

2015-2016

ANNUAL REPORT

Guided by Our Values



RESPECT

FAITH

SERVICE

Catholic Charities of the five-county Diocese of Palm Beach respects life in all of its stages. In living our faith, we create hope for people in need, without regard to religion. Through our programs and ministries, we empower individuals, deliver social services and collaborate with others in building just and compassionate communities.



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We live our Faith and Respect through **Service** as well as help, encourage, and empower those in need by charitably giving of ourselves in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

2015-2016 AT A GLANCE

Total Unduplicated Clients Served: 11,538

Birthline/Lifeline

The centers received \$170,257 in in-kind donations. The program provided 1,035 free ultrasounds and saved at least 48 babies from abortion.

Counseling Services

Served a total of 555 unduplicated clients with more than 2,600 client service hours and 81% of adults served completed one or more goals of treatment after attending a minimum of four sessions.

Elder Affairs & Guardianship Training

Served 194 vulnerable and at-risk elderly clients through guardianship, case management and referral services. 179 participants successfully completed the guardianship training course.

Hunger, Homeless and Outreach

Provided \$96,675 in direct rent/utility assistance with 90.53% of clients reporting stability after 6 months and 1,974 packages of food were distributed.

Immigration Legal Services

Opened more than 950 new cases during the fiscal year.

Interfaith Health and Wellness Program

Wellness Nurses met the health needs of more than 650 individuals, homeless, families and children, and the elderly at five community sites in the diocese.

Parish Social Ministry

40 parishes and schools participated in the CRS Rice Bowl.

Prison Ministry

The ministry established weekly infirmary visits to detainees in the Indian River County Jail and weekly Catholic Communion services are now offered in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Rachel's Vineyard

The ministry facilitated a healing retreat for grandparents of aborted grandchildren.

Refugee and Resettlement

Due to the increase in clients, the PBC Food Bank has doubled the staff assigned to assist clients with Access applications, a service provided to the Refugee clients every Thursday at the program's office.

Respect Life

More than 40 parishioners from the Palm Beach Diocese participated in Catholic Days at the Capitol and met with their elected officials.

Samaritan Center

In the past fiscal year, 100% of school-age children have increased their academic performance in at least one subject area.

NEW SERVICES

Immigration Legal Services welcomes Attorney through Fellowship Grant

Through the Equal Justice Works fellowship program, the Immigration Legal Services program was able to hire an AmeriCorps Attorney whose role is to help immigrant children who have crossed the United States border without a parent or guardian. Since he was hired in November 2015, Oscar Fernandez has assisted 42 children. The majority of these children are from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. They faced great danger as they crossed through foreign countries on their own to come to the United States and many of them do not have a home to go back to because of violent gangs that have overrun their towns. Because Oscar only represents children, you can always find candy in his office, along with coloring books, bags of toys, and Star Wars memorabilia. Many kids find professional offices scary so he tries to make the environment as welcoming as possible.



Welcome Home Retreats for Veterans Suffering from PTSD in Prison

Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry conducted a "The Welcome Home Initiative" retreat at the Martin Correctional Institution in May 2016. This retreat introduces veterans suffering from PTSD to a spiritual relationship with the Word of God and Christ who has promised to be with us always. At the conclusion of the retreat, a retired Lt. Col. recognized the achievements of six former Vietnam combat vets and six men who brought back combat memories from the Middle-East wars. This retreat is the first of many that will be conducted in the diocese and will help to heal the least of our brethren through proven counseling methods.

Expansion of Food Services in Pahokee

With funding received from Catholic Charities USA Capacity Building Grant, the Hunger, Homeless and Outreach program purchased an upright refrigerator/freezer to store fresh and frozen foods. Three shelving units were also purchased to store the non-perishable foods that are distributed to families and residents in this extremely impoverished area. With the new refrigeration, many different kinds of fresh fruits/vegetables and frozen meat are distributed, such as green beans, zucchini, corn, pineapples, peppers, cucumbers and a variety of meats. Each month, more than 150 households request and receive food packages on an emergency basis from the program's food pantry. In 2015, program staff distributed more than 1,800 packages of food.



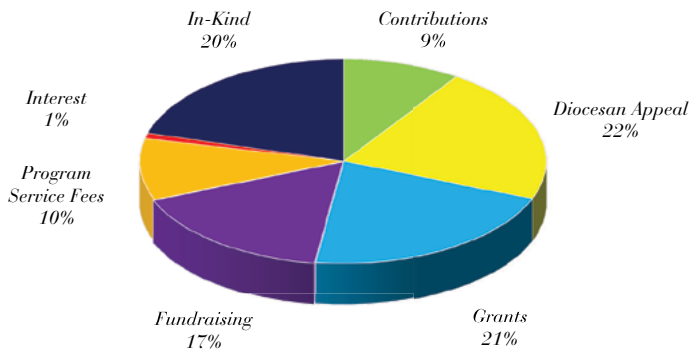


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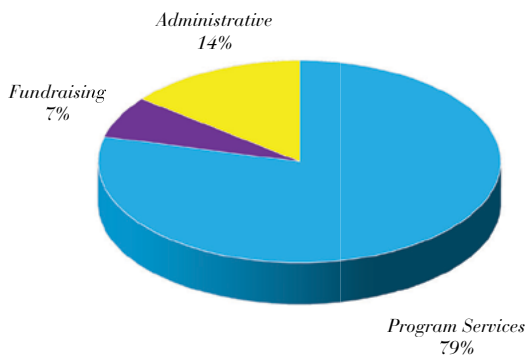
Respect means that, regardless of our differences, we acknowledge others as our brothers, sisters and children of God, and treat them with dignity, love and compassion.

2015-2016 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Revenue



Expenses



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc., is a charitable organization registered in the state of Florida and operating under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our financial statements are audited by the independent CPA firm Verdeja, De Armus & Trujillo, LLP, which issued an unqualified "clean" opinion for the fiscal year June 30, 2016. During fiscal year 2016, Catholic Charities expanded programs in response to the growing need in the five county diocese, resulting in a 4% increase in expenses while revenues remained flat. We are working extra hard to secure grants and obtain donations to fund the increased expenses and are always grateful to all our donors for their continued support as we care for the most vulnerable in our society. Our independent audit and IRS Form 990 tax return are available for public inspection.



Laura Stevenson, CPA
Finance Director

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

OCT.

Elder Affairs Annual Awards Luncheon **\$19,550**

Birthline/Lifeline 8th Annual Walk-a-Thon and Praise and Worship Night **\$12,838**



Participants at Birthline/Lifeline's Walk-a-Thon

NOV.

Samaritan Center 23rd Annual Soup Bowl **\$84,641**

Birthline/Lifeline 6th Annual Dinner Dance Gala **\$103,191**



Samaritan Center Soup Bowl

JAN.

Catholic Charities 6th Annual Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala **\$631,420**

MAR.

Counseling Program 6th Annual Easter Tea **\$8,255**



Kristen Craig, Kit Johansen, and Joan Rodeman at the Easter Tea

APR.

Interfaith Health and Wellness 12th Annual Faith Community Nurse Awards Luncheon **\$15,335**



Trish Weaver, RN, Parish Nurse, Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Mary Iervardi, Interfaith Advisory Board Chair at the Wellness Luncheon

JUNE

Samaritan Center 10th Annual Bernard and Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic **\$105,902**

Remember Catholic Charities in Your Will

Please consider naming Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc. as a beneficiary in your Will, Trust, or Life Insurance Policy.

If you wish your bequest to be used for a specific purpose, we would be happy to talk with you confidentially about your plans. Our goal is to be sure that your legacy is carried out exactly as you intend.

Once your plans are in place, please let us know so we can include you in the Legacy Society. Call 561-630-2695 for more information. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities plan for a strong future!



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Our **Faith** is knowing that God loves us, and that with His love we can do anything through the power, presence, and promise of Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

During this year of mercy, we invite you to share in the mission, vision and values of Catholic Charities. Our values of respect, faith and service are foundational to who we are, what we do and how we serve others. In Catholic Charities, we have the privilege of serving Our Lord's poor and vulnerable people. Through your prayers, empathy, volunteerism, financial and legacy support, Catholic Charities was able to serve more than 11,000 unduplicated clients this past year. We are most grateful and thank you for being an essential part of the Catholic Charities family. Your intentions will remain in our prayers at Catholic Charities throughout this next year.



In gratitude,
Sheila Gomez
Executive Director



**Most Reverend
Gerald M. Barbarito, D.D., J.C.L.**
Bishop of Palm Beach

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