





2020-2021 Annual Report

Dear Friend,

I have never been more grateful for you, your health and the astonishing and humbling dedication of my Catholic Charities colleagues. As I reflect on the last year, hope and light are a couple of words that come to mind.

102 years ago, when Catholic Charities was chartered, the world was emerging from a global influenza pandemic. One year ago, when I wrote a message for our last annual report, my colleagues and I were working hard to keep our promise to our community to persist amid COVID-19. Today, we recognize the power of that promise to persevere, and we share it with you.

It is tempting to think of the last year or two as a detour on our journey, but it has been more like a thoroughfare. We have looked ahead on the path we share with our neighbors to see a new way forward, a vision for a greater promise to the individuals and families we accompany and to one another. We renewed our resolve, and we never lost sight of the promise that is inherent within each of us and our communities.

In our work, we are confronted each day with the fact that promise does not equal perfection. Rather, a promise is an investment, a sign of commitment that we will take deliberate steps on this journey together with faith in one another and in who we know we each can be.

Your support of Catholic Charities continues to make a difference in the lives of so many people. Together, we are serving all of God's people by bringing them healing, peace and, ultimately, to the Kingdom of God. Thank you for walking with us on this journey and for your continued prayers. I believe there is no more humbling work, and I thank you for the investment you make in it.

Peace and blessings,

Daniel J. Bethuram

David J. Bethuram Executive Director



2020–2021 Fiscal Year in Review

IMPACT: 271,522

People served by the Secretariat of Catholic Charities



40,474 Served by Crisis Relief and Shelter Services



746 **Served through Youth Programs**



Immigration Services



2,782 **Assisted with pregnancy** and adoption services



Assisted through Senior Services



4,128 Served through Family Counseling and Social Work Services



19,857 **Clients received information** and referral services



97,445 **Meals served to** the hunary

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 244 people in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.





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 2020-2021 fiscal year, Disaster Response served 1,291 individuals. 110 homes were repaired or rebuilt, and 63 training courses were conducted for 599 volunteers. These numbers are not included in the total Secretariat service count.

Success Stories

Bloomington



Mariah* came to a Catholic Charities Bloomington (CCB) therapist when she was in middle school to address anxieties that overshadowed her life. Her constant battle with anxiety made it difficult for her to function at home and school. Through the years, Mariah's therapist has worked alongside her, helping her to discover her own bravery and confidence. Now 20 years old, Mariah knows she is capable and worthy and can handle difficult challenges despite her anxiety.



Indianapolis



Stephanie^{*} has struggled with severe drug addiction, financial stress, homelessness and limited family support throughout her life. In the past, Stephanie worked with St. Elizabeth Coleman (SEC) to create an adoption plan for her unborn child. When she was recently faced with another unplanned pregnancy and could not provide for the baby, Stephanie once again reached out to SEC.

With the help of SEC, Stephanie selected a wonderful adoptive family that will provide stability and safety to the new baby. The adoptive couple is overjoyed to grow their family through adoption. SEC also provides Stephanie counseling services to help her process through the transition and financial support for clothing, groceries, medical appointments and a stable living environment. We are proud to offer a strong support system for our adoptive families, birth parents and adoptees.

New Albany



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

Carrie* arrived at St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities (SECC) with a toddler and another baby on the way. She was working, going to school and trying to support her family but always found herself at a disadvantage. Carrie, like many other single mothers in our community, needed a little help in her journey to become the empowered, self-sufficient woman she is today. Though she entered the shelter with uncertainty, she now has a great job, is a wonderful mother to her two boys and even became a homeowner with the help and support of her case manager. Carrie expressed her thanks to SECC for offering the tools to assist her in changing the course of her life.

Success Stories

Catholic Charities Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All. **Terre Haute**

John* and his wife work hard for their family, but they were hit hard by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. John got laid off and the local store his wife worked at for years went out of business. Their family of five began living off rice, spaghetti, canned goods and bread. John called the 211 hotline and learned about a Catholic Charities Terre Haute mobile pantry. He avoided going for over a month but finally decided he needed help to provide for his family. When John arrived at the mobile pantry, he was shocked at the number of people in line. After receiving a large box with a carton of eggs, a gallon of milk, chicken, cheese, a bag of apples and a large bag of potatoes, John stopped on his way home to gather his emotions and was overwhelmed by the generosity of others.





Becky's Place

Kristen* came to Becky's Place after fleeing domestic violence. Her four children were residing with her brother because she was afraid life in a shelter would not be appropriate for them. She struggled with her mental health and had a hard time with making decisions, scattered thoughts and spells of confusion. Kristen found a therapist and was prescribed medication that helped her behavior become more balanced and healthy.

As Kristen began to feel safe at Becky's Place, she coordinated with her case manager and brother to move in with her at the shelter. The adjustment was not easy, but the children and Kristen were happy and safe. Kristen now knows how to budget, save money, pay bills and be a successful parent. She is currently looking for safe, affordable housing and is prepared to move out when she finds the right home.

Catholic Charities Providing Help.Creating Hope.Serving All. **Tell City**

The Jones* family lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and were on the verge of being evicted from their apartment. They were behind on their utilities and knew they would be living on the street soon if something did not change. They reached out to Catholic Charities Tell City in search of help. Thanks to an ERI United Way grant, Catholic Charities Tell City was able to help their family by providing funds for them to stay in their home and keep their utilities connected. This support from Catholic Charities gave the Joneses the time they needed to find new jobs and get back on their feet.

Creating Hope and Providing Help Across Central & Southern Indiana



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