



The law of love

“Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

– Luke 6:20 – 23

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Annual Report



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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Dear Friends,

Here at Catholic Charities, The Beatitudes provide clear direction for the services we provide. To quote Catholic Charities USA, “The Beatitudes establish the perspective by which we organize and structure Catholic Charities: we are called to reflect the kingdom of God in our operations, policies, and actions.” This single objective sets us apart from other social-service organizations, and defines our purpose as well as our programming.

And so we must thank you for your support this year. Without your contributions, we would never be able to fulfill the clear and straightforward commands of Jesus to serve those around us in His name. With your help, we have been able to offer programs that fulfill Jesus’ instructions and—in many cases—serve populations that would otherwise go unreached in several counties across our diocese.

Of course, we know that not all are called to serve or work in these types of ministries. That’s why we’re here, to provide the vessel for living out the Gospel imperative to serve the poor, oppressed, vulnerable, and hungry. Catholic Charities provides the actual services, but we need our supporters to do their part through prayer, financial gifts, volunteer services, or becoming a goodwill ambassador for us.

Catholic Charities USA puts it this way: “Through The Beatitudes and the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches that responding to suffering people is not simply a matter of following prescribed laws and rules; it is about embracing the Law of Love.”

Please join us with your renewed support as we continue to live by this law of love in the coming year. And, again, many thanks for all your support this past year.

God bless.

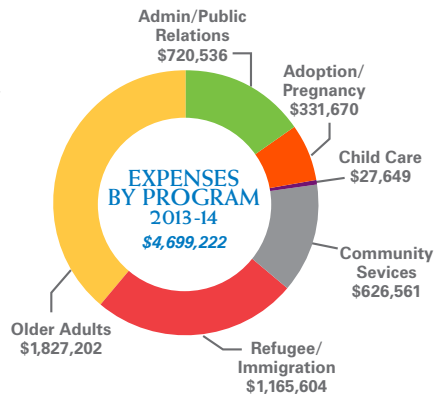
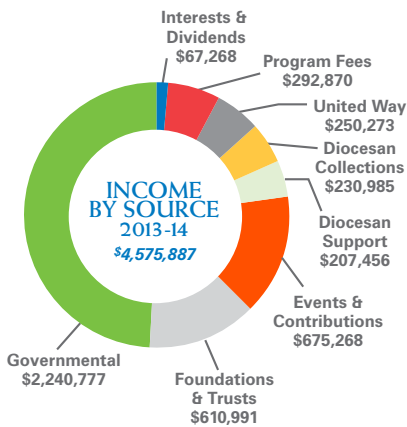
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gloria".

Gloria Whitcraft
Executive Director



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PLEASE NOTE: During fiscal year 2014-2015, we are apportioning our various administrative costs to the actual programs they support, rather than assigning them to our executive-office cost center, which had been the practice heretofore. This new method will show that the majority of our administrative costs enable our direct service to Catholic Charities clients, whereas one could infer from the chart above that the agency spends a disproportionate number of dollars on general administration, which is not, and never has been, the case. Next year's report will reflect this new approach.

By the Numbers | From July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014

Allen County

Adoption and pregnancy

Placement, connections, and general services for families interested in adoption. Forty family home studies were completed during the fiscal year.

ECHO (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity)

To help pregnant and parenting teens and younger adults complete their education. Forty-one students (with 40 children involved) received services. Seven of eight clients scheduled to graduate received diplomas or GEDs.

Hispanic Health Advocate

Spanish speakers (111 adults and 87 children) received interpretation and translation services for 524 medical appointments.

Immigration

There were 352 immigration consultations and 384 immigration applications filed, among which 307 applications were approved by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Sixty-five attended citizenship classes, and 223 received translation services.

Indiana Hardest Hit/HoosierCorps Program

For those who are unemployed through no fault of their own, in need of mortgage assistance, and choose volunteer service as their activity component. Thirty-eight clients served at 58 registered host sites.

Refugee Resettlement—all programs

A total of 215 refugees received reception and placement services, 63 refugees and asylees received job training through the Match Grant Program, and 522 refugees and asylees received job development services. A total of 112 refugees received ongoing case management. Homework Help assisted 175 students, and 220 refugees received screening services through the Department of Health.

Resource and Referral

A total of 241 families received limited case management and financial assistance. A total of 726 were served (separating food, utilities, etc.).

Senior AIDES

Job training for low-income adults 55 and older. Fifty people received job training at 31 host sites.

Villa of the Woods Residential Community

Sixteen residents received services; 4,530 days of care were provided.

St. Joseph and other counties

Adoption and pregnancy

Accomplished were one infant adoptive placement, 10 family home studies, counseling for four birthparents, and search and reunion services for 10 people.

ECHO

Forty-seven students (22 children involved) received services; 20 of 22 scheduled to graduate received diplomas or GEDs.

Indiana Hardest Hit/HoosierCorps Program

There were 46 participants at 24 host sites in St. Joseph County and 28 participants at 46 host sites in other counties.

Senior AIDES

Twenty-five participants received job training at 31 host sites in St. Joseph County, and 53 people received job training at 30 sites in outlying counties.

South Bend Food Pantry

Served were 3,637 households (932 new). A total of 12,958 individuals were served, and 72,740 pounds of food were distributed.

DeKalb and other county programs

RSVP Community Center of Caring Food Pantry

Served were 5,249 families (428 new) representing 20,166 individuals (1,502 new). A total of 219,324 pounds of food was distributed.

RSVP Mentoring

Mentors are matched with at-risk children ages 9 to 17. Six matches have been made.

RSVP of St Joseph and Elkhart Counties

There were 461 senior volunteers at 48 stations, providing 73,238 volunteer hours.

RSVP of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben Counties

There were 266 senior volunteers at 37 stations, providing 60,600 volunteer hours. Included were 1,010 tax returns filed through the VITA program, the distribution of 629 backpacks filled with school supplies, 307 children screened for Amblyopia (lazy eye), and 1,362 individuals receiving winter clothing during Share the Warmth.

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Thank you to all who gave from May 1 through August 31, 2014.

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Local bank supports Auburn food pantry



'It's a good thing to give'



"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God."

These words written by Paul the Apostle in 2 Corinthians 9:11 speak to the how our lives are enhanced by our generosity, and that's central to why Catholic Charities needs your help in bringing a measure of Christmas cheer to families in need. Please consider becoming a sponsor, whether as an individual, family, business, or other organization.

"Our Christmas Program is made possible by people with big hearts," says Lisa Young, Catholic Charities assistant director. "It doesn't take a lot to make a real difference at Christmas for these families. They really appreciate everything that's done for them."

Sponsors provide a variety of things: toys for the kids, clothing for adults and children, gift cards, and cash. Members of the Catholic Charities staff tell sponsors what their families desire, and many sponsors shop for the items themselves.

It's required that families in the Christmas Program be clients of Catholic Charities. In 2013, sponsors helped 27 families in the Fort Wayne area. In South Bend, sponsors assisted 55 families and 20 seniors.

"We've been very fortunate to have so many sponsors step forward, but we can always use more," says Barbara Burlingham, who leads the Christmas Program effort in South Bend.

"It's a good thing to give—to have a giving heart and compassion for those less fortunate," Lisa says. "And sponsoring a family in our Christmas Program aligns perfectly with Catholic Charities mission of 'serving those in need as Christ would have us do.'"

To be a sponsor in the Fort Wayne area, please contact Lisa at (260) 422-5625, ext. 283, or lyoung@ccfwsb.org, or Theresa McGuire at (260) 422-5625, ext. 283, or tmcguire@ccfwsb.org. In South Bend, contact Barbara at (574) 234-3111, ext. 31, or bburlingham@ccfwsb.org.

Many thanks to Peoples Federal Savings Bank Charitable Trust for its recent donation, enabling us to replace a commercial freezer that had stopped working at Catholic Charities' RSVP Community Center of Caring food pantry in Auburn.

"Several of the board members at People's Federal Savings Bank Charitable Trust are familiar with RSVP and the work that we do," says Terri Pfenning, RSVP volunteer coordinator, "including one board member

who actually presented the idea of starting a food pantry at the community center in the first place."

Gloria Whitcraft, Catholic Charities executive director, agrees. "Our Auburn RSVP Community Center of Caring is such a lively place," she says. "We're so thankful for all of the community support we receive. This gift in particular will help us maintain services to so many in the community."

Maury Winkler, bank president, presents funds toward the purchase of a commercial freezer to Catholic Charities Executive Director, Gloria Whitcraft.

From left are Terri Pfenning of RSVP, Maury Winkler, Gloria Whitcraft, and Shirley Johnson of RSVP. Photo courtesy of KPC Media Group.

Classic Car Quilt fetches \$4,100

RSVP's 29th Annual Classic Car Quilt was sold for \$4,100 during the Worldwide Auction at the National Auto & Truck Museum, part of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival in Auburn on August 30.

The winning bid was placed by Joyce and Larry Clairmont of Clairmont Collections in Chicago. The quilt will be displayed at Clairmont Collections, which features a large array of classic and vintage autos.

The quilt, titled "Duesy Drive-in," was created by RSVP quilters Louise Kessler, Shirley Votaw, Jan Hartman, Ann Kelham, Mary Lou Pfenning, Dorothy Lucas, Marsha Rosenbalm, Sue Teegardin, Diana Wiedenhoef, Shirley Johnson, and Patti Sheppard.



Pictured with RSVP's 29th Annual Classic Car Quilt are, from the left, Joyce Clairmont, Larry Clairmont, Ann Kelham, Dorothy Lucas, and Shirley Johnson.

WISH LIST

Fort Wayne

Family Services (May be dropped off at Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 South Clinton Street): New car seats, Pack 'n Plays, diapers, antibacterial wipes (like Wet Ones), and formula.

Resource and Referral (May be dropped off at Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 South Clinton Street): Diapers (especially larger sizes), antibacterial wipes (like Wet Ones), formula, household cleaning supplies, personal-hygiene products, bus passes, financial donations for assisting clients with rent, utilities, deposits, and food.

South Bend (May be dropped off at 1817 Miami Street): Nonperishable food, disposable diapers and new baby items, laundry detergent, personal-care items (shampoo, feminine products, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.), school supplies, new toys or children's clothing, yarn, quilt batting and fabric, and gently used plastic or cloth grocery bags.

RSVP Auburn (May be dropped off at 109 West 5th Street): Nonperishable food items, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, dish soap, plastic and paper bags for the food pantry, thread, fabric, and yarn.



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