

**MANY
FACES...**

**ONE
FAMILY**



2014 Annual Report

One of the most tender moments in the entire Gospel comes as Jesus hangs from the cross and looks down upon His suffering mother, Mary, who is standing at the foot of it. No doubt He saw her crying inconsolably and tormented by His mother's anguish, His heart immediately goes out to her. Scripture tells us,

When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son. Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

John 19: 26-27

At the most significant event in human history, the moment of His own suffering and death, our Lord thought not of His own agony but was instead taken by worry, pity, and concern for His beloved mother's well-being. And with presumably no family there to speak of, He places her in the care of his friend, the disciple John, who stood nearby.

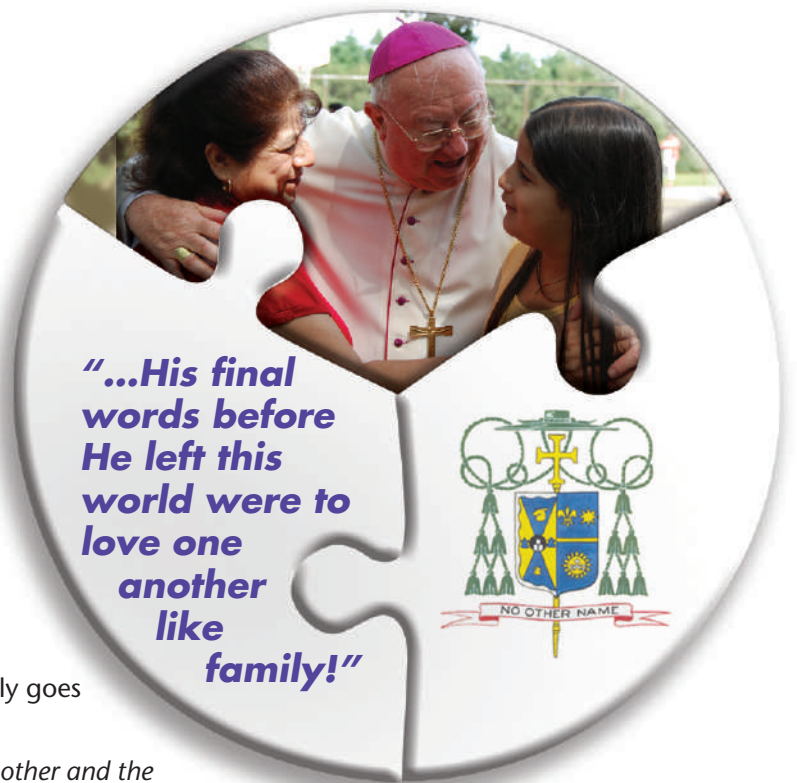
Just think! Our Lord put His cherished mother not into the hands of angels on high, but into the care of a friend, a person just like us. And Jesus does not say, "Take care of one another." Instead, He establishes a familial bond by declaring them to be mother and son. Our Lord knew, just as we do, that in moments of suffering, and grief, and hardship, that the bond we call family is that which is most capable of bringing us to His grace. He understood that families transcend biology and bloodlines and become spiritual relationships of love and commitment.

How revealing that His final words before He left this world were to love one another like family! Nothing better sums up the work of His Church and the mission of Catholic Charities.

When I meet those we serve I am struck by how much we have in common. We may be as different in personality as possible. But with all our differences and all our variety, we all are members of the one Body of Christ. We all are brothers and sisters in Christ. Together, we all make up the family of God.

I remain your faithful servant in Christ,

**Most Reverend William Murphy,
Bishop of Rockville Centre**



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Dear Friends,

When most people think of the word “family” they probably envision a mom, a dad, two kids, a dog and maybe even a white picket fence. But after so many wonderful years here at Catholic Charities, I’ve seen families come in all kinds of unusual shapes and sizes, learning along the way that it’s less about whom you live with and more about who lives in your heart.

That’s why the theme of this year’s annual report, *Many Faces—One Family* so perfectly embodies our outlook at Catholic Charities. Take for example Bill and Mary Toomey who have served as parents in our Teaching Family Home program for more than 20 years. He’s a fun-loving, hulk of an Irishman with a gift for communicating, whose kindness helps him connect with even the toughest kid. She is a patient, understanding supermom, with nothing but love in her heart for the disadvantaged kids of every faith and background who come to them for help. Ask any young person who’s lived in their home and each considers themselves a member of a unique, loving, extended family. And Bill and Mary enthusiastically celebrate that love. To this day, they remain involved in the lives of many of the young people who have since moved on and it’s not unusual for former residents to “pop in” and spend a few precious hours with their “teaching family.”

There are countless examples just like this at Catholic Charities, countless examples of loyalty, warmth, teamwork, and grace and one thing characterizes it all: the belief that love does indeed conquer all. When you get to the heart of it, we’re not just a series of successful social services—we’re people. We’re neighbors caring for neighbors, building bonds of family where maybe they’ve been damaged, or severed, or never even existed at all.

We know that having those family bonds—wherever you might find them—leads to successful outcomes. In that light I now invite you to turn the page and discover some of the families that you make possible.

I am always gratefully yours,

Laura A. Cassell
Chief Executive Officer

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The Road Less Traveled

"I knew things had to change and fast," says Lauren. She and her boyfriend had made one too many bad choices and gotten into trouble with the law. Now she was pregnant, he was being incarcerated, and they had been evicted from their apartment. They were keeping their baby but after years of burning bridges, Lauren found herself facing the challenge almost entirely alone. With no job, no money, and little by way of family support she moved from place to place, staying with friends and even in homeless shelters. That's when her cousin told her about Catholic Charities' Regina Residence for unwed, teenage moms.

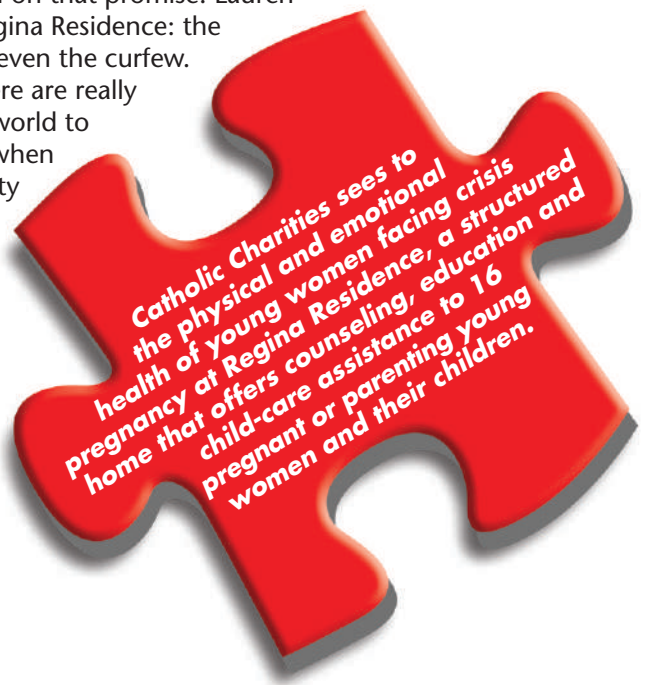
"She was one of the most motivated people to ever come through these doors," explains Danielle, her Regina Residence Social Worker. "She wanted to escape that chaotic life and she craved the stable atmosphere of Regina Residence. It takes guts to leave behind everything you know and take the road less traveled. But from our very first meeting she made it clear she was going to do whatever was necessary to turn things around."

And she made good on that promise. Lauren embraced everything about Regina Residence: the people, the rules, the chores, and even the curfew.

"The other girls and the staff here are really some of the closest people in the world to me," she adds. In her sixth month, when others normally consider maternity leave, she started working and saving for her soon-to-be family.

Today, she and her beautiful three-month old baby, Savannah, are very much a part of the Regina Residence family. She's a confident, working, loving mother who is also studying for a career in nursing.

Lauren adds, "In some ways, you need a family to start a family. I found that at Regina."





Chemical Dependence Services: *Talbot House
Chemical Dependence Crisis
Center/Outpatient Clinics*

Commodity Supplemental Food Program: *Permanent and Mobile Food
Distribution Sites/Nutrition Education*

Disaster Response: *Case Management/Disaster Action
Response Team/Preparation & Relief Services*

HIV/AIDS Services: *Housing*

Housing: *Affordable Apartments for Seniors and People With Physical Disabilities*

Immigrant Services: *Legal Counseling/Citizenship & Voter
Registration/Refugee Resettlement/Advocacy & Organizing*

Mental Health Outpatient Services: *Community-based Clinics/Suicide
Prevention Training*

Mental Health Residential Services: *Siena Residence for Adults with
Psychiatric Disabilities/Teaching Family Homes for Children/Project Independence
and Project Veterans Independence*

Nutrition Outreach Education Project: *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program (SNAP)*

Parish Social Ministry: *Parish Outreach/Support for Local Programs/Central
Information and Referral (CIR)*

Regina Maternity Services: *Regina Residence/Mary's Residence/Mentoring
Program*

Residential Services for People with Developmental Disabilities:
*Case Management/Community Integration/Skills Development/Community
Residences*

Senior Services: *Case Management/Meals-On-Wheels/Senior Community Service
Centers/Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Center*

Women, Infants and Children Program: *Food/Nutrition
Education/Referrals to Health and Social Services*

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Still Part of the Family

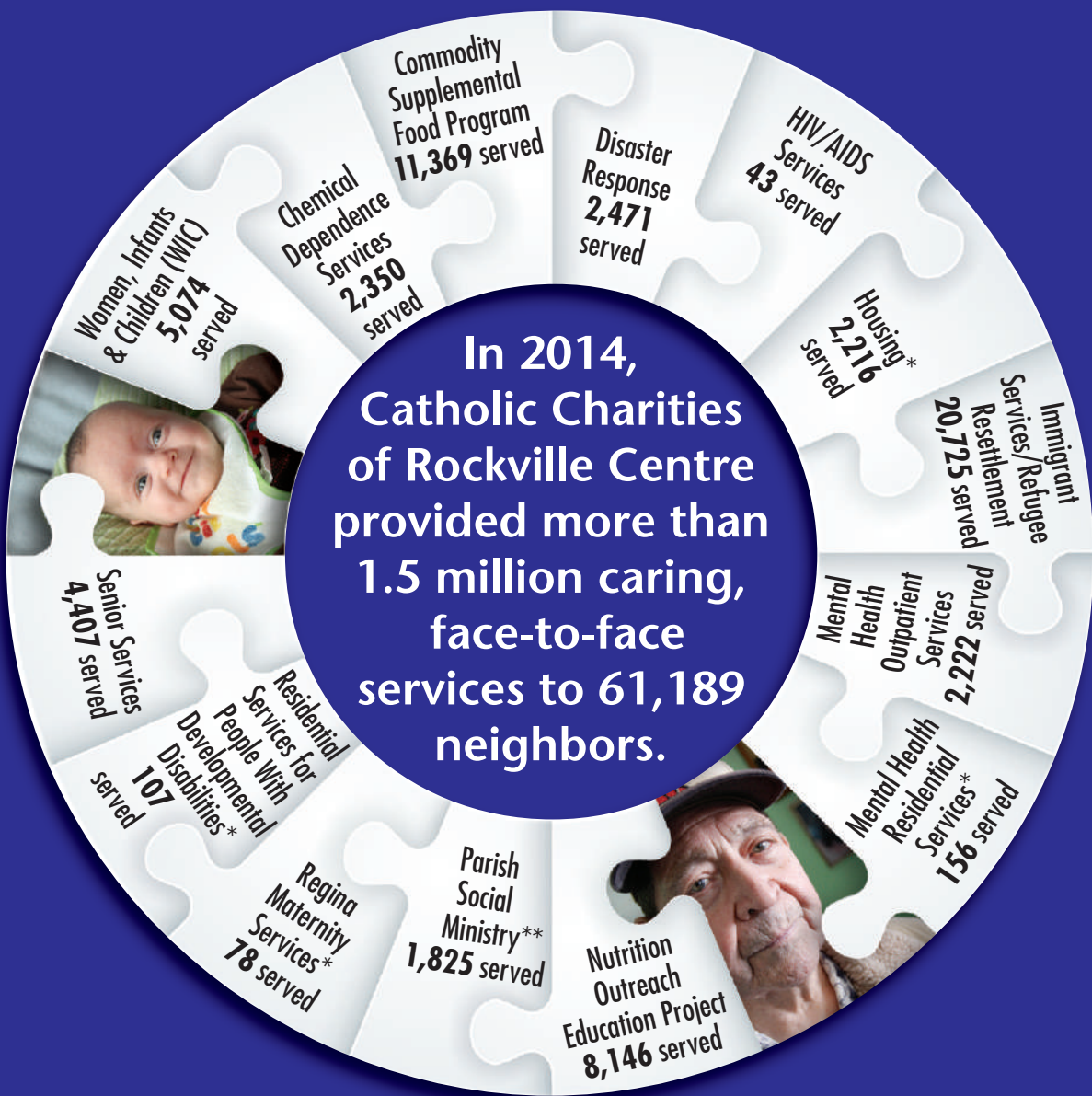
T Tyler's mom died when he was just four years old. "I hardly remember her. My dad had to work a lot to make ends meet and my two sisters were much older so I felt like I was alone most of the time."

As a result, Tyler struggled to socialize all through his youth and by high school he was suffering from depression and skipping school all together, racking up an alarming 96 absences in one year. "I know my dad tried his best to help me, but I didn't want his help. He didn't know what to do and neither did I." After several failed interventions, the New York State Family Court gave Tyler an ultimatum: be remanded to a juvenile detention center or give Catholic Charities' Teaching Family Homes an earnest try. Although he skipped out on his first meeting with Teaching Family parents, Lisa and Aaron, they were persistent and eventually convinced him to give their home a shot.

Tyler says, "It's weird. I didn't like the nonstop supervision but somehow I transitioned well. Lisa and Aaron were strict but calm and understanding at the same time. They got me help for my depression, were involved in my schoolwork and even got me a gym membership and helped me lose weight. Then everything just fell into place. I started doing well in school, making friends, and even going to parties and games. I have a normal life and I know it's because they really care about me."

Lisa notes, "Tyler's being modest. The truth is he lost over 80 pounds, made the principal's list for two years straight and was accepted by six different universities. He turned his life around." Today, he and his dad are reunited and making it work. Tyler works full time and begins his chemistry studies at a local university in the fall but he still finds time to visit his teaching family to have dinner, throw the ball around, and even give advice to new members. "I'm still part of the family and I won't ever forget that."





* Many participants in these programs receive round-the-clock, residential care.

** The Parish Social Ministry staff also supported parish programs that serve local communities by holding trainings and conferences that were attended by 5,694 people.

Our House is Full of Love

Meet Barbara, Michael, Joseph, Edward, Mary Ellen, Michael B., William, Susan, Melina, John, Mary Anne, Andrew, Dorothy, and Michael T. Repeat it quickly and your tongue may get tied but Henrietta Clark, Assistant Manager at Catholic Charities' Fagan Residence spins them off without missing a beat.

That's because Henrietta has been with her "Fagan Family" 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, for more than 15 years. Originally opened in 1989, Fagan Residence is just one of Catholic Charities' 13 homes for people with developmental disabilities. These are uniquely supportive environments where we nurture full, productive and engaged lives. Residents participate in day programs and workshops, but also play on sports teams, take day trips, go to concerts and engage in numerous community activities like singing in local choirs and bowling for neighborhood leagues. Some even maintain competitive employment.



But what really make these homes extraordinary are the affectionate and devoted friendships that keep them together for so many years. Henrietta explains, "Here at Fagan, the average stay is 18 years. Seven of the residents have been together for more than 20 years, three of them for more than 25." She adds, "They can choose to live elsewhere but they choose to stay together. The way I see it, they're a family and I'm lucky enough to be a part of it."

Melina, a 22-year veteran of Fagan, sums it up best, "We're there for each other through thick and thin. Our house is full of love and that's what makes us a family."

Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRAs) for people with developmental disabilities are group living homes that affirm the dignity of residents while helping each achieve the highest possible levels of functioning.

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2014

OPERATING REVENUE:

Bequests, contributions and other gifts	\$ 2,074,081
Foundations, grants and other contracts	640,500
Catholic Ministries Appeal	1,250,000
Government contracts	14,730,237
Medicaid and Medicare	12,983,392
Fees, third-party and other reimbursements	4,536,908
Total Operating Revenue	\$36,215,118

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Program Services:

Chemical Dependence Services	\$ 3,101,049
Disaster Response and Preparedness	3,290,484
Food and Nutrition Services	2,282,739
Health Systems	349,734
Housing	586,076
Immigrant Services	1,063,451
Maternity Services	707,422
Mental Health Outpatient Services	3,774,231
Parish Social Ministry	631,626
Residential Services	13,319,538
Senior Services	4,403,611
Special Needs Housing	227,283
Visually Impaired Persons Center	32,672
Other Programs	383,796
Total Program Services	\$34,153,712

Supporting Services:

Administration	\$ 3,251,266
Fundraising	331,692

Total Supporting Services \$ 3,582,958

Total Operating Expenses \$37,736,670

DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS

\$(1,521,552)

NONOPERATING ACTIVITY:

Investment income and realized gains, net	\$ 1,659,322
Unrealized depreciation in fair market value of investments	(649,453)
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	(392,878)
Increase in permanently restricted net assets	12,845

DECREASE IN NET ASSETS \$ (891,716)

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 28,050,953

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR \$27,159,237

A copy of the latest audited financial report is available upon request by e-mailing info@catholiccharities.cc or calling (516) 733-7000.

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Catholic Charities gratefully acknowledges the legacies and support of those who assist in the continuation of our ministry. For information about planned giving or other forms of donations to Catholic Charities, please contact the Development and Communications Department at (516) 733-7042.



It's Better Than Family...

"Things looked so hopeless I didn't believe they could get better," says Irene. As retirees, she and her husband Henry had lived in Florida for 21 years when he was suddenly diagnosed with an aggressive form of bladder cancer. They immediately flew back to Long Island where their daughter Caroline could help care for them, but just a few weeks after their return, Henry succumbed to the disease.

Caroline describes the situation. "It was really a perfect storm for mom. First she had to leave her home after living there so many years. A month later, her husband of 54 years dies, so now she's also grieving. To top it all off she broke her pelvis a week after burying him so she was in physical pain too." Caroline watched anxiously as her 83-year old mother moped around the house for months, growing more despondent with each passing day. She describes her as "lost and lethargic" and wanted desperately to find something to make her mom happy again. That's when Caroline called Nassau County's Office of the Aging and discovered a Catholic Charities senior center near her home.

"I thought maybe she'd find some comfort with people her own age but to be honest, I was sure this wouldn't work. You can imagine how surprised I was to hear mom say she'd be back the next day. But that's how fast you feel the love there." Irene did come back the next day and the day after that and the day after that. Now she devotedly attends five days a week and misses only on what she calls "snow and doctor days." She plays cards and bingo, regularly participates in day trips and parties and always shares a nutritious meal with her friends. She even attends the center's sit-down Zumba class.

But most important are her friendships. The center's assistant manager, Lynn Romano says, "They sit together for hours, talking and sharing just about everything. If someone's missing, it goes up like a flare and they'll reach out to find out what's going on. They really invest in these relationships and those are the bonds that keep seniors happy and healthy."

Daughter, Caroline goes a step further. "I'm convinced this center saved her life and it all starts with cheerful staff who set the tone. Good creates more good and eventually it feels like family." Irene adds, "It's better than family, because it's chosen family." We're glad we're a part of it.



Catholic Charities' four Senior Community Service Centers offer recreation and assistance to more than 1500 Long Island seniors, helping them live safe and independent lives in their own homes.



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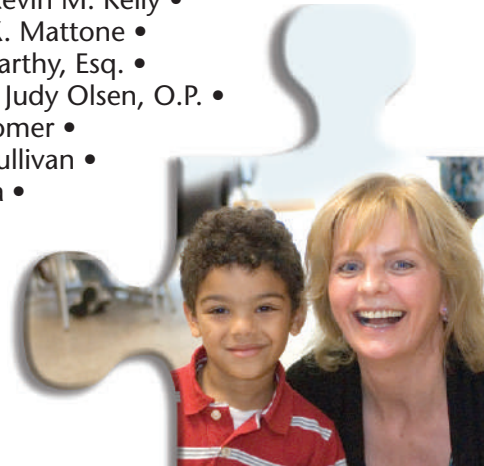
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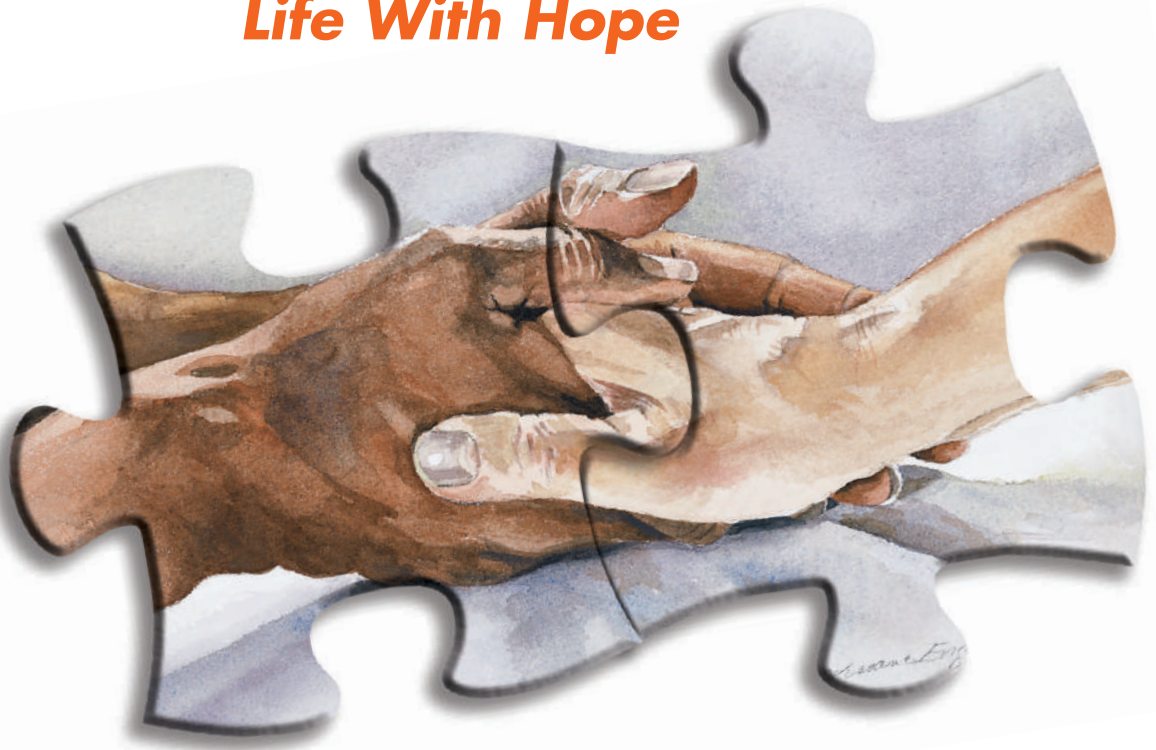
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We aim to organize and empower people to secure the participation of all in the life of the community.

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