



2024 Community Report



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Executive Director
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“Upon this rock” has become a significant Biblical reference for me in my early tenure as Executive Director of this incredible organization. I am blessed to be able to build upon the strong and sturdy foundation here at Catholic Charities.

As a social service provider serving the most vulnerable populations in the 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa, we have an obligation to recognize the diverse and increasing needs within the communities we serve.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, community partners, corporate sponsors, and, of course, the passionate service of our staff and volunteers, we are able to nimbly respond to those dynamic needs.

As an organization, we believe in the interconnectedness of all people as children of God, and that when one member of our community thrives, we all thrive. With a foundation rooted in solidarity and justice, we work to build a society where everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

Moving forward, you will see the deployment of a Community Navigator within our housing and shelter programs to better assist our guests with a wide array of support services. Supporting guests during their stay as well as after they exit the shelter will help identify, address, and break down barriers before they put families in a position of disadvantage. We look forward to continuing to provide care and compassion to the more than 35,000 people in need in our service area alongside our dedicated servants.

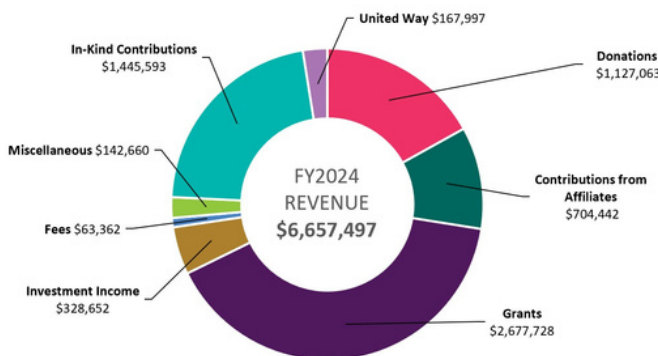
I hope you will join me in extending our legacy of helping our neighbors in need.

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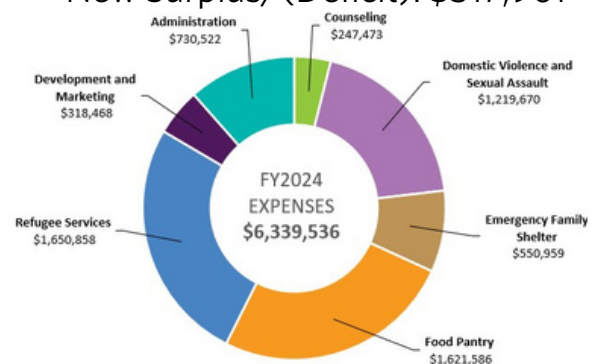
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FINANCIALS

Catholic Charities - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024



New Surplus/(Deficit): \$317,961



Values-Based Impact in 2024



Care for God's Creation

We honor God's creation by stewarding the resources entrusted to us responsibly. This reflects our gratitude and respect for the gifts of creation as we work to serve those in need.



The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

We advocate for the dignity of work by supporting individuals in their journey toward meaningful contributions to society. In 2024, our Refugee Services program assisted 435 new lowans with tasks such as finding employment, integrating into their communities, and accessing essential services that promote stability and self-sufficiency.



Rights and Responsibilities

Protecting human dignity begins with ensuring basic human rights are met. In 2024, we fulfilled this responsibility by providing essential services - food, shelter, and safety - to all who came to us in need, enabling individuals to live with the dignity they deserve.

Catholic Charities is proud to impact the communities we serve through the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, our guiding principles.



Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

We prioritize the needs of the poor and vulnerable, ensuring their voices are heard and their dignity upheld. Last year, we extended care and respect to 75,914 daily visitors to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. We demonstrated our steadfast dedication to our sisters and brothers most in need by serving this population of the most vulnerable among us.



Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Treating all people with dignity and respect is cornerstone to our mission. A true measure of the value of our organization is how well we enhance the life and dignity of the human person. This is evident through all of our programs, everyday, and was clearly visible throughout 2024 as we compassionately cared for tens of thousands of individuals living below the national poverty line.



Solidarity

Solidarity calls us to stand with all people as children of God. The Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault program unites us in the pursuit of justice and peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. In 2024, we sheltered 221 individuals as they healed physically and mentally from the effects of violence in their lives.



Call to Family, Community and Participation

We recognize the family as the foundation of a thriving society. In 2024, our Emergency Family Shelter preserved the sacred bond of 138 families during their times of struggle, providing a total of 9,973 nights of care. This work ensures families remain together and supported as they rebuild their lives.



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