









2020-21 Annual Report Thank You



Our mission: Catholic Charities of Louisville serves people in need, especially the poor and oppressed. Consistent with the principles of Catholic social teaching, we build bridges of hope, mercy, and justice as we accompany struggling families and individuals to greater self-sufficiency, one relationship at a time. We collaborate and advocate for necessary changes in social policy. We call the local Catholic Church and others of goodwill to engage in acts of mercy and justice. We support and resource our 110 parishes to expand this work across the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Message from Lisa - We need you!

As you can see in these pages, it's been a great year of service for Catholic Charities of Louisville.

We walked alongside more than 24,000 people on their journey from struggle to self-sufficiency, including mothers of young children, seniors in long-term care facilities, survivors of human trafficking, and people who needed job training.

As always, we had a strong presence in west Louisville and in helping refugees from around the world find a home here, especially evacuees fleeing the fall of Afghanistan.

Your financial gifts make it possible for us to continue serving people in need, especially the poor and oppressed. **We cannot do this work without you.**

Please donate today to Catholic Charities of Louisville. For so many of our neighbors, tomorrow will be better when you donate today.

Thank you.

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You have no idea what a difference you can make today



You have no idea.

That was a theme for us this year because almost without exception, when someone learns of the many things Catholic Charities does, they exclaim, "I had no idea."

We get it. We do a lot. And we're inviting you to do it with us.

When you give to Catholic Charities—your time, your financial gifts, your prayers—you change lives. People traveling the journey from struggle to self-sufficiency find the strength they need to keep going, **because of you**. Many find the sustenance they need to complete that journey and reach self-sufficiency for the first time in a long time, **because of you**.

One such person is Claude Twagirumukiza, who came here from a refugee camp in Rwanda in September 2019. Just a year later he was named Metro EMS Rookie of the Year and now is preparing to enter medical school. "I am grateful to Catholic Charities for helping me to get to where I am today."

Another is Rene Maxwell, who grew up in extreme poverty in the Portland neighborhood and survived in large part because of the generosity of the Sister Visitor Center. "The dignity they provided me changed my life. They made me think I could be okay."

When you give to Catholic Charities, you make others think they can be okay. Because, **thanks to you**, they can be.

Please consider giving a gift **today** using the link below.



Program receives \$1.3 million in grants

Our anti-human trafficking program, Bakhita Empowerment Initiative, received \$1.3 million in two grants from the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to sustain services and increase access to housing for survivors of human trafficking in central Kentucky. BEI is the only OVC-funded comprehensive service provider supporting survivors of labor or sex trafficking in Kentucky. The program also added an office in Owensboro, giving us locations there, Louisville, and Lexington. Bakhita Empowerment Initiative is named after St. Josephine Bakhita, a survivor of trafficking in the late 1800s in Sudan.

Photo: The Bakhita Advisory Board members.

Common Table students earn college credit

Students in the Common Table culinary arts job training program can now earn eight credit hours from Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC). This new collaboration with JCTC confirms the robust curriculum that Common Table offers. The program is located in the Dare to Care Community Kitchen in the Parkland neighborhood and draws many students from west Louisville. Graduates earn their metro food service certification, master kitchen skills as well as soft skills like resume building, and can pursue job placement, apprenticeships, or further education at JCTC.





Staff set up visits in long-term care homes

Our Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) team members made a real difference for families with loved ones in long-term care facilities during the pandemic, especially when advocating for end-of-life visits. Many families with loved ones near death depended on LTCO staff to facilitate their being with their loved ones at the height of the pandemic, when visitation was not otherwise possible. LTCO advocates and problem solves for nearly 10,000 residents in 125 long-term care facilities in 15 counties in central Kentucky, all at no cost to families served.

Food pantry fills gaps in central Louisville

Catholic Charities opened a second food pantry this spring, serving families in central Louisville. The pantry quickly became a popular spot in the neighborhood, serving an average of 90 individuals and distributing 2,100 pounds of food each week. Currently the pantry operates from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and is staffed by volunteers from Holy Name Church and its sister parish, Holy Trinity. Located at Holy Name Church between Churchill Downs and the University of Louisville, the pantry fills a gap in an underserved area.

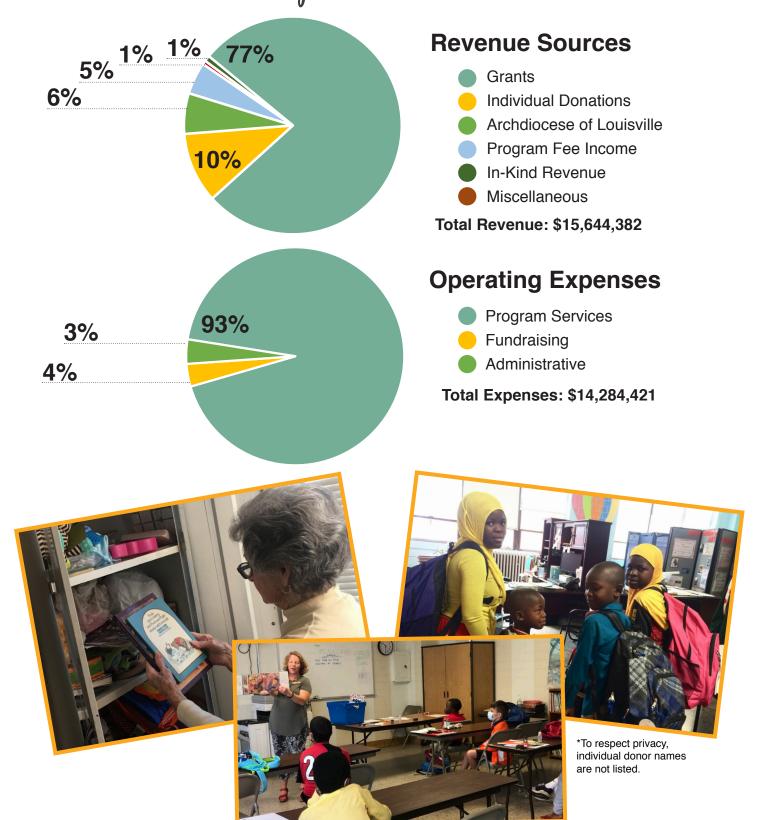


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Financial Snapshot for 2020-2021



Our 2021 financial statements were audited by MCM CPAs and are available on our website.

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