



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a woman and a child walking away from the camera across a bridge. They are silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky. The bridge has a metal railing and a textured metal deck. The scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of hope and guidance.

Bridging the Gap TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

THE BRIDGE TO Self-Sufficiency

Dear Friends in Christ,

"While the world changes, the cross stands firm." St. Bruno


The words of St. Bruno, while true of every generation, certainly describe the changes in the world around us, close to home in our communities, and at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne — South Bend (CCFWSB). As we approach celebrating 100 years as an agency dedicated to fulfilling our mission of "serving all those in need as Christ would have us do", we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and support. Because of your commitment and trust in our organization, we were able to provide over 38,000 services to help nearly 16,000 people in the past twelve months, across all of our ministries. Our mission, rooted in Christ and Catholic Social Teaching, compels us to build relationships with those we serve to alleviate poverty, heal mind, body and spirit, build stronger futures and develop financial stability.

We'd like to thank our team members who worked tirelessly over this past fiscal year. Their expertise and dedication enabled us to keep our doors open throughout the pandemic and provide much needed food, financial assistance and counseling services to those in need. Our ongoing partnerships with Lutheran Social Services, Brightpoint, SCAN, Allen County Connect, Rescue Mission, South Bend Center for the Homeless and REAL Services provide expanded reach and impact to our communities. We see opportunities for even more collaboration in the future. Further, with the growing need in our communities and schools for mental health and addiction counseling, we promoted Chris Nowak, M.Ed., M.B.A., NCC, LMFT, LMHC, LCAC, LSC Clinical to Director of Clinical Services and we have added clinicians to help even more people.

Our organization is not standing still. We are committed to keeping our administrative costs low while continuously finding ways to reach more people with a sense of urgency and a compassionate heart. We'd also like to thank John Fallon, MD for serving as Interim CEO towards the end of this fiscal year. John's steady hand enabled a smooth transition while meeting the challenges that 2020/2021 presented.

On behalf of the Board of Catholic Charities, thank you again for your generosity and support. We hope that you are able to join us on April 21, 2022 for our 100th anniversary celebration!

God Bless,



Paulette R. Davis



Dan Florin
CEO (interim)



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Bridging the Gap

TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY



Dependency – Those in this stage are typically living below the poverty line. They are also homeless with no access to food, child care, and reliable transportation. Many live in isolation, a dysfunctional home environment and/or suffer from abuse and neglect.

Crisis – Adults in this phase are only employed part time and are still below the poverty line. As a result, they are in need of food stamps and rent subsidy. They also lack reliable transportation and child care.

The Gap – is the most vulnerable time someone faces on the road to self-sufficiency. Our case managers must typically solve many problems, break through client barriers to success and find resources to deal with financial, educational, and personal challenges. With support and mutual commitment, we help our clients reach stability and eventually self-sufficiency.

Vulnerable – This phase is characterized by living in temporary or at-risk housing and having need of food and rent subsidies. They also likely to be involved with Child Protective Services and the courts.

Stable – is defined by having better employment opportunities thanks to achieving an educational certificate. They still have subsidized rent, food stamps and private-but-unreliable transportation. They receive continuing case-management services which assist them in personal growth.

Self-Sufficient – Adults now have stable employment, health care, reliable personal transportation, and can pay their bills. They also are no longer receiving case management services and are not involved with the courts.

2021 Programs

Alleviating Poverty

Food Pantries
Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Mobile Unit
Material Assistance:
Christmas, Coats and Backpacks
Disaster Case Management
Homeless Services

Healing Mind, Body and Spirit

Pregnancy Counseling
Adoption Coordination
Mental Health and Addiction Counseling
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Building Stronger Futures

Education Creates Hope and Opportunity
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Immigration and Translation Services

Developing Financial Security

SCSEP
VITA Tax
Financial Literacy Classes
Refugee Job Development
Community Collaborations
(LSSI, Brightpoint, SCAN, Rescue Mission, Center for the Homeless, REAL Services, Connect Allen County, City of Fort Wayne, United Way)

ECHO helps Autumn

BRIDGE THE GAP TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

“Your life is over.”

That was the constant refrain Autumn heard when she announced she was pregnant in high school. She had wanted to become a veterinarian since age three and had a plan to make it happen. Suddenly those dreams were clouded with uncertainty.

Then her guidance counselor introduced her to Natalie from the Catholic Charities ECHO Program. Education Creates Hope and Opportunity helps teen moms choose life and avoid poverty by providing the support they need to both finish school and adjust to being a new mom.

“More than 90% of our ECHO moms graduate, compared to the national average of only 40%,” says Natalie. “One of the reasons they are so successful is the long-term commitment we make to them.”

Case managers like Natalie work to bridge the gap between being a young parent, finishing school and the goal of self sufficiency. This support takes many forms: assisting with class schedules, setting goals, finding resources, and lending emotional support when difficulties arise.

Today Autumn is thriving. She is engaged to be married, saving

to buy a house and planning to return to school when Oliver is in school full time. She credits Natalie who has been a stabilizing influence the past four years. She meets with Autumn regularly to help her set goals and keep her on track.

“Don’t let anybody tell you your life is over,” says Autumn. “Yes, it’s hard some times, but it is so worth it in the end.”



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MEMORIES & MILESTONES

As Catholic Charities approaches our 100th anniversary in 2022, we are collecting stories from past and present individuals, couples and families we have served to help us celebrate this big milestone. We want to hear how Catholic Charities has made an impact on YOU! If you are a past employee, board member or volunteer, or have you received services from any of our past or present programs, please share your story with us at www.ccfwsb.org/share-your-story.

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- Birthing the Vision
- Children's Cottage
- Circle of Mercy Day Care Center
- Foster Parent Training Program (1997)
- Faith Based Initiative Program
- Home Visitor Program
- Project Rachel
- Saint Anne's Home (1967-2015)
- Summer Enrichment Program
- The Rainbows Program
- Ten-O-Four Home
- Villa of the Woods in Fort Wayne
- Vincent House in Elkhart

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Adoption
- Assistance with rent, food or utilities
- Backpack program
- Christmas program
- Counseling
- Coats program
- Disaster Relief
- ECHO (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity)
- Food Pantry
- Hispanic Health Advocate
- Immigration Services
- Pregnancy Counseling
- Refugee Services
- Homeless Services
- RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)
- Services to Survivors of Human Trafficking
- SCSEP (Senior Community Services Employment Program)
- VITA Tax
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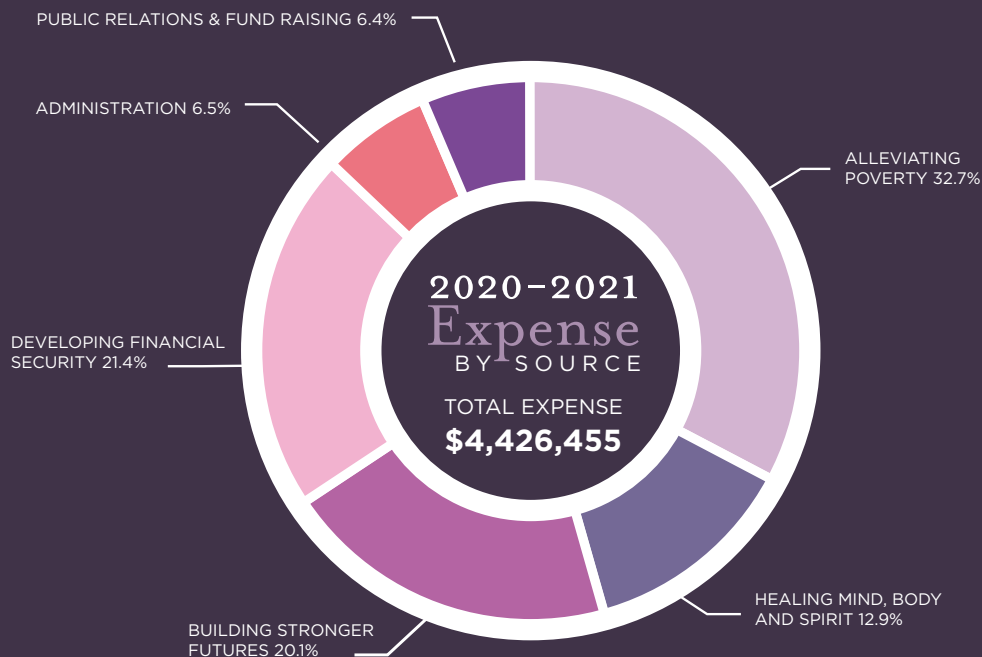
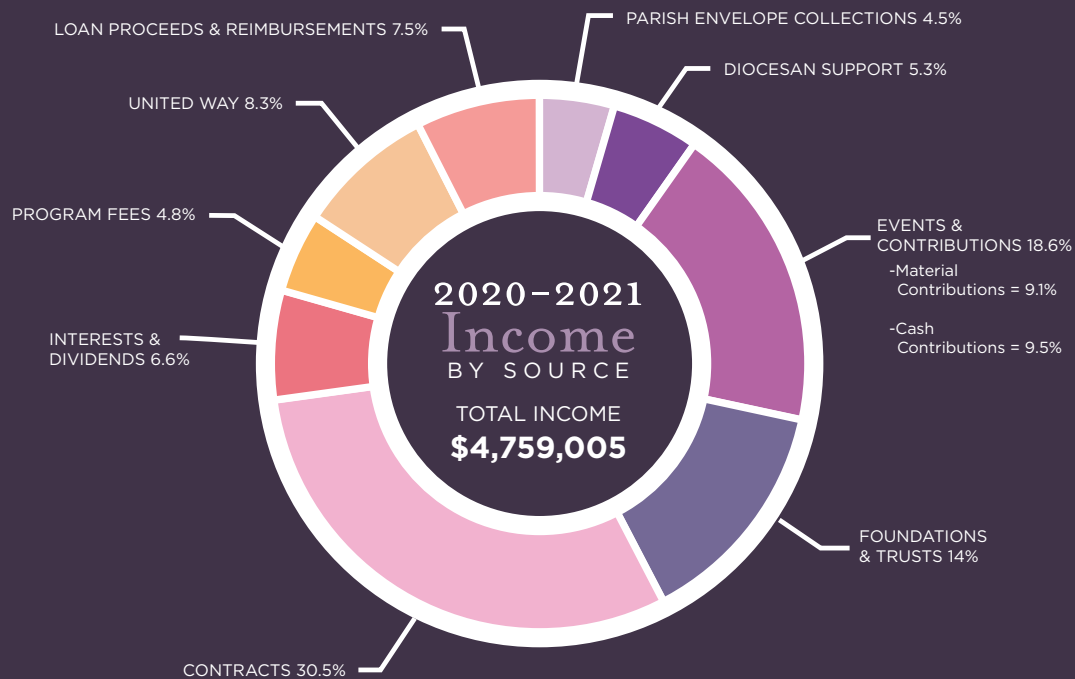
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SUPPORT & REVENUES:			
Events & Contributions	\$887,064	-	\$887,064
Foundations & Trusts	517,768	147,655	665,423
Diocese Contributions & Support	466,600	-	466,600
United Way Grants	392,633	-	392,633
Contracts	1,451,386	-	1,451,386
Program & Third Party Fees	226,226	-	226,226
Loan Proceeds & Reimbursements	357,500	-	357,500
Interest & Dividends	312,173	-	312,173
Net Assets released from Restriction	268,287	(268,287)	0
Total Support & Revenue	\$4,879,637	(\$120,632)	\$4,759,005
EXPENSES:			
PROGRAMS EXPENSE			
Alleviating Poverty	1,447,278	-	\$1,447,278
Healing Mind, Body and Spirit	569,752	-	569,752
Building Stronger Futures	891,659	-	891,659
Developing Financial Security	948,406	-	948,406
	\$3,857,095	-	\$3,857,095
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	286,415	-	286,415
PUBLIC RELATIONS & FUND RAISING	282,945	-	282,945
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,426,455	-	\$4,426,455
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$453,182	(\$120,632)	\$332,550

Alleviating
Poverty

11,996
PEOPLE SERVED

Healing Mind,
Body and Spirit

645
PEOPLE SERVED

Building
Stronger Futures

1,911
PEOPLE SERVED

Developing
Financial Security

1,286
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