

FROM JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF 70,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ALL FAITHS.

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.

Dear Friends,

Over 100 years ago Catholic Charities agencies in the U.S. were formed so that our Church could respond to the growing demand for professional social services, especially those provided through the public sector, as our country was transformed from agrarian to industrial and the needs of communities changed. That legacy is still with us today. This past year our agency adjusted to changing national priorities and local needs to the greatest extent in recent memory. In FY 2016-17, CCDBR ...

- Grew a disaster recovery program within about 6 weeks that quadrupled the size of our agency from about 65 FTEs to 275, far surpassing Katrina staffing levels.
- Doubled the size of the Sanctuary for Life, a housing program for homeless pregnant women.
- Guided immigrants and refugees through uncertain times.

Making real-time adjustments to changing community needs is a constant for us. We've seen the number of refugees rise and fall from year-to-year with shifting international events and national priorities. Locally, in August of 2016 when half of the Diocese was underwater, our agency also responded. Within 9 months, we served 23,000 households in our community, delivering goods, services and assistance valued at \$7.5 Million. And with a grant from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we remodeled the Sanctuary for Life and can house over 20 pregnant women, more than doubling the capacity of this unique program.

Despite the pace and scope of change, CCDBR remains steadfast in responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do this because we are Catholic, always striving for faithfulness to our timeless mission of Charity; acts of service rooted in a transformational love that changes the lives of individuals ... and hopefully the community within which we all live.

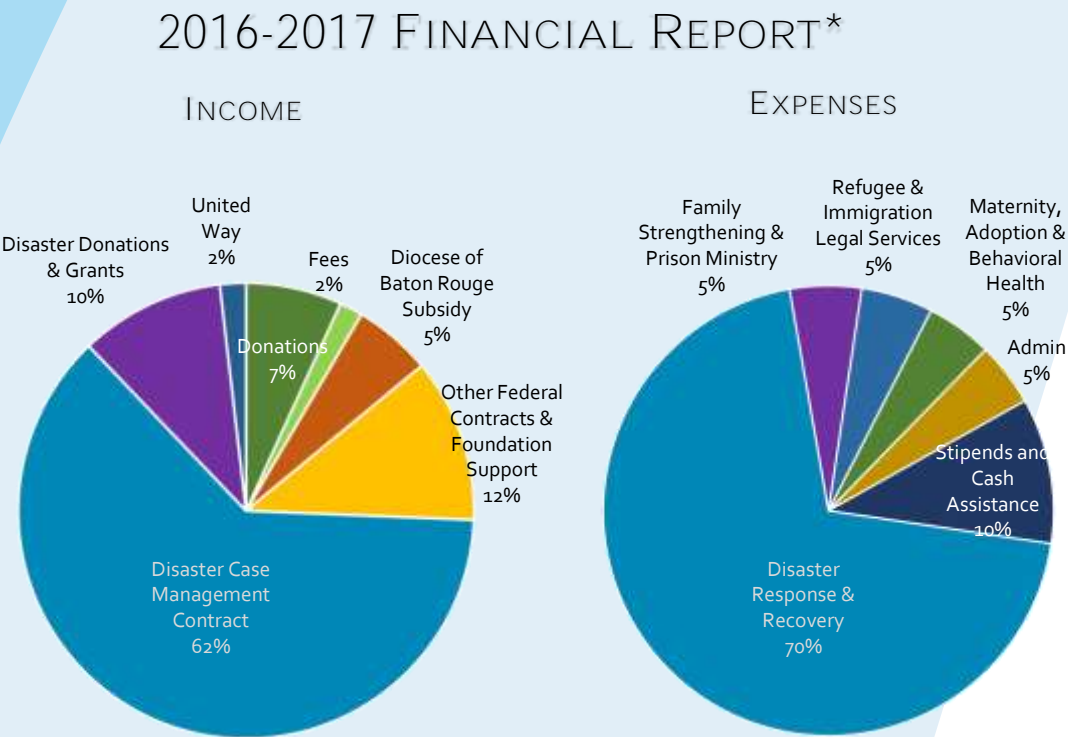
Sincerely in Christ,

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Total revenues for the year 2016-17 were \$19,287,640; total expenditures were \$17,932,705.
Income and expense variation based on difference in funding years.
Annual audit conducted by Postlethwaite & Netterville, C.P.A.
* Pie charts do not include pass-through funds distributed to other Louisiana Catholic Charities Resettlement agencies.



Providing Help and Encouragement During Crisis

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

Special assistance for housing and utilities was re-established in Tangipahoa Parish.

168 people found strength through mental health counseling at 7 locations, some from our Spanish-speaking counselors.

210 received employment services, most chronically unemployed.

In a new partnership with hospitals, 65 new mothers received Baby Love bags filled with 3-weeks of baby care items for their newborns.



Creating Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow

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

71 attended a six-week course for first time homebuyers; 6 bought a home.

1,240 adults and youth learned to manage their money and at Head Start, youth centers and Housing Authority Facilities.

39 parents living in Pointe Coupee helped prepare their children for school through HIPPY—Home Instruction for the Parents of Preschool Youngsters.

CCDBR employee Marcela Hernandez was honored as a CAUW Woman of the Year.



Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees Seeking Freedom

123 refugees fled violence and persecution from Afghanistan, Congo DRC, Cuba, Eritrea, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Venezuela and resettled in Baton Rouge.

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

735 guardian sponsors of unaccompanied minors were counseled as to their rights and responsibilities and screened for fitness to care for the children fleeing violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

A new community advisory committee was formed to help direct the work of Refugee Resettlement.



Strengthening Families through Service

272 volunteers unselfishly donated 74,679 hours of service.

219 special needs children received individual classroom help from 63 Foster Grandparents at schools, homeless shelters, and juvenile detention centers.

Agency staff and volunteers prepared a record-setting 1,527 tax returns for low-income families and individuals—their refunds totaled almost \$2M.

173 children received new school shoes thanks to Catholic Church parishioners, and Payless Shoes.

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



Protecting Life and Building Families through Adoption

9 infants and children were placed in loving adoptive homes.

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

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

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

Donated diapers, portable cribs, and other baby care items were provided for 654 babies.



Focusing on Criminal Justice Reform and Life after Prison

39 homeless, male ex-offenders found a new start at Joseph Homes.

School children gained a better understanding about life behind bars and donated over 20,000 Christmas cards for inmates in our Diocese.

Staff advocated with the legislature for criminal justice reform and abolition of the death penalty.

A prison chaplain was brought on board at Angola.

Wilson Foundation funded new re-entry initiatives for employment.



Supporting Communities Recovering after Disaster

6,000 families enrolled in Disaster Case Management to recover from damages caused by the storms of 2016.

Salvation Army partnered with us to distribute \$1,000,000 in furniture.

Staff and volunteers delivered 300,000 tons of donated goods (Valued at \$750,000) through 40 churches & nonprofits. Donors included Wal-Mart, Catholic Charities New Orleans, Food for the Poor, University of Alabama & others.

CCUSA funded disaster case management for immigrants who have no place else to turn for help.



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, and immigration rights.

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

A new initiative was launched to fight the plague of payday loans, funded by the Campaign for Human Development.



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Joseph Homes	225-336-4406
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Refugee Services	225-346-0660
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TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...

1. Touched the lives of 70,000 people **of all faiths** last year 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 95 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. Ranks #1 among 211-Info Line referral agencies.
6. Known as a national leader in disaster recovery and the primary long-term recovery service provider for disaster survivors.
7. Addresses the root causes of poverty to improve the lives of our clients, their families and our community.
8. Partners with nonprofits, other faith groups, foundations, universities and governmental agencies.
9. Primarily funded by donations, contracts, fees and grants; less than 5% comes from the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
10. Populations & services include:

Families & individuals

- Adoptions
- Behavioral health counseling
- Diaper Bank
- Early childhood intervention
- Families First Housing
- Financial literacy & asset building
- Foster Grandparents
- Job Services
- Homelessness prevention

Disaster survivors

- Mental health counseling
- Case Management
- Relief supplies

Immigrants

- Legal services
- Relocation for Refugees

Pregnant women in crisis

- Counseling
- Housing @ Sanctuary for Life
- Medical care

Prison Ministry

- Joseph Homes Ex-offender housing
- Family support groups
- Pre-release programs

Senior Services

- Alsen Support Group
- Foster Grandparents



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LIVES CHANGED ...



DANNY

I never would be where I am today without Joseph Homes.

Danny suffered from addiction, was nearly blind and became homeless when he was released from prison. After living at Joseph Homes for 7 months, he rented his own apartment, connected with local agencies who provide equipment to help with his vision, and found a job that he loves. Today he's helping others like him to live a better life.



ALANNA

Catholic Charities became my family's first family in the United States.

Alanna and her 3 sisters came to the United States after fleeing Iraq for their lives, persecuted and even bombed—literally—because of their Catholic faith. Employment counselors helped them find a job, and a caring person donated a car so they can get to work. They pray each night that their father will be able to join them and enjoy the peace they have found in America.



JESSICA

Sanctuary for Life saved me and my baby.

Hospital workers contacted our maternity social workers about Jessica. She was 7 months pregnant and sleeping in her car. During her 2 months stay at Sanctuary for Life, she found a job, received prenatal care, got a job, and attended parenting classes. Today, she's the proud mom of a healthy baby boy, Tristan.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

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

