

Bishop John O. Barres accepts
offertory gifts from students during
Catholic Schools Week Mass at Saint
Patrick's Church in Huntington.
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CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
OF LONG ISLAND

2023 IMPACT REPORT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Charities of Long Island shares the love of Jesus by offering dignified and compassionate care to poor and vulnerable neighbors of every faith and background. As a ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, our work is inspired by the Gospel message that every human life is sacred.

OUR SERVICES

Addiction Treatment Services: Talbot House Residential Stabilization Program/Outpatient Clinic

Food and Nutrition Services: Nutrition Outreach Education Program/Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

Housing: Affordable Apartments for Seniors and People with Physical Disabilities/HIV/AIDS Housing

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

Mental Health Outpatient Services: Community-based Clinics

Mental Health Residential Services: Siena Residence for Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities/Project Independence and Project Veterans Independence

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

Regina Maternity Services: Community Case Management Program

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

Senior Services: Case Management/Meals-On-Wheels/Senior Community Services Centers

“BE DILIGENT IN SERVING THE POOR. LOVE THE POOR, HONOR THEM AS YOU WOULD CHRIST HIMSELF.”

SAINT LOUISE DE MARILLAC



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities:

The Catholic Church's mission of mercy, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, is at the heart of the powerful life-affirming ministry of Catholic Charities of Long Island. In its outreach to the poor and the vulnerable of our beautiful Island home, representatives of Catholic Charities are today's agents of Christ's personal directive in Matthew 25:35-40. This impact report's theme, "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope," well-expressed in these pages, reflects the inspiration behind the work of Catholic Charities. These phrases together highlight the essential dignity of each person receiving compassionate care provided in a broad scope of essential ministries. They also express the hope for life which only the Lord can inspire. Our Catholic faith is a great proponent and unifier of people, especially those who approach Catholic Charities in need. We are privileged to assist our neighbors of all religions and backgrounds. This thought brings to mind the words of Saint Vincent de Paul, who devoted his life to caring for the sick and poor: "Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another..." May God continue to abundantly bless the indispensable work carried out by Catholic Charities of Long Island.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John O. Barres".

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Dear Friends,

A report such as this cannot fully express our daily mission of spreading the Catholic Church's message of Jesus Christ's mercy and hope to the poor and struggling with more than 1.2 million face-to-face meetings every year. We help our Long Island neighbors, one at a time, in ways that build lives and shape the communities where we all live. In their faces, we witness the people Jesus spoke about in Matthew 25:35-40. At Catholic Charities of Long Island, we express our assistance in a whole host of ways: feeding the hungry and providing housing, caring for mothers and children and for immigrants and refugees, supporting families and individuals in crisis, and providing parish social ministry programs and services. It is a privilege to uphold the sanctity of every human life as we espouse our motto, "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope." I am proud to stand squarely behind our front-line corps of dedicated, compassionate professionals and volunteers who make our Catholic ministry a reality. In our devotion to the Eucharist, the true presence of Jesus Christ, Pope Francis reminds us it is "the sacrament of Love, Unity, and Charity; which urges all of us to care... especially for the poorest, most despised, and most marginalized members of the Body of Christ." Thank you profoundly for your support and generosity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Smith".

Michael E. Smith
Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Charities of Long Island





WORKING WELL WITH OTHERS

Catholic Charities of Long Island successfully works with many partners within the Church and community. One of our most important relationships is with the parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our staff provides support and training to more than 100 parishes with vital Parish Social Ministry outreach offerings and a Central Information and Referral line directing callers to valuable resources. We hold mutually beneficial relationships with other diocesan entities including Catholic Health, The Catholic Faith Network, Catholic Schools and Catholic Youth Organization. Our personnel also administer government-supported programs such as Meals-On-Wheels for homebound seniors, the Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and our Nutrition Outreach Education Program (NOEP) that assists low-income Long Islanders applying for benefits.

TAKING STEPS FORWARD

Chief Executive Officer Michael E. Smith came on board at Catholic Charities of Long Island in February 2023 with more than a quarter-century of experience in the nonprofit sector. “He displays a Gospel-driven compassion for people that’s really at the heart of the Catholic Charities mission,” stated Tom Alexanderson, Chair of CCLI’s Board of Trustees. Two of Smith’s first hires were Director of Human Resources, Karina Contti, and Director of Communications and Development Danielle Campbell. The newcomers joined a talented team of executives : Paul Engelhart, COO, Rich Balcom, CFO, and Jay Korth, Director of Housing and Legal Affairs. He also brought on three new board members for 2024. They along with program directors, staff and volunteers are determined to build on our 67-year history of “Care with Dignity...Life with Hope.” In 2023, we increased services to clients by more than 17,000 to 1.217 million and the ranks of served clients swelled by more than 4,000 to 37,437. Smith plans to explore targeted growth, especially opportunities to address Long Island’s housing affordability crisis. Weekly segments highlighting our services and events on the Catholic Faith Network and presentations to Catholic school students about the mission of Catholic Charities are among his recent initiatives.

"SHE FELT A LIGHT GO ON INSIDE HER."

During this year's Catholic Schools Week, Danielle Campbell, director of communications and development at Catholic Charities, and President and CEO Michael Smith visited with 3,000 students at six Catholic elementary schools in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Students learned about the wide range of spiritual and corporal works of mercy grounded in living Jesus and the Gospel that Catholic Charities delivers each day at its Long Island ministries.

The students paid close attention to a video presentation about CCLI programs and services and one first-grader shared that after watching it, she felt a light go on inside her. May that Divine spark illuminate the Catholic school days of her and her classmates.



"THAT SERVICE ALONE WAS PRICELESS TO THE FAMILY."

David Klaum's relationship with Catholic Charities of Long Island has always revolved around family.

His large family first became connected with Catholic Charities in 1983 when the youngest sibling, Mary Kay, moved into Bishop Ryan Residence in Copiague. Over the decades, her delightful sense of humor helped forge friendships with fellow residents and staff, and her heart embraced the arrival of each new niece and nephew. "She became the glue that held our family together," said David Klaum, who is in his third and final term as a member of our Board of Trustees.

The extended Klaum Family, including Mary Kay, was honored with Catholic Charities' Caritas Award at an unforgettable dinner ceremony in 2015.

Mary Kay was diagnosed with Down syndrome at birth. She suffered from serious eye problems, including one period when she became completely blind, before a doctor was able to restore sight in one eye. When her health declined further, the care and concern of the Catholic Charities staff exceeded her family's expectations. "They responded by taking her to doctors and specialists. That service alone was priceless to the family," said Klaum. He said his family regarded staff members working with Mary Kay, who entered eternal life in 2020, as "angels sent to support her."

They embodied the following words from Saint Katharine Drexel: "If we want to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them..."



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Mary, whose young son Malichi is disabled, speaks highly of the assistance and the faith her family receives from Catholic Charities of Long Island's Project Independence, which provides housing and supportive services for clients formerly without a home. "It means everything," she says. "Words can't say the help I get from them. Pretty much everything. The goal is to always put my family in a better place, and to keep them safe and provide for them."

As Malichi recovered from an operation on his legs right before Christmas, he found joy in the green and red colored casts on both legs. Mary, who prays one day Malichi will rise and walk on his own, says the staff at Catholic Charities has given her hope, in Jesus' name, by providing practical support and spiritual encouragement.

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Catholic Charities of Long Island is grateful to the corporations, foundations, families and individuals who helped us extend a caring hand to tens of thousands of neighbors in need in Nassau and Suffolk counties in 2023. A sincere thank you for your generous gifts making "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope" a reality, and showing the priority you place on the sacredness of every human person.

♥ = CCLI sites



1.2 MILLION SERVICES IN 2023

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

355,953 services



CARE FOR MOTHERS
& CHILDREN

39,357 services



CARE FOR IMMIGRANTS
& REFUGEES

21,523 services



HOUSING

737,853 services



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES
& INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS

52,410 services



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
PROGRAMS

3,920 services



During the past year, we increased the number of clients served by 12.6% and the number of face-to-face interactions with clients increased to 1.217 million. The need to serve our Long Island neighbors continues to grow!

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Catholic Charities of Long Island COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended December 31, 2023

OPERATING REVENUE:	
Bequests, contributions and other gifts	\$ 2,171,242
Foundations, grants and other contracts	1,440,118
Catholic Ministries Appeal	750,000
Government contracts	12,745,128
Medicaid and Medicare	15,347,441
Fees, third-party and other reimbursements	4,163,132
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 36,617,061
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
<u>Program Services:</u>	
Addiction Treatment Services	\$ 3,274,398
Food and Nutrition Services	1,368,868
Health Systems	249,516
Housing	625,969
Immigrant Services	2,051,569
Maternity Services	227,752
Mental Health Outpatient Services	3,988,208
Parish Social Ministry	353,142
Residential Services	14,419,026
Senior Services	5,744,997
Special Needs Housing	110,942
Other Programs	737,322
Total Program Services	\$ 33,151,709
<u>Supporting Services:</u>	
Administration	\$ 3,834,129
Fundraising	521,299
Total Supporting Services	\$ 4,355,428
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 37,507,137
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (890,076)
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Investment income and realized gains, net	\$ 472,509
Unrealized gains on investments, net	1,961,021
Change in net assets with donor restrictions	(285,774)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,257,680
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	41,401,326
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 42,659,006

Catholic Charities receives funding from 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, foundations, third-party reimbursements, client fees, contributions, grants, and bequests. Catholic Charities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions to Catholic Charities are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please know your donation to Catholic Charities of Long Island stays on Long Island helping your neighbors in need. Nearly ninety cents of every dollar donated is used to operate our essential life-saving ministries and services.

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) 733-7028.

INSPIRED



Following the example of Jesus in Matthew 25:35-40, our staff and volunteers combine a fresh approach with a strong desire to help, enabling them to deliver practical solutions to those they assist.

VIBRANT



Catholic Charities of Long Island sees the face of Jesus in every neighbor who approaches us for help, as we seek to relieve their problems and restore peace in their lives.

RESPONSIVE



Our work integrating Catholic social justice teaching and the value of every human life seeks to effectively and efficiently resolve problems, concerns and emergencies affecting our needy and vulnerable neighbors on Long Island.

FAITHFUL



As a ministry of the Catholic Church, we seek to provide compassionate care to each Long Island neighbor that we serve and to remain ever-faithful to our mission of providing "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope."