

From July 2011 to June 2012, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge touched the lives of 40,200 men, women and children of all faiths.

Dear Friends,

"Love of neighbor is a commitment that requires action. Building the Kingdom is an action that should produce results." These words are taken from the strategic plan of Catholic Charities, Transformation 2016. That plan laid the foundation for building accountability measurements into all of our programs, and in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 we made significant strides.

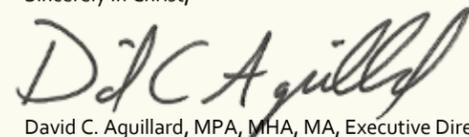
Catholic Charities is known for its compassionate services that fill gaps in our community's human service network, but do we make a difference? When confronted with hungry followers, Christ fed them. Baton Rouge has some of the worst poverty statistics in our nation, and thousands of people walk through our doors every year. How does your generosity and trust in Catholic Charities help? Are we good stewards?

These questions deserve answers. And so we began a systematic process of not only counting our services, but tracking their impact. Here are some results.

- Twenty-five children at our Families First housing program saw their grades improve by 20% and tardiness all but disappear.
- We resettled 154 refugees and found jobs for 100% of those who were employable, who earned an estimated \$785,000 in wages.
- Over 10% of first-time homebuyer class graduates put lessons-learned into practice and saw their dreams of home ownership come true, purchasing homes valued at \$1.6 million.
- The recidivism rate for Joseph Homes graduates, a program for men recently released from prison, is 10% compared to 60% for the State of Louisiana.

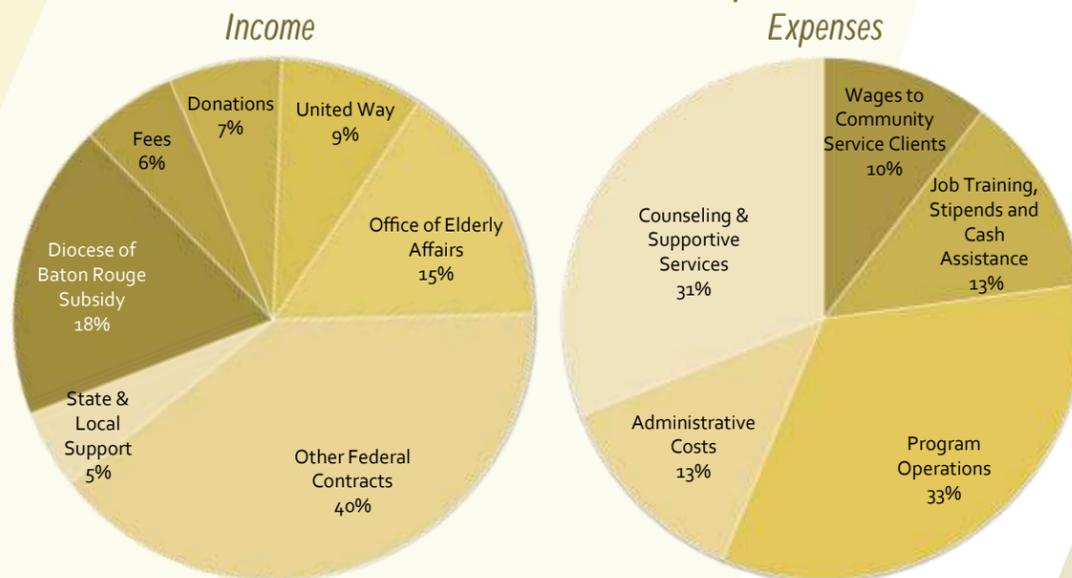
Use your smartphone to scan one of the QR codes in this year's report to hear clients tell their stories. You'll be spiritually touched by their strength and grace. And you should have confidence their hopes for a better future are possible because of your help, help that does indeed make a difference.

Sincerely in Christ,



David C. Aguillard, MPA, MHA, MA, Executive Director

2011—2012 Financial Report



Total revenues for the year 2011 - 2012 were \$5,623,711; total expenditures were \$6,453,728. Income and expense variation based on difference in funding years. Annual audit conducted by Postlethwaite & Netterville, C.P.A.

Our Mission

We proclaim the gospel vision of Jesus Christ as our mission by serving the needs of individuals and families, especially the poorest, and working with Church and community for justice, peace, and compassion in society.

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Providing Help and Encouragement During Crisis

450 families in danger of homelessness received financial assistance for housing, utilities and other basics.

257 families in crisis developed a family recovery plan.

654 people found strength through mental health counseling at 7 locations, some from a new Spanish-speaking counselor.

472 received employment services, most chronically unemployed.

Safe Families for Children began recruiting faith communities to become a safety net for families in crisis and prevent foster care.



Creating Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow

12 families moved into Families First on Evangeline for counseling, budgeting help, employment services and tutoring at the Learning Center.

103 low-income seniors acquired confidence through on-the-job training at area nonprofits and community agencies.

102 attended a six-week course for first time homebuyers; 12 graduates became homeowners.

350 adults and youth learned to manage their money and attended Power in Parenting classes at Head Start, youth centers and the Housing Authorities in East Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes.

Teens living in a high crime area of Baton Rouge attended Anger Danger to stop the cycle of violence.



Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees Seeking Freedom

154 refugees fled violence and persecution from Burma, Bhutan, the Congo, Iraq and Cuba and resettled in Baton Rouge.

Community groups and volunteers now rally around refugees adapting to US life.

100% of all employable refugees found jobs through our newly-appointed Refugee Employment Counselor.

1,415 immigrants sought legal advice, counsel and orientation from the area's only nonprofit immigration attorneys.

Immigrants, judges, law enforcement and social service providers attended "Know Your Rights" workshops.



Strengthening Families through Service

425 volunteers unselfishly donated 5,485 hours of service.

257 special needs children received individual classroom help from 94 Foster Grandparents at schools, homeless shelters, and juvenile detention centers, supported by a grant from the Pennington Family Foundation.

The IRS honored agency staff and volunteers who prepared a record-setting 1154 tax returns for low-income families and individuals—their refunds totaled almost \$2.6M.

635 children received new school shoes thanks to Our Lady of Mercy, GBR State Fair Foundation and Payless Shoes.

450 families and seniors experienced the Joy of Christmas because of generous donors and volunteers.



Protecting Life and Building Families through Adoption

15 infants and children were placed in loving adoptive homes.

18 pregnant women and teens found guidance and help to choose life for their unborn children.

126 teen and adult adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents were counseled.

15 babies were born to mothers living at Sanctuary for Life—our housing ministry for homeless, pregnant women.

7 newborns awaiting adoption were nurtured by volunteers for 76 nights.



Focusing on Criminal Justice Reform and Life after Prison

21 homeless, male ex-offenders found a new start at Joseph Homes—now in operation for 25 years!

Families with loved ones behind bars gathered in groups to find strength.

The Huey and Angelina Wilson Family Foundation funded renovations of Joseph Homes.

School children gained a better understanding about life behind bars and made Christmas cards for Death Row inmates.

Prison Ministry brought LIMEX into Angola Penitentiary for Catholic religion teachers.



Supporting Communities Recovering after Disaster

Church parish leaders learned to respond more effectively at the Annual Disaster Preparedness Conference.

Experienced staff assisted with wildfires in Oklahoma and deployed with the CCUSA Disaster Case Management program in New England.

Case management wrapped up for the survivors of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Staff served on the board of Louisiana VOAD, a collection of nonprofits that respond after disasters.

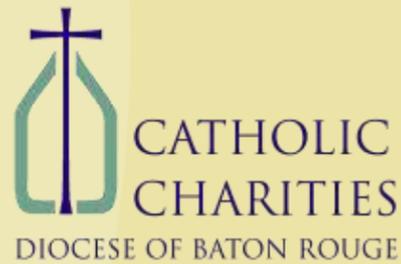


Raising a Joyful Voice for a Better Society

Advocacy volunteers and staff worked with the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops on human rights legislation from death penalty abolition and criminal justice reform to child protection, poverty alleviation, immigration rights.

Executive Director David Aguillard traveled to Africa with Catholic Relief Services and shared stories with thousands of school children about the Church's work overseas.

Catholic school students strengthened their faith through volunteering, donating household goods and participating in Operation Rice Bowl.



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Ten Things to Know about CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...

1. Touches the lives of one of every 20 people of all faiths in the 12 civil parishes comprising the Diocese of Baton Rouge—since 1964.
2. Gifts the community with opportunities to help their neighbors through volunteer service.
3. Commits 87 cents of every dollar to services . . . far below the national average for administrative costs.
4. Provides successful, unduplicated services proven to improve lives and strengthen our community.
5. Known as a national leader in disaster response and long-term recovery for disaster survivor families and individuals.
6. Advocacy initiatives and programs address the root causes of poverty to improve the lives of our clients, their families and our community.
7. Partners with nonprofits, faith groups, foundations, universities and governmental agencies.
8. Primarily funded by donations, contracts, fees and grants; less than 18% comes from the Diocese.
9. Ranks #1 among 211-Info Line referral agencies.
10. Populations & services include:

Families & Individuals

Mental health counseling
 Homelessness prevention
 Adoptions
 Job services
 Families First Apartments
 Financial education
 Safe Families for Children

Disaster Survivors

Mental health counseling
 Family recovery plans
 Relief supplies
 Shelter support

Seniors

Job services
 Foster Grandparents

Prison Ministry

Ex-offender housing
 Family support groups
 Pre-release programs

Immigrants

Relocation for refugees
 Legal services
 Interpreting services

Pregnant Women in Crisis

Counseling
 Housing @ Sanctuary for Life
 Medical care & other assistance

Adults with Disabilities

Resource referral
 Advocacy for independence

Administrative Offices	225-336-8770
Adoptions	225-336-8708
Alsen Outreach	225-336-8700
Behavioral Health	225-336-8708
Counseling	225-336-8708
Disability Services	225-346-0680
Disaster Response	225-336-8700
Donations	225-336-8700
Employment Services	225-346-0680
Family Achievement Classes	225-336-4406
Families First Housing	225-336-8700
Financial Assistance	225-336-8700
Foster Grandparents	225-346-8712
Immigration Legal Services	225-346-0660
Joseph Homes	225-336-4406
Maternity Services	225-336-8708
Prison Ministry	225-336-4406
Refugee Services	225-346-0660
Sanctuary for Life	225-336-8708
Senior Employment	225-336-0680
Tangipahoa Service Center	985-542-5455
Volunteers	225-336-8770

How you can help

- Pray
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Bequest or memorial intention
- Donate furniture or vehicles
- Offer employment
- Sponsor/mentor a family
- Start or join a social responsibility program
- Spread the good news



Scan with your smart phone to send an email.



Call 225-336-8700 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesBR.org to find out how you can become involved.



2011-2012 Annual Report



Scan the codes with your smartphone to watch the videos.



Justin

Catholic Charities was my helping hand.

After serving 6 years in prison, Justin was homeless and living on the street. At Catholic Charities Joseph Homes, Justin learned a better way of living, found a job and has become a productive citizen.



Angelle

I thank God everyday for my baby's birth mother and for Catholic Charities.

Angelle and her husband came to Catholic Charities hoping to become parents. Just a few months later, their prayers were answered.



Ivy

Thank you, Jesus, for allowing Catholic Charities to enter my life ... it's more than just a job to them.

Homeless, 28-year-old single parent of three small children, Ivy had no hope. Catholic Charities helped her move into a her own home, make a recovery plan and find a job.

