

2023 Year in Review

\$194,000+ Total Donations

87 Giving Day Donors

149 Helping Hands Gala Supporters

54 Helping Hands Gala Sponsors

500+ Individual Donors

\$136,950 Granted to our Affiliate Agencies

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Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

” —


A Note From Our Executive Director



Erin Tubbs

2023 was a very busy year in Catholic Charities. We said goodbye to key team members as they followed God's call in a new direction, and we welcomed new staff to continue the work entrusted to us. We met with parish leaders in support of their ministries, like Walking with Moms in Need and Parish Care and Concern. We hosted our largest gala since switching to the new model. We traveled to Harrisburg and met with state legislators about the important issues facing the vulnerable in our state. We responded to hundreds of calls from people seeking assistance with basic needs.

We have done a lot. But who are we?

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- Tina Espin, Fundraising and Development Coordinator, has been with us since April of 2021. She plans our annual gala, manages our social media and website, and writes our print and electronic newsletters.
 - Diane Gallagher, Director of the Office of Social Service and Impact, joined us in December of 2023. She fields our most challenging social service calls, facilitates the grant process for our network of agencies, and is building relationships with local and regional community partners.
 - Elizabeth Slaby, Director of the Office of Social Justice and Life, started in August 2023. She provides support and training for parish and school leaders on social justice initiatives and topics and facilitates the process for CRS Rice Bowl and CCHD local grants.
 - Mike Wilkosz, Administrative Assistant, came to Catholic Charities in October 2019. He provides clerical and technical support for the variety of programs and ministries at Catholic Charities. He receives most of the social service calls and keeps the rest of us running smoothly.

This is who we in the office are, but all of the work of Catholic Charities would not be possible without the consistent generous support of our donors and benefactors. I give thanks to God for the blessing that each of you is to the work that we do and the people we serve. As we begin what is bound to be another busy year, please keep us and those we serve in your prayers as we continue to keep you in ours.



He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save.

Psalms 72:13



Your Donations Helped Provide...

Adults Served (Unduplicated)



Children Served (Unduplicated)



Food Assistance



Clothing and Furniture Assistance



Financial Assistance (ex. rent, housing, utilities, etc.)



Social Service/Counseling/Education Assistance



Christmas Presents Distributed



Refugee Resettlement



Medical Care



Adoption Services



** Each icon represents 1,000 individuals

Thank You to All the Incredible Volunteers



625
volunteers



21,250
hours



Serving Families and Individuals

...without regard to religion, race, or national origin

COUNSELING & REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

- ~Case Management services
- ~Employment services
- ~Household services
- ~Language services
- ~Drug and alcohol counseling
- ~Individual, family or couples counseling



EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

- ~Financial literacy classes
- ~Home ownership classes
- ~Employment classes
- ~Budgeting classes
- ~Life skills classes



FOOD SERVICES

- ~Food pantries offering shelf stable food and fresh meats, produce and dairy products
- ~Soup kitchens



EMERGENCY SERVICES

- ~Personal hygiene supplies
- ~Gas or heating oil assistance
- ~Water and Sewer assistance
- ~Prescription assistance
- ~Transportation needs
- ~Electric assistance
- ~Short-term shelter for men
- ~Rental and Security Deposit assistance
- ~Furniture, clothing, and household needs



How Your Donations Impact our Agencies



YOUR \$50...

...could provide a meal for six families at one of our soup kitchens.



YOUR \$150...

...could house an unhoused man for a week.



YOUR \$200...

...could help restore utilities for a single parent.



YOUR \$500...

...could pay a security deposit for a struggling family.

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Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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The Impact of our Grants...



Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services ...

...has four offices located throughout the diocese (Erie, Bradford, Sharon, and DuBois) and offers professional counseling, adoption services emergency relief services, and refugee resettlement services.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...assisted Ukrainian refugees with food, rental assistance, clothing, and medial assistance.

...subsidized counseling sessions for those unable to pay.

St. Martin Center...

...focuses on strengthening lives and supporting the Erie community by providing emergency services, early learning programs, and short- and long-term services that help families reach self-sufficiency.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...assisted with the purchase of 4 freezers, 2 refrigerators and several carts to aid in their increased daily food distribution.

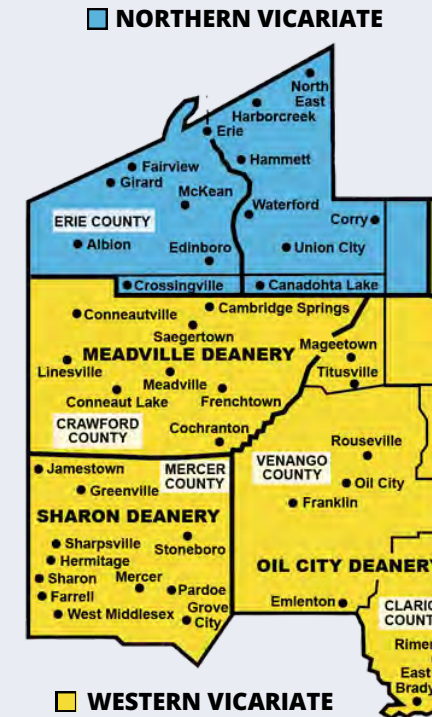


Prince of Peace Center...

...is a social service agency in Farrell that provides individual and family supportive services, a soup kitchen and food pantry, emergency services, and a thrift store to meet the needs of the community.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...assisted with their Awesome Class which empowers individuals to work towards their own independence and stability and rewards their desire to learn new health and behavior skills.



Bi-Annual Grants Awarded = \$121,600

...Helping the Helpers



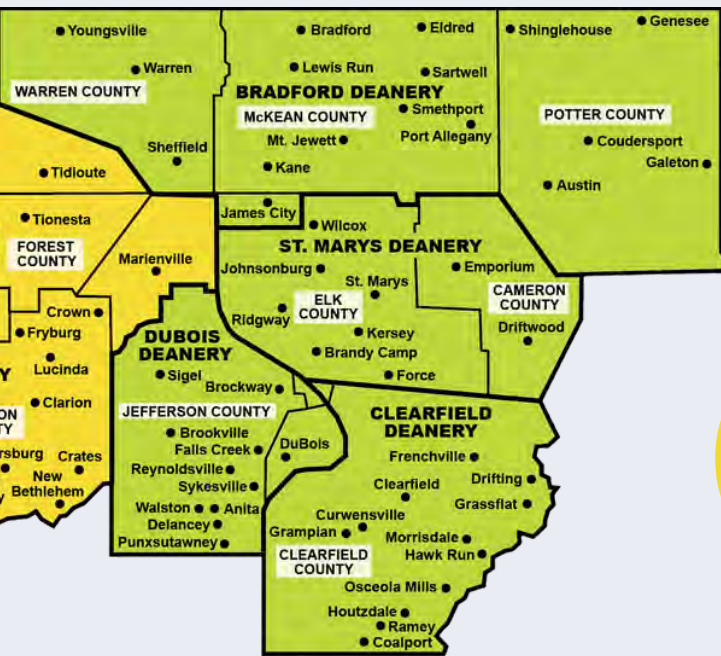
Good Samaritan Center...

...provides shelter for temporarily homeless men in Clearfield, as well as coordinated emergency services for the community.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...assisted families facing hardships with rent and utility bills.

■ EASTERN VICARIATE



Christ the King Manor...

...is a continuing care retirement community in DuBois.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...assisted with a new nurse call system which helped ensure patient safety.



St. Elizabeth Center...

...is a food pantry and outreach center with a thrift store that serves people in need in the Venango County region.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...assisted families facing hardships with rent, utility bills, and hygiene products.



Saint John XXIII Home...

...is a continuing care retirement community in Hermitage.

Catholic Charities, Inc. Grants...

...were not needed for any projects in 2023.

Emergency Grants Awarded = \$15,350



A Note from the Catholic Charities Offices

OFFICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & LIFE

The Two Feet of Love in Action model guides the Catholic Charities Office of Social Justice and Life. Charity and Justice are two distinct but complementary ways we are called to put love in action, to share the light of Christ.

In 2023, SJ&L shared the light of hope by providing training support for parishes starting and continuing Walking with Moms in Need ministries that help pregnant and parenting mothers and supporting and attending the PA March for Life and ProLife Breakfast.

The office met with national and state legislators and advocated for legislation supporting nutrition for children, funding for crisis pregnancy centers, and reform of immigration law all to respect human dignity and life.

SJ&L has also provided education on Catholic Social Teaching by participating in Cathedral Prep's Outreach Day; celebrating Black Catholic History Month; raising awareness of human trafficking, hunger, and homelessness; and coordinating the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl Project and Catholic Campaign for Human Development locally. Do you want to shine the light of love and truth on these issues? Get involved by emailing Elizabeth Slaby at: eslaby@ccincerie.org



Diane Gallagher (L), Director of the Office of Social Service & Impact, and Elizabeth Slaby (R), Director of the Office of Social Justice & Life

OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE & IMPACT

Christmas gifts for children, funds to help replace a green card, assistance for a woman who is physically disabled and in danger of eviction, and shelter for a veteran who is experiencing homelessness. These are just a few of the needs addressed by the Office of Social Service and Impact since its inception in June of 2023.

Looking ahead, we have identified specific goals to implement the charitable works “foot” of the Two Feet of Love in Action Model. These include but are not limited to:

- Visiting our affiliated agencies and connecting with the directors and clients; facilitating the grant process that benefits these agencies.
- Diving into the homeless situation in our diocese and determining how Catholic Charities can be part of the solution.
- Collaborating with parishes to better assist those in need in all parts of the diocese.

The director of this newly-created office is excited about the opportunities. When asked for her thoughts on the work of the office, Diane said, “I am grateful that God has called me to this mission and pray daily for God’s guidance and grace for Catholic Charities, our affiliated agencies, and our valuable callers.”

“Christ has no body on earth now but yours.” – St. Teresa of Avila

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You are the light of the world... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16

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Ways to Support our Important Work

“BRINGING LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS” APPEAL

- Arriving in your mailbox the week after Easter
- Similar to the occurrence of a total eclipse, individuals throughout our diocese encounter challenging circumstances that envelop them in darkness.
- Your support will fund essential services, providing comfort and restoring light to those in need.



ERIE GIVES

- August 13, 2024
- 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- A portion of all donations will be matched

HELPING HANDS GALA

- October 10, 2024
- Gannon University's Yehl Ballroom
- Showcasing a silent auction and honoree ceremony



I GIVE CATHOLIC

- December 3, 2024
- Pre-giving days are November 19th through December 2nd
- National day of Catholic giving

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Catholic Charities 2024 Annual Appeal

Just as the sun emerges from behind the shadow of the moon during a solar eclipse, the Catholic Charities' "Bringing Light into the Darkness" appeal serves as a beacon of hope, illuminating the darkness for countless individuals and families facing adversity. By supporting this appeal, you not only contribute to the well-being of those in need but also become agents of positive change, helping to dispel the shadows that often shroud the less fortunate, by illuminating their lives and fostering a sense of compassion and community.



Did you know **1 in 25** people in the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie counts on Catholic Charities and YOUR help to bring them out of the darkness and into the light?

Why Wait
Donate Now!



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...arriving the week after Easter!