Dear Friends,

Every year brings new blessings and challenges for each of us. This year has been a very rewarding year for us on so many levels, from our annual fundraiser to the many food drives we hosted; to the youth center programs we provide and the outreach to support those in recovery programs. One central theme is clear: everyone is welcome and is worthy of God’s healing grace.

I would like to thank everyone – volunteers, donors, staff and clients – who participate in the programs we provide in the Wabash Valley. For the clients we serve, life has a way of making the most simple of things seem the greatest of burdens: enough to eat, enough money for the heating bill or this month’s rent. It is because of the wonderful, unselfish support of those who donate to Catholic Charities Terre Haute that we are able to help families. We are so grateful to you who make the programs we provide possible. Please know that you are always included in our prayers.

Thank you again for your support and interest in Catholic Charities Terre Haute. Please help us and others in our community and if you know someone who is in need, give them our contact information. We also invite you to visit us when you have an opportunity so you can learn more about the agency and how you are a vital link in our mission.

God Bless,

John C. Etling
Agency Director

Simeon House is discontinuing services.

Since 1978 the Simeon House, a congregate living program, has provided a facility for the elderly in our community that duplicates a family-style environment. Located at 1801 Poplar Street, the facility can accommodate up to 14 residents. Rent, utilities and three meals per day are only $550 per month.

The Simeon House has had difficulty for the past five years maintaining levels of capacity. Congregate senior living is not an attractive option for seniors today. They either choose other housing options or require a level of care higher than what Catholic Charities is able to provide.

The process for closure began Oct. 29, 2007 and concluded Dec. 31, 2007. We worked with our residents and families to find other appropriate, affordable housing.

We want to thank everyone in the Terre Haute and greater Wabash Valley communities for their support of the Simeon House. Catholic Charities Terre Haute continues to provide programs and services in the community through the Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank, Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall, the Christmas House and the Bethany House.
After serving for the better part of 20 years, Broshar retired from his post as council treasurer just a year ago. Broshar met “Big” John Etling when he moved to Terre Haute in the early 1980s and became acquainted with Catholic Charities. Soon after their meeting, it came to Broshar’s attention that Etling had a problem; Catholic Charities was getting displaced because of a facility rehabilitation program through the Community Building and Development Grant and the City of Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment. The primary areas of this project are the kitchen and dining areas that support the soup kitchen in the lower level of Ryves Youth Center during the same hours, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. everyday. The renovation project was completed in January and we held an open house and blessing during the same month. During renovations we were operating the soup kitchen in the lower level of Ryves Youth Center during the same hours, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. everyday. The expanded kitchen and work areas are seen from outside.

Bethany House Renovations

While the demand for congregate senior living is declining, the plight of homeless families is increasing. The Bethany House was recently renovated to better serve these families. This project was possible because of a facility rehabilitation program through the Community Building and Development Grant and the City of Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment. The primary areas of this project are the kitchen and dining areas that support the soup kitchen as well as the installation of a sprinkler system in the residential areas of the facility. We strive always to serve clients in a dignified way and this beautiful renovation will allow us to do just that.

The kitchen has been stripped down to the studs and is being prepared for expansion. In the near future education and outreach programs such as cooking classes, budgeting, financing, start-up business programs, community building, voter registration, advocacy and referrals, career guidance, and counseling will be offered to our clients at this facility. The Bethany House also serves as the base for the Ryves Neighborhood Association (RNA) Neighborhood Patrol as well as other community-building, grassroots activities.
Dear Friends,

Catholic Charities Terre Haute is grateful to everyone in our community who recognizes our responsibility to help those less fortunate, struggling or in need. We realize that we can’t do everything, but we know we must do something. We do the best with what we have available to help out and achieve the mission that has been set forth by the traditions and history of the men and women who have worked to make this agency an essential part of this community.

This annual report is an effort to be accountable to the donors, volunteers, and staff of Catholic Charities Terre Haute for the work we do in our community. It is our hope that you find us to be good stewards of the resources you provide and to the clients we serve. We are partners in this effort to help lift those families and individuals that find themselves in difficulty in their lives. Just as the need existed 33 years ago, that need and your willingness to be included are still significant today.

Please take just a moment to look over this report. We feel that we offer programs and facilities that make a difference in the lives of our clients, but we also recognize that this work must continue with even greater urgency to those most affected by poverty and hunger.

Thank you for being partners with us and for keeping the flame of hope alive in our community.

John C. Etling, Agency Director
Catholic Charities Terre Haute

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Financial Highlights

- Revenues: $1,030,625
- Expenses: $955,017
- Net Revenue: $75,608

Each agency serves any person in need in their respective deanery, with the exception of our adoption services available in Indianapolis and New Albany. These two agencies are licensed adoption agencies for the states of Indiana and Kentucky.

Collectively last year all six agencies served more than 94,000 individuals with the combined revenue and support of $9,396,803 and expenses of $8,676,508. More than 88% of all funds raised go directly towards program and client support. The 35 programs administered by Catholic Charities help individuals and families work towards self-sufficiency and maintain their dignity.

Each agency has an advisory council to help determine local priorities. In addition, the secretariat (department) has an advisory council to determine the priorities of Catholic Charities as-a-whole.

David Siler, executive director for the Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries
Stefanie Anderson, communications and marketing coordinator for the Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries
William Spangler, President of the Secretariat Advisory Council

Members during Fiscal Year 2007

- Jake Asher
- Bob Buckner
- David Bethuram
- Dave Grimes
- Father Don Schmidlin
- Jim McGillivray
- Mary Ann Browning
- Peggy Magee
- Pinkie Evans
- Ron Mead
- Roberta Walton
- Sister Marlene Shapley
- Tom Hirschauer
Bethany House

Revenue for the program $229,509
Seasonal gifts $187,263

Nights of shelter provided
Adults 2,363 days
Children 2,590 days
Meals 4,439

Fishes and Loaves Soup Kitchen: Established in 1982, the Soup Kitchen provides a meal to anyone who asks for free. Meals are served everyday, 365 days a year. Bethany House serves as a backup for the pantry network and takes referrals during the evening hours and weekends for food baskets when other pantries are not open, containing three days’ worth of food for a family of four.

Clothes Closet: The Clothes Closet has served the community for over thirty years. Volunteers work five days a week to sort and distribute clothing donations. Some clients are residents of Bethany House; others are from the surrounding neighborhood.

Creating Hope

At the age of 60, Karen thought her life would be much different than it is today. In spite of problems in her life, she was able to work and hold a job for years at a local restaurant. For most of her life she had struggled with alcohol addiction and living on the street, staying in other shelters or with friends only for days at a time. After being sober for several years, Karen obtained custody of her ten-year-old grandson, Tyler. Karen then knew she had to make permanent changes in the way she was living. That’s when Karen came to the Bethany House and was accepted into our residential program. It took several months but Karen is now living in an apartment with Tyler. Karen is working part time in a preschool and Tyler is doing well in school.

Christmas House and Household Exchange

Revenue for the program $55,888
Expenses $54,077

Clients served with Christmas assistance 2,867 Individuals
792 Families

Number of individuals served by age range:
Adults 1445
Teens (13-17) 386
Children (1-12) 1016
Infants (0-12 mos.) 70

272 Families served by Household Exchange
201 Donor Households to the Household Exchange

Creating Hope

Grace, a single mother with three children, selected items for everyone in her family except herself during her visit to the Christmas House last year. When Jill, a volunteer shopper, told her it was time to find something for herself, Grace refused. “I am so grateful that my children will have things to open on Christmas Day. I don’t need anything more than that” Jill knew that it is important to Catho-

Terre Haute Catholic Charities Food Bank

Revenue for the program $288,650
Expenses $210,554

112 Foodbank Member agencies
1,537,772 Pounds of Food Distributed by Foodbank
1,537,772 Pounds of Food Collected from Donors

Terre Haute Catholic Charities Food Bank has been serving seven counties of the Wabash Valley for over twenty-five years. On a daily basis, our program handles all types of food donations—from a few cans to semi-trucks full of food. We are the designated distributor of USDA Commodities for seven west-central Indiana counties. We efficiently distribute surplus food to a network of food pantries operated by a network of member agencies and work with the Red Cross to provide food for disaster relief efforts.

Our program is a Certified Affiliate of Second Harvest, the National Food Bank Network, which solicits and distributes donated food and grocery products through 200 Certified Affiliate Food Banks throughout the United States.

Creating Hope

Connie is the current director at a local food pantry in the Wabash Valley. However nine years ago, she was up for promotion with the U.S. Postal Service. To this day, Connie will tell you she doesn’t know how she came to decide to quit her job and work at the food pantry. “That was 9 years ago and I’ve never looked back. God had a plan for me and I’m grateful of what I thought I needed, he would always provide for me and our family. It was really tough at first, you know when an event like Richard’s stroke [her husband] occurs it takes six months before benefits start. I know what its like to stretch your resources. It took a lot of love and understanding but it gave us a greater sense of what our clients go through, so from that standpoint we’ve been there.”

Ryves Youth Center at Eting Hall

Revenue for the program $370,801
Expenses $350,245

426 Seniors Served at Simeon House
Individually participating in various activities
Residential program 15
Social Interaction: Games and movies 381
Reading, Field Trips and Walking 290
Blood Pressure, Blood sugar screening 354
Meals served 9,855
Dental and Medical Financial Assistance 21

The Simeon House served the elderly and their families through a variety of activities and services. In Fiscal Year 2008, the Simeon House will end its residential services. However the financial assistance and referral services will remain to help the elderly in our community.

Congregate Living Program: Sime House was established over 25 years ago as a response to a need in our community for a safe, semi-supervised living arrangement for elderly adults.

Residents paid $550 a month for maintenance and utilities, three meals every day, private bedroom, shared recreation, laundry and daily activities.

This cost is very competitive for the scope of services offered and was never intended as a nursing home facility. The Simeon House was an intermediate step between living independently and residing in a full-scale nursing home. We have learned through careful evaluation and declining resident rates that the Simeon House and its programming is no longer the best way to serve the elderly in our area. We are currently working to evaluate the best ways to serve our seniors and their families.

Day Activities for Elders: All adults need meaningful and enjoyable activities. However, this need is of vital importance for elders who are more likely to live in an increasingly isolated situation. As a natural outgrowth of the activities available for Simeon House residents, our program offers a wide array of activities for any elderly person in the Wabash Valley area. In addition, based on our availability of funds, we help seniors with financial assistance and gaining access to other assistance programs for their needs.

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