

When I was in trouble
I called the Lord,
and he sent
you.



Catholic Charities
PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

C A T H O L I C C H A R I T I E S
2 0 0 9 A N N U A L R E P O R T

Dear Friends,

These are very troubling times, and we are so grateful that you answered our call for help in serving those in need.

In 2008-09 we saw lots of change and increased demand for services like we have never seen before. We served more children in foster care, helped more seniors who were victims of elder abuse and neglect, and provided housing to 16% more families. In some areas we even helped twice as many people as we did the year before with basic needs like rent and mortgage assistance, or food. What's amazing is that we did it with incredibly limited resources. What we did have was faith. And you were there right by our side.

As we continue to struggle through challenging times, don't leave us. Yours is the hand that feeds the hungry and comforts the lonely. Your heart is the one that loves a child who has been abused. And your hugs are the ones that comfort the homeless on a cold winter night.

The Lord is here with us, and we're so thankful that you are too.

God's Blessings,



Kathleen McGowan
Executive Director

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again, I wish to thank you for your financial support of Catholic Charities. Please review the enclosed financial statements and be assured that Catholic Charities' staff and Board of Directors carefully consider how best to use your generous donations.

This year's theme, "Helping us do God's work in a time of need," is especially pertinent to the financial struggles that so many are facing. Catholic Charities of Joliet has always been at the forefront of helping those most in need, especially children.

As you can see from the enclosed financial statements, the people who financially support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet are very generous. Those generous gifts to Catholic Charities made it possible for the dedicated staff and volunteers again this year to serve nearly 60,000 people in our Diocese. The work done by Catholic Charities is truly a ministry. I thank each of you for your prayers and support.

Please know that you and all friends of Catholic Charities are in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

STATEMENT

SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For the Year Ending June 30, 2009 with Comparative Totals for 2008



The above statement was prepared by management of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, Inc. based on the audit. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009 were audited by the certified public accounting firm of Wolf & Company and they expressed an unqualified opinion. A copy of the audit is available for review at the Administrative Offices of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, Inc.

*Always trusting
in the kindness of
His love and in
the compassion
of His servants.*

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	TOTAL 2009	TOTAL 2008
Individual and Organization Contributions	\$588,965	\$514,508
In-Kind Contributions	879,281	1,025,074
Foundation Contributions	432,196	331,894
Special Events	532,889	608,016
Bequests	217,583	554,890
United Way	668,006	635,517
Diocese of Joliet	1,200,000	1,171,925
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services	3,684,423	3,297,188
Illinois Department of Human Services	1,419,531	1,357,805
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	2,197,849	2,230,554
DuPage County CDBG/ESG/CSBG	162,983	143,989
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	445,489	181,697
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	93,750	56,344
Northeastern and East Central Illinois Area Agencies on Aging	263,821	294,720
Illinois Department on Aging	455,106	449,842
US Corporation for National Service	543,664	615,297
Townships	28,000	25,000
US Department of Health and Human Services	5,682,741	5,588,589
US Department of Agriculture	408,463	373,747
US Catholic Conference of Bishops	0	14,705
Illinois State Board of Education	206,726	201,643
IL Violence Prevention Association	38,920	40,000
Program Fees	617,976	607,887
Rental Income and Parking Lot Fees	64,845	20,458
Interest	29,323	102,310
Miscellaneous	16,810	10,899
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$20,879,340	\$20,454,498

EXPENSES

Program Services		
Children's Services	4,008,763	3,501,612
Community Services	4,988,941	4,954,027
Counseling Services	492,701	444,988
Early Childhood Services	7,940,486	7,860,282
Senior Services	1,840,359	1,861,281
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$19,271,250	\$18,622,190
Supporting Services		
General Administration	1,620,882	1,451,478
Rental Properties	86,955	68,929
Fundraising	381,913	384,245
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$2,089,750	\$1,904,652
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,361,000	\$20,526,842
Change in net assets from operations	(\$481,660)	(\$72,344)
Other changes:		
Endowment Revenue	\$39,923	\$1,576,324
Net support and revenue over (under) expenses	(\$441,737)	\$1,503,980

A T I M E O F N E E D



Lynn had no memory of her life before she slipped into a coma. When she awoke four months later she could not remember her family or friends, her life as a flight attendant and a teacher, or that she earned a Masters Degree in English with a minor in Speech. She couldn't even speak, and the doctors never thought she'd live. That's when Catholic Charities stepped in. We helped Lynn find an affordable apartment, and a homemaker to help her with daily living five days a week. We arranged to have a Senior Companion visit her regularly, and our Money Management Program helped her pay bills, keep track of financial matters, and maintain a budget. Lynn has learned to walk and talk again, but most importantly, she is on her way to becoming independent. Catholic Charities was there for her when she had nowhere to turn.

"Catholic Charities saved my life and they are there for me everyday!" - Lynn

It is often in the most trying times that we clearly see God's hand at work through others. Know that He is there to help.

After her mother's death and her own painful divorce, Susan was shattered. And when she received an eviction notice from her landlord, she knew it was time for a change. Because of her limited financial resources, she and her children moved in with her father, but when that didn't work out she found hope and help with Catholic Charities' Transitional Housing Program. Susan and her children flourished for two years in the program. We helped her with budgeting, accessing resources, and finding medical services. She got a job, works hard, and recently moved into her own home.

"I look forward to stability for my family. Catholic Charities has helped me learn to manage my life and my children. It has been a long journey, but I am looking forward to the future." -Susan



H E L P U S D O G O D ' S W O R K

CHILDREN

- We provided loving care for 446 children in foster care, an increase of 15% compared to last year.
- We found loving and supportive homes for 41 children.
- 26 women and their family members were supported and counseled through our Maternity Services Program for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. These women chose life, and a total of six infants were placed for private adoption.
- Over 800 children and their low-income families benefitted from Head Start and early childhood services.
- Through the Expectant Mothers Program in the Early Childhood Services Division, 29 low-income women received services focused on helping them give birth to healthy babies.
- Nearly 6,000 children had fun at the annual Back to School Fairs where they also received free school supplies, physicals, immunizations, dental exams, haircuts and more!
- Because no child should ever experience hunger, over 226,000 meals were provided to children in Catholic Charities' programs.

FAMILIES

- Over 8,000 persons received rent or mortgage assistance, utilities or other basic needs such as food and clothing. In Will County, we witnessed a 105% increase in the number of people we helped. In rural Ford and Iroquois Counties, an 18% increase was identified.
- Over 16,000 calls for help were answered by caring staff working to meet the needs of the caller.
- Daybreak Center, the largest homeless shelter in Will County, witnessed a 13% increase in the number of residents compared to last year.
- Community Services in DuPage County served 99 homeless and at-risk families in scattered community settings, which reflects a 16% increase from the last year.
- Early Childhood Services held another successful Fatherhood Conference where nearly 150 male attendees learned how to be more effectively involved in the lives of their children.
- Catholic Charities continued to coordinate the Expectant Mothers at Risk Group in DuPage County developing a comprehensive variety of resources for pregnant women at risk of homelessness.
- Shepherd's Table, the soup kitchen located in Joliet, served a warm and nutritious meal to nearly 25,000 hungry people.

SENIORS

- Over 7,100 low-income seniors found help and support through one of many senior programs at Catholic Charities – a 9% increase over last year.
- Over 3,000 seniors and their families received help in developing a care plan to maximize the senior's independence.
- We helped 150 seniors who were victims of elder abuse or neglect – a 14% increase over last year. Catholic Charities also became the Elder Abuse and Neglect provider for Grundy County.
- The Information and Assistance Program for seniors in Kankakee County helped nearly 2,500 seniors learn about health care and other benefits available to them.
- The Money Management Program grew again and volunteers provided budgeting assistance and basic money management tasks to 51 low-income seniors.
- Through Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program, Foster Grandparent Program, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program over 750 seniors donated their time and talents to help in daycare centers, schools, with homebound seniors, and in community agencies and hospitals.

A personal invitation . . .

We have so much good news to share! We invite you to learn more about who we are and what we do. Catholic Charities can provide speakers for group meetings or meet with you on an individual basis to share the good news.

There are many ways you can support the good works of Catholic Charities. For information on estate planning, bequests, making a donation, or scheduling time to learn more about Catholic Charities, call Lorri Nagle at 815-723-3405.

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