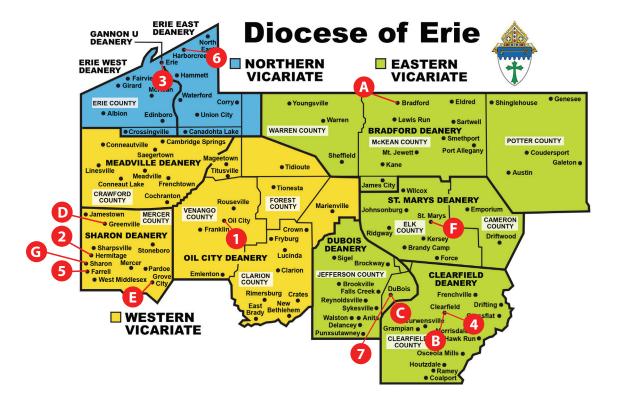
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Bringing Faith, Hope and Charity to Life

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. is a not-for- Through the generosity of its donors and under the profit organization whose mission and principal activities leadership of its board of directors, Catholic Charities, are to provide funding for healthcare, social and pastoral Inc. provides financial support and assistance through services to those in need in northwestern Pennsylvania, regardless of faith or ethnic background. affiliates and agencies in service to persons in need.



ST. ELIZABETH CENTER is a food pantry and thrift store that serves people in need in the Venango region. Oil City

SAINT JOHN XXIII HOME is a senior living community that provides nursing home, personal care, secured dementia care, hospice care and independent living for the seniors the Shenango Valley. *Hermitage* **2**

ST. MARTIN CENTER focuses on strengthening lives and supporting the Erie community by providing early learning programs and short- and long-term services that help families reach self-sufficiency. Erie 3

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING AND ADOPTION SERVICES has eight offices located throughout the dioce

and offers professional counseling for individuals, families pregnancy, addictions as well as adoption services, refuge resettlement and emergency case management. Erie 3

Satellite Offices: A Bradford E Grove City B Clearfield F St. Marys

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Thank you

for reading our 2019 annual report for Catholic Charities. In the pages to follow, you will see our network of agencies accomplished a great deal in 2019, assisting nearly 18,000 people in 13 counties. Our services are

as diverse as the populations we serve, yet our mission is simple: to offer help and provide hope. Now more than ever, this mission is critical. For example, one young parent visiting our soup kitchen recently told us that it was either "feed our family or pay the electric bill" — until he realized that we served healthy meals twice per week. Because of this, they could do both.

During this extraordinary time, workers in our agencies, programs and ministries are standing at the front lines in service to neighbors most in need. Many who participated in our classes on budgeting, parenting, job searching and other life skills have a new sense of purpose and self-confidence. And while the opioid crisis continues amid the COVID-19 pandemic, our counselors remain steadfast in offering clients a way forward, even when they can't afford to pay. Young men and women who suffered trauma are finding healing and wholeness in programs like Sanctuary and Real Alternatives. The elderly, too, are comforted in their sunset years with roundthe-clock care in our Christ-centered nursing homes. These stories and hundreds like them are the true stories that form the framework of Catholic Charities.

Someone posed a great question to me recently, asking: "Aren't there plenty of social services out there doing the same thing as Catholic Charities?" I pondered his question for days. And while you might think that the simple answer is "yes", the deeper, truer answer is that, for Catholic Charities, the work we do is more than a job; it's a ministry. Walk into any Catholic Charities agency and you'll see evidence of our

faith everywhere: on the walls, in offices or in the words and actions of our employees and volunteers. It feels different at our agencies because we're different. Everything we do is Gospelcentered: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the dying. We believe that if we can ease the suffering or hopelessness of just one person, our day has meaning: and this couldn't feel more true than today, in 2020, during this COVID-19 pandemic. I am so very proud of the work being done by Catholic Charities.

Of course, in the end all of this is possible only because of *your* prayers and your support. So, on behalf of our entire network, I thank you...for believing in us, for trusting us and enabling us to make another's life better.





Ann M. Badach **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Catholic Charities, Inc.

BRINGING FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY TO LIFE

the distribution of grants awarded to Catholic Charities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AFFILIATES AND AGENCIES

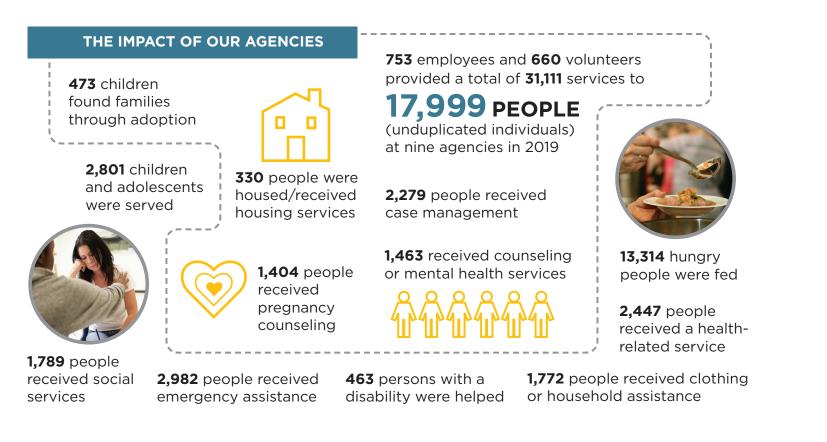
1 at	GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER Provides shelter for temporarily homeless men, as well as coordinated emergency services for the community. <i>Clearfield</i> 4
of	PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER is a social service agency that provides emergency services, family supportive services, a soup kitchen and food program and thrift store to meet the needs of the community. <i>Farrell</i> 5
g se	HARBORCREEK YOUTH SERVICES is a nationally recognized trauma-informed therapeutic treatment facility offering high-quality, diverse programs using sanctuary principles to help youth and families overcome adversity. HYS has been supporting kids, their families and the community since 1911. <i>Harborcreek</i> 6
, ee	CHRIST THE KING MANOR is a continuing care retirement

community offering skilled nursing care, older adult daily living services, independent living, dementia care, shortterm rehabilitation and home support services that give seniors the support they need. DuBois 7

The Impact of Catholic Charities

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BRING FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY TO LIFE?

Jesus asks us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry. We do that. Driven by our mission, we are called to see Christ in those we help. We are present to people in need. Not only do we provide service to people in need, but we help the poor find a way to be poor no longer. Read on to learn the impact our Catholic Charities agencies had in 2019.



The Impact of our Agencies' Leaders

JENNIFER WALLACE SAYS:

I work for a Catholic Charities agency because it is the embodiment of our Catholic Social Teaching. What this means to me is to take what I've learned as a Catholic and serve people in need and invite others in the community to do the same. CEO - Prince of Peace Center, Farrell

DOUGLAS KENNEDY SAYS:

It is my fervent hope that we can help improve the lives of all families we serve at St. Elizabeth Center. I work beside selfless volunteers who are truly living out Christ's call to serve those in need. It is both humbling and an uplifting experience. CEO - St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City

DOUG BLOOM SAYS:

I want to help people to get back on their feet and improve their situation, and to be a rolemodel of service to others in our community. Providing direct service to people in need is very satisfying, meaningful work. CEO - Good Samaritan Center, Clearfield

JOHN PETULLA SAYS:

Lappreciate working for Harborcreek Youth Services. We work to provide a safe environment for everyone and help our boys overcome the debilitating effects of trauma. My faith empowers me and allows me to do what I do every day. It is a privilege to work here. CEO - Harborcreek Youth Services, Harborcreek

In 2019, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. provided \$210,552.74 in grants to its network of affiliated agencies and in response to various emergency needs. These grants help to provide essential support that is beyond an organization's operating budget. They help to fill the gaps and fund critical services. The grants accomplished the following:

• Helped Good Samaritan Center to put a new roo on their shelter as well as provide 39 needy familie with emergency assistance. "The Good Samaritan Center will continue to provide financial assistance to as many needy individuals and families as we can," says Douglas Bloom, executive director.

 Aided Harborcreek Youth Services in ensuring the safety of clients and staff through trauma-informe crisis intervention training. Also, reduced distress related trauma for clients through therapeutic yog movement and self-esteem building techniques.

• Subsidized the Family Supportive Services program at Prince of Peace Center in Farrell which helps at-risk men and women accomplish their goals and become self-sufficient. A grant also helped improve technology at Prince of Peace including computers, a server and updated software

Catholic Charities is only able to grant funds due to the generosity of others, including proceeds from the annual Club CC Night fundraiser, endowments held at the Catholic Foundation, socially responsible investments and donor support.

KIRK HAWTHORNE SAYS:

I work for St. John XXIII Home because of the opportunity to make mission-based decisions to meet the needs of our seniors and the community. We provide compassionate care and services because we are committed to the healing mission of Jesus Christ each day. Administrator - St. John XXIII Home, Hermitage

JOE HAAS SAYS:

I feel blessed to work for Catholic Charities as an extension of the Catholic Church's commitment to Matthew 25 – serving Christ while serving others; to help those with mental illness, addiction, those seeking adoption and those who endeavor to begin life anew. It is a very satisfying and meaningful ministry. CEO - Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services

The Impact of Grants

HELPING THE HELPERS

of	Helped Catholic Charities Counseling and Adop-
es	tion Services to conduct strategic planning to
-	strengthen and sustain services and provide emer-
ce	gency assistance funding around the diocese. Joe
	Haas, director, says, "We are grateful for the oppor-
	tunity to make some small change in people's lives."
he	• Helped to fund a new database for the Self-Suf-
ed	ficiency Department at St. Martin Center and also
6-	provided immediate needs including rent, utility
ga	and transportation assistance for a total of 37 cli-
	ents. David González, executive director, says "the
	funds provided through Catholic Charities truly
	allow us to reach those who need help."
	• Enabled St. Elizabeth Center in Oil City to pur-
	chase food and hygiene items for people in need.
	Center Director Douglas Kennedy, says, "the funds
2.	that we receive from Catholic Charities grants are
	very important to us to help families in need."

DAVID GONZÁLEZ SAYS:

I work for this agency because it gives me an opportunity to answer Jesus' mandate to help the poor and those in need. I consider it a privilege to do God's work. CEO - St. Martin Center, Erie

PAULA FELTON-WERNER SAYS:

I choose to work for a Catholic Charities agency to embrace, model and act upon the mission of Jesus by providing care to the seniors of every background whom we serve. Administrator - Christ the King Manor, DuBois

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The Tooheys: Longtime Friends of Catholic Charities

In dedicating their lives to family, church and community, Jim and Mary Ann Toohey have embodied the mission of Catholic Charities.

As recipients of the Catholic Charities "Helping Hands" Award in 2010, they were honored for their selfless giving to community and church.

And their generosity will continue beyond their lifetimes. Through the Toohey Family Endowment Fund they established with the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania, distributions from their fund will support the corporal works of mercy of the Diocese of Erie through its Catholic Charities.

Throughout their lives, Jim and Mary Ann sought to perform good works as part of their spiritual journey. They often gave of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the quality of life for those who had little.

In a touching gesture, the family invited memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, to be made to Catholic Charities and other worthwhile ministries in memory of Mary Ann, who passed away in January 2020.

Even at the time of her death, Mary Ann's generosity to others was evident. Jim says that they have always sought to do what they could to help others. "Mary

Ann and I decided that Catholic Charities would be the most efficient agency to use our contributions to provide for people in need of such services in our diocese. They have the knowledge and ability to utilize the funds in the best appropriate way. We are so fortunate to be able to utilize the services of Catholic Charities to serve our brothers and sisters."

> Thank you, Jim and Mary Ann Toohey, for your long history of generosity and service to our community.

In Memoriam

Mary Ann Toohey 1938-2020

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40



We also wanted to say 'thank you' to those who supported our work in other important ways: to the workers who showed up to serve meals, washed dishes, distributed bags of food and household supplies; to the family who donated blankets, towels and quilts for our homeless shelter; to the organization who gave 30 pairs of men's brand-new work boots to the guests who stay at Good Samaritan Center; to our parishes who donated diapers and baby formula; to our local businesses and grocery stores who donated baked goods, sandwiches, produce and meat to our various agency food pantries; and to the hundreds of volunteers who faithfully gave of their time at all of our agencies. God bless you!

Catholic Charities' community giving model means that we pull resources together and leverage every donation to stretch farther and help more people. Here are many ways you can partner with us to bring faith, hope and charity to life:

Support Club CC Night fundraiser

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community we have cancelled our Club CC Night fundraiser due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of an invitation to Club CC Night this year, we invite you to consider supporting our efforts to provide immediate resource within the Catholic Charities network and other pres ing needs within our Catholic community. Our agen cies are at the front lines in service to neighbors most in need. You can support this critical work with a gift to Catholic Charities.

Visit www.ErieRCD.org/charities to make an online gift or send your support to: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. 429 East Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16504

Support Catholic Charities with your IRA

Did you know you can support the mission and ministries of Catholic Charities with a rollover gift direct from your Individual Retirement Account?

If you are 70¹/₂ years old or older in 2019, you can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IR directly to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Erie

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	Start or give to an endowment
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r es ss- - st	The gifts you contribute to an endowment are invested so that the endowment will continue to grow. Each year, Catholic Charities receives a distribution to be used to advance our mission and ministries.
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	Support your favorite ministry
-	through #iGiveCatholic
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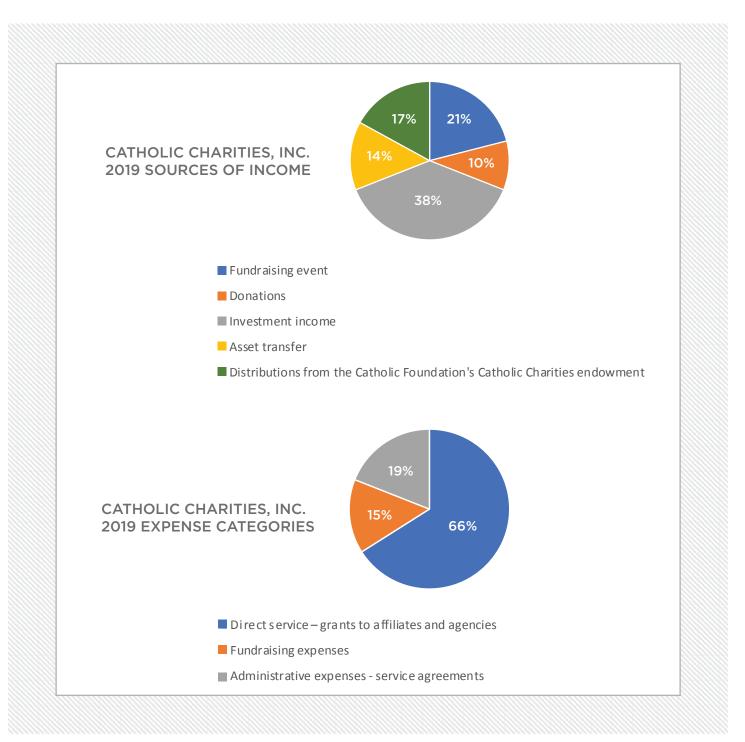
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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie's revenue comes mainly from individual, corporate and foundation support. Expenses are mostly related to raising and granting funds to Catholic Charities agencies.

The following charts do not include the pastoral ministry offices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie or the Catholic Charities agencies which are distinct operating entities that maintain separate accounts.





Sue McCreary

Member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek

Sue was pleased to join the board of Catholic Charities in 2019 because she believes that the work of Catholic Charities offers assistance to so many who are in need. She says, "The basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, counseling and others wouldn't be met if Catholic Charities didn't exist."



When asked why people should support Catholic Charities, she says, "We are called to serve the poor and needy in our communities. Supporting Catholic Charities is crucial to providing needs in the diocese that may otherwise not be available."

Valerie Bacik

- Member of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie
- Vice President for Planning and Finance, *Gannon University*



Catholic Charities Board Chair, Eric Dart invited colleague Val Bacik to consider joining the Catholic Charities board. The timing couldn't have been more perfect as Val was discerning where she could use her talents to serve and give back. She said "yes" because she saw this as an opportunity to use her adminis-

trative skills to help continue the work of Catholic Charities. "I want to use my God-given gifts to serve," she says. Val sees the Catholic Charities network of agencies being about community...both serving the community and bringing the community together. She is excited to work hands-on as a part of this effort to impact people in need.

A FOCUS ON NEW APPOINTMENTS

Giving the Gift of Time and Talent

MEET CATHOLIC CHARITIES' NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Matthew Wachter

- Member of Saint Patrick Parish, Erie
- Vice President, Finance and Development, Erie Downtown Development Corporation



ties last year. Actively supporting the good work of the organization as a board member was an opportunity and challenge he was happy to assume. The work of Catholic Charities, he explains, is essential to the Catholic Church's mission to help those most in need in the community.

Matt was asked to join the board of Catholic Chari-

He believes Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Erie does this particularly well and noted, "Catholic Charities has proven over time to be a good steward that maximizes the charitable contributions it receives to provide for those most in need throughout the diocese.



The work of Catholic Charities resonates best with the social teachings of the church." Matt lives in Erie with his wife Angela, and is a graduate of the Erie Catholic School System and Cathedral Prep.





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During this most extraordinary time, workers in our agencies, programs and ministries stand at the front lines in service to neighbors most in need. They are cooking meals for the hungry, providing housing for the homeless, offering care and consolation to the anxious and giving hope to thousands of people every day. Additionally, parish churches and food pantries have become more than a bridge to payday — they are also among the front-line servants during this crisis and have reached out to Catholic Charities for our help.

Learn more at www.ErieRCD.org/Charities.