

## **New Year Message from Our Executive Director, David Bethuram**

I am incredibly proud to be a part of Catholic Charities and our work as the social service arm of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Working together we serve vulnerable Hoosiers while addressing the most pressing community issues and focusing on solutions to eradicate poverty. We are called to put our faith in action and embrace the challenges of today. The past several years has brought much uncertainty and many service modifications. I have seen our staff rise to the challenges with great ingenuity, compassion, resilience, courage, and integrity. We are reminded daily to trust that God is working in our lives.

As we begin this New Year, I am thankful to you for your generosity of spirit and heart. I am reminded that we are better together, that we must work shoulder to shoulder to meet all adversity and that with God all things are possible. My prayer is that in all things we resolve to be kinder to ourselves and each other, forgive mistakes and offenses, build trust and work together!

At Catholic Charities we work to be experts in resources and networks, at comprehensive assessment of people and how to best meet their needs, at helping our clients navigate the mountains of paperwork in social systems, at compassionate and caring services, and at instilling a plan – a hope for the future. Four of the most important words we can say are “Let’s make a plan?”

My plan for 2023 is to continue to lead a team that embraces challenges and one that is willing to take on really big ideas in service to others. To pray daily for the wisdom to make good choices and the grace to handle every situation. To welcome people to volunteer and support our essential services for the most vulnerable in our communities. To fully honor our mission and vision for central and southern Indiana where all people can access the services, they need to be happy, healthy and reach their full potential.

Wishing you a 2023 with much hope and promise!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Bethuram". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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