### 2021-2022 Secretariat Annual Report





## **Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,**

At Catholic Charities, the 2021-2022 fiscal year was one of resilience. We continued to adapt to new challenges in our community and in our world. We remained steadfast in responding to the ever-increasing demand for our support across central and southern Indiana. This would have been impossible without our faith, which grounds us and helps us serve as a source of strength for those who come to us in their greatest time of need.

As I look back on the last year, I am proud that Catholic Charities has excelled both in our regular service delivery and in making strides to achieve our larger vision, including:

- Increasing access to safe shelters for domestic violence victims and homeless families
- Providing greater access to healthy food for children and older adults
- A commitment to enhancing second-generational programming for better outcomes for children and parents to create stronger selfsufficient families
- Continuing to forge deeper relationships with our parishes and Catholic schools to strengthen our Catholic community and build up future generations
- Reaching deeper into Hoosier rural communities, many of which have limited access to social services, especially mental health services

This work is made possible by our dedicated staff, committed leadership and of course, loyal supporters like you. If you want proof that your gifts to Catholic Charities can change lives, you will find it in this Annual Report.

Here, you will see the big picture—198,201 people were offered help and hope at Catholic Charities this year.

You will also read about the impact of your support at a very personal level through stories of hope from each of our agencies across the Archdiocese. You will learn how two clients broke out of the cycle of poverty and achieved goals they thought were impossible when they first walked through our doors.

We look forward to achieving great things in the year ahead as we continue to grow in Morgan County and expand our physical presence in Jackson County. But today, we celebrate each result outlined in this report. Because they show with each passing year, we are building stronger communities together.

Blessings,

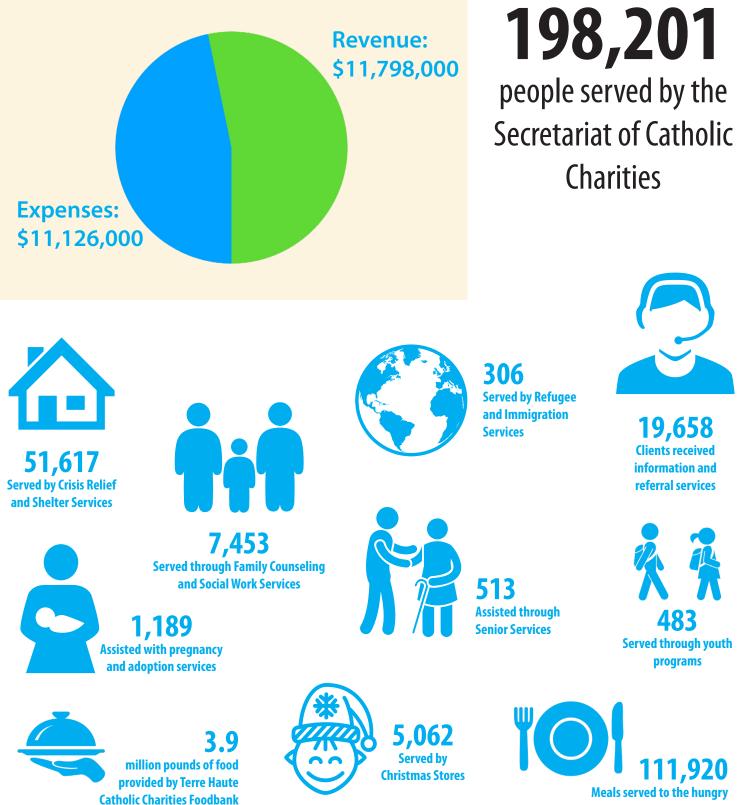
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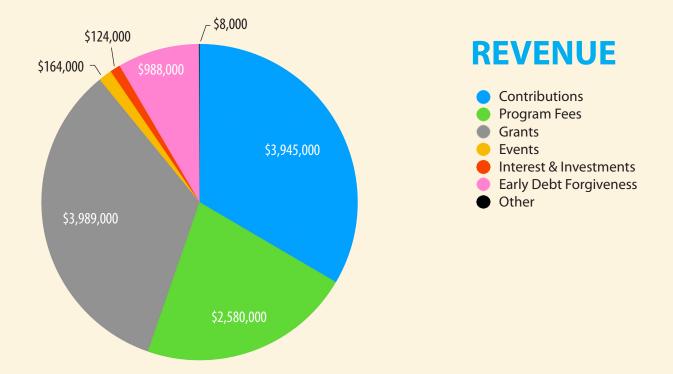


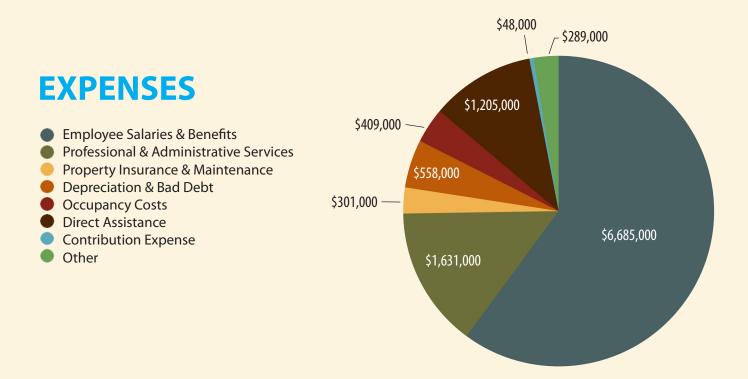


## 2021–2022 Fiscal Year in Review



# **Financial Information**





# **Social Concerns & Disaster Recovery**

#### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Social Concerns encourages the community to grow in a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by providing resources and strategies for effective action in parishes, schools and surrounding communities. Most importantly, it calls us to a deeper understanding of living out the two greatest commandments, which are to love God and to love our neighbors, both locally and globally.

Social Concerns for the Archdiocesan Secretariat of Catholic Charities encompasses the work of Catholic Charities USA Parish Social Ministry (CCUSA – PSM), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), Justice for Immigrants (JFI) and Anti-Trafficking Ministry and served over 3,000 people in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This number is in addition to those in the Secretariat service count.

#### **DISASTER RECOVERY**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Disaster Response works to identify vulnerable populations and clients in need to provide resources, volunteers and case management following disasters. In addition to the recovery period, additional work is done with the community to assist in preparation for future disasters. Training is provided for disaster case management, volunteer management, donations management and disaster preparedness. In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Disaster Response served 1,774 individuals who were affected by floods and tornadoes in Indiana. This number is in addition to those in the Secretariat service count.



### **Success Stories**



#### **Bloomington**

Travis\* and his parents contacted Catholic Charities Bloomington because he had anxiety, panic attacks, and depression symptoms due to fear and stress. CCB placed Travis with a mental health therapist immediately to work on crisis prevention and a comprehensive approach to address his long-term mental health. Travis's family, friends and involvement in his faith all acted as an empowering force in his life. He has seen significant progress, and his suicidal ideation has diminished with no negative intrusive thoughts of self-harm. He has created a wonderful plan to keep his anxiety and depression symptoms within his window of tolerance. Travis is thriving in school and his commitment to his mental health has created healing in his life.



#### Indianapolis

Jim\* was referred to the Crisis Office after suffering a job loss and a divorce that resulted in homelessness. He needed help paying for prescriptions, obtaining health services and getting transportation. Jim was an honorably discharged veteran, so the Crisis Office connected him to the Veteran's Affairs office which assisted him with health and prescription needs and housing. The Crisis Office provided him with essential items, and the following month, James reported that the Veteran's Affairs office was helping him with housing and his medical needs. His situation improved thanks in part to community partners working together to find him the help he needed.



St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.

#### **New Albany**

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities started the Domestic Violence Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing program in the winter of 2021 with funding from Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA). St. Elizabeth has created partnerships with the Center for Women and Families and Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana to provide the next steps of support once the immediate crisis of domestic violence is stabilized. With funding from IHCDA, up to five families can be housed in the Domestic Violence Transitional Housing, in which they can stay for up to two years. For those who need Rapid Rehousing, the program can assist a family financially with up to one year of rent costs. One of those mothers shared how the program has impacted her family.

Kelly came to St Elizabeth's after she and her daughter had nowhere else to go. Having left a domestic violence situation, Kelly was nervous to go to her upcoming court dates or even the grocery. The fear of her abuser harassing her or even taking her daughter became more than she could handle. Kelly spent about six months in the transitional housing program, attending case management sessions, and receiving support for her daughter. Within several months Kelly began a job and was guickly promoted. She was able to get on her feet and sign a lease on a new apartment. Her daughter is excelling in school, and they have found hope. St. Elizabeth provided a stable environment with safety and support allowing this family to have a new start.

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**Terre Haute** 

Some of the most vulnerable served by Catholic Charities Terre Haute are the children who participate at Ryves Youth Center. Dr. Angelo J. DiSalvo, known lovingly as "Dr. D.", started volunteering at Catholic Charities Terre Haute after a long career at Indiana State University. Initially, Dr. D. wanted to help in the Fishes & Loaves Soup Kitchen but quickly fell in love with Ryves and felt called to use his skills and talents there instead. He now volunteers four days a week and is happy to help with daily tutoring, Fun Food Friday activities or anywhere he is needed. One of his favorite activities is being a mentor in the TIME for Me program. The one-on-one relationships that form between the mentor and the mentee create lifelong memories and provide the child with a safe environment to thrive. The programs at Catholic Charities Terre Haute rely heavily on servant-hearted volunteers like Dr. DiSalvo.



#### **Becky's Place**

A Becky's Place staff member found Miss Brenda sitting outside beside a busy road. She was in her wheelchair with a couple of bags at her feet and had nowhere to go. When she arrived at Becky's Place, Miss Brenda was hesitant to trust others but quickly became everyone's bonus grandma. Miss Brenda applied for income-based housing and eventually found a little apartment. Miss Brenda was beyond excited but unable to move on her own, so a volunteer fire department and Becky's Place staff helped her move into her new home. She stays in touch with Becky's Place and her former housemates often visit and assist her with transportation, groceries and support. Brenda is the happiest that she has been in a long time.

#### **Tell City**

Jason\* attended the Catholic Charities Tell City Budget Basic Class with his grandparents in preparation for moving out on his own. Through the class, Jason learned how to keep track of his finances and manage his funds so that all his bills and rent were paid on time. His grandparents were very pleased with the growth they saw in him. Jason recently moved into his own apartment without financial burden and is thriving.

\*Name changed for privacy



# **Creating Hope and Providing Help Across Central & Southern Indiana**











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