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A WORD FROM THE ED

Last year, we assisted 9100 unique individuals. Some we connected with once; others we served through an on-going relationship, typically with an array of services.



It is hard for me to believe that I have been at Catholic Charities of Tennessee for nearly a year. I feel so blessed to have experienced the full cycle of seasons.

Indeed, I already feel very much at home here in the Nashville area. Every day still provides me with an opportunity — or two or three — to learn about Middle Tennessee and the people who call this area home. There is truly so much to see and do here and, yes, the people are wonderful!

With all that is amazing about our region, it saddens me when some of what I learn about my new home has to do with the numerous challenges that many of our neighbors face on a daily basis.

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Notwithstanding all of the growth and "new" we see throughout Middle Tennessee, our community still has to deal with poverty and its many root causes.

Our region still has homelessness, especially family homelessness, lack of transportation, and affordable housing as issues to address. Our region still has hunger and lack of basic reading, writing, and financial literacy skills as issues to address. And, let us not forget joblessness.

Our communities still have seniors and the youngest of our young who need our help to make it from today to tomorrow. What once were thought to be simple daily challenges are becoming so much more difficult for people of all ages to juggle, balance, and work through.

Simply put, growth here in Middle Tennessee, as wonderful as it is in so many ways, has laid bare a new face on many old concerns.

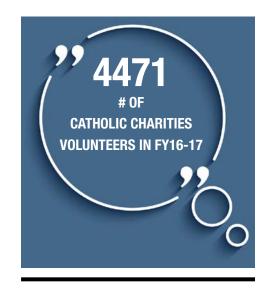
Each and every day at Catholic Charities, we work very hard to chip away at these...one client at a time, one family at a time, one household at a time.

People often come to us as a last resort for a particular need. With a bit of preliminary conversation, we frequently find that one need has a long trail of other needs following close behind, and they are usually related.

Last year, we assisted 9100 unique individuals. Some we connected with once; others we served through an on-going relationship, typically with an array of services. On average, we assisted these 9100 individuals nearly 8 times, for more than 70,000 service occasions for the year.

What you will read in these pages is a small glimpse of what we deal with daily. You will learn of ways, primarily through case management and counseling support, how we assist our neighbors-in-need in making adjustments to their lives, adjustments which, for many, will lead to personal and fiscal self-sufficiency.

Welcome! Come read our story.



LIVING AT HOME WINS GRANT

Living at Home, serving seniors striving to age in place, was awarded a grant by the West End Home Foundation for calendar year 2018. The grant will allow the program to expand its staff by adding a homemaker. As a result of this grant, we will be able to increase the number of clients served, while concurrently enhancing the level of service provided.



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Counseling: A Personal Approach to Change

Serving people of all faiths.

Catholic Charities has a long history of providing counseling to individuals, couples, and families addressing concerns such as anxiety, depression, grief, and relationship challenges.

Counseling offers a safe place to focus on desired life changes, strengthening relationships with loved ones, and/or emotional growth and healing. Each session is customized to meet the client's unique needs.

Services are available to people of all faith traditions.

Counseling is offered at a number of Middle Tennessee locations: Catholic Pastoral Center (Donelson/Madison), St. Stephen (Old Hickory), St. Philip (Franklin), St. Rose of Lima (Murfreesboro), St. Henry (West Nashville/Bellevue), South Nashville Family Resource Center, McGruder Family Resource Center (North Nashville).

Fees are on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay, to ensure that counseling is available for all who need access to it.

Spanish-speaking counseling is available at the Catholic Pastoral Center and South Nashville Family Resource Center.

Our counselors also serve diocesan schools: St. Patrick (McEwen), St. Ann (West Nashville), St. Pius X (Bordeaux), St. Henry (West Nashville/Bellevue), St. Joseph (Madison), St. Edward (South Nashville), Immaculate Conception (Clarksville), St. Rose of Lima (Murfreesboro) and Holy Rosary Academy (Donelson).

To schedule an appointment with a counselor, CALL 615-352-3087.

JOB TRAINING

Engaged Employers Enhance Workforce Development

Industry-inspired training leads to career paths.

It's no secret that our region's economy has changed in many significant, mostly positive, ways.

For many who come to us for help, though, the fruits of that growth are often not reachable.

To change that in a meaningful way, Catholic Charities, representatives of local industries in critical need of good, reliable, long-term employees, and other partners, joined forces to formulate a new approach to job training and placement.

The new workforce development initiative offers industry-inspired training programs specifically designed to lead to career paths that can help transition families out of poverty.

Opportunities in health care, hospitality/lodging, food service, and fashion/apparel manufacturing are all being addressed.

The effort is so much more than simply connecting clients with employers trying to fill hard-to-fill, low paying jobs, explained Pamela Russo, executive director.

"Our neighbors here in North Nashville are eager for opportunities that will improve the well-being of each person in their family," said Alisha Haddock, McGruder Family Resource Center (FRC) director. "Our heart and soul has gone into bringing the right industry partners to the table."

Four tracks are offered:

- Certified Nursing Assistant Training (at Metro General Hospital)
- Sewing Training Academy (at McGruder FRC)
- Hands on Hospitality/Lodging Training (at Mc-Gruder FBC)
- Kitchen Support Training (at Loaves and Fishes)

"This program is not just for one group of clients, though," Russo added. "It is for all of our clients, anyone who may have an inclination towards the work opportunities being provided." Refugees being



resettled by Catholic Charities are also potential client/trainees.

"Within Catholic Charities, we have been able to pull from a wealth of knowledge in working with many populations in our community wanting to work, but challenged in trying to do so," continued Anthony Agosti, employment coordinator.

"Our new workforce development initiative has truly benefited from agency-wide partnerships, in a variety of locations, all with a history of connecting clients with employers." The program will directly and indirectly impact nearly 600 people in the first full year.

Ironically, the 2-year old Sewing Training Academy (STA), one of the tracks, was an early model for the initiative, given its work with the Nashville Fashion Alliance, local fashion designers, and area manufacturers.

Trishawna Quincy, STA instructor/coordinator, knows how meaningful this program can be. She has seen it work.

"I get to see my client/students come in with a general interest for sewing and see them graduate from the program with skills allowing them to move to full-time employment."

Meaningful employment for a parent can be the foundation for an entire family to achieve a level of sustainability that endures through life's challenges, while, collectively, moving the needle on poverty for entire communities.



ANNUAL REPORT







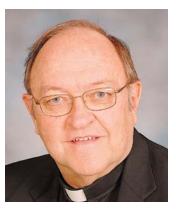








FR. MIKE JOHNSTON ADMINISTRATOR, DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE



As a pastor in Middle Tennessee for most of my ministry, I have had a general awareness of Catholic Charities of Tennessee's work with those most in need in our community.

However, until I assumed the responsibility of serving as

Administrator, I really did not know the full scope of services provided by Catholic Charities.

Every day of the week – even on a good number of Sundays I have learned – some part of the Catholic Charities team of staff and volunteers provides not only a listening ear, but

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guidance and assistance, whether material or otherwise, all in response to our Lord's call in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger...in other words, to give hope to those experiencing hopelessness.

Their actions, on behalf of all Catholics in Middle Tennessee, are truly a response to our charge to be present for those in need, regardless of their religious, racial, cultural backgrounds, nationality or ethnicity, or age.

All who come to Catholic Charities for help are respectfully served one way or another.

Catholic Charities of Tennessee is truly a jewel for our community. It is a blessing for all of us, but especially for our neighbors in need.

Welcome Bishop-elect Spalding! Thank you Fr. Mike!

As we were going to print, Pope Francis named Bishop-elect J. Mark Spalding as the 12th Bishop of Nashville. We look forward to serving with our new bishop. Concurrently, we want to recognize the support of Fr. Mike Johnston during his tenure as Administrator of the Diocese of Nashville. May God bless them both!

PAMELA RUSSO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF TENNESSEE

We find, on an ever-recurring basis, that an individual or family coming to us for assistance with one problem often is dealing with a host of others. It is never simple.

In reviewing past annual reports for our agency, there seems to be a generally consistent theme: change is a constant.

Catholic Charities of Tennessee in 1962, the year of our establishment, was very different from the agency of today, regardless of whether you are talking about budget size, clients served, or types of needs addressed.

In the first person, problems are always hard to deal with. On reflection, though, it seems that the issues our clients are dealing with today are extremely complex, a great deal more so than in the early 1960s. And, they seem to be multifaceted, too.

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As a result, although it appears that we provide the community with such a broad array of services – which we do – the reality is that our services are built on a fairly simple foundation consisting of two key elements, excellent case management skills and excellent counseling skills.



We apply these skills in a host of ways.

One thing that has not changed since the beginning, though, is the realization that without you – our supporters who help us do what we do in so many special ways – we would not be here for those who need us most.

On behalf of our staff and volunteers, who I am honored to serve beside, thank you! Your support, in its many forms, is truly a blessing for all of us, especially those we serve.

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DWAYNE DILLARD PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES (FY16-17)

Whether you share your time, your money, your interest in a particular issue of concern, your household furniture, or your prayers, you are helping Catholic Charities.



Prior to joining the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of Tennessee in July 2012, I tended to think of the agency and its work in terms of **them**.

My wife and I would make occasional donations to **them** to support **their** efforts. One or both of us

might volunteer for one of their programs.

Through my service on the Board, which ended with the end of fiscal year 2016-2017, I came to understand that Catholic Charities and the work that its staff and volunteers do with people in need in our community is anything but **them**.

Very clearly, as the social service arm of the

Diocese of Nashville, when Catholic Charities serves, everyone associated with Middle Tennessee's Catholic community is reaching out to help our neighbors in need.

Yes, Catholic Charities of Tennessee is **us!**Whether you share your time your money

Whether you share your time, your money, your interest in a particular issue of concern, your household furniture, or your prayers, you are helping Catholic Charities do what we are all called to do...take care of our neighbors. We are all in this together.

May God bless those who are served, and, of course, those who serve, as well.

"Yes, Catholic Charities of Tennessee IS us!."

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Financial Highlights

July 2016 - June 2017 Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc.

Income by Sources and Expenses by Use for FY 2016-2017 **Source**

State of Tennessee grants	\$730,906 3.7%
Service fees	
Bishop's Annual Appeal & other Diocesan grants	\$560,924 2.8%
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops grants	\$2,012,475 10.2%
Miscellaneous Program grants	\$608,128 3.1%
Office of Refugee Resettlement grants	\$11,082,778 56.2%
Metropolitan Government of Nashville grants	\$474,847 2.4%
Reimbursement of occupancy expenses	\$211,089 1.1%
Contributions and bequests	\$795,139 4.0%
United Way allocations and designations	\$658,244 3.3%
Other	\$40,481 0.2%
In-Kind Donations	\$790,292 4.0%
TOTAL	\$19,719,140 100.00%

Expenses

Administrative Services	\$32,744	0.2%
Auxiliary Services	\$426,007	2.1%
Fundraising	\$265,740	1.3%
Refugee & Immigration Services	\$4,108,546	20.7%
Pregnancy Counseling and Adoptions	\$1,677,681	8.4%
Basic Needs/Counseling/Job Training/Elder Care	\$3,363,107	16.9%
Tennessee Office for Refugees	\$10,009,546	50.3%

TOTAL	\$19,883,546	. 100.00%

Total Income	\$19,719,140
Total Expenses	(\$19,883,371)

Planned Use of Reserves (\$164,231)









Refugee & **Immigration Services** **Pregnancy Counseling** & Adoption Services

Family Homelessness

Job Training

Elder Care

Basic Needs

Counseling **Services**







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JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

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"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." — SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

ANNUAL REPORT



400 Refugee Services clients filled positions with **125+** different area employers **77%** of the positions offered benefits



414 refugees from 15 countries were welcomed last year by our Refugee Services staff.

DONATIONS MADE TO REMEMBER AND HONOR LOVED ONES

IN MEMORY OF

Gifts to Catholic Charities of Tennessee in memory of the following were received between November 1, 2016 and October 31, 2017.

Lives lost to abortion William W. Baird, Jr Moses Baldree Parents of Gita Banerjee **Bonnie Barnes** Mildred & Philip Barry Roberta Beneke Blankenship

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MIHOW Program Cited for Excellence

Catholic Charities of Tennessee's Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker (MIHOW) program was recently welcomed into the Stephanie A. Zembar MIHOW Circle of Excellence.

"Each year, a MIHOW program, such as MIHOW Henderson Settlement (Frakes, KY), or community partner, such as Catholic Charities, is selected to join the Circle of Excellence," explained Anais Riggs, South Nashville Family Resource Center director.

"The award is based on achieving or advancing

excellence in the Four Tenets of Stephanie A. Zembar, for whom the award was named."

The tenets, according to Riggs, are: Encouraging education, Promotion of a healthy lifestyle, Mentoring others, and Improving personally and professionally.

"This award says so much about the quality of the services we provide to our MIHOW clients, mothers and children alike, day in and day out," said Pamela Russo, agency executive director.

"We are honored to be a part of Vanderbilt's program. Being inducted to the Circle of Excellence just confirms what we have known for quite some time...Anais and her MIHOW team are the best!"

Catholic Charities' operates its program through a grant from Vanderbilt's School of Nursing.

MIHOW is a parent-to-parent intervention that targets economically disadvantaged and geographically and/or socially isolated families providing services from pregnancy to age 3.

The program is designed to improve health and child development among these familes, while promoting self-sufficiency. MIHOW employs parents from the local community as outreach workers and role models. They educate families about nutrition, child health, and development and positive parenting practices.

The outreach workers also provide links to medical and social services, as appropriate.

Family Empowerment: Providing Shelter, Encouraging Stability



"They actually come to us with a lot of strength and resources, mostly through experience and inner motivation, which allow for a better functioning relationship between the client family and the case manager."

For Catholic Charities Family Empowerment case managers working with families either experiencing homelessness or on the brink of doing so, there is no "typical" client.

"We see a lot of folks who have had one big event that causes them to be in a constant state of survival," explained Kim Demetrio, Housing Services supervisor.

"It is that one event that prevents the client and his or her family from getting back to stability."

Loss of job, serious illness, loss of a family member or other loved one, and leaving an unhealthy relationship are a few of the many possible causes that can result in a person or household experiencing homelessness.

More than 120 families experiencing homelessness have been housed since the program's inception three years ago. An additional 35 have had the prospect of homelessness through eviction removed.

Hitting rock bottom is not a requirement for case manager assistance.

"They actually come to us with a lot of strength and resources, mostly through experience and inner motivation, which allow for a better functioning relationship between the client family and the case manager," she said. "They just need a different support system, which we can usually provide."

Case managers don't follow a strict definition of

homelessness — which would mean that the client and his/her family are living on the streets — in determining if a client family can be served.

As a result, their caseload includes a good number of "doubled up" families, households sharing housing – typically an apartment or a small house – and having more people sleeping overnight than originally, or even perhaps legally, intended.

Although each case is different, the early process is fairly constant. It has three steps.

- In conversation between the client and the case manager, identify areas of need.
- Develop a plan to meet the needs.
- As appropriate, provide resource referrals, some within Catholic Charities and some with other local community partners (such as Safe Haven Family Shelter, Nashville Financial Empowerment Center, NeedLink Nashville, or 211 Tennessee, for example).

The goal is to get the household back on track starting with safe, stable, and affordable housing, accompanied by a good, executable financial plan which enhances the chance of household stability.





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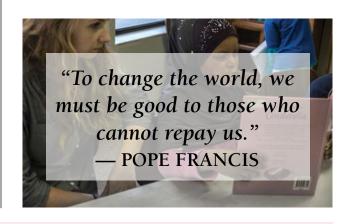
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Congratulations to

2017 Sister Andrea Vaughan, D.C. Spirit of Service Award Honoree





ANGEL SOCIETY: PROVIDING HOPE



In the math world, it's called the transitive property: if A = B and B = C, then A = C.

In our world, we have our own transitive set. Our clients are served because we exist. We exist because of your generosity! So, our clients are served because of you and your generosity!

Put another way...If we did not exist, where would those who come to us go? Likewise, if you were not here, how could we do it?

The Angel Society was inaugurated this year to address those two questions while creating a source

of unrestricted funding for Catholic Charities of Tennessee to serve those who come to us with the greatest of needs, especially those which may not have formal funding.

Your generous support of **The Angel Society** is vitally important as we continue to provide services

that can best meet the hardships, however defined, of our neighbors most in need.

As an angel, you provide hope to all involved...our clients and their loved ones, our staff, and our volunteers. Won't you be an angel?

To make a secure on-line contribution to The Angel Society, go to: http://bit.ly/AngelSocietyCCTenn. Prefer to mail your donation?

Send it to: The Angel Society, Catholic Charities of Tennessee,

2806 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

Angels provide hope.



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\$77 - \$88

The average difference between Individual and Family Counseling session costs and the sliding scale fees received.

We underwrite this vital service through unrestricted dollars.



Stressful, Scary, Eye-opening

Terms used by locally-based employees of consumer products giant Procter & Gamble after participating in a poverty simulation produced by Catholic Charities of Tennessee this fall.

Senior Counseling Partnership

Catholic Charities and two diocesanaffiliated senior housing programs – Mary, Queen of Angels and Villa Maria Manor – have recently initiated a test program offering Counseling services to residents of both sites two days per week.

Seeking Forever Homes

Catholic Charities' Foster-to-Adopt program works with approximately 100 families per year in its effort to find forever homes for children in the state's foster care program. The children hoping for placement are age 8 to one day shy of 18.

400+ Home Studies Completed

Our Adoption Services team assisted the Tennessee Department of Children's Services efforts to place foster children in permanent family situations through the completion of more than 400 home studies last year.

"To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us."

— POPE FRANCIS