

ST. ELIZABETH—CATHOLIC CHARITIES



PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.  
ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2008: JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

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

## AGENCY LEADERSHIP

**Mark Casper**, Agency Director

### Agency Council During Fiscal Year 2008

Philip W. McCauley, **President**

J. Page Walker, **Vice President**

Alan Akin, **Secretary**

#### **Ex-officio**

David Siler, *Executive Director,  
Secretariat for Catholic Charities  
and Family Ministries*

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Brenda Byrne • John Grannan

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Connie Sellers • JoAnn Staashelm

Deacon John Thompson

Lawrence "Tex" Very • Stephanie J. Warren

Carl H. Wolford

### **Staff Leadership**

Meara Grannan, Social Services Director

Liz Vissing, Development Director

Michelle Frossard, Residential and  
Counseling Director

Kim Grantz, Program Director,  
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)  
of Floyd and Washington Counties

Amy Howard, Supported Living  
Program Director

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*Kaitlyn, one of our little residents.*



FROM THE AGENCY DIRECTOR

**The Mission Continues On**

“Providing Help. Creating Hope.” Such simple words, yet so much meaning. I cannot think of more fitting words to describe this past year for St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities. Our programs, employees and volunteers are dedicated to providing our clients with the help that is needed today and creating the hope that leads to enhanced dignity and improvement in quality of life.

This annual report does a wonderful job of describing the services we offer to those in need. The pictures reflect the people we have helped. What an annual report cannot do is convey the changes in people’s lives that we have made this past year. We present the numbers of people ministered to and hours volunteered, but let us remember that each number is a person, and each picture is the face of someone who has come to us in need of help.

We have completed our fifth year as a merged agency, bringing together 28 years of ministry through Catholic Charities, and 19 years through St. Elizabeth’s Maternity Center. Through these years, employees have come and gone, buildings and properties have been renovated, and programs have changed – yet the mission of St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities is still present, vital and just.

The needs of the local community are always changing. The programs we offer must also change and grow to meet these needs. This past year we began a process to review the agency’s programs. We will be finished this year and will conclude with a strategic plan for our future. We are determined to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us while efficiently and effectively taking care of those we serve.

We could not accomplish all that we do without the support of our donors and volunteers, and the leadership of our advisory council. Your gifts of time, talent, treasure and prayer are essential to St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities! You provide tools that enable our staff to help people today and create hope for a better tomorrow. For this, I would like to personally thank you.

In closing, let us live out the word of God in all we do here today and tomorrow – “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...,” Matthew 25:35.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Casper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Casper  
Agency Director

**Mission Statement**

To affirm the dignity of and respect for all human life by assisting individuals and families in need to achieve empowerment and self-sufficiency.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Reverse Raffle:** Held on November 12, 2007, this event raised nearly \$32,000 for the agency and had more than 280 people in attendance at Joe Huber's Barnyard Bash. We would like to thank our deanery parishes for the silent auction's theme baskets.  
**Save the date: Nov. 8, 2008.**

**St. Elizabeth's Gala:** Held on March 13, 2008, this event raised more than \$102,000 for the agency and had nearly 400 people in attendance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Louisville. Our master of ceremonies was Don Day who kept the program moving fluidly through transitions from inspirational singer, Dana Ashley, to our guest speaker Shane'na Washle, who is a former resident.  
**Save the date: March. 5, 2009.**

**St. Elizabeth's Annual Holiday Sweets Gala returns November 25, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, New Albany. Purchase pies, cakes and other homemade sweets on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to benefit our agency.**

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our agency could not provide all the services it does without the help of all our volunteers. They provide loving care, lower our costs, help maintain our buildings and grounds and help raise funds to support our efforts. This past year we had 252 volunteers help us for more than 13,000 hours.

### **Pregnancy and Adoption Volunteers**

**Labor Coaches:** Marchell Ellis, Lynda Grunzinger, Theresa Johnson, Pam Spiller, Melinda Smith, Cheryl Weatherholt

**Babysitters:** Linda Ashwood, Leah Bensing, Samantha Cook, Megan Cade, Loretta Cambrom, Sammy Combs, Morgan Feeler, Katie Hudson, Francie Kramer, Ann Kresen, Corryn McCrae, Ashley Misback, Katy Skaggs, Cindy Whalen

**Resident Interaction:** Mindy Milliner, Southeast Christian Church Members

**Tender Care Parents:** Steve and Angie Koopman

### **CASA**

**CASA Advisory Council:** Liz Hattab, Vince Klein, Nancy Roberts, Mary June Robinson, Sally Thomas, and Barbara Williams

**Washington County:** Kathy Goines, Paul Humphrey, Joyce Lamaster, Debbie Ritter, Courtney Stieber, Jeanie Wood

**Floyd County:** Annette Berger, Julie Fugate, Becky Gardenour, Barb Peacock, Judy Renwick, Mardene Schlise, Joan Scott, Bruce South, Jeff Wenning, Tammy Willan

**Outreach/Donation Distribution:** Alicia Akin, Karen Akin, Rita Blandford, Teresa Helton, Rosemary Mahoney, Mary Medlock, Jimmy Richardson

**Administrative Support:** Maureen Bryant, Elizabeth Duckworth, Bernadette Fife, Barb Gilbert, Mary Ellen Grannan, Suzanne Grady, Joyce Hines, Carol Hutchinson, Alanna Williams

**Committees:** Kevin Cecil, Don Day, Craig Eberle, Erik Furnish, Alan Shepard

**Events:** Brenda Byrne, Cindy Casper, Joyce Hood, Kim Kruer, Leah McCrite, Kara Meredith, John Rowan, Linda Cobb-Smith, Cindy Stephens, Karen Walker, Mercy Academy Students: Sadie Aschbacher, Kristin Barnett, Shawn Cecil, Sydney Spears

**Facilities:** Frank Bierman, Jr., Lindsey Brown, Pat Cooper, Will Grannan, Ron Hall, Tyler Morris, Anita Morrison, Lisa Shelfer, Catholic Heart Work Camp, Summer Youth Groups (St. Mary, Holy Family, St. Anthony, St. Mary of the Knobs), Southeast Christian Church

**To all of these wonderful volunteers and any that we may have missed: "THANK YOU!"**

## OPERATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 06/30/08

### Revenues

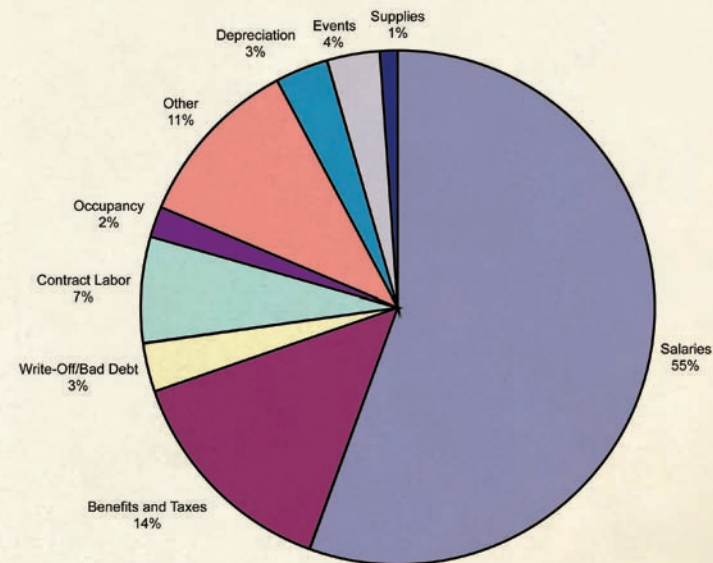
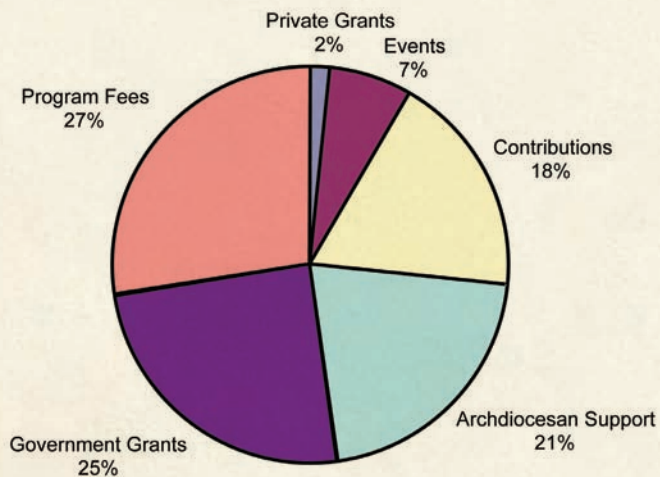
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| Private Grants       | \$15,429         | 1.55%  |
| Events               | 68,282           | 6.88%  |
| Contributions        | 180,014          | 18.13% |
| Archdiocesan Support | 209,508          | 21.10% |
| Government Grants    | 245,880          | 24.77% |
| Program Fees         | 273,704          | 27.57% |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$992,817</b> |        |

### Expenses

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| Salaries              | \$553,113        | 55.42% |
| Benefits and Taxes    | 143,953          | 14.42% |
| Write-Off/Bad Debt    | 30,500           | 3.06%  |
| Contract Labor        | 65,157           | 6.53%  |
| Occupancy             | 19,727           | 1.98%  |
| Other                 | 107,338          | 10.76% |
| Depreciation          | 32,556           | 3.26%  |
| Events                | 35,902           | 3.60%  |
| Supplies              | 9,743            | 0.98%  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$997,988</b> |        |

### Net Loss

**\$(5,171)**



*We serve any person in need of our services, regardless of their religious, social or economic backgrounds.*

A copy of the 2008 Audited Financial Statement for the Chancery and Certain Entities for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is available at [www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html).



## ST. ELIZABETH'S MATERNITY AND ADOPTION SERVICES

### PROVIDING HELP.

**Residential Maternity Home: Provided 9 pregnant women with shelter and services. These women ranged in age from 15 to 20 and stayed 4 to 7 months.**

Residents are provided professional guidance through individual counseling, education, case management and prenatal medical coordination throughout their pregnancy. They also receive help accessing all the assistance programs they may be eligible for: Medicaid, WIC and TANF, modified educational programming, and prenatal medical care. Pregnant women are counseled on their parenting choices: parenting the child or placing their child for adoption. The home is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and the young women also have volunteer labor coaches who take on the responsibilities of all prenatal doctor visits and being on-call for labor and delivery.

**Transitional Home: Served 31 women and children  
Mothers ranged in age from 18 to 28 and stayed 8 to 12 months.**

Professional case management and counseling services are provided to single mothers over the age of 18, where they can reside for up to two years while living semi-independently. Mother and child live in a safe environment while learning positive life skills to become self-sufficient and successful for a lifetime. Our mothers receive weekly counseling, peer support and help gaining access to assistance programs in the security of a structured environment. They also must have full-time employment and/or attendance in school, follow group home rules and share in household chores.



*Natasha, a former resident, with her counselor Michelle Frossard in front of her new car. It was donated by CARS (Christian Auto Repairmen Serving), which helps provide cars for our clients and others in southern Indiana working towards self-sufficiency.*

## Adoption

As a licensed child placing agency, we offer adoption services in both Indiana and Kentucky. Our approach values the health and well being of birth families, adoptive families and the child by striving to ensure that the needs of each person are being met. Counseling is offered for the birth parents and the adoptive families in addition to home study preparation, post-placement supervision and assistance with international and interstate adoptions.

Our services do not end with the birth and finalization of the adoption. They remain available for as long as they are needed, even for a lifetime. Adoption is an unselfish, loving choice and we support birth families who make this life-giving commitment.

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| Child Placements with Adoptive Couples .. | 4  |
| Birth Parent Counseling: .....            | 6  |
| Domestic Home Studies.....                | 10 |
| Domestic Supervisions .....               | 6  |
| International Home Studies .....          | 11 |
| International Supervisions .....          | 21 |
| Independent Home Studies .....            | 3  |
| Independent Supervisions.....             | 1  |

### CREATING HOPE.

“Before I came to St. Elizabeth’s I had never spent a lot of time reflecting on my life goals; let alone how the choices I made would affect my future. Since I have been meeting with my counselor at St. Elizabeth’s I have had a chance to think about what I want to do with my life. I have set short-term and long-term goals for myself that will ultimately allow me to take care of my child and myself without depending on others.

“Counseling has allowed me to rediscover who I am and has reminded me of my strengths. I know I always have someone at St. Elizabeth’s that I can count on and when I have a bad day they are there to encourage me. I am proud of who I am today and I am working very hard on a daily basis to make a life for myself and most importantly my child. I don’t think I would be at the place I am today without the counseling at St. Elizabeth’s.”

- Amy, 21, former resident of the maternity home



*A Southeast Christian Church volunteer helped Tiffany at Girls’ Night Out with a haircut and manicure.*



## COUNSELING AND SPECIAL NEEDS

### PROVIDING HELP.

#### **Counseling Services:**

**30 people served by agency counselors on a sliding fee scale**

**16 people referred to external counselors, with agency assistance**

As a service to the parishes of the New Albany Deanery and all community members, counseling is offered to individuals, couples and families for a wide variety of issues. Whether the problems are personal, marital, stress or job-related, we work with clients to improve their well being. Counseling services are offered on a sliding-fee scale, based on household income. Issues that require specialized care would involve an organized referral to an external counselor. The client continues to pay the reduced St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities rate and the agency assists with the remainder of the service.

**Supported Living: Served 15 developmentally-disabled adults and their families. Provided household financial management for 4 additional clients as their recognized representative**

The staff of the Supported Living Program helps developmentally-disabled adults live as independently as possible. Due to our support, this special group is able to live in the community, and not in an institution. Beyond helping these adults access the professional services they need, the staff offers a team-approach to supporting independent living skills. Clients are assisted with those daily items that adults must take care of: paying bills, managing household finances, accessing transportation, scheduling medical appointments. In addition, staff provides 24-hour emergency support services.

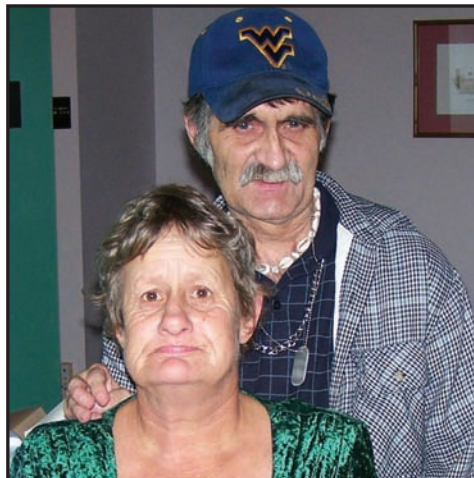
## CREATING HOPE.

Joseph is a disabled veteran and has been a client of the Supported Living Program for more than 12 years. His case manager helps him with daily lifeskills to keep his home, finances and health maintained. The case manager helps Joseph manage his checkbook, make and keep medical appointments and take all of his medications as prescribed. He doesn't want to just receive services from St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities, Joseph insists on helping the agency whenever he can: small repair projects for our buildings or picking up donated items. He is always encouraging others and respectful to everyone he meets.

In addition to helping at St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities, Joseph works at the Veterans hospital, offering kind words of encouragement to the patients and staff while staying busy with his tasks. He spends his free time helping people move from the local homeless shelter into their permanent housing; and when his younger brother became homeless, he gave him a place to stay. Joseph represents a ray of hope to each of us as we strive to enhance the lives of our clients.



*Some of our supported living clients at their annual Christmas party.*



*Larry and Marie are a married couple in our Supported Living Program.*



*Jimmy and Larry, featured in our Summer 2008 newsletter, are frequent participants in and winners for Special Olympics of Indiana.*



## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

### PROVIDING HELP.

**CASA of Floyd and Washington Counties helped 47 children with more than 12,000 hours of volunteer service.**

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program trains adult volunteers to represent our community's children who are in need of a special advocate because of abuse and/or neglect. We are a member of the National CASA Association, which consists of a network of more than 59,000 volunteers that serve 243,000 abused and neglected children through more than 900 local program offices nationwide.

Prospective volunteers are carefully screened and complete 30 hours of pre-service training. Once sworn in by a judge, volunteers make at least a one-year commitment to the child, complete 12 hours of ongoing training annually, attend court hearings and spend time with the child in order to represent his/her best interests.

### CREATING HOPE.

Alex, 7, and Tisha, 4, had not seen their mother, Lara, in several months. A local judge granted Lara visitation rights, but only through St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities Supervised Visitation Program.

For six months, the three of them met while in the company of the trained facilitator. The reunited family would be so excited to see each other and the facilitator witnessed Lara's calm, playful attention. All three would usually cry when leaving at the end of the session. The facilitator reported her observations to the judge and Lara and her children were able to visit on their own.

**Supervised Visitation: 5 facilitators supervised 26 families during 421 visitation hours**

Skilled supervisors provide a safe, caring environment for children to visit with non-custodial parents, or other relatives, on a regular basis to reunite families and strengthen relationships. These visits are conducted based on the recommendations of the judicial system and are held at a local, neutral space. Visitation facilitators monitor and report on the parent and child interaction during the visit, which can be used to help change custody arrangements or parent-time status.

**Outreach Services: Assisted 242 Families**

Provides the physical necessities needed for a healthy baby: diapers, formula, baby food, clothing, furniture and educational toys. Items are distributed to anyone in need on a monthly distribution day, which is made possible by donations and volunteer coordinators.

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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](http://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](http://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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**Staff and Advisory Council**

**David Siler**, Secretariat Executive Director

**David J. Bethuram**, Secretariat Associate  
Executive Director

**Stefanie Anderson**, Communications and  
Marketing Coordinator

**William Spangler**, President of the Secretariat  
Advisory Council, *St. Luke, Indianapolis*

*(Parish and hometown listed.)*

**Members During Fiscal Year 2008**

Jake Asher, *St. John, Indianapolis*

Mary Ann Browning, *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel*

Bob Buckner, *St. Monica, Indianapolis*

Deacon Mike East, *St. Ambrose, Seymour*

Pinkie Evans, *St. Monica, Carmel*

Dave Grimes, *St. Benedict, Terre Haute*

Tom Hirschauer, *St. Luke, Carmel*

Deacon Bill Jones, *St. Bartholomew, Columbus*

Peggy Magee, *St. Pius X, Indianapolis*

Jim McGillivary, *St. Paul, Bloomington*

Ron Mead, *St. Vincent Health*

Rev. Don Schmidlin, *Retired, Indianapolis*

Sister Marlene Shapley, *St. Francis Hospital*

Deacon John Thompson, *St. Augustine, Clarksville*

Roberta Walton, *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sheridan*

*“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**



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## YOU'RE INVITED TO SHINE!

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### 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. 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."**

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*"Love is the light—and in the end, the only light—that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. To experience love and in this way to cause the light of God to enter into the world—this is the invitation I would like to extend with the present Encyclical." Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est*