good, informed parents. Ninety-one percent of couples wishing to adopt through St. Elizabeth/Coleman were approved.

Adoptions are an emotional experience and our staff walks every step with each of the persons involved: birthparents, adoptive couples and the adopted child, for their lifetimes.

Adoption Searches: 260 individuals

While the State of Indiana keeps a record of all adoptions and information about birth parents and adopted children, both groups must register with the state to agree to release that information. For adoptions that took place through St. Elizabeth/Coleman, our search specialist can facilitate the exchange of information from our records and be present during emotional reunions.

Last Spring, Heidi called St. Elizabeth/Coleman. She was pregnant, due in July and knew she didn't have the resources to raise her child. She had placed her infant daughter in the loving hands of the Kennedy Family three years prior. They maintained a good relationship through open adoption and Heidi wished for this family to adopt her second child; the Kennedy's agreed. After an emergency caesarean, Josh was born on June 21 and placed in the arms of the Kennedy's through another open adoption plan. Heidi sees her two birth children regularly with the adoptive family but also continues to meet with our birthmother counselor to help her deal with her past and become successful in the future.



CREATING HOPE

Steve, now 60 and living in California, asked our search staff to help him find his birthmother. As an infant Steve was adopted through then-St. Elizabeth Home. He loved his adoptive parents, but had questions about his birth mother and the reasons she placed him for adoption. He hoped to meet her.

It was quickly discovered that the mother had died; however, we were able to locate his 58-year-old brother living in Texas. Because of her death, we were able to unseal the adoption records. While some questions will never be answered, these two men have found a new family in each other.

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS OF PEOPLE SERVED BY ST. ELIZABETH/COLEMAN

These demographics capture the birthparents in pregnancy and adoption counseling; birthparents connected with community resources that support self-sufficiency; and adoptive parents prepared and screened to be good and informed parents.

GENDER

Male 23%
 Female 77%
Total 100%

AGE

0 – 4 1%
 5 0%
 6 – 12 0%
 13 – 18 11%
 19 – 24 25%
 25 – 39 45%
 40 – 54 18%
Total 100%

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian 62%
 African American . . . 25%
 Hispanic (all races) . . 3%
 Asian 0%
 Bi-racial 10%
 Other 0%
Total 100%

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

Boone 1%
 Hamilton 2%
 Hancock 2%
 Hendricks 7%
 Marion 54%
 Morgan 8%
 Other 26%*
Total 100%

*Birthmothers served from other Indiana counties include Bartholomew, Tippecanoe, Madison, Delaware and Henry. Adoptive couples served from other Indiana counties include Jasper, Porter, Wayne, Henry, Tippecanoe, Owen and Bartholomew.

Total Number of individuals served by all programs (unduplicated): 2,535

Estimated percentage of all clients who are low-income (200% or less of federal poverty guidelines): 89%

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Administration

David J. Bethuram, *Agency Director*
 Renee Hummel, *Director of Adoption Services*
 Priscilla Kamrath, *Director of Community Relations*

Development

Suzanne Murphy, *Director of Development*
 Valerie Sperka, *Events Coordinator*

Adoption Services

Katrina Carlisle, *Adoption Search Specialist*
 Alice Avery, *International Adoption Specialist*

Birth Mother Services

Emily Summers, *Birthmother Counselor*
 Cheryl Garlinger, *Birthmother Counselor*

Administrative Support

Carole McAtee, *Accounting Assistant*
 Carol Sandefer, *Database Coordinator and Receptionist*
 Deb Condon, *Accountant*
 Jessica Hardy, *Adoption Specialist*
 John DiCicco, *Facilities Manager*



Held on August 18, 2007, the 21st annual Elizabethella Ball raised more than \$120,000 for St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services. The event featured our own local "Dancing with the Stars" competition and highlighted the birthmother stories of Julie Krasienko and Laura Williamson through the Courageous Heart Awards.

Our celebrity dancers and their dance instructors were:

- Laura Bollinger (Tango Indy) paired with Dan Elsener, president of Marian College
- Jim McMahon (Connor Prairie) paired with Melina Kennedy, law partner at Baker & Daniels, LLP
- Marie Roach (Tango Indy) paired with Father Jonathan Meyer, pastor of St. Luke parish
- Scott Shook (Starlite Studio) paired with Maria Quintana, senior vice president of JPMorgan Chase

Father Jonathan Meyer took home the trophy with his enthusiastic performance.

OPERATING FUNDS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING 06/30/2008

Revenues			Expenses		
Investment income	\$302	0.03%	Salaries	\$433,289	48.36%
Contributions	115,384	12.07%	Taxes and Benefits	83,771	9.35%
Special Events	53,729	5.62%	Professional fees	79,605	8.89%
Archdiocesan Support	72,468	7.58%	Repairs and Maintenance	26,957	3.01%
Legacy For Our Mission	34,458	3.60%	Other	26,643	2.97%
Fees	459,415	48.06%	Occupancy	82,397	9.20%
Foundations	27,197	2.84%	Specific Assistance	3,232	0.36%
Other	36,936	3.86%	Supplies	159,994	17.86%
United Way	156,129	16.33%	Total Expenses	\$895,888	
Total Revenue	\$956,018				

