

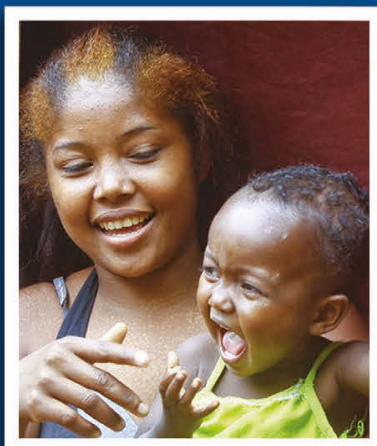


# Building A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Calling those of goodwill...to care for many in need.

 **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
OF LOUISVILLE, INC.  
PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.





**I am a single mom** working hard to take care of my new baby. There's a lot to do and I don't have much help — the baby's daddy isn't around much, and my family can barely make ends meet. I want my baby to have a chance, a chance for a better life. A Catholic Charities volunteer invited me to a Mother-Infant Care class where they teach new moms like me all they need to know to bring their babies up right. Not only do they teach us, they tell us to call them when we have questions.

**They said, "You're not walking alone." It's nice to know someone cares.**

First person stories are composites of program participants.

**"We will give them not only our hands to serve, but our hearts to love."**

**Mother Teresa of Kolkata**

**"Charity is 'the soul' of the Church's mission."**

Pope Francis

The charitable works of the Catholic Church are rooted in the Scriptures, part of the very essence of the mission of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that the world will be judged by how we treat Him as found among the hungry, homeless, imprisoned, and poor. This teaching is reinforced in John 13 when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and charges them to do so for others. For more than 75 years, Catholic Charities has been serving many in need throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville. We welcome, strengthen and empower families and individuals to change the world for good. We advocate for the voiceless and vulnerable. We support all 110 parishes in the Archdiocese to allow our people to put their faith into action.



**Our Challenge: Removing Barriers to Program Excellence**

We are honored to lead Catholic Charities of Louisville, carrying on its rich tradition of compassionate service to the neediest members of our community. But we see a stumbling block for our dedicated and talented team serving Christ in the voiceless and vulnerable.

For many years, Catholic Charities has operated from re-purposed facilities: former convents and church buildings. Today, those aging structures present real challenges. Repair and maintenance costs are significant, as are utility costs. In the summer, HVAC noise disrupts classes and client meetings and in winter the extreme cold affects employee performance. Our buildings are not ADA-compliant, blocking some clients from our services and limiting employee recruitment and volunteer participation.

These former parish buildings were not designed for staff to meet with clients, conduct classes, train and engage volunteers, or store program materials. There is literally no room for new programs, and our child care space can't support more participants.

A new Catholic Charities Center, constructed on the Holy Name parish campus adjacent to our current Fourth Street office location, will open new opportunities through staff efficiency, collaboration, and expanded programming. And it will be energy-efficient and handicapped-accessible, which we've needed for a long time.

We will be better stewards of the generous gifts from our supporters in a new Catholic Charities Center. With dramatically reduced maintenance costs and lower energy consumption, we can direct more of our unrestricted income into serving our community. Better safety and security, better child care space, and enhanced functionality will allow us to engage the surrounding neighborhood and expand our programs throughout the Archdiocese.

Finally, the visibility of the Fourth Street location, alongside an active parish and close to the University of Louisville, magnifies the presence of the Church in this transitioning neighborhood and boldly advertises the archdiocesan ministry of charity.

We're calling on those of goodwill to care for many in need. The cost of this project is \$7.5 million. With your help, we can reach that goal and change thousands of lives. **Won't you join us?**

*Lisa DeJaco Crutcher, Chief Executive Officer*

*Deacon Scott Haner, Board Chair*







**I am a refugee** fleeing a civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa. I lived in a camp for the last 8 years and recently was chosen to move to Louisville, KY, a place I had never heard of. I'm hoping it's a safe place where I can raise my family. It was a long flight. When we got here, no one spoke our language. I didn't know where we would live. My family was excited to leave the camp but a bit scared – we didn't know anyone. A Catholic Charities volunteer met us at the airport with a sign that said, "Welcome Neighbor" and told us she would help get us settled in our new home.

**She was so caring, it made me cry.**

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The new Catholic Charities Center will allow us to maximize existing programs and expand volunteer coordination and participation. With the Center's location and enhanced functionality, we can better engage the surrounding community and consider expanded programming. This may include an expansion of our Mother-Infant Care Program supported by much better childcare, the possibility of evening ESL or other classes with better safety and security, or the opportunity to expand our programming to serve the local neighborhood.



## ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE



May God bless you!

With its long and productive history, Catholic Charities of Louisville plays an important role in our community. Catholic Charities reaches out with care and compassion to bring God's love to those going through difficult times. It serves as a catalyst of hope through which those in need are accompanied and offered a glimpse of a brighter future.

Rigorous study has gone into the recommendation to build the Catholic Charities Center. I am confident that the new building will be a gathering place for the community and a place that witnesses to our vibrant Catholic faith as it engages volunteers and serves so many who need our help. I am also excited that the new Center will provide a resource hub to better engage the 110 parishes in the Archdiocese, especially those outside metro Louisville. We all win with enhanced social ministry at our parishes.

I believe that the new Catholic Charities Center will allow us to be an even greater source of care and compassion for our community as we **Build a Brighter Future** for our clients and set the stage for the next century of charitable works for our local Church.

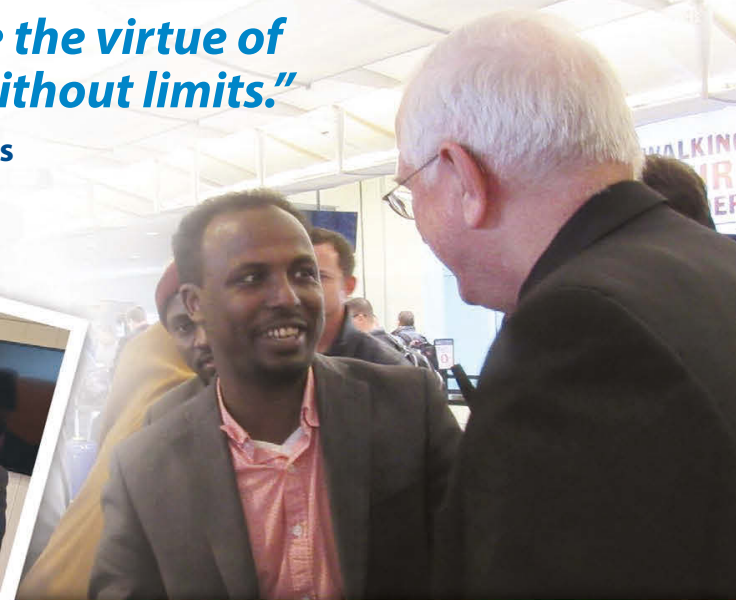
I strongly support this project and ask you to make a generous gift to support it as well. Won't you partner with us to **Build a Brighter Future?**

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E Kurtz, D.D.  
Archbishop of Louisville

**"Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits."**

**Pope Francis**



**"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you...whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me."**

**Matthew 25**



# How does Catholic Charities *Build a Brighter Future Each Day?*



## We Welcome

Refugees and immigrants come to the United States from all over the world, many escaping war and persecution. **Migration and Refugee Services** assists clients in finding a home, learning English, gaining employment, enrolling in school, and acclimating to their new environment. We deliver strong results – 86% of employable refugees find jobs within an average of two months after enrollment. Over time, we help them navigate the complex path to citizenship.



## We Empower

CCL has developed programs that offer training and support to enable clients to enhance their marketable skills and better provide for themselves and their families. For example, the **Language Services Program** and the **Common Table/Common Earth Garden Program** help recipients gain skills and employment while serving the broader community.



## We Strengthen

One quarter of Kentucky families live below the poverty level. CCL provides a network of social services to help individuals of all ages, families, and communities in need. One example is the assistance we provide to single moms, many of whom experience poverty. The **Mother-Infant Care Program** reaches out to pregnant women and new parents to promote healthier, more effective family/child relationships. Stronger families make for a stronger community.



## We Advocate

We take seriously our call to be a voice for the voiceless by advocating for Catholic social teaching principles and issues that are critical to our client base and collaborating with the Catholic Conference of Kentucky on issues before the Kentucky General Assembly.

*“Service to the poor also involves speaking up for them and trying to reform the structures that perpetuate their needs...” – Saint John Paul II*

## We Support

We collaborate and provide support for the social ministry efforts of all 110 parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville by offering education on Catholic social teaching, parish awareness programs such as poverty simulations, and a myriad of volunteer opportunities for parishioners to put their faith into action.

***“Catholic Charities is the engine of the Church that organizes love – Caritas – for all believers to work together to respond.”***

Pope Francis



**I am a teenage girl** who ran away because of problems at home, but my money ran out real soon. I met a guy who told me he would take care of me, give me a place to live, and make things better. It was fine for a while, but then he told me I had to work to help pay the bills. "Working" means selling my body for sex. I don't like it; I feel dirty, but I don't see any way out. A friend told me about this Bakhita Empowerment group that would help me escape, protect me, and help me get back home. **They understood my situation, and said they could help. They gave me my life back.**

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***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good news to the poor... release to the captives ...to let the oppressed go free."***

**Luke 4:18**

## Program Spotlight



In 2007, Catholic Charities of Louisville was approached about the need for services to local victims of human trafficking. We've been leading this charge across the Commonwealth for over 10 years. The **Bakhita Empowerment Initiative** continues to educate, rescue, and reintegrate survivors of human trafficking, literally freeing captives to rebuild safer, more sustainable lives. This is one example of how we **Build a Brighter Future** for those we serve.

***"True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need."***

**Pope Francis**



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