

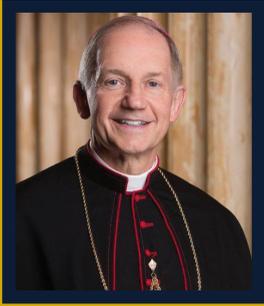
2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Catholic Charities is

making a difference

in the lives of those we serve
across our diocese.



DEAR FRIENDS
IN CHRIST,

It is a pleasure for me to present to you the 2024 Annual Report for Catholic Charities. In this publication you will read about the incredible

efforts undertaken on a daily basis to serve the poor and disadvantaged in our society. These charitable works are the result of a tremendous collaboration among many people of good will who come together to actualize Christ's enduring concern for the poor and the abandoned.

They come from rural towns and villages as well as the more populous communities of our diocese. They come from all walks of life and every background. They are the hundreds of Catholic Charities volunteers, board members and employees who unite under the banner of Jesus' love to carry forward His message of mercy.

In a homily last April, I spoke about how Christ definitively calls us to practice mercy. There is a practical "road map" outlined in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, particularly as they are presented in the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew. The message of Divine Mercy is explicitly mentioned by Our Lord in His revelations to St. Faustina, as He told her:

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it.

As you read this report, I ask that you prayerfully consider beginning or enhancing your support for Catholic Charities to help ensure our Mission of Mercy will continue in Jesus' name to serve all of our neighbors in need. May God give us this grace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



DEAR FRIENDS OF
CATHOLIC CHARITIES,

It continues to be an honor and a privilege for me to serve Catholic Charities in a leadership position. As we look forward to celebrating our Centennial in 2025, we take time now to present to you the 2024 Annual Report for Catholic Charities. This past year, Catholic Charities has continued its non-stop, divinely inspired Mission to serve the "least of our brothers and sisters" in need. This means providing dedicated service and relief to thousands of people who are suffering in a variety of ways all across our 28-county diocese.

Catholic Charities provides services to broken families, senior citizens, veterans, abused children, the sick, the hungry and the poor with an array of programs designed to treat people with love, dignity and respect. We do these things not because it is a "nice thing to do" but because we are commanded by our Savior to love one another. As Catholics, we are taught that charitable works are so integral to our faith that without them, our faith is dead.

In a current lawsuit before the Supreme Court, the State of Wisconsin argues that Catholic Charities cannot be considered a religious organization because it does not attempt to convert the people they serve to Catholicism and because Catholic Charities employs and serves people of all faiths. The State is essentially declaring that the Teachings of the Catholic Church have nothing to do with the Mission of Catholic Charities.

It is incomprehensible that the State of Wisconsin is making an argument that Catholic Charities cannot be considered "Catholic" because it will not refuse services to non-Catholics. This bizarre legal position is actually happening and it is not the first time the "religiosity" of Catholic Charities has been challenged by a state government.

In an amicus brief filed by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, several Popes were quoted reinforcing and clarifying the foundational status of charitable works in the Christian faith. From Pope Francis: "Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith, of the perfection of faith." He further explains that, "Christian charity is not simply philanthropy." Rather it is "looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus" and "seeing Jesus in the face of the poor."

In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explains that "the Church cannot neglect the service of Charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word." Furthermore, the erstwhile Holy Father writes that those "who practice charity in the Church's name will never seek to impose the Church's faith upon others," because a "Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak." Finally, Pope John Paul II is quoted proclaiming "Catholic Charities and related organizations essentially exist to spread Christian love."

At Catholic Charities, we recognize that all human persons are Children of God and therefore must be treated with dignity and respect. Charity, compassion and love do not discriminate and cannot be limited by secular interpretations. We are so grateful for our donors, volunteers, board members and staff, of all faiths, who join us in our sacred calling to show Christ's love and mercy to the world.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Roach, M.S.
Executive Director

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Donor's Bill of Rights

I) You have the right to know that your charitable contribution is going to a sustainable and reputable not for profit organization. Catholic Charities is a registered 501c(3) corporation in good standing that has been in existence for 100 years. Its programs are nationally accredited through the Council on Accreditation of New York and it is a member of Catholic Charities USA –the nation's largest independent network of social service providers. Catholic Charities is a licensed child welfare agency in the state of Illinois and a certified United Way agency.

II) You have a right to expect your charity's mission is rooted in a strong foundation of morals and values. The mission of Catholic Charities is rooted in the 2000-year old traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and Catholic social teaching that emphasizes the obligation everyone has to care for all of God's children without prejudice.

III) You have a right to restrict how your donation is used by the organization. Catholic Charities respects the wishes of its benefactors and allows for donations to be directed towards the programs of the donor's choosing. Catholic Charities has many programs and services to choose from -- serving people of all ages.

IV) You have a right to expect your charity of choice is operated in a fiscally responsible manner. Catholic Charities conducts an annual independent audit of its financial operations that is filed with the state of Illinois and available to anyone upon request. Catholic Charities complies with all IRS regulations governing not for profit organizations and files annual cost reports to the federal government, the state of Illinois, the United Way and various granting organizations. Catholic Charities maintains a philosophy of transparency when it comes to its fiscal stewardship and delivers services to thousands with minimal administrative costs.

V) You have a right to expect that your charity treats its clients with dignity and respect. Catholic Charities has a written and extensive Code of Ethics that

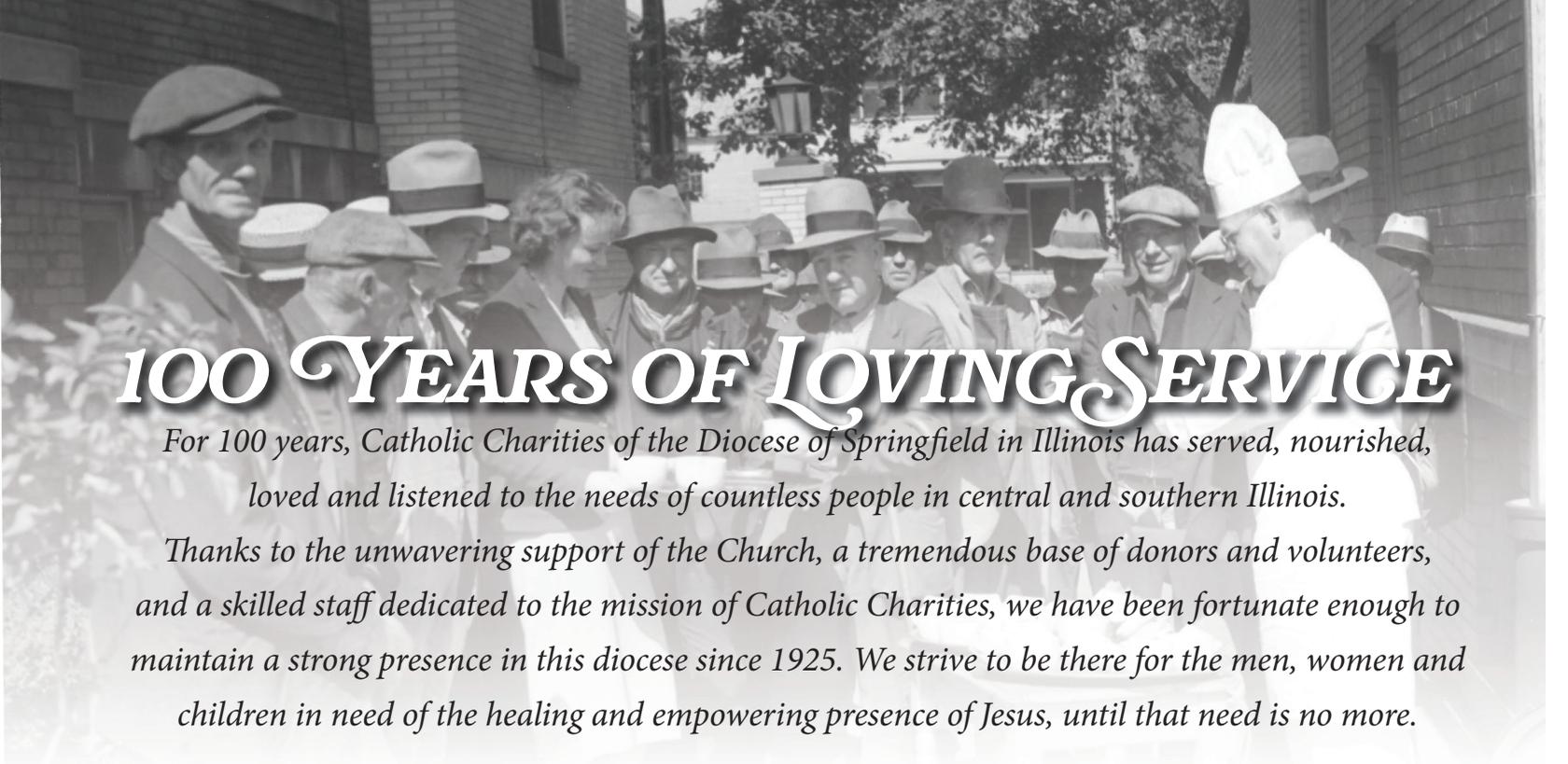
outlines expectations for all personnel and volunteers on how clients must be treated when seeking services through our various programs and services. This code of ethics is founded in Christian love and compassion.

VI) You have a right to expect that your charity does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or individual circumstance. Catholic Charities provides services to all people in need, the majority of which are non-Catholic. We also maintain our status as an equal opportunity employer.

VII) You have a right to expect your charity to be highly engaged in the community and responsive to community needs. Catholic Charities has recruited over 150 individuals throughout the diocese to serve on eight community advisory boards. These board members serve as liaisons to their local communities helping Catholic Charities identify changing needs as well improving the visibility and support for Catholic Charities programs. In addition, Catholic Charities has entered into dozens of "partnership agreements" with other social service agencies pledging cooperation and collaboration in providing services in our local communities.

VIII) You have a right to expect that your charity is managed by competent leadership. Catholic Charities is governed, under the presidency of Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, by a Corporate Board of Directors made up of individuals from across the diocese with expertise in the fields of business, law, politics, accounting, architecture, medicine, social services, theology and finance. The three-person executive staff has over 60 years of experience in social services programming and management and the administration functions of the agency receive the highest possible ratings during the accreditation process.

IX) You have a right to expect that your charity's programs have a real and measurable impact on peoples lives. Catholic Charities has a comprehensive quality improvement process that provides for the ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of its programs and administration. An annual report on performance is published and available for viewing upon request.



100 YEARS OF LOVING SERVICE

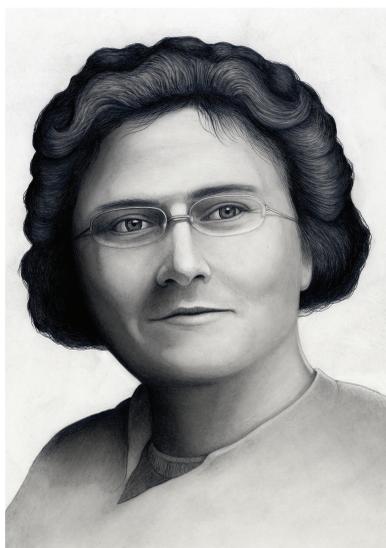
For 100 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has served, nourished, loved and listened to the needs of countless people in central and southern Illinois.

Thanks to the unwavering support of the Church, a tremendous base of donors and volunteers, and a skilled staff dedicated to the mission of Catholic Charities, we have been fortunate enough to maintain a strong presence in this diocese since 1925. We strive to be there for the men, women and children in need of the healing and empowering presence of Jesus, until that need is no more.

1920S

With a staff of just one, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois opened its doors on March 1, 1925. The first employee of Catholic Charities, a social worker named Elizabeth Kuhlman, provided help and relief to the suffering under the direction of Bishop James A Griffin.

Kuhlman also served as the president of the 'Ladies of Charity,' an organization established by Bishop Griffin with the purpose of providing support to Catholic Charities however necessary. This organization funded the works of Catholic Charities and provided material goods like blankets and clothing to be given to the needy.



Catholic Charities was first headquartered at St. John's Hospital, but by the end of 1929 their central offices were relocated to East Monroe Street. At this time, \$.99 from every \$1 donated went directly towards providing for the poor.

1930S

The first public campaign drive for Catholic Charities, orchestrated in 1931, raised \$21,726. "The citizens of Springfield have never witnessed such cooperation and unified effort in any public activity since the war," stated Catholic Charities director Rev. V.C. Goyke to the Illinois State Journal. Catholic Charities provided for many impoverished families with groceries, clothing, medical aid, schoolbooks for children, and presents and a meal at Christmas.

In December 1939, Catholic Charities made a huge stride by way of St. John's Breadline, transitioning from an outdoor space to bringing men inside to be fed at their new location at 230 North 6th Street. In 1935, Catholic Charities spent \$12,907 on food for clients. In



1939, St. John's Breadline served 10,000 meals a month.

1940S

The 1940s saw many milestones for Catholic Charities. The agency began to achieve Bishop Griffin's original plans for growth by extending across the diocese and opening offices in Alton in 1941, Decatur in 1944, Quincy in 1945 and Granite City in 1949. With only five area offices trying to cover a 28-county spread, it meant a heavy workload for every worker.



Decatur Catholic Charities alone serviced 12 surrounding counties. Quincy Catholic Charities opened its doors and immediately took on seven Quincy-area cases of social work that were previously being handled by the Springfield office with one full time caseworker. It was under Assistant Director of Catholic Charities Rev. William Cassin that this growth of Catholic Charities across the diocese was achieved.

1950S

Towards the end of 1950, Catholic Charities relocated its office from the old cathedral building to 830 East Monroe Street in Springfield. The new location was known as the Ed Flynn home. Built in 1900, it consisted of 18 rooms shared with the Catholic Youth Organization. At this time, Catholic Charities in Springfield had grown to a staff of seven women with Fr. Cassin as Executive Director.

In 1952, Catholic Charities received high praise from renowned Catholic activist Dorothy Day, responsible for establishing the Catholic Worker Movement. At a National Catholic Conference in Cleveland, Day singled out Springfield Catholic Charities "as an exemplar in

giving direct relief to the needy."

In 1956, Catholic Charities was asked by the war relief services of National Catholic Welfare to help find homes and jobs for 5,000 displaced Hungarian refugees being admitted to the country.

1960S

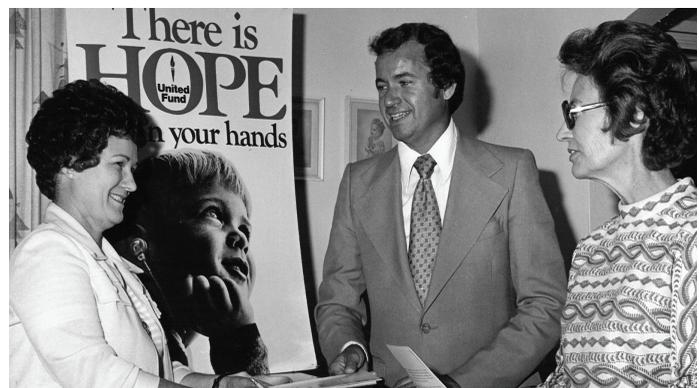
In 1962, Catholic Charities moved yet again, this time to 108 East Cook Street, to make room for the expanding agency. Their outreach included adoptions, marriage counseling, family care, foster home placement and child guidance. Catholic Charities also continued to run the St. John's Breadline



and St. Monica's Hall, opened in 1948 to provide care for unwed mothers in Springfield. In 1961, Catholic Charities provided services to 3,042 people.

1970S

The 70's brought with it state contract deals with Catholic Charities to begin providing foster care services. "The major thrust of Catholic Charities is keeping people together," stated Catholic Charities Director Fr. Cassin in 1973. That same year, the agency placed 57 children in adoptive homes and handled 434 child counseling cases with only eight staff members. What began as a simple mission to feed hungry men at St. John's Breadline grew to provide compassionate services to countless children and families.



1980s

In February of 1982, more than 1,000 people waited in line at Springfield Catholic Charities to receive food assistance. More and more people needed help, and the agencies across the diocese grew to meet that need.

In 1981, Catholic Charities opened its Effingham office, serving the eastern portion of the diocese. The foster care program continued to grow. In the late eighties, the State of Illinois contracted with Catholic Charities to help them establish a new program, "Family First," which provided immediate emergency services to children suffering from abuse or neglect. This new state initiative

enabled Catholic Charities to hire eight new staff members and help an additional 40 families per year. Then, in 1985, Catholic Charities assumed management of the Catholic Children's Home in Alton.



1990s

In January of 1990, Carlinville Catholic Charities opened with four case workers as the seventh regional office in the diocese, providing services to five neighboring counties in a brick residence previously occupied by the Dominican Sisters. While Carlinville was getting started, Springfield was busy focusing on the health concerns of its clients. In 1992, "Clinics for Kids" was started to provide physicals, vision and hearing exams, eyeglasses and dental assessments at St. Clare's Clinic on North Sixth Street. Parts of the clinic were already offering vision and dental services but expanded to meet the needs of families, including required immunizations for school. In 1996, Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas and



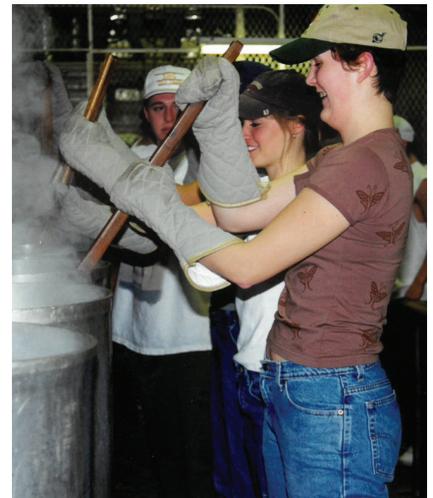
Edgar Counties in Mattoon was founded. Beginning as a thrift store affiliated with the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, it quickly grew to meet the needs of the community.

In 1997, Catholic Charities began its "MedAssist" program, helping to secure expensive prescription medicines free of charge for chronically ill people who could not afford the ongoing expense. The MedAssist program has secured over \$60 million of medication for thousands of people across the Diocese since.

2000s

The new millennium brought exciting times to Catholic Charities. In 2001, after years of dedication to its mission, hard work from its staff, and a commitment to excellence, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois achieved national accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA) out of New York City, and opened a new location in Mattoon was donated by Rural King and dedicated by Bishop George Lucas. The facility includes a 10,000 square foot thrift store. In 1990, St. John's Breadline served 120,000 meals.

In 2014, the breadline served 210,000 meals. In 2002, Decatur Catholic Charities gladly assumed operation of the Meals on Wheels program in Macon County, orchestrating the delivery of 330 prepared meals to



seniors in and around Decatur five days a week. In 2005, the St. Anne's Residence in Beardstown opened, funded by a \$3.1-million grant obtained through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The new 23-room apartment community continues to house low-income seniors in a welcoming and safe environment.

2010S

Catholic Charities continued to grow its already long list of distinguished services and programs by adding two more in 2013: Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS) and the Mobile Food Pantry (MFP).

CCLS was formed with the mission that, regardless of one's ability to pay, every human being has the right to competent legal counsel. This new Catholic Charities initiative was spearheaded by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, who modeled the program after the successful legal clinic he founded in Chicago.

The Mobile Food Pantry program hit the road in August of 2013, delivering food to the small towns of Shobonier and Fieldon in two refrigerated trucks purchased through a Catholic Charities USA grant. The program's mission is to deliver a two-week supply of food to families in rural towns who suffer from food insecurity and cannot access food relief services.

Since its inception, the Catholic Charities Mobile Food



For one hundred years, our mission has been the same – to extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus.

Pantry fleet has grown to seven trucks, delivering over 60 tons of food to 25 rural communities benefiting over 5,000 men, women and children.

2020S

In March of 2020, the World Health Organization had declared a COVID-19 global health emergency pandemic. Shortly following, the governor issued a “Stay At Home Order” for the state of Illinois. Exempted from this order were “essential services” considered vital to the public. Catholic Charities remained open, as one such essential business. With the risk of infection high



and our clients more in need than ever, we modified our programs, innovating safe and effective methods to provide critical support to communities across our diocese.

We immediately established the C.O.P.E. Hotline to address the pandemic-related mental health crisis and instituted the telehealth option in our counseling program. In addition, we modified our food pantries and the St. John's Breadline to include pre-packaged or curbside options, eliminated inner office travel by utilizing virtual technology, and continued to vigilantly implement sanitation and basic infection prevention protocols that had been issued. Over the course of the pandemic, Catholic Charities kept its doors open, never closing for even a single day.

CARLINVILLE



John Kelly
Carlinville Area Director

Carlinville Catholic Charities

525 W 2nd S St
Carlinville, IL 62626
(217) 854-8049
Serves Greene, Macoupin and Montgomery Counties

Resale Store
20 Carlinville Plaza
Carlinville, IL 62626
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CARLINVILLE HIGHLIGHTS

Carlinville Catholic Charities continues to provide Intact Family Services, the Resale Store, and crisis assistance services. Parenting, anger management, and mediation are also offered through court orders of the 7th Circuit Court. A grant from the Marillac Mission Fund supplemented the Mobile Food Pantry, helping us provide food to six villages in our three-county region.

After over twelve years of service, Area Director John Kelly celebrated his retirement this year. Deacon Sean Caveny will be the new Area Director.



DECATUR



Amanda Honn
Decatur Area Director

Decatur Catholic Charities

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Serves Macon, Moultrie and Shelby Counties

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members who committed to this amazing event. The 4 Seasons Resale Store has experienced record donation and sales numbers this year, as well as welcoming a new Resale Store Manager!

The ElderCare Options and Elderly Guardianship programs continue to provide necessary advocacy services to those seeking assistance. The advocacy that this team provides to those they support is impactful!

Our HealthConnect program, in partnership with HSHS St. Mary's, continues to assist with increasing self-sufficiency support by creating person-centered plans that address all determinants of health, not just medical support.

The Matter of Balance and Bingocize team expanded its programs to surrounding counties, allowing outreach to increase to more seniors, we are always recruiting for volunteers for the FIA and the evidence based programs.

We are also grateful for Robin Murray's 25 years of service to Decatur Catholic Charities—please join me in wishing her a happy retirement!

DECATUR HIGHLIGHTS

The Decatur Area Office and its programs continue to have an impact in Macon County and the surrounding communities! The Meals on Wheels program continues to grow with a successful expansion and partnership development with The Scovill Senior Center. The traditional and mobile food pantries continue to actively address food insecurity in Macon County and its surrounding areas. We are grateful for the return of the WSOY Food Drive for this year and are grateful for all the donors, supporters and community



EFFINGHAM



Maria Kingery
Effingham Area Director

Effingham Catholic Charities

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Serves Clark, Crawford,
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EFFINGHAM HIGHLIGHTS

2024 was a year of change for Effingham Catholic Charities. Two of the most empathetic, amazing people, Sr. Carol Beckermann and Sr. Kathleen Bushur, concluded their service to the Effingham community this past year. Sr. Carol Beckermann retired after 17 years of service to the Effingham community as Area Director. During her tenure, she forged lasting relationships between Catholic Charities and our community. In her 24 years of service as the MedAssist coordinator, Sr. Kathleen Bushur helped hundreds navigate the Medicare program and receive free or reduced medications. We wish them well in their retirement!

As part of the Agape Project, a capital campaign funded solely by the Effingham community, we were able to install a new HVAC system, renovate the food pantry and resurface the parking lot in 2024. We are looking forward to the parking lot project in 2025.

Our Effingham office is fortunate to have such an incredible local community; thank you to all of our event attendees, supporters, donors, and volunteers!



MADISON COUNTY



Denise Burton
Madison County Area Director

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MADISON COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Through two office locations in Alton and Granite City, we provide services to more than 11,000 individuals living in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun and Bond.

Program services include Professional Counseling Solutions, Prescription Medication Assistance, the Guardian Angel Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry, Legal Services, and Crisis Assistance for rent, utilities, and transportation.

You can have a profound impact on the lives of people living in our community by becoming an Advisory Board Member or volunteering with us on projects throughout the year. Consider sharing your time and talent with us, or making a donation to our food pantry.



MATTOON



Josh Benton, BFA
Mattoon Area Director

**Catholic Charities of Coles,
Douglas & Edgar Counties**

4217 Dewitt Ave
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Serves Coles, Douglas and
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MATTOON HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, Mattoon Catholic Charities continued to make waves in its community through multiple generous partnerships and impactful initiatives. As part of an ongoing collaboration with Slumberland, the organization distributed 40 brand-new beds to qualified families. Another year of partnering with Hopes and Dreams in Paris, IL allowed us to address the nutritional needs of at-risk teens. Coordinating with the Edgar County Housing Authority, the organization provided a mobile food run to Edgar County. Last, but not least, we provided 140 take-home bags of food per month for children attending Humbolt TLC School.



After a successful night of fun and laughter for a great cause, upon popular request, our 2025 Annual Fundraiser will feature Glo Bingo once more.

QUINCY



Kevin Williams
Quincy Area Director

Quincy Catholic Charities

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Serves Adams, Brown
and Pike Counties

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QUINCY HIGHLIGHTS

This new fiscal year started off with getting a new VOIP phone system for the whole office. This was a much needed upgrade that allows for better communication with our clients. In the Fall and Winter months, Quincy Catholic Charities worked with local businesses and schools to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help stock our food pantry. We also served as a registration sight for Toys for Tots. Additionally, we partnered with St. Peter's Church as part of their Giving Wreath Program which allowed us to provide Christmas gifts to our IFS families.

The year wrapped up with a brand new fundraiser, a murder mystery dinner. Several local "celebrities" volunteered as actors and portrayed some

unique characters as the audience tried to guess who done it! The sold out event featured a silent auction as well as an award for favorite actor. The evening was filled with laughs as well as the impact Quincy Catholic Charities has on the community. Overall the evening was a great success and attendees are already asking for it again next year!



ST. ANNE RESIDENCE

St. Anne Residence

309 E 9th St
Beardstown, IL 62618
(217)323-3228

The St. Anne's Residence is a subsidized community for seniors 62 years of age and older and living on a low to moderate income. Rent and utilities (electric only) will never be more than 30% of your income. St. Anne is pet friendly and currently is home for two dogs and several cats. This past year brought changes to our residents. We sure miss some tenants that left, but are enjoying getting to know some new friends.

In collaboration with the Beardstown High School, our outdoor sign was repainted. The students in the Shop class took on the task of giving our sign a much needed refresh, and in return, enjoyed some fresh donuts from Mel-O-Cream and a couple gallons of milk. Many thanks to Mr. Tomlinson and the shop students. It looks wonderful! While St. Anne currently has no vacancies, you can join our wait list by visiting the St. Anne Residence office or by calling Wendy Wessing at 217-321-8327 or 1-800-745-5194, ext. 327 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD



Patrick McConnell
Springfield Area Director

Springfield Catholic Charities

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Serves Sangamon, Mendard,
Christian, Morgan, Scott
and Cass counties

Assistance Office continues to see an influx of clients needing financial support or to help obtaining items like Photo IDs and Birth Certificates. Legal Services and Intact Family Services continue to serve a wide variety of clients facing important needs. If you are interested in serving on our Advisory Board please contact Patrick McConnell at 217-523-4551 ext. 114 or mcconnell_spfld@cc.dio.org

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SPRINGFIELD HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, Springfield Catholic Charities provided assistance to thousands of individuals and families in the Springfield Area through our various programs. In May, we held our Annual Fundraiser at the K of C Hall #364, which was a resounding success. Our local Knights of Columbus councils have provided us with their unwavering support over the years. St. Agnes took home first prize in our Annual Springfield Catholic Schools Food Drive for the Holy Family Food Pantry. We greatly appreciate the participation of all five grade schools!

Sacred Heart-Griffin deserves our gratitude for their ongoing generous efforts to bring in monetary and food donations for Thanksgiving meals for our food pantry clients. Our Crisis



ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE

St. John's Breadline
430 N 5th St
Springfield, IL 62702
(217)528-6098

The St. John's Breadline continues at 95-years-old to serve the most vulnerable in our community, serving hot meals 365 days a year. The Breadline boasts a Gold Award from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, providing all guests with a clean and dignified place to take their meals. This year, the 8th Annual Esper Figueras Memorial Golf Outing brought in over \$8,000 for SJB. Lastly, we are happy to announce the return of bread to our Annual Breadline Sunday Fundraiser thanks to the generosity of Bob & Sarah Bunn and HyVee.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME



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Catholic Children's Home
Administrator

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The Catholic Children's Home in Alton continues to care for children with emotional and behavioral challenges, including autism. Jonny Kruse fulfilled the Christmas lists of all residential and school youth this year. The Center to Heal and Achieve at the Catholic Children's Home allows children from surrounding districts with emotional and behavior issues to attend school at the center. The students receive specialized academic, therapeutic and behavior intervention services.

In addition to our special day school, we have a residential program (McNicholas Home), a transitional living program (L.I.F.T.), and an independent living program (L.I.F.T.-The Next Step Program). These programs serve youth ages 11 to 18 in the McNicholas Home and ages 17.5 to 21 in the L.I.F.T. Program. The Catholic Children's Home currently serves 57 children.

2024 PROGRAMS

Catholic Charities Legal Services

This community-based, quality legal services program helps people with little to no income in obtaining pro bono legal assistance in civil matters from area lawyers in specialized fields.

Catholic Children's Home

The Alton-based home provides special education and therapeutic services for students ages 5-21 and residential services to boys ages 11-18. Educational services include programming tailored to children with autism.

Crisis Assistance

We provide emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and transportation, as well as providing basic necessities including diapers or hygiene products.

Education and Advocacy

Catholic Charities partners with local community agencies to make referrals for services not offered by Catholic Charities.

Eldercare Options

Assesses, counsels, and determines the need for guardianship for the alleged disabled adults who can no longer make sound judgments on their own behalf. We also strive to find alternative to guardianship and secure sound decision makers on behalf of the disabled adults.

Elderly Guardianship

We assume legal guardianship of seniors and provide decision making and advocacy for elderly adults who lack the ability to make proper judgments concerning their health, well-being, and safety.

Faith in Action

Volunteers are matched with homebound seniors, age 55 and older, in Macon County to provide companionship and non-medical assistance. Faith in Action is to help seniors maintain an independent lifestyle in their own homes.

Food Pantries

Our staff serves the nutritional needs of families by helping with immediate problems and searching for future solutions. Donations of food, time, and money are necessary to respond to local hunger.

Health Connect

Health Connect is a comprehensive intervention program that works with clients who have a high number of hospital emergency room readmissions due to poor health, self-management skills, lack of resources or other social and emotional challenges.

Intact Family Services

This program's goal is to keep troubled families together by offering them intense case management and education in parenting and linking them with related services in their communities. This program is referral based only from DCFS.

Meals on Wheels

Lunches are delivered on weekdays by caring volunteers to homebound seniors in Decatur and Macon County.

Meals on Wheels Congregate

The Meals on Wheels Congregate program is designed for older adults to eat a nutritious meal and socialize with friends. The program is for seniors 60 years of age and older to enjoy a hot, healthy lunch served in a group setting. This program routinely schedules special activities and speakers.

MedAssist

A prescription medicine assistance program that aids clients with securing immediate or long-term medications at free or substantially reduced costs. The following services also fall under our MedAssist program: Senior Health Insurance Program, Marketplace Certified Application Sites, Immediate Meds, the Dental Voucher Program, and Medical Equipment Loan Program. These specific program offerings vary by site.

Mobile Food Pantry

Through this rural hunger relief effort, seven refrigerated trucks deliver food to pre-registered individuals and families in small communities throughout the Springfield Diocese.

Post-Adoption Services

The Post Adoption program is designed to support and strengthen the lives of adoptive parents, adult adopted persons and birth parents by providing compassionate profiles, searches and intermediary services.

Professional Counseling Solutions

Our therapists offer professional, compassionate services to individuals, couples and families striving for emotional wellness. We also provide counseling to foster children, students and women in crisis pregnancies.

Ramblin' Rose

The Ramblin' Rose Bus, a ministry sponsored by Effingham Catholic Charities, will travel to towns in the seven-county area this summer to deliver school supplies and clothing. The program provides assistance to families with limited financial means, who qualify for free or reduced school lunches.

Resale Stores

Our stores are ideal places to find gently worn clothing, housewares and furniture at nominal costs, and vouchers are available to provide items free of charge to families in need. Volunteers and community donations help keep our stores going strong.

St. Anne Residence

A beautiful 23-unit apartment community in Beardstown for low-income seniors needing a safe, warm place to call home. The St. Anne Residence opened in 2005.

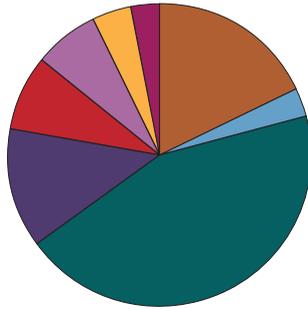
St. John's Breadline

Operating in Springfield since 1925, our Breadline serves hot and nutritious meals daily at no charge to low-income and homeless individuals in our community.

2024 FINANCIALS

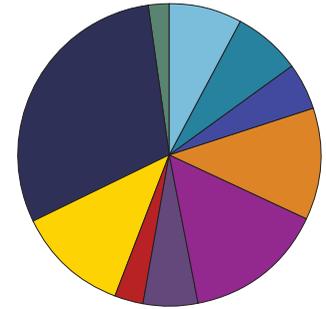
Revenue

Contributions	18%
United Way	3%
Government Contracts	44%
Grants	13%
Client/Service Fees	8%
Sales to the Public	7%
Investment/Trust Income	4%
Interfund Transfers	3%



Expenses

Madison County CC	8%
Quincy CC	7%
Carlinville CC	5%
Springfield CC	12%
Decatur CC	15%
Effingham CC	6%
Mattoon CC	3%
Administrative Office	12%
Catholic Children's Home	30%
St. Anne's Residence	2%



FY '24 Operating Budgets

Revenue

Contributions	\$2,464,144
United Way	\$490,881
Government Contracts	\$6,358,849
Grants	\$1,901,147
Client/Service Fees	\$1,158,770
Sales to the Public	\$930,952
Investment/Trust Income	\$510,418
Interfund Transfers	\$488,500
Total Revenue	\$14,303,661

Expenses

Madison County CC	\$1,039,254
Quincy CC	\$946,823
Carlinville CC	\$706,419
Springfield CC	\$1,679,425
Decatur CC	\$2,015,473
Effingham CC	\$800,335
Mattoon CC	\$453,985
Administrative Office	\$1,667,914
Catholic Children's Home	\$4,157,896
St. Anne's Residence	\$288,548
Total Expenses	\$13,756,072

Year Ending June 30, 2024

Financial operating data includes Catholic Charities, Catholic Children's Home, and St. Anne's Residence. Copies of audited financial statements are available for review at the Administrative Office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield.

PROGRAM TOTALS

Family Based Services

Intact Family Services	279 Families
Post-Adoption Services	44 Individuals
Professional Counseling Solutions	114 Clients
Catholic Children's Home	55 Children

Senior Outreach

A Matter of Balance	37 Clients
Bingocize	49 Clients
Eldercare Options	84 Clients
Elderly Guardianship	62 Clients
Faith in Action	98 Clients
Meals on Wheels	424 Clients (102,859 meals)
Meals on Wheels Congregate	169 Clients (8,460 meals)
St. Anne's Residence	27 Residents

Community Services and Health Assistance

Catholic Charities Legal Services	228 Closed Cases
Crisis Assistance	7,693 Individuals
Education and Advocacy	13,599 Individuals
Food Pantries	78,728 Individuals
MedAssist	1,302 Individuals
Mobile Food Pantry	12,983 Individuals
Resale Stores	100,944 Individuals
St. John's Breadline	172,699 Meals Served
Health Connect	14 Clients
Ramblin' Rose	1,007 Children

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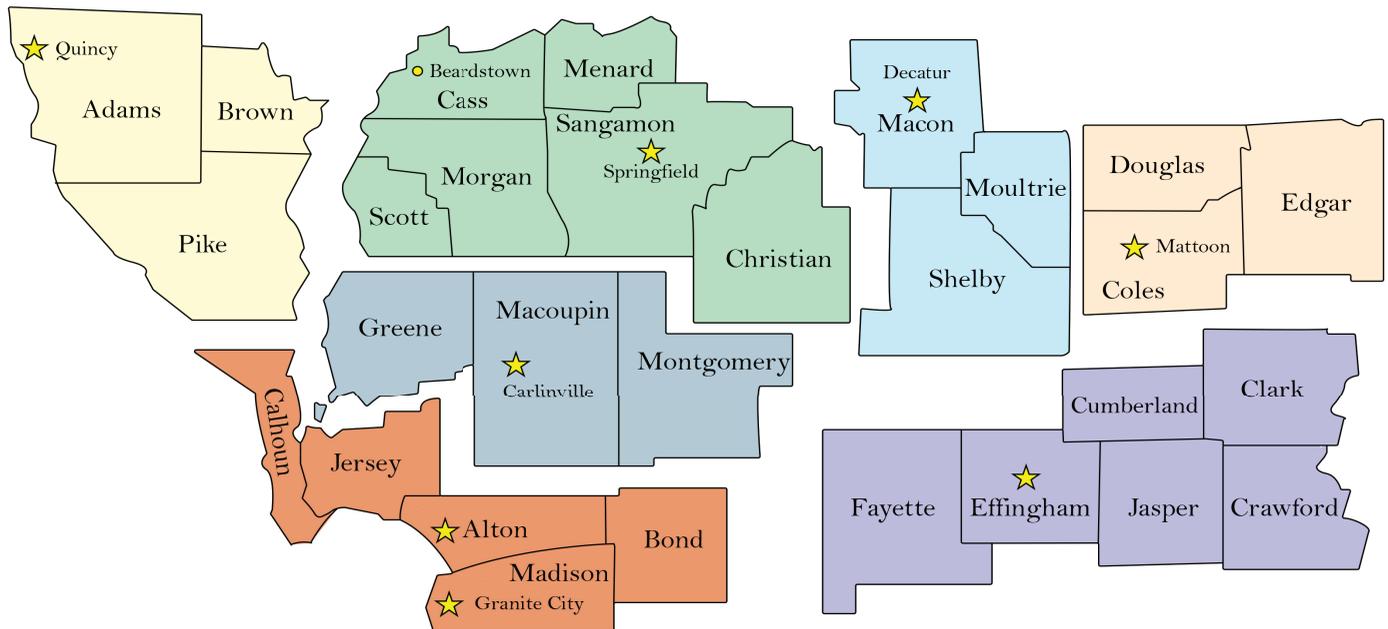
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