

# Portraits of Care



2008  
Annual Report

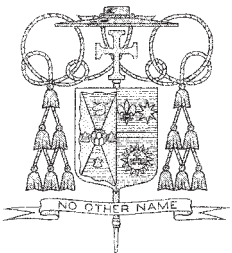
## Our Mission Statement

As a ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, Catholic Charities assists in serving the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak, and oppressed and is committed to addressing the causes of injustice. We aim to organize and empower people to secure the participation of all in the life of the community.



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"No one can live on Long Island for any period of time without knowing of the extraordinary work of Catholic Charities... Catholic Charities is the human face of Jesus Christ. Catholic Charities is the hand that comes from a heart filled with love so that this too is not simply a matter of doing a social service but rather of doing all things in Christ Jesus."

Most Reverend William F. Murphy  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

## Dear Friends,

We had 55,485 stories to tell, but they wouldn't all fit here.

That's how many neighbors Catholic Charities of Rockville Centre served here on Long Island in 2008. Each of them did indeed have a story to share, and I a did, one person at a time, and face-to-face.



In that light, I considered the numbers found in recent headlines. With our economy faltering there seems to be no end to them—an assortment of statistics proposed daily by legions of “experts.” Open any newspaper and revised figures leap from the page: trillions in debt; billions in stimulus; thousands upon thousands of unemployment claims.

Don't you often wonder what all these numbers *really mean*?

The figures are so staggering that it's easy to overlook that they are nothing more than indicators of the human condition. When all is said and done, that's what we truly care about and all that really matters. At Catholic Charities, we try not to lose sight of this.

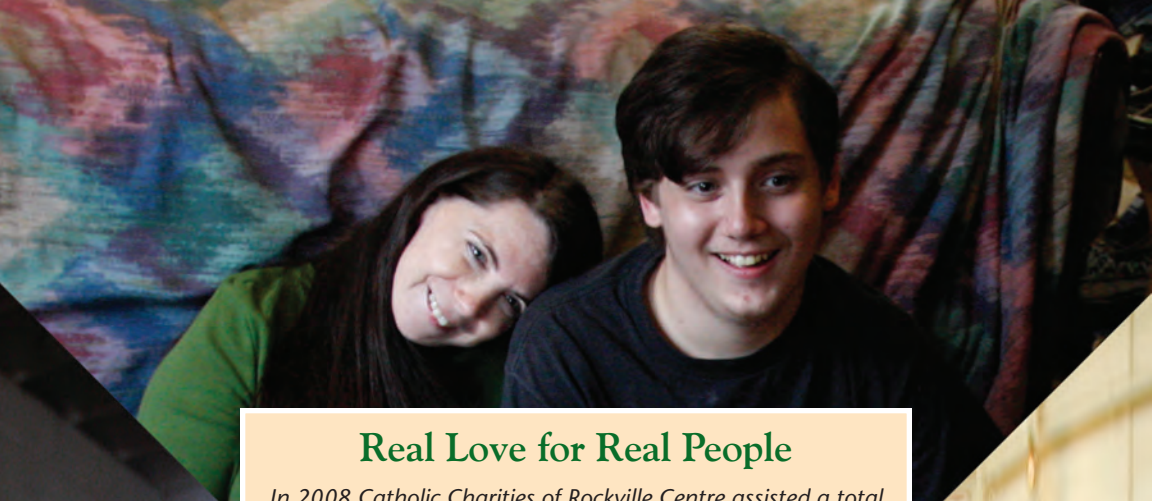
You see, as part of the human family, we instinctively wonder how our brothers and sisters are faring, and by extension, we ourselves. And that is our greatest challenge in these tumultuous times: to remember that these numbers represent real people, with real lives and families, who need love and heartfelt care—just like you and I do.

What better way to do that than to meet a few of the people whom we serve together? Here you will not find made-for-Hollywood tales, just little victories that make everyday life a bit more livable. I invite you to look past the numbers and into the beautiful stories that you helped make possible in 2008.

I am always gratefully yours,

Laura A. Cassell  
Chief Executive Officer





## Real Love for Real People

*In 2008 Catholic Charities of Rockville Centre assisted a total of 55,485 people who received more than 1.4 million caring, dignified, face-to-face, direct services.*

Chemical Dependence Services.....	2,782 served
Commodity Supplemental Food Program ..	17,602 served
Dental Services.....	802 served
HIV/AIDS Services* .....	99 served
Housing* .....	2,041 served
Immigrant Services/Refugee Resettlement ..	13,056 served
Mental Health Outpatient Services .....	2,121 served
Mental Health Residential Services* .....	89 served
Nutrition Outreach Education Project.....	5,434 served
Office for Persons With Disabilities .....	213 served
Parish Social Ministry** .....	6,139 served
Regina Maternity Services* .....	146 served
Residential Services for People With Developmental Disabilities* .....	121 served
Senior Services .....	4,840 served

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

\*\* The Parish Social Ministry staff also supported parish programs that serve people in their local communities by holding trainings and conferences that were attended by 4,683 people.



For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

2 CHRONICLES 7:16



## Home is where the heart is.

Just ask Beth. She was a single mom raising her young son Colin, who suffered from emotional disturbances. She always managed to somehow keep things together, but Colin was just completing his treatment at our Teaching Family Home Program at the very moment that her unemployment insurance ran out. They were facing the grim reality of life in a homeless shelter. Beth knew that was a definite dead end and decided their story wouldn't end that way. She came to Catholic Charities Project Independence and we provided her the housing and services to start over and reunite with her son. Today, life looks a whole lot brighter. Beth has started her new job and her son is a happy teen, making friends and keeping up in school. Best of all, they're a family again in a place they call their own.



...those who wait with hope in the Lord will be renewed. They will soar on wings like eagles.

ISAIAH 40:31



## Smile, and the world smiles with you.

Everyone remembers the day we met Lyisha at a Catholic Charities picnic several years ago. She stood perfectly still, stared at the ground, and didn't say a word to anyone. It was no wonder. A traumatic home life left her terribly afraid to connect with anyone, although she longed for friends and a family life. When she moved into one of our homes for the developmentally disabled, she wouldn't make eye contact for months. But she received the patience she deserved and found the trust that she sought. Today, Lyisha is one of our most outgoing residents. She bowls weekly in a league, sings in a choir, is an altar server in her parish, takes dance lessons, and plays for a local softball team. A hug and a smile are her calling cards.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

HEBREWS 13:2



## Getting a fresh start

Milton had to get as far away from the devastation as possible. With an estimated 70,000 dead and 25 percent of the population displaced as refugees, the civil war in his native El Salvador had wreaked destruction on the lives of everyone he knew. With nowhere else to turn, he looked to Catholic Charities' Immigrant Services and Refugee Resettlement program. We helped him obtain Temporary Protected Status, a condition our country reserves for those who can't go home because of armed conflicts or natural disasters. Then, with admiration and love for the country that had welcomed him, Milton set out on a new journey. Today, he is an American citizen and small business owner whose only worry is the number of starters and alternators his shop repairs.



...you will sing and make music to the Lord  
with your hearts...

EPHESIANS 5:19



## Singing our song...side by side

He was “aging out.” That’s what they told Brian and his family when he was asked to leave the human service program for developmentally disabled adults that he had attended for so many years. It was the center of his life, where he made friends and gained confidence. In an instant, it vanished. Lucky for us, his family decided to look into our Franklin Square senior center. Without special services, we weren’t so sure he’d be happy there. But, as usual, good will and friendship were enough to set things right. Whether it’s bingo, line dancing or even t’ai chi, Brian makes the scene. And it seems the gang down at the center discovered that Brian could play piano by ear. Now, he’s giving them all something to sing about.



You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!

PSALM 139:13-14



## A dynamic duo

Licia stepped off the plane at the airport with her newborn, Ameer, and not a soul had come to meet them. She was afraid of this. When she became pregnant at 15, her father angrily threw her out of his home. The baby's father wanted nothing to do with a child so Licia quit school and flew to her mom's side. Now, with a newborn, her mother was simply unable to care for her and Ameer. Alone in a crowded airport, she desperately called a friend who put her in touch with Catholic Charities Regina Residence for unwed, young mothers. There, for the first time, she heard that she and her son didn't have to go it alone - that there was a community of neighbors who supported her decision to keep her baby. Today, their lives are full of laughter and love. She's graduated high school, is enrolled in a local college, and holds down a part-time job. But her greatest joy is keeping up with Ameer, and being part of the dynamic duo.

# Catholic Charities

## Diocese of Rockville Centre

### COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2008

#### OPERATING REVENUE:

Bequests, contributions and other gifts	\$ 1,818,381
Foundations and other grants	963,672
Catholic Ministries Appeal	2,506,783
United Way of Long Island	152,904
Government contracts	10,715,443
Medicaid and Medicare	13,128,173
Fees, third party and other reimbursements	4,076,199

Total Operating Revenue \$33,361,555

#### OPERATING EXPENSES:

##### Program Services

Chemical Dependence Services	\$ 3,131,023
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	1,496,242
HIV/AIDS Services	1,491,786
Housing	579,931
Immigrant Services	1,077,089
Maternity Services	758,761
Mental Health Services	4,321,446
Office for Persons with Disabilities	354,531
Parish Social Ministry	1,363,646
Residential Services	11,953,873
Senior Services	4,472,089
Other Programs	733,126

Total Program Services \$31,733,543

##### Supporting Services

Administration	\$ 3,002,917
Fundraising	393,344

Total Supporting Services \$ 3,396,261

Total Operating Expenses \$35,129,804

#### DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS

\$(1,768,249)

#### NONOPERATING ACTIVITY:

Investment loss and realized loss	\$ (936,348)
Unrealized depreciation in fair market value of investments	(4,710,520)
Realized Special Needs Housing income	242,000
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	(23,014)
Decrease in permanently restricted net assets	(492,994)

DECREASE IN NET ASSETS \$(7,689,125)

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 26,826,993

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR \$19,137,868

A copy of the latest audited financial report is available upon request by e-mailing questions@catholiccharities.cc or calling (516) 733-7028.

**Catholic Charities** is funded by the Catholic Ministries Appeal of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, federal agencies, the State of New York, Nassau and Suffolk counties, the United Way of Long Island, client fees, contributions, grants and bequests. Catholic Charities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to Catholic Charities are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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# Care With Dignity...Life With Hope

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

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

**Dental Services**

**HIV/AIDS Services:** *Housing/Dental Clinic*

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

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

**Mental Health Outpatient Services:** *Outpatient Clinics*

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

**Nutrition Outreach Education Project**

**Office for Persons With Disabilities:** *Services for Blind and Visually Impaired People*

**Parish Social Ministry:** *Parish Outreach/Public Policy Education Network/Catholic Campaign for Human Development/Disaster Response*

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

**Residential Services For People with Developmental Disabilities**

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

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