Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

The past year has brought many challenges to our community, our country, and throughout the world. The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted daily life for us all, but especially for those families already struggling to survive.

COVID-19 has affected so many families in so many ways. Thousands became ill from COVID, others lost their jobs, many are facing eviction, and some of our neighbors were unable to be near their loved ones as they passed away. Life-changing times indeed, yet we have hope because we know that God loves us, cares for us, and trusts us to care for our sisters and brothers who are less fortunate.

Through the grace of God and your ongoing support, not even a pandemic can keep Catholic Charities from providing our life-changing services. Because of you, we touched the lives of nearly 70,000 people through our network of social service programs.

We adapted our services during this time of great need to ensure we could help the people who needed it most: the restaurant server without a job who picked up food for his family through our drive-thru distributions; the young single mother who had diapers delivered to her home; or the isolated senior who received food, supplies and a warm visit from a friendly volunteer.

We are people of faith relying on God’s protection as we all struggle to weather this crisis. But with you walking alongside us, we can continue serving as the hands and feet of Christ to the poor and vulnerable. Thank you to our donors, partners and friends who join us in our mission to change lives.

Sincerely,

David J. Bethuram
Executive Director
Secretariat for Catholic Charities
2019–2020 Fiscal Year in Review

**Impact:**

69,197 People Served by Catholic Charities

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**2019-2020 Financials**

- **Revenue:** $7,612,000
- **Expenses:** $6,385,000

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- **38,000** Served by Crisis Relief and Shelter Services
- **2,700** Served through Family Counseling and Social Work Services
- **1,100** Served by Refugee and Immigration Services
- **600** Assisted through Senior Services
- **3,300** Assisted with pregnancy and adoption services
- **3,400** Served by the Christmas Store
- **20,000** Received information and referrals to other support programs
- **84% of those served live below the poverty line**
Bad debt is related to an allowance for noncollectable payments for client services. In FY19-20 the allowance decreased resulting in a negative bad debt expense.
Service Review

SENIOR SERVICES

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program): Worked with over 20 community partners to connect adults 55 and older to volunteer opportunities where their knowledge and skill impacts the community. AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation’s most pressing challenges.

Caregiver Support: Impacted the lives of 193 caregivers through support groups, home modifications and resource assistance. Funding provided in part by CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions.

Adult Day Services: Provided safe, therapeutic, and recreational day services to 64 adults with physical and/or cognitive impairments. A Caring Place has a registered nurse on site. It also can provide transportation to and from the program site for clients that need it.

AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program: Provided the gift of friendship and home visits to 103 homebound clients during the year and over 1,500 hours of service a week. Catholic Charities Indianapolis sponsors the Senior Companion Program. AmeriCorps, a federal agency, provides major funds and administration.
Service Review

FAMILY SERVICES

Counseling: Provided over 604 individuals, families and couples with professional counseling services over the last year. Telehealth services began in March to provide counseling via phone or video when social distancing was required. An additional therapist was hired to meet increased demand. The counseling program in Martinsville continues to expand, supported by a grant from the Kendrick Foundation.

School Social Work: Provided professional counseling services to over 2,100 school children in 27 Indianapolis and surrounding counties Catholic schools along with consultation services for teachers and parents. The 22 social workers on staff work year-round to help struggling students overcome barriers to their education.

PREGNANCY & ADOPTION SERVICES

St. Elizabeth|Coleman: Provided pregnancy and adoption counseling, support groups, adoption assistance, search and reunion services and education about adoption and services to 3,300 people. St. Elizabeth|Coleman assisted families in need of baby clothes, supplies and basic needs during the pandemic. Follow on Facebook at “St. Elizabeth / Coleman Pregnancy & Adoption Services”
Service Review

CRISIS RELIEF & SHELTER SERVICES

Holy Family Services: Assisted over 667 homeless adults & children with emergency shelter and transitional housing services. Holy Family Shelter quickly moved families to other housing options when the COVID-19 pandemic began and continued to provide high quality support and case management services. The shelter was able to expand its capacity to meet the increase in demand for services. Follow on Facebook at “Holy Family Shelter”

The Crisis Office: Helped over 37,000 people in need of food, clothing, transportation and utility assistance. Assistance is given by linking clients with community resources and by providing direct assistance where gaps occur. The Crisis Office experienced a 25% increase in demand for services because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Christmas Store: Collaborated with 86 community service providers in helping over 3,485 individuals in need with clothes and gifts for Christmas. More than 160 people donated their time to assist at the Christmas store and help families in need.

Refugee and Immigrant Services: Aided over 1,100 refugees and immigrants with services and support. Citizenship classes were offered, and families were welcomed to their new home. The number of refugees allowed into the country was limited by the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow on Facebook at “Catholic Charities Indianapolis Refugee and Immigrant Services”

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