



2024-2025 SECRETARIAT ANNUAL REPORT

Catholic Charities
Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.

Dear Community Members,

The mission of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is firmly grounded in faith, compassion, and service. Across all thirty-eight counties of our Archdiocese, we work tirelessly to ensure that individuals and families receive the care and support they need.

As we celebrated the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis, we were called anew to extend mercy and offer tangible hope to those facing adversity.

Over the past year, Catholic Charities has remained unwavering in its commitment, responding to the evolving needs of our communities with dignity and love. Whether through stable housing, essential food assistance, mental health counseling, workforce development, or resources for families, seniors, and veterans—we continue to be a lifeline for those in crisis.

Central to our work is a spirit of collaboration. Across our network of ministries, we are deepening our collective impact, operating as one unified mission in service to others. This approach not only addresses immediate needs but also fosters long-term transformation, helping individuals and families build brighter, more secure futures.

As you explore this report, you'll witness the profound difference your support makes—in the lives of those who have found stability, in families discovering new opportunities, and in communities growing stronger. None of this would be possible without the generosity and dedication of our donors, volunteers, and partners who walk beside us on this journey of service.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Archbishop Thompson for his steadfast leadership, to our Board of Advisors and Agency Council members for their guidance, and to our devoted co-workers across Catholic Charities who embody this mission each day.

As we move forward together, may our hearts be renewed in faith and our actions guided by the Gospel's enduring call to love and serve. Your presence in this mission has been invaluable—thank you for walking with us with hope and compassion.

Know of my continued gratitude and prayers,

David J. Bethuram, M.A., M.Min.

Executive Director

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FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

411,295

people served by the
Secretariat of Catholic Charities



92,500

Served by Crisis Relief
and Shelter Services



2,182

Served by Refugee
and Immigration
Services



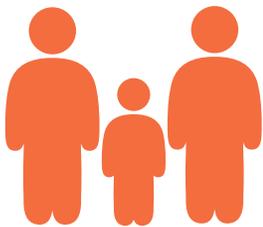
52,832

Clients received
information and
referral services



8,184

Served through
youth programs



6,245

Served through Family Counseling
and Social Work Services



4.42 Million

Pounds of food provided
by Terre Haute Catholic
Charities Foodbank

36,947

Meals served
to the hungry



3,402

Served by
Christmas Stores



1,648

Assisted through
Senior Services



717

Assisted with pregnancy
and adoption services

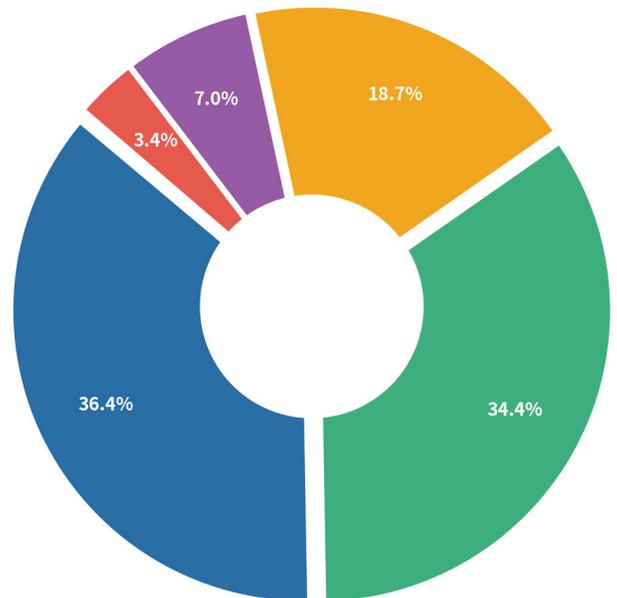
**these numbers reflect individuals that have received one or more services.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE | \$16,026,000

Grants: \$5,831,000 (36.4%)
Contributions: \$5,515,000 (34.4%)
Program Fees: \$2,995,000 (18.7%)

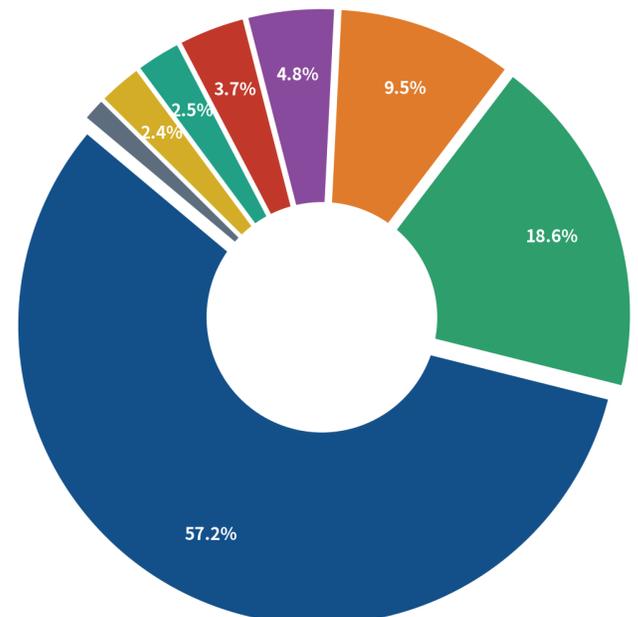
Interest & Investments: \$1,120,000 (7.0%)
Events: \$537,000 (3.4%)
Other: \$28,000 (0.2%)



EXPENSES | \$15,976,000

Employee Salaries & Benefits: \$9,140,000 (57.2%)
Professional & Administrative Services: \$2,966,000 (18.6%)
Direct Assistance: \$1,525,000 (9.5%)
Depreciation and Bad Debt: \$764,000 (4.8%)

Occupancy Costs: \$585,000 (3.7%)
Property Insurance and Maintenance: \$397,000 (2.5%)
Other: \$388,000 (2.4%)
Contribution Expense: \$211,000 (1.3%)



SOCIAL CONCERNS AND DISASTER RECOVERY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Parish Social Concerns Program of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis advances the Church's mission to promote human dignity, justice, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching through parish-based education, advocacy, and direct service. By equipping parishes to respond to local and systemic needs, the program strengthens faith communities and fosters a culture of solidarity throughout the archdiocese.

Rooted in collaboration, there are several components of the Parish Social Concerns Program that address critical issues including poverty, immigration, human trafficking, and social injustice, while empowering parish leaders and volunteers to act as advocates for the most vulnerable. These include Catholic Charities USA Parish Social Ministry (CCUSA-PSM), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), Justice for Immigrants (JFI), and the Archdiocese's Anti-Trafficking Ministry.

During the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the Parish Social Concerns Program served more than 5,600 individuals, contributing significantly to the overall impact of the Catholic Charities Secretariat. By uniting faith with action, the program continues to build compassionate, just communities grounded in the Gospel call to serve and love one another.



DISASTER RECOVERY

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Disaster Recovery Program provides compassionate, comprehensive support to individuals and families impacted by natural disasters throughout Indiana. Prioritizing those most vulnerable, the program offers case management, resource coordination, and volunteer engagement to help survivors navigate the often-complex recovery process and begin rebuilding their lives with stability and dignity.

In addition to immediate disaster response, the program emphasizes long-term recovery and community resilience. Staff work closely with affected communities to identify evolving needs, connect households to essential services, and support sustainable rebuilding efforts. The ministry also partners with local agencies and parish communities to strengthen disaster preparedness, equipping individuals and organizations with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to respond effectively when emergencies occur.

During the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the Disaster Recovery Program served 1,435 individuals across Indiana, contributing significantly to the overall impact of the Catholic Charities Secretariat and reinforcing the Church's commitment to hope, compassion, and service in times of crisis.

SUCCESS STORIES

Success stories* from around the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, help demonstrate how the five agencies – in Bedford, Bloomington, Indianapolis, New Albany, Tell City and Terre Haute – make a tremendous difference to those seeking a better life.

BECKY'S PLACE (BEDFORD)

One day, Becky's Place received an urgent call from Jan, who needed immediate shelter for herself and her elderly mother, Sandy. The pair had been staying in a motel but could no longer afford the cost and were facing homelessness the next day. With nowhere else to turn, they found safety and felt welcomed at Becky's Place.

Sandy quickly became a beloved presence, known for her warm humor and willingness to help with daily chores. Jan, meanwhile, worked full-time at a local restaurant while caring for her mother each evening. During their stay, Jan bravely shared that she had escaped an abusive relationship and was able to secure a protective order—an important step toward rebuilding her life.

With guidance from their case manager, Jan and Sandy learned budgeting skills, began saving money, and worked toward stable housing despite a challenging rental market. In August, a housing opportunity became available, and their case manager successfully advocated on their behalf. With savings in place and supportive assistance, they moved into a fully furnished home.

Today, Jan and Sandy are thriving in safe, stable housing and continue to receive support through the aftercare program—an inspiring testament to resilience and hope.



BLOOMINGTON (CCB)

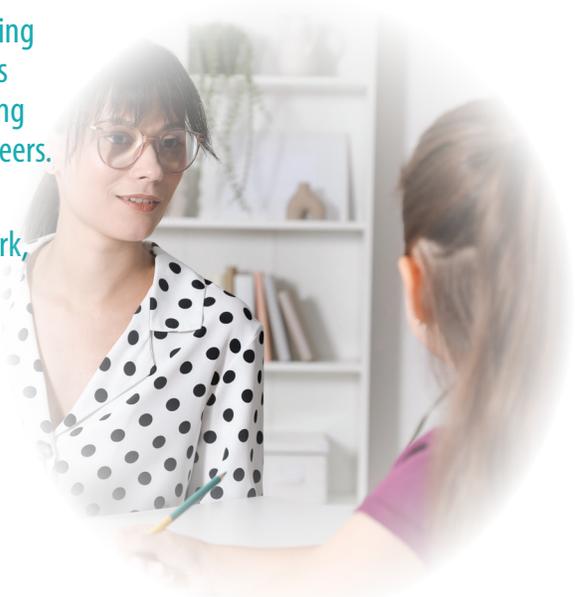
Cathy, an 11-year-old, began services with CCB in the fall of 2023 after experiencing significant trauma. She was experiencing homicidal and suicidal ideation but was strongly resistant to talking about her feelings. Her significant anxiety was keeping her out of school and making it hard for her to enjoy time with her siblings and peers.

The use of play therapy, expressive therapy, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) resourcing techniques, combined with Cathy's hard work, have helped her reach the point where she no longer experiences homicidal or suicidal ideation. She has made several good friends at school and has been enjoying her time there as well! Cathy is much more comfortable at home, and her symptoms have improved over the past several months.

Cathy has truly come out of her shell and not only talks about her feelings but encourages her siblings to do so as well. She continues to grow every session and is excited to share what she's been doing, including taking up the violin.



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COUNSELING SERVICES



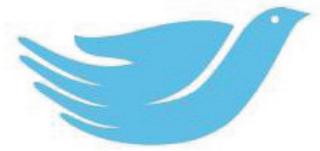
INDIANAPOLIS

Marcy, a single mother of four children under the age of eight, found the family experiencing homelessness after their landlord used intimidation to force them out of their home. With nowhere safe to go, the family moved between friends, relatives, and even lived in their van before finding stability at Holy Family Shelter (HFS), a ministry of Catholic Charities Indianapolis.

When Marcy and her children arrived, they faced significant challenges as Marcy has serious physical health concerns. Additionally, both she and her children navigate mental and behavioral health diagnoses while healing from a traumatic domestic violence situation. Despite these obstacles, Marcy remained determined to build a better future for her family.

Working closely with her case manager, Marcy engaged fully in services available at HFS and throughout the community including parenting resources, legal assistance, and took steps toward clearing barriers to housing. She and her children participated in counseling, maintained medical appointments, and accessed domestic violence support. Marcy secured part-time employment, began coursework to become a certified tax preparer, and obtained childcare assistance, allowing her children to attend school and daycare consistently.

Through persistence and advocacy, Marcy obtained a Section 8 voucher and moved her family into a safe, stable apartment. Today, they are thriving and remain connected to ongoing support systems



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NEW ALBANY (ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHARITIES)

When Stacy was in the hospital preparing to give birth, she faced an unimaginable reality: she had nowhere to go. After being suddenly kicked out by her roommate, Stacy spent the last of her savings on hotel rooms during her pregnancy. From her hospital bed, she made a desperate call to St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities (SECC) and within hours, the shelter team welcomed Stacy and her newborn daughter.

At St. Elizabeth, Stacy found more than just a roof over her head. She received essential baby items, a safe and supportive environment, and guidance from her case manager as she worked toward stability. With determination and the resources provided by SECC, Stacy secured a Section 8 housing voucher, found an apartment, and arranged childcare — building a fresh start for her family.

Today, Stacy and her baby girl are safe, stable, and thriving. Her story is a powerful reminder of how your support helps transform lives when hope seems out of reach.



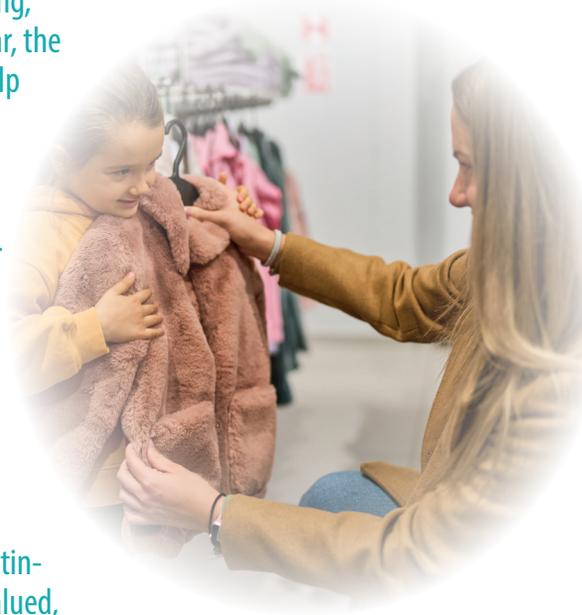
TELL CITY

Inspired by the example of St. Martin of Tours, who shared his cloak with someone in need, the Martin's Cloak Program at Catholic Charities Tell City offers food, clothing, and compassionate support to individuals and families facing hardship. Each year, the program serves more than 500 individuals, providing essential resources that help neighbors meet basic needs with dignity and hope.

Martin's Cloak is made possible through the generous commitment of parish volunteers from Tell City and surrounding communities, whose faithful service ensures that no one is turned away. Whether offering a warm coat during winter months, groceries during times of financial strain, or a welcoming presence, volunteers embody Christ's call to serve with humility and love.

For families like the Smiths, who sought assistance after unexpected medical expenses, Martin's Cloak provided critical relief and reassurance. "The volunteers treated us with kindness and respect," shared Mrs. Smith. "They not only helped provide food and clothing for our children but also restored our sense of hope."

Through simple yet meaningful acts of generosity, Catholic Charities Tell City continues to strengthen the community, reminding those served that they are seen, valued, and supported.



TERRE HAUTE

At just 23 years old, with no family nearby and no knowledge of how to navigate the housing system, Summer faced homelessness with few connections and even fewer options. "I didn't know how to get an apartment or a house," Summer shared. "I didn't have anyone to turn to."

Summer found safety and support at Bethany House, a ministry of Catholic Charities Terre Haute, where she was welcomed into a community grounded in dignity, compassion, and trust. Experiencing homelessness as a young woman brought daily challenges and risks, but Bethany House provided Summer with stability and a safe place to rest, reflect, and begin planning for the future.

Today, Summer is focused on saving money and preparing for independent housing. More importantly, she has rediscovered her sense of worth. At Bethany House, she found people who value her for who she is—without conditions or expectations. "This place saved my life," she says. For the first time, Summer is putting herself first and building a foundation for lasting stability.

** All names changed for privacy.*



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