

Care with Dignity... Life with Hope

CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
OF LONG ISLAND



**“Let us open wide our hearts.
It is joy which invites us.”
Saint Katharine Drexel**

*Allison's beautiful smile lights
up the CCLI Spring Formal at
Butler Hall.*

2024 IMPACT REPORT

OUR MISSION

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

IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE, MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOUR FAITHFUL CHARITABLE SERVICE AT THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL.

BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities:

In a letter to the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I explained that the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope offers an excellent opportunity for us and our extended families to cast the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island, understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity," a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.

This Annual Report's theme is dedicated to the Jubilee Year of Hope, highlighting those who serve and support our needy and vulnerable neighbors through the ministries of Catholic Charities of Long Island and illustrating how clearly their deeds are propelled by Eucharistic charity.

Especially during this Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, we are all called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Propelled forward by the recent diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Congress, Catholics on Long Island are already bringing the fruits of those holy experiences to their daily lives.

In his first speech after his election to the Papacy, Pope Leo XIV stated: "We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love." Catholic Charities, through its employees, volunteers and supporters, brings the light of Christ's hope to so many in need. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may God continue to bless your faithful and charitable service rooted in the heart of the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Leo XIV, "First Blessing 'Urbi et Orbi' of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV (May 8, 2025).



JESUS, THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF HOPE, HELPS US TO FULFILL OUR MISSION, SO WE CAN TRULY PROVIDE "CARE WITH DIGNITY...LIFE WITH HOPE" ...

MICHAEL E. SMITH



Thank you very much for your interest and support for the life-affirming ministries Catholic Charities of Long Island offers to help our needy and vulnerable neighbors. This Annual Report, being published right in the middle of the Jubilee Year of Hope convened by Pope Francis, is a timely recap.

At Catholic Charities, offering hope, especially in the trying situations our clients often face, is an important part of our Catholic Mission. Those who make up our community of caring board members, department directors, staff members, volunteers and other faithful supporters and friends understand the importance of hope, especially in a world where it can be in short supply. St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans (5:5), "Hope will never disappoint."

Our hope is expressed in face-to-face encounters every day, nearly 1.2 million times in 2024, at 49 ministry sites across Long Island. Our dedicated professionals and volunteers bring these words to life, and we are so proud of their daily efforts. This doesn't mean that problems cease; believe me that is not the case. We understand that our efforts, all good and necessary, are not the only answer. Jesus, the ultimate source of hope, helps us to fulfill our mission, so we can truly provide "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope" to all who come to us for assistance.

Sincerely in Christ,



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



2024 HIGHLIGHTS OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LONG ISLAND



The tone was set during Catholic Schools Week visits to six elementary schools and 3,000 students in the diocese where interactive presentations about Catholic Charities inspired many student questions. Director of development and communications Danielle Campbell led the way. A visit to St. Agnes Cathedral School featured presentations by CEO Mike Smith and other staff members.

Pizza with a Purpose, a good-tasting fundraising initiative introduced during Lent at pizzerias on Long Island, raised awareness about Catholic Charities of Long Island and supported Parish Social Ministry's Emergency Relief Fund. The fund helps those who come to parishes seeking help when facing an unexpected problem. Better ERF funding would enable more assistance.

Catholic Youth Organization has become a great partner with CCLI. Under executive director Carol Sciotto, CYO takes an active role in CCLI events and programs, with holiday cards and board games made and donated by student-athletes, as well as fundraising by employees, parents, and supporters.

Noteworthy programs in the spring were awareness efforts with CCLI's Mental Health Services department, including a program for college students at Molloy University and an outreach at a girls' lacrosse game at Holy Trinity High School.

Campbell's new CFN show, "You Did It for Me," highlights CCLI programs and clients in feature pieces along with interviews of CCLI directors and reflections by clergy and religious. It is based on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25.

A generous Christmas donation from Peter & Jeri Dejana Foundation, used to purchase gift cards, toys, jackets and gloves for young families in our WIC program and other CCLI causes, ended the year on a positive note. We are seeking to develop this new relationship and other similar ones in 2025.



**"Always ask God to
revive your faith,
strengthen your hope,
and inflame your heart
with charity."**

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



Catholic Charities People Living the Mission

Catholic Charities Was a Godsend

Carolyn Lawrence, a senior who at last found a secure home, thanks to Catholic Charities of Long Island, says she's never leaving. Those at her new home at Harvest House in Syosset say Carolyn's a different person now. Her stress and worry are gone, replaced by her beautiful smile and overflowing gratitude for the caring team that made her homecoming possible.

She's very thankful for two religious sisters associated with Harvest House since it opened in 1985. The independent residence for seniors features a community atmosphere and is a ministry of their religious community, the Dominican Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville.

Carolyn's also grateful for Catholic Charities of Long Island, especially Linda Sherlock-Reich, the coordinator of the CARES program, who is often called when a case is challenging.

The 80-year-old widow and mother, who served for more than 35 years as a nurse and then personally helped care for close family members, says she was at her wit's end before finding Harvest House. "Catholic Charities was a godsend. I wish everybody could do the same way. There are so many elderly people out there."



Giving Back Is on His Menu

Sal Guli has served for the past decade as cook and kitchen manager at Talbot House, CCLI's residential stabilization center in Bohemia. At the time he started working there, he had been sober for 10 years and was looking for a way to give back to others now walking the same road he had traveled years earlier.

Good nutrition is a very important element in recovery, because it leads to feeling better and moving on quicker. When clients are ready to eat, Guli prepares hearty staples like spaghetti and meatballs, and a pot with the soup of the day is always on the stove.

His advice to those considering their prospective recovery is two-fold: they have to give in and understand the follow-through will last for the rest of their lives.

He finds it's "heartwarming" when a Talbot House alumnus returns with a good amount of sobriety under their belt. At alumni meetings, they speak with current clients and "come back to see employees and talk to them. Sometimes they'll give a call to tell everybody they are doing good...to thank us for all we're doing."

Catholic Charity in Action

Susan and Jim O'Hara, 2024 Caritas Award Dinner honorees, shared in their acceptance remarks how their tour of CCLI ministry sites deeply affected them. "Catholic charity is a charity that always comes with humanity and true heartfelt concern for those in need," Jim O'Hara said. "Those fortunate to be able to bring Catholic charity, we're the ones receiving the gift, the opportunity to experience the richness of humanity."

In the ministries of Catholic Charities "we saw care, kindness and humanity for all, regardless of ethnicity, religion or situation. We experience day-to-day hope-filled Catholic charity in action. We are truly humbled to be associated with this organization and their remarkable dedication to be ministers of hope."

Susan O'Hara explained, "We were incredibly moved by each and every person we met there. There was a Meals on Wheels driver at Catholic Charities. Despite personal hardships, he never missed a day of work because not only delivers meals, he also brings conversation, prayer and love to each individual he delivers to. It's the folks that are involved in the care for the home for the disabled who serve the needs of special individuals and their families. They truly make the world a better place.

"The Catholic Charities folks have a special gift. They often work in challenging situations on a consistent basis but continue to demonstrate God's love for neighbor. They are truly the honorees for tonight's Catholic Charities dinner..."



♥ = CCLI sites



NEARLY 1.2 MILLION DIRECT SERVICES TO LONG ISLAND NEIGHBORS IN NEED

FOOD & NUTRITION

247,743 services



HOUSING SERVICES

656,428 services



MENTAL HEALTH

47,519 services



ADDICTION SERVICES

17,464 services



CRISIS INTERVENTION

1,665 services



MATERNITY SERVICES

1,969 services



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH

4,451 services



IMMIGRATION & REFUGEES

24,392 services



Did You Know?

In 2024, Catholic Charities of Long Island

- * Delivered more than 4,000 meals weekly to homebound seniors through our Meals on Wheels program;
- * Distributed 25,400 diapers to new mothers enrolled in our Regina Maternity Services program;
- * Assisted 70 family members at local parishes with our Emergency Relief Fund.



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Catholic Charities of Long Island COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended December 31, 2024

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| OPERATING REVENUE: | |
| Bequests, contributions and other gifts | \$ 2,500,741 |
| Foundations, grants and other contracts | 1,535,279 |
| Catholic Ministries Appeal | 750,000 |
| Government contracts | 12,879,669 |
| Medicaid and Medicare | 17,168,606 |
| Fees, third-party and other reimbursements | 4,039,510 |
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| Total Operating Revenue | \$ 38,873,805 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | |
| <u>Program Services:</u> | |
| Addiction Treatment Services | \$ 3,296,687 |
| Food and Nutrition Services | 1,421,517 |
| Health Systems | 276,509 |
| Housing | 630,688 |
| Immigrant Services | 2,485,498 |
| Maternity Services | 226,922 |
| Mental Health Outpatient Services | 4,075,292 |
| Parish Social Ministry | 506,113 |
| Residential Services | 15,316,004 |
| Senior Services | 5,882,380 |
| Special Needs Housing | 98,314 |
| Other Programs | 599,732 |
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| Total Program Services | \$ 34,815,656 |
| <u>Supporting Services:</u> | |
| Administration | \$ 4,107,297 |
| Fundraising | 513,958 |
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| Total Supporting Services | \$ 4,621,255 |
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| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 39,436,911 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS FROM OPERATIONS | |
| | \$ (563,106) |
| NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES: | |
| Investment income and realized gains, net | \$ 1,346,546 |
| Unrealized gains on investments, net | 190,821 |
| Diocesan settlement expenses | (11,051,110) |
| Change in net assets with donor restrictions | (643,170) |
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| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | \$ (10,720,019) |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <hr/> |
| | 42,659,006 |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | <hr/> |
| | \$ 31,938,987 |

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 donations to Catholic Charities, please contact the Development and Communications Department at (516) 733-7028.



Jubilee Year of HOPE

The Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that Jesus is our true hope. At Catholic Charities of Long Island, we see Christ in the face of the forgotten, the vulnerable and the poor we walk with and serve 24/7/365. **“Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.”** (From the Jubilee of Hope prayer).