

WE ARE THERE.



ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2024

 Catholic Charities
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

From Our Leaders

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Throughout this year, the Houston area saw more than its fair share of struggle. In addition to increasing prices which created more obstacles for low-income families, two disasters struck our region in a span of two months. Yet, thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston was there to give material and spiritual support to those in need.

Like St. Simon of Cyrene, who helped the Lord carry his Cross on the way to Calvary, the volunteers and employees of Catholic Charities help clients with the many crosses they encounter every day. Whether it is rent assistance payments, job loss, mental health struggles, adjustment to a new home, hunger, or spiritual support, Catholic Charities draws close to our neighbors to help them bear their burdens.

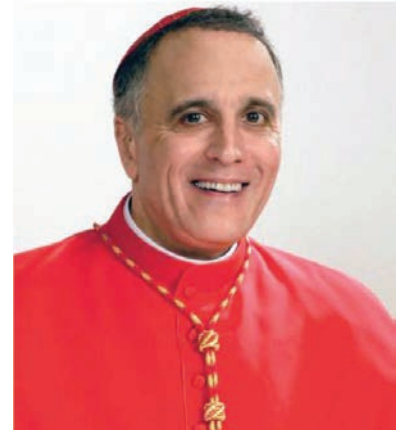
With your continued generosity, I am confident Catholic Charities will remain at the forefront of responding to the needs of our local Church in Southeast Texas by walking with those most in need.

With gratitude for your dedication to this essential ministry in the life of the Church, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston



*His Eminence
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

During times of need, **WE ARE THERE**

Dear Friends,

We are blessed by the service and impact your support has made possible in the last year. Not only did our agency continue to respond to the day-to-day needs of our clients, but we also responded to two disasters in our region – Hurricane Beryl and the May derecho. It was humbling to see so many people lining up to receive assistance with nonperishable food and other supplies, knowing they had experienced disproportionate loss from the storms.

Throughout the year, many of our neighbors are just one emergency expense or missed paycheck away from financial crisis. They don't have a safety net to help them pick up the pieces and move forward into stability.

That's why Catholic Charities remains committed to providing life's essentials, like food, to those who need it. As we address the needs of the whole person, our employment services and counseling clinic, among other life-changing programs, help our clients along their path to self-sufficiency.

We are committed to serving our region with care and compassion. Thanks to you, Catholic Charities will remain the most efficient and effective social service provider in the Archdiocese. Bless you for opening your heart and walking by our side to serve the most vulnerable in our community.

In the peace of Christ,



Alicia Reggie Freysinger
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Cynthia Nunes Colbert, MSW
President and CEO



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We Are Building to Serve



With support from visionary donors, Catholic Charities will build the Family Opportunity Center to expand our ability to help families who struggle to maintain self-sufficiency.

***For I know well the plans I have in mind for you...
plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to
give you a future of hope.***

Jeremiah 29:11

Plans Underway for New Family Opportunity Center

Catholic Charities plans dramatic expansion of our facilities so we may do even more to fulfill our vision statement: People of faith helping people in need achieve self-sufficiency and live with dignity.

Currently, we serve people in need in Houston through our Guadalupe Center just east of downtown Houston. It's much too small and not designed to accommodate the increasing numbers of families who come to us for emergency food and financial assistance.

Our board of directors approved a \$25M capital campaign to build a new facility in the Eastex-Jensen Super Neighborhood, roughly four miles north of Loop 610. Property was acquired at 9111 Jensen, an area with the sixth poorest zip code in Houston and located within a food desert – a USDA designation referring to geographic access to nutritious food sources.

The new facility will provide a more dignified experience for clients, including a large food pantry with sufficient warehouse and distribution space, as well as program offices – and ample parking.

We'll also have space for social service partners. For example, the working plan includes a production kitchen and dining hall that would be used by St. Martha Catholic Church, which operates Martha's Kitchen, currently located next door to Guadalupe Center. Their ministry cooks and serves meals to individuals who are homeless or can't otherwise afford to feed themselves.

If all goes according to projections, we will build and move into the new Family Opportunity Center by 2027 or 2028.

During Times of Disaster, We Are There



In the space of just a few months, Catholic Charities responded to significant natural disasters: the derecho windstorm in May, and Hurricane Beryl in July.

We made getting relief easy for those who needed it, via multiple large drive-through distributions at our three food pantries. **Overall, we served nearly 12,000 storm-traumatized households.**

Earlier, we were there following disastrous area flooding. Catholic Charities provided help in many ways for families who have little financial resilience.

As we have always done, in years to come we will provide disaster assistance to help vulnerable families recover.



Help in Overcoming Disaster Loss

Ivan and his family lost power when Hurricane Beryl sent a tree limb crashing down on their roof. All the food in the fridge spoiled after power was lost.

But Ivan was able to breathe a sigh of relief thanks to kind donors who helped low-income families access much-needed food and emergency financial assistance.

Ivan lives with his two young children and his mother. After the storm, Ivan took them to stay with a family member who had power. He remained behind to protect his home, wondering how he'd afford to replace the food and pay for roof repairs. With your support, Catholic Charities came to the rescue.

"We don't have much and we needed help," Ivan said. "So we appreciate what y'all do. It means a lot."



Food for Body and Soul

Nutritious Food Fuels a Healthy Life

Catholic Charities' three regional food pantries faithfully provide nutritious food to families and individuals who cannot afford the groceries they need for a healthy lifestyle. Together, the Guadalupe Center in central Houston, Trini's Market in Fort Bend County, and the Beacon of Hope Isle Market in Galveston distributed nearly **4.5 million pounds of food** to low-income families in fiscal 2024.

The demand for food spiked following the derecho windstorm in May and Hurricane Beryl in July. All three pantries staged drive-through food distributions to help families cope with the loss of perishable food that accompanied widespread power outages. Altogether, nearly **12,000 families received assistance** so they could restock what was lost from their refrigerators and freezers.

The challenge of having sufficient food remains a barrier for too many families in our region. In the three counties in which Catholic Charities operates food pantries, an estimated 920,000 people are food insecure, or at risk of hunger.

Catholic Charities continues to address this need. Through self-select pantries and large-scale distributions, we provide a place for clients to receive nutritious foods that meet their family's needs in an environment that preserves their dignity.



Guadalupe Center in Houston (above and below)



Beacon of Hope Isle Market in Galveston



Mamie George Community Center in Fort Bend County



A Mother and Her Children – One Family Among Thousands Saved from Hunger

Dora has three children and does all she can to provide a good life for them. When she ran into a financial emergency recently, she was suddenly unable to provide life’s necessities. Filling three child-size tummies – and her own – was a stressful struggle.

But thanks to your support, Catholic Charities was able to come to the rescue.

“We had a family emergency and were unable to afford food,” Dora said. “A family member referred us to Catholic Charities and we were helped immediately.”

Dora received healthy foods for herself and her children at the Guadalupe Center in central Houston. With groceries in the house for her family, there was one less worry for Dora. She was able to focus on recovering financially.



Food Insecurity Rates = Hardship for Many Vulnerable Families

Families in poverty often struggle with insufficient access to nutritious foods

County	% of Population	Residents Affected
Fort Bend	11%	82,510
Galveston	15%	4,702
Harris	16.4%	676,917
Combined	15%	914,220

An Eventful Year

Bringing Good Friends Together Who Support Our Mission

We are grateful to donors, community friends and partners who support the work of Catholic Charities each year by attending special events in our three most populous counties.



Fort Bend County: Mission of Love

At the gala benefiting the Mamie George Community Center in Richmond: *(from left)* dinner chair Heather Reichert, MGCC Senior Development Officer Shayne Baker, Honorees Cathy and Mark Hotze, MGCC Executive Director Gladys Brumfield-James and co-chair Ammie Blahuta. The center is the hub for Catholic Charities services in Fort Bend County, with food distribution, financial assistance and robust programming for seniors and veterans.



Galveston County: Grace and Gratitude Reception

Friends, volunteers and donors of the Beacon of Hope Center and Isle Market received thanks from Catholic Charities for their support. Pictured *(from left)* are Gerald Sullivan, Grace Mansfield, Susanne Sullivan and Shrub Kempner. Catholic Charities' Isle Market provides a state-of-the-art food pantry for families in need. In addition, financial assistance is provided at our office in Texas City.



Houston/Harris County: Wine & Dine

Each fall, guests gather for a special evening of fun, featuring a four-course gourmet dinner with international wines, and an auction that generates high spirits and generous bids. Stopping for a photo *(from left)*: dinner chairs Douglas and Ashley Praeger, Catholic Charities' CEO Cynthia Nunes Colbert, MSW, and chairs Disney and Max Harris. Proceeds help Catholic Charities continue to offer a network of life-changing programs that work together to alleviate poverty.

FISCAL YEAR 2024

July 1, 2023 –
June 30, 2024

ANNUAL IMPACT SNAPSHOT



YOU HELPED FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES



358,834

VISITS BY FAMILIES IN NEED
TO FOOD PANTRIES OR
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

4,475,497

POUNDS OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED

Food pantries serve hungry families in
Harris, Fort Bend and Galveston

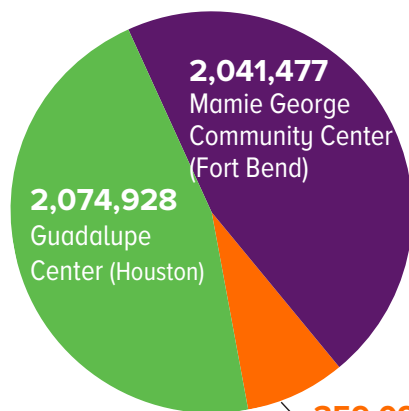
YOU HELPED CHILDREN



652 parents received education
and support to help their young
children develop



Inner-city students received **709**
mental health counseling sessions
to help with their behavior and
academic achievement



359,092
Beacon of Hope
Isle Market
(Galveston)

YOU HELPED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS



360 households
received **emergency**
financial assistance to
cover utilities



6,036 people
received **counseling** or
other support to help
them improve mental
health or life skills



19,715 free meals were
served to **seniors** in Patty's
Cafe at the Mamie George
Community Center



6,238 families were provided with **housing**
assistance, including emergency shelter and help
with rent



More than **90¢** of every
dollar you gave went directly
to children and families who
need a helping hand

YOU HELPED NEW AMERICANS



10,550 refugees
were helped to
adjust to life in our
community



6,923 immigrants
received information,
assessments, and legal
representation



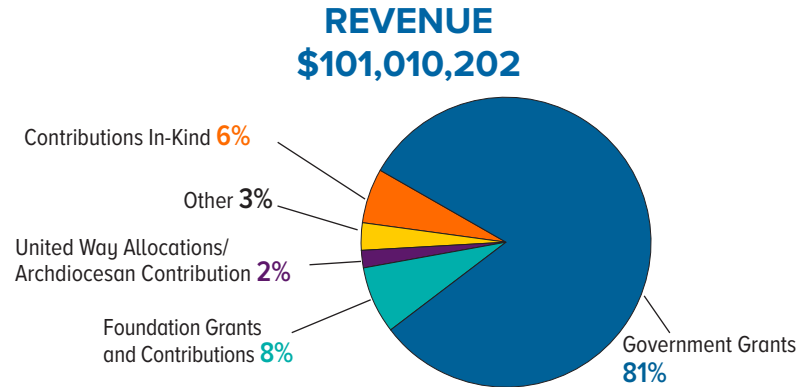
22,757
volunteer hours;
1,275 volunteers

FY 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (unaudited)

REVENUE

Government Grants	\$82,194,646
Contributions In-Kind	5,933,582
Foundation Grants and Contributions	7,111,803
United Way Allocations	1,120,792
Archdiocesan Contribution	852,500
Other	
Special Events	564,459
Miscellaneous	102,332
Program Service Fees	553,609
Investment Return	<u>1,976,480</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$101,010,202



EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

Children and Family Services	\$24,500,431
Senior and Adult Services	5,373,305
Immigration and Refugee Services	58,746,406
Disaster Relief and Response	373,284
Housing Services	<u>4,592,547</u>
Total Program Services	\$93,585,972

SUPPORT SERVICES

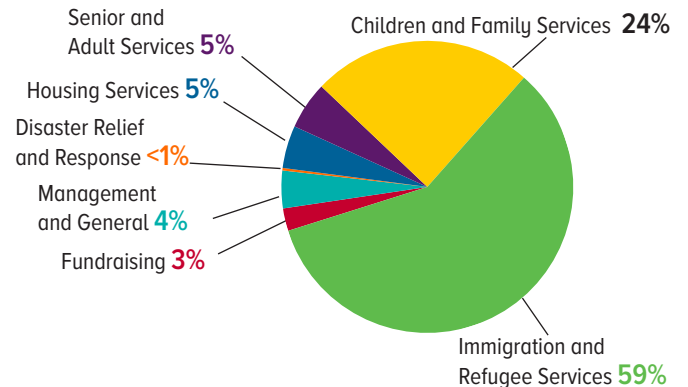
Management and General	\$3,899,552
Fundraising	<u>2,520,904</u>
Total Supporting Services	\$6,420,455

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$100,006,428**

Surplus/(Deficit) **\$1,003,774***

EXPENSES

\$100,006,428



*Includes realized and unrealized gains



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OUR VISION

People of faith helping people in need achieve self-sufficiency and live with dignity.

OUR MISSION

Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities helps people in southeast Texas by providing caring, compassionate services and advocating for social justice in collaboration with parishes and communities.

OUR CORE VALUES

FAITH Inspired by the Gospel and our Catholic tradition, we serve as a healing presence with special concern for our neighbors who are vulnerable, respecting their diversity and dignity.

INTEGRITY We foster a high quality workplace and inspire trust through personal leadership. We are honest and ethical in all aspects of our organization.

COLLABORATION We work together with people who support common values and vision to achieve shared goals.

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