CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2017-2018
As we look ahead to Spring, I am pleased to offer you this annual report for Catholic Charities’ last fiscal year ending in 2018. Much can happen in a year, and I hope you’ll see in this report more than just the financial numbers, or the people served in a particular way by Catholic Charities. I hope you’ll see that behind each of those numbers are real people who came to Catholic Charities in their time of need. And likewise, behind the financial numbers of revenues and donations, are people and organizations that support Catholic Charities because they believe in our mission of helping all people regardless of race, creed, or lifestyle.

Vincent W. Colombo

I am pleased to note that we finished the year in a positive financial position, and that the fundraising of the Campaign for Catholic Charities helped fuel program expansion in the areas of Housing, No Wrong Door, Emergency Assistance, and more. I thank each and every donor and supporter, and each one of our staff, board members, and volunteers, who make the collective effort to help over 77,000 people possible!

With much appreciation,

Vincent W. Colombo
CEO, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany

My first year in serving as President of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees has been a very good one. I have always thought it was an honor to be a part of the board of this organization, which is one of the best in our area at helping those who are in need. The last few years as I’ve taken on more leadership roles I see just how much the staff and volunteers are dedicated to the Catholic Charities mission. It is motivating and humbling, and I know I speak for all of the Board of Trustees when I say that we are inspired by the examples of those who volunteer and work on the front lines.

Catholic Charities has always been focused on offering service and help with compassion, making sure that people have food in their cupboards, heat in their homes, and a caring advocate should they need one. With the dedication of the staff and strong mission-focus of the organization, that’s what we will always do. Thank you for your part in making that mission a reality for the people who find themselves in need of Catholic Charities’ help and expertise. It truly is a community effort.

Kenneth M. Raymond, Jr.
President, Board of Trustees
MISSION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY

Catholic Charities, a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Albany, is committed to active witness on behalf of the Scriptural values of mercy and justice.

Catholic Charities, recognizing human need at all stages of life, responds to all persons regardless of race, creed, or lifestyle, with special emphasis on the economically poor and the vulnerable.

Catholic Charities serves and empowers persons in need, advocates for a just society, calls forth and collaborates with women and men of good will in fulfillment of its mission.

Service Area

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany provides services in 14 counties across New York State. Programs and services are delivered to the poor and vulnerable through Catholic Charities’ twelve agencies:

- Care Coordination Services
- Columbia and Greene Counties
- Community Maternity Services
- Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties
- Disabilities Services
- Fulton and Montgomery Counties
- Herkimer County
- Housing
- Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties
- Senior and Caregiver Support Services
- Tri-County Services
- United Tenants
Services Provided

Counseling & Mental Health  2,043
Adolescent Pregnancy & Parenting  149
Adoption Services  14
Immigration Services  242
Education & Enrichment Services  1,559
Substance Abuse Prevention  30,104
Asset Development Services  1,008
Youth Programs, Enrichment & Mentoring  3,906
Transportation  524
Employment – Training & Job Prep  106
Case Management / Service Coordination  5,097
Court Related (dispute resolution/mediation/community service)  2,031
Kinship Care, Child Care Resources, Day Care  320
Elder Care, Respite, Adult Day Care  395
Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance  3,730
Health Related Services  1,157
Domestic Violence Services  1,428
Family Preservation / Reunification  577
Crime Victims  124

Food Services
Congregate Meal Sites  1,100
Food Pantries & Extra Helpings  15,002
Food Stamp Advocacy & WIC  9,206
Homebound Meals  322
Soup Kitchens  1,191
Housing Advocacy & Assistance  6,137

Housing Facilities
Residence (all types of supervised living, foster home, host home)  151
Community Home for the Dying  25
Shelter – Short Term (Emergency)  793
Shelter – Domestic Violence  249
SRO’s  261
Family Apartments  313
Senior Housing  881
Emergency Assistance  17,865
Relief / Disaster Service  40
Habilitation  281
Prison / Jail Support Services  1,056
Total  109,387

Unduplicated Persons Served  77,894
Children (<18)  33,225
Adults Served (18-64)  39,095
Seniors (64+)  5,574
Financial Report
July 2017- June 2018

Revenue
- Government Funding: 78%
- Bequests, Contributions & Other Sources: 14%
- Program Service Revenue: 6%
- Diocesan Support: 2%
- Miscellaneous: <1%

Expenses
- Services for the Disabled: 30%
- Maternity and Family Services: 16%
- Management and General: 11%
- Youth Services: 7%
- Senior Services: 5%
- Behavioral Health Services: 5%
- Emergency Shelters & Permanent Housing: 6%
- Domestic Violence: 6%
- Community Outreach and Support: 6%
- AIDS/HIV/Chronic Disease Services: 5%
- Fundraising: 5%
- Other Programs: 2%

Total Revenue: $44,587,295
Total Expenses: $43,843,960

“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat
I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink
I was a stranger, and you invited Me in.”

Matthew 25:35

*Revenue surplus for 2017-2018 is primarily due to the campaign for Catholic Charities, which will be offset by expenses in the coming years as the campaign priorities are made operational.
BECAUSE OF DONORS LIKE YOU, Catholic Charities is able to provide compassionate, personalized care to all our neighbors who come to our door in their time of need. We offer support, wherever and however it is needed. When you make a gift, you are reaching out a loving hand to a mother, a father, a child, a veteran, a senior, a friend. Your donations allow us to offer warm and nutritious meals, a place to lay one’s head, safety from a violent household, counsel to a grieving heart, and so much more. You are with us helping a neighbor get his life back after losing his home to a fire and in our offices assisting an immigrant family applying for citizenship. By helping us to meet our mission, you help the whole community of our diocese. Thank you for your kindness and for your generous support of the work we do at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany.

WHAT YOUR GIFT MEANS to our clients, families and communities:

- $1,000 feeds a family of 4 for one month
- $800 sends two underserved children to Camp Scully’s weekly overnight camp
- $500 fuels one week’s delivery of 1,750 Meals on Wheels
- $250 buys household goods for a vet transitioning to permanent housing
- $100 pays 4 co-pays for the chronically ill
- $50 creates two personal care kits for women at a domestic violence shelter

GET INVOLVED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Volunteer  
Take a Tour  
Become a Community Sustainer

In 2017, we created the monthly giving program, Community Sustainers. Join a compassionate community of donors who are committed to giving every month until the day everyone has a warm meal, safe shelter, access to health services, and the dignity they deserve. Your sustaining support not only provides us with stability but also sends an empowering message of hope to the people we help.

Contact Catholic Charities Development Office at cc.development@ccrcda.org or (518) 453-6650 for more information on how to get involved.
In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.

Pope Francis

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Catholic Charities Helps Expecting Teens

Maria Murphy had a lot to look forward to as she entered high school. Finding herself pregnant in freshman year, however, was unplanned and unexpected. She hid her pregnancy for as long as she could, not even confiding in her parents about what she was going through. When she inevitably started showing 6 months into her pregnancy, her guidance counselor referred her to Catholic Charities Community Maternity Services.

Initially, Maria was hesitant to accept outside help, but Catholic Charities was there when she needed it. Dahlia, a caseworker for Community Maternity Services, met with Maria during her lunch breaks, working around her schedule, and helped Maria get the medical and personal attention she needed.

“I actually enjoyed and looked forward to her visits tremendously, because she was very caring and very nurturing,” said Maria of her time with Dahlia. “She helped me stay in school; she brought me to appointments to get the medical care I needed.”

Maria’s parents refused to help, leaving her to face her pregnancy on her own. Dahlia knew it was important for Maria to have a strong support system and ultimately introduced Maria to her foster mom, Dawn.

“It was scary, the idea of a foster home and being pregnant,” Maria recalled of meeting her foster mom for the first time. “It was difficult reaching out to my father and saying this is what I really need. He actually supported the idea in the end. I have stayed in a relationship with Dawn to this day – my children call her grandma, and I call her mom.”

The summer before her sophomore year, at the age of 15, Maria gave birth to her first son Bobby. With the help of Catholic Charities Community Maternity Services, she kept her child, stayed in high school, and graduated. Today, she is proud of her son – who has become a successful chef – and her family (she has raised three more children since). Maria credits Community Maternity Services with helping her through one of the most challenging times in her life.

“It was a very important and very instrumental thing in my life. I have a nice family, children. I am really very thankful and appreciative for the opportunities Catholic Charities provided.”

“I just think it’s super important that people have support. I know that there are more moms like me that need that chance.”

Catholic Charities Community Maternity Services has been providing comprehensive support and case management services to pregnant and parenting adolescents since 1971. These pro-life programs help each mother have a healthy pregnancy and healthy birth and offer the support necessary for the mother to choose whether to parent or make an adoption plan for her infant.