Catholic Charities in Terre Haute was established as a ministry of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1973. The primary mission of the agency is to serve the poor, the homeless, the elderly, the neglected children and the needy.

Leadership:
- Agency Director – John C. Etling
- Advisory Council – 14 members

Community Involvement
For nearly 40 years, Catholic Charities in Terre Haute has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the Wabash Valley. By 1980, Catholic Charities had established several programs and services including:
- Christmas House – Provides assistance with Christmas gifts & household items
- Bethany House Emergency Shelter – Offers emergency shelter, soup kitchen and clothes closet
- Simeon House (former congregate living facility)
- Ryves Youth Center – Houses a pre-school, provides after-school programming, operates a latch-key program, and offers a weekly backpack program.
- Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank – Serves the food insecure population in Clay, Greene, Knox, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties through a network of 89 emergency food distribution member agencies and 11 mobile pantries.

The People We Serve
Feeding the poor has always been a priority of Catholic Charities and the mission of Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank is simple: to feed the hungry. The Foodbank serves over 32,000 hungry people in west central Indiana. To meet the needs of these children, seniors and families, we offer the following services:
- Delivery Program to pantries without capacity to handle shipment of food product
- Bread & Produce Market that provides these highly perishable items to 100 families each month
- BackPack Program at Ryves Youth Center, along with schools in Parke, Sullivan and Vermillion counties, distribute a bag of child-friendly food on Friday afternoons to help feed children through the weekend
- Mobile Pantries deliver food through community partnerships to the underserved in rural areas where there is no access to a traditional pantry

Our Distinctions
- The Foodbank is the single largest source of emergency food programs in the seven-county service area.
- Hunger in America 2010 reported that the Foodbank provided in the seven-county area:
  - 51% of the food distributed by local pantries
  - 36% of the food distributed by local kitchens
  - 38% of the food distributed by local shelters
- In 2010, the Foodbank distributed a record 2.6 million pounds of food
- In fiscal year 2011, 509 children were provided weekend food carried home in 4,419 backpacks
- Over 1,100 rural families were fed through 11 mobile pantries
**About the Campaign**

**Campaign Leadership**
- **Campaign Co-Chairs** – Earl and Tina Elliott
- **Board Chair** – Bob Waelbroeck
- **Campaign Steering Committee** – Comprised of 40 individuals

**Campaign Projects**
- **Immediate Basic Needs** – $1,500,000
  - Purchase facility to provide 30,000 sq. ft. of warehouse and office space … more than triple the size of the current facility
  - Increased refrigeration capacity necessary to meet storage and distribution needs for perishable foods
- **Visionary Needs** – $1,000,000
  - Endowment funds will create an annual yield to help cover maintenance expenses and ongoing operations

**Total Campaign Needs** – $2,500,000

*Additionally, Ongoing Program Support is needed in the amount of $200,000 per year.

**Campaign Objectives**
- We will immediately be able to increase our food distribution capacity by an additional 615,000 to 1 million meals per year and feed more people who are food insecure in the service area.
- As research indicates, more children will have the opportunity to perform better and succeed in school because they are receiving adequate nutritional food.
- The expanded facility will allow the Foodbank to participate in larger purchasing programs that will accommodate its capacity to further mitigate food insecurity in the region.

**Ways to Give**
- Cash – lump sum or pledge over 5 years
- Appreciated assets – stocks, bonds, real estate
- Personal property
- Corporate matching gifts
- Life income arrangements – charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts

**Community Needs**
- As reported in *Hunger in America 2010*, 78% of food pantries served by Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank experienced an increase in the number of clients since 2006.
- Despite the fact that our Foodbank significantly increased (39%) the amount of food it distributed in 2009 compared to 2006 (nearly 1.8 million lbs. in 2009 versus 1.3 million lbs. in 2006), 45% of the pantries reported having to turn away clients because of a lack of food.
- 45% of the recipients of emergency food are society’s most vulnerable – children under the age of 18 and seniors age 65 and over.
- *Map the Meal Gap* projects that there are 43,400 people in the seven-county service area that are food insecure – a need of 7,250,933 meals. The Foodbank provided 2,000,000 meals in 2010 – leaving a gap that exceeds 5 million meals.