



Catholic Charities
Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



COURAGEOUSLY
Living the Gospel

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Last year we announced ***Courageously Living the Gospel***, the vision for the Diocese of St. Petersburg as we move forward to proclaim the Good News and invite all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Below is an update on Catholic Charities' goal of developing 8-10 new locations of affordable housing.

Affordable Housing. St. Teresa Apartments, a renovated motel located in Hernando County, opened in October 2019 providing homes to twelve low-income Veterans. St. Benedict in Citrus County is being re-designed in response to community needs. We are partnering with developers to be part of St. Patrick and St. James in Pasco County, and we are working on three Hillsborough County locations: one by Mercy House (our housing for HIV/AIDS positive mothers); Bella Vista, a 16-unit apartment; and St. Francis of Assisi Apartments will be built by its namesake parish in Seffner. Finally, Holy Name Apartments will be built in St. Petersburg, by Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

Overall, this past year Catholic Charities served nearly 13,000 clients and provided almost 240,000 meals across its three Ministries of Mercy:

Shelters of Hope. Pinellas Hope provided shelter, food and critical services to over 1,300 homeless men and women. We also housed 3,000 men, women, and children, including families with a disabled member, mothers who are HIV/AIDS positive, migrant farmworker families, elderly on a fixed-income and many more.

Foundations of Life. The four pregnancy and adoption centers and the Knights Women Center served over 2,600 women, saving countless babies' lives and completing adoption plans for thirteen babies with many more kept by the mothers.

Friends in Need. Catholic Charities assisted 550 people with long-term disaster assistance; over 2,500 immigrants and refugees; 1,000 people without insurance with basic medical care and many, many more.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to Catholic Charities via one of our donation vehicles listed in this report.



Frank V. Murphy III
President
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Bishop
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ABOUT US

Catholic Charities was created in 1945 by Bishop Joseph P Hurley as the Tampa Office for Charity. It was operated under the auspices of the Diocese of St. Augustine as one of three regional offices, collectively known as Diocesan Catholic Charities, under the charter of the Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc. It was created to relieve the burden on Catholic parishes which were struggling to meet the needs of the poor in their communities at the end of World War II. The present Catholic Charities was created as a nonprofit corporation in June 1968 when the Diocese of St. Petersburg was established.

Our mission is driven by the Gospel mandate to serve those most in need by fulfilling Christ's corporal works of mercy. Catholic Charities continues to provide the highest quality social services designed to preserve families and promote self-sufficiency and social justice while operating under three Ministries of Mercy: *Foundations of Life*, *Friends in Need*, and *Shelters of Hope*.

OUR MISSION

Catholic Charities serves with charity and compassion to promote the sanctity and dignity of all people with God. As a member of the Church, Catholic Charities offers hope by helping those in need and unites with others in service.

OUR VALUES

Catholic Charities makes a Commitment to Serve all people with Respect, Compassion and Cooperation in the spirit of a unifying God.

OUR STORIES



“We’ve lived in Florida since February 2019. I fled my home in Georgia due to a domestic violence situation.” Jamilah drove away with her two boys, 17-year old, William and 16-year old, Nicholas. “We ended up in Florida and were living in our car in the Wal-Mart parking lot.” “It was tough, to never be homeless and now you’re homeless with your kids.” After two months, “someone got me connected with a domestic abuse shelter, and they gave us Catholic Charities’ number.”

Pasco Women’s Shelter, an eight-month program for homeless women, took her in. “Catholic Charities helped me to work because the boys could stay at the shelter

without me being there.” Jamilah caught a bus for work at 5:00 am and wouldn’t return home until 10:30 pm! “We were in the women’s shelter at the end of April until we moved into our three-bedroom apartment July 1st.” Catholic Charities assisted through its ‘Rapid Rehousing’ program (helps low income families find affordable housing and pays move-in expenses). **Jamilah believes, “everything happens the way God wants it to. It is a blessing. I found a job closer ‘cause I don’t like being far from the kids.”** Working retail, she is now an Assistant Store Manager.

As for her boys, Jamilah says “William has always been a pillar of strength...and has self-esteem enough for a small country”, but “Niko had a little bit of a rough patch.” Both boys are doing well in school and play football. William is being recruited by major universities for an athletic scholarship and Nicholas is looking forward to getting a job to pay for college. Regarding aspirations for her family, Jamilah says “Eventually I’d like to get back into school--just having stability, a home for the boys--when they come back from college.” **Jamilah says Catholic Charities “doesn’t make you feel like you are part of a program; more like a neighbor helping a neighbor. She’s thankful Catholic Charities helped “get us into a home and get us stable and back functioning as a normal family.”**

David was a successful graphic design artist in his hometown of Charleston. David had been “a very angry teenager, drinking all the time.” But he eventually graduated with a Fine Arts degree but couldn’t find a job. He worked construction for six years. “I hated it and returned to drinking.” He re-enrolled in school to study commercial graphics but landed a job before graduating. While working there for 10 years, he had his first heart surgery. “I was supposed to be rehabilitating for three months but was back at work in six weeks.” The firm folded within weeks of David’s return.

This began an eight-year period of off and on work, bouts of homelessness and drinking. He inherited money and “I figured

I only had two years left so I “did things I wanted to do.” David returned to school and started a business: “the money ran out and I was homeless again.” David moved to Savannah then Tampa in search of a better life. He lived in his car at rest stops and ultimately attempted suicide: “I was depressed. It was a beautiful day. I swallowed about 100 pills.” He woke up in a hospital. With \$200 from a relative and \$400 from selling his car, he bounced around again, checking in and out of hospitals as “I Baker Acted myself”, did ten months of rehab, and had a second heart surgery. “I had no idea what I was going to do. I was contemplating suicide.” Then he found Catholic Charities and Jeff Currie: “Catholic Charities was able to put a roof over my head for two or three months.” Jeff “was like this incredibly wonderful person.” David was approved for social security and received a ‘microenterprise’ business loan from Catholic Charities. **David is now doing freelance work - Catholic Charities is a client -** and is optimistic. **“Catholic Charities has been a blessing in my life.” Explaining how he persevered, David says, “You just gotta keep going and not quit.”**





“HOPE” is how Megan describes what Catholic Charities means to her. Charlie and Megan Free and their three children – Keaton (8), McKenna (5) and Fallon (12) – are residents of Bethany Family Apartments in Dade City.

Megan says, “We were going through a hard time. The landlord upped the rent and we weren’t able to afford it.” Megan learned about Catholic Charities’ Bethany Family Apartments. The family was joyful when an apartment was immediately available! Charlie said the experience “was tough in the beginning, but it was all worth it.” During the four years the Frees

have lived at Bethany, Megan said Catholic Charities provided significant assistance: **“Catholic Charities helped at Christmas time getting the kids gifts” and providing “back to school clothes and gift cards so we could go school shopping.” They “helped me get my education in cosmetology.” They also “provided transportation to doctor’s appointments” and helped “the kids get to camp during the summer so we could continue to work”.**

Charlie chimed in “Catholic Charities provided funds for me to acquire my Class D and Class G security license.” Megan says, Charlie will “begin looking for different work to save for their future, including a new home. Megan said the Frees’ case manager, “was the one that got me to go for a Habitat Home.” She asked me “what are you doing next?” “She’s really been a big help and she’s pushed me to do more and want more.”

Asked what they will do when in their new home, Megan offered that Charlie – whose green thumb led their apartment to be called ‘Busch Gardens’ - “can’t wait to plant trees and vegetables.” The kids were anxious to be in their new bedrooms and play with their new pets. **Charlie summed it up best: “I like to take it one day at a time--as long as we’re happy, it’s all good.”**

HOPE COTTAGE UPDATE



THANK YOU

Begun in Spring 2016, the thirty-third and final Hope Cottage™ was opened this November. While we fell short of our fifty-cottage goal due to unforeseen costs, hundreds of residents have benefited from the improved living conditions the cottages offer. We thank everyone who contributed financially with special appreciation for the Legacy givers:

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Additionally, we extend a special thanks to the **St. Raphael Knights of Columbus Council #10157** and their Chaplain, Fr. Kevin Mackin, OFM, whose vision and hard work were instrumental in making this project a reality.

SUSTAINING PHASE

Please continue to support the men and women of Pinellas Hope. The cottages, while virtually indestructible, require maintenance and occasional repair (ac units). Unlike tents, they incur electrical expense.

320 months

21 months



HOW TO HELP

Contact Lou Ricardo

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lricardo@ccdosp.org

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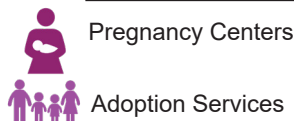
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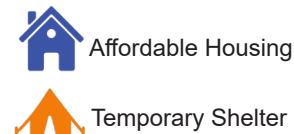
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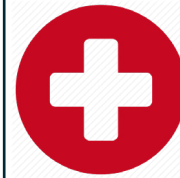
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Adoption Services



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Medical &
Respite Care

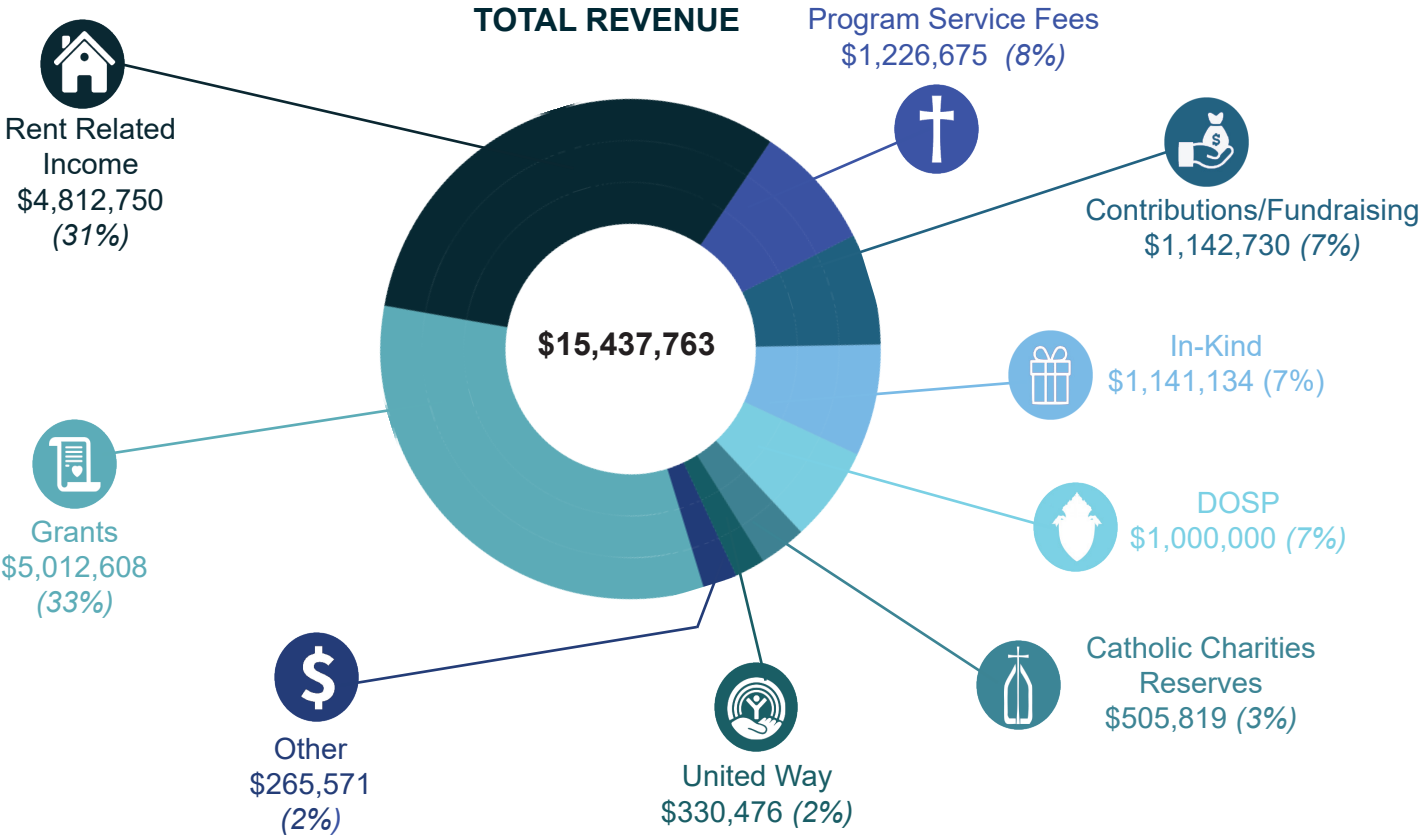


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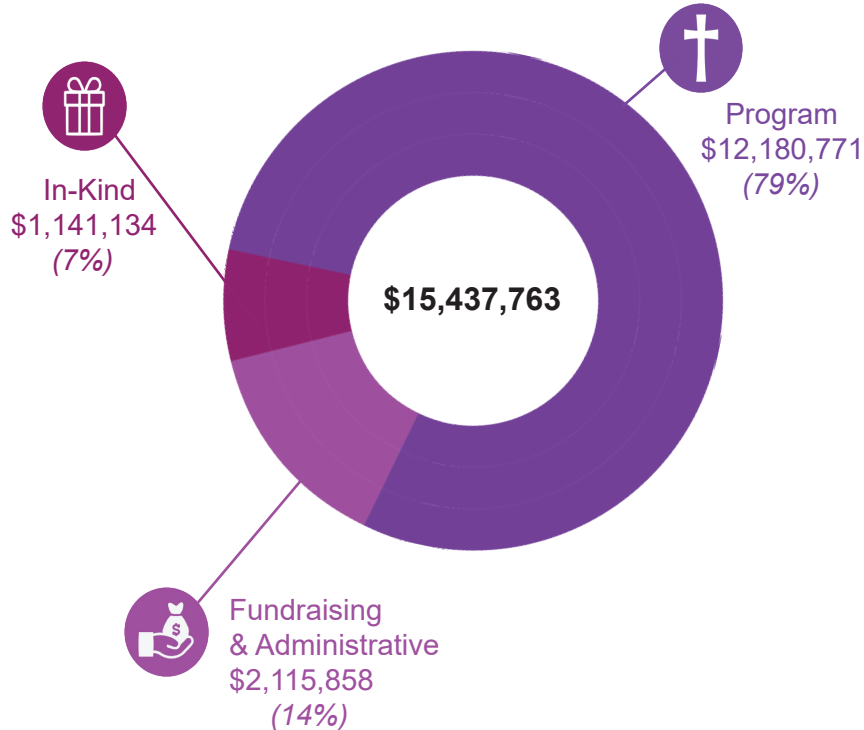


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Because of your generosity, thousands in need have had their lives improved as they are lifted up in dignity.

We cannot list all of you, but we thank you all equally. *We strive for an error-free list. If we made a mistake, omitted you entirely, or you don't wish to be listed in the future, we apologize. Please contact us to let us know.

ANGEL AWARDS

Albert Docobo, Founder and President/CEO of American Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., Tampa (arsmi.com) –

Albert's dedication to the Church takes many forms and his generosity is well known throughout the Diocese. We at Catholic Charities are especially grateful for his numerous contributions to our clients. He generously volunteered the services of his firm to repair the roofs of several Catholic Charities properties, at times providing crews to address emergency repairs. He donated a roof replacement at the Catholic Charities' Tampa office — saving the Agency tens of thousands of dollars and preventing disastrous water damage. He is a frequent sponsor of our fundraisers. He and his family are members of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.



Kim Davis – A 10-year volunteer at the San Jose Mission apartments that provide affordable housing to migrant farmworker families, “Miss Kim” has organized numerous fall and spring activities for the people we serve, including the popular Summer Vacation Bible School and annual Christmas Party. Her enthusiasm is infectious. She draws people in the broader community together to bring delightful experiences to our San Jose kids. At Thanksgiving, she worked with her parish and Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hockey Development Team to arrange an exciting youth street hockey event. This past Christmas, she averted a major crisis by working with the Newsome High School



community to secure Christmas gifts for the children. Miss Kim and her husband are the parents of one daughter and parishioners of St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Anonymous – Although they prefer anonymity, the actions of our next awardees speak so strongly of compassion and care that we had to speak up about their efforts. Supporters of Catholic Charities since 2006, the foundation started by these benefactors effected significant changes at two Catholic Charities programs during 2018 through donations totaling nearly \$200,000. The first allowed Catholic Charities to purchase five Hope Cottages™, shipping containers repurposed to provide safe housing to homeless residents of Pinellas Hope; the second enabled our Free Medical Clinic to purchase dental equipment that will provide much-needed care to the east Hillsborough migrant farmworker community.

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