2022-2023 Secretariat Annual Report





Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

It is with deepest gratitude for your extraordinary heart and generosity that we present you with this 2022-2023 Annual Report from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

You are the Good Samaritan, part of a family where we believe in the dignity of every person, that each one of us is worthy and deserving of care and respect. When others turn away from those in need, you turn toward them. While there is still suffering among our neighbors, our work is to provide comfort through charity.

Because of the collective hard work and dedication of our staff, board members, and volunteers, people were positively impacted by the vast array of care provided throughout the Archdiocese. Many of these charitable works and services are made possible through the gifts of donors, like you, who support Catholic Charities staff as they serve every stage of life, helping our sisters and brothers to realize their great dignity as daughters and sons of God, made in His image and likeness.

l invite you to page through, read the stories of your neighbors, and see your compassion at work in each person's life. Thank you for serving with us, for those who need you most.

Blessings,

Danih J. Bethuram

David J. Bethuram Executive Director Secretariat for Catholic Charities





2022–2023 Fiscal Year in Review



*these numbers reflect individuals that have received one or more services.

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 1,700 people in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This number is included 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 2022-2023 fiscal year, Disaster Response served 2,132 individuals who were affected by floods and tornadoes in Indiana. This number is included in the Secretariat service count.



Success Stories

Becky's Place

When Miss K was forced to leave her home, she called Becky's Place. She was distressed when she arrived and staff spent time with her, calmed her down, and showed her a ray of hope and new possibilities. Miss K was initially afraid to let people get close. She settled in and learned new life skills like budgeting, cooking, and cleaning. She worked on developing her social and communication skills and her case manager helped her to communicate more effectively.

During her time at Becky's Place, Miss K found employment, earned her drivers permit, and was accepted to college majoring in arts and business. She hopes to begin selling some of her artwork online. She has moved into a new apartment and is currently working the aftercare program which offers her continued resources and support.

Bloomington

Bria* came to Catholic Charities struggling with grief and loss from the traumatic deaths of her pets. She was also coping with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and experiencing severe anxiety symptoms. Bria had sensory sensitivity and intrusive thoughts that caused panic attacks and made mundane tasks such as laundry or a trip to the grocery store almost unbearable.

Working with her CCB therapist, Bria was able to face and process her grief through words and artwork. Bria overcame most of her sensory sensitivity and started working a part time job. Bria identified a career she wants to pursue and is working towards it by taking classes while she finishes high school.

Bria is proud of how far she has come. She has a vision for her future, and truly believes she is worthy of good things. Bria is no longer afraid to ask for what she needs and work for what she wants. She has learned healthy coping skills, how to regulate her nervous system to feel calmer, and how to trust her own intuition.

Indianapolis

Marta, a mother of four, embarked on a remarkable journey of transformation when she sought refuge at Holy Family Shelter. Her harrowing story began when she, along with her four children, had to flee a dangerous family environment after a family member, with whom Marta and her children were staying, assaulted three of her children. With the guidance of a school social worker, Marta found a lifeline in our shelter.

During her stay, she embraced community resources and collaborated closely with her dedicated case manager. Together, they navigated the bureaucratic maze to secure essential documentation for her family and devised a budget to overcome transportation barriers that had hindered her progress. Through hard work she was able to purchase a vehicle! This newfound mobility opened doors, leading to a well-deserved job promotion. Simultaneously, Marta and her children sought essential mental health services, paving the way for their emotional healing and resilience.

Today, Marta and her children have moved into stable, secure housing, marking a new chapter in their lives filled with hope, opportunity, and a brighter future.

*Name changed for privacy







Success Stories



New Albany

"Excitement" cannot begin to describe the sensation Dorcas has about her new title –



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

Homeowner. She and her two young sons came to the St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter when they had nowhere else to go. They have now moved into a finished Habitat Home built with help from St. Elizabeth staff. Dorcas worked hard to build a better life for her family. They moved from the shelter to St. Elizabeth's Affordable Supportive Housing (ASH) units, dreaming of the day when they could have a place of their own. She heard about Habitat for Humanity through community events and began volunteering with Habitat herself.

Being a single mom has been a struggle and she feels very grateful for the help she has received from St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities. Dorcas is special to St. Elizabeth and staff was thrilled to be able to help her build her dreams in real time with her Habitat Home. Through all her trials, Dorcas credits her success as well as her association with St. Elizabeth to her faith.

Tell City

Molly* and her family were going through a difficult time. It was taking all they could do just to keep the lights on and food on the table. They did not have enough winter clothing and did not

know how they were going to get through the winter. Thankfully, Catholic Charities

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Tell City came to their aid. Catholic Charities Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All was able to provide everyone in Molly's family with a winter coat, hat, and gloves as part of the Winter Coat Giveaway. Molly was so excited about her new coat, hat, and gloves that she put everything on and modeled it right there. Molly and her family are so grateful that they will be able to keep warm during the cold months.

Terre Haute

Amy became the guardian of her niece and nephew when their mother was unable to care for them. Amy was referred to Ryves Youth

Center by Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and started bringing the children to the youth programming. During this



time, Amy became homeless. She and the children had been living in their van and sleeping at friends' houses when the weather was bad. The Department of Child Services met with Amy at Ryves and told her that she needed to find stable housing within a week, or the children would be placed in foster care. Catholic Charities staff collaborated and soon Amy and the children found safety and security at Bethany House.

While residing at Bethany House, Amy learned to budget her money and eventually was able to secure new housing. Amy's family now has their own apartment. The children have been working with the educational volunteers at the Youth Center and have shown improvement in their grades. The children also participate in the TIME for Me mentoring program. Amy's resilience during a season of uncertainty is a testament to the importance of community support.

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