

# FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF 33,000 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.

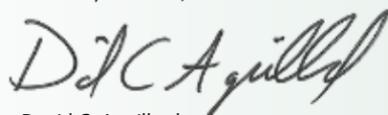
Dear Friends,

Whew, what a year! We welcomed our new Bishop, Michael Duca, concluded a long-term recovery program implemented in the aftermath of the floods of 2016, maintained our refugee resettlement program despite drastic reductions in arrivals, adopted new bylaws, were recognized by the American Immigration Lawyers Association as the non-profit of the year in our region, launched a new corporation to provide alternatives to pay-day loans ... and served 33,000 people total through all of our programs combined.

But the work of our agency is larger than these numbers alone and more meaningful than singular accomplishments. It takes place within the mystery of the Body of Christ, made possible through the guidance of our Catholic mission and support of our Catholic community. Our Mission Statement reminds us that ours is a call to service; our Gospel proclamation is our *action*. And we are only able to take action because of the steadfast, unwavering commitment of our Catholic Church, built on a tradition directly rooted in the life of Christ and passed on through the people we are blessed to serve and work with.

Among them, we are particularly thankful for Bishop Robert W. Muench, who retired this past year. His belief in the importance of our work provided solid footing for us to confidently take steps – indeed giant leaps – when faced with new challenges and called to respond to people in need. We are thankful for his leadership and the support we enjoy throughout our community, all of which combine to enable us to share with you the stories of success highlighted in this report.

Sincerely in Christ,



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



### Providing Help and Encouragement During Crisis

153 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.

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

Of the 68 people, most chronically unemployed, who found jobs, 90% were still employed 9 months later.

In a new partnership with hospitals, 100 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.

60 attended a six-week course for first time homebuyers.

430 people learned to manage their money, and 4 months later, were utilizing good financial habits.

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



### Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees Seeking Freedom

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

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

1,288 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 Central America.

30 people were served on Naturalization Day and 11 became citizens.

We established an Immigration Law Clinic through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation



### Strengthening Families through Service

150 volunteers and interns donated 6,000 hours of service.

176 special needs children received individual classroom help from 96 Foster Grandparents at in East Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee schools.

Agency staff and volunteers prepared a record-setting 1,578 tax returns for low-income families and individuals—their refunds totaled almost \$1.5M.

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

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

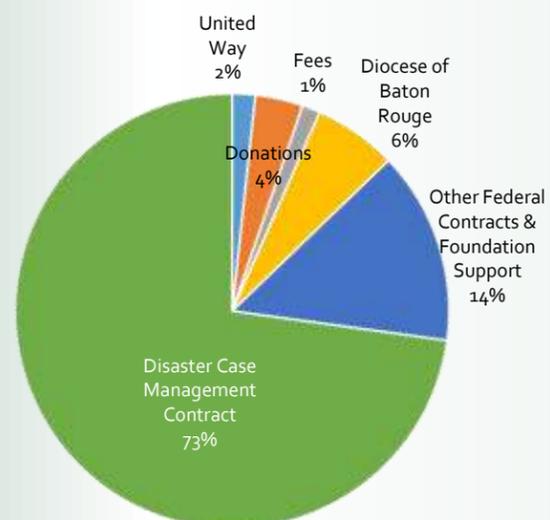
Price LeBlanc Toyota donated 2 new vehicles to assist in our work.

## 2017-18 ADVISORY BOARD

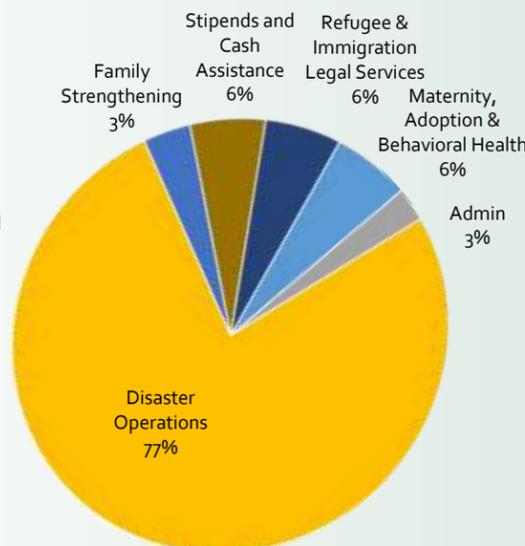
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## 2017-2018 FINANCIAL REPORT\*

### INCOME



### EXPENSES



Total revenues for the year 2017-18 were \$18,342,108.88; total expenditures were \$18,736,962.23

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.



### Protecting Life and Building Families through Adoption

10 infants and children were placed in loving adoptive homes.

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

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

6 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 212 babies.



### Focusing on Criminal Justice Reform and Life after Prison

42 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.

In partnership with the Louisiana Parole Project, Joseph Homes now offers short-term transitional housing to recently released juvenile lifers paroled after serving at least 30 years.

Job developers, funded by the Wilson Foundation, connected Joseph Homes clients with felony-friendly employers.



### Supporting Communities Recovering after Disaster

5,500 families enrolled in Disaster Case Management to recover from damages caused by the storms of 2016.

Case managers worked with 11 different parish long term recovery committees to tap into donations of household goods and repair money to help families move back into their homes.

Catholic Charities USA granted the agency \$3.25M to fund repairs and provide behavioral health services. Some funds are earmarked for immigrants who have no where else to turn to for help.

Disaster behavioral health was provided to 150 survivors.



### 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 ethical adoption practices, poverty alleviation, and immigration rights.

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

The Faith Fund was launched to fight the plague of payday loans, a new initiative made possible by the Campaign for Human Development.



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Behavioral Health	225-336-8708
Case Management	225-336-8700
Counseling	225-336-8708
Disaster Response	225-336-8700
Donations	225-336-8700
Employment Services	225-346-0680
The Faith Fund	225-650-7422
Families First Housing	225-336-8700
Family Achievement Classes	225-336-8700
Foster Grandparents	225-346-8712
H.I.P.P.Y.	225-376-6220
Immigration Legal Services	225-346-0660
Joseph Homes	225-336-4406
Maternity Services	225-336-8708
Prison Ministry	225-336-4406
Project Rachel	225-267-4673
Refugee Services	225-346-0660
Sanctuary for Life	225-336-8708
Tangipahoa Service Center	985-542-5455
Volunteers	225-336-8700

## TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES ...

1. Touched the lives of 33,000 people **of all faiths** last year in the 12 civil parishes comprising the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
2. Gifts the community with opportunities to help their neighbors through volunteer service.
3. Commits 97 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—since 1964.
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 6% comes from the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
10. Populations & services include:

### Families & individuals

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

### Disaster survivors

- Mental health counseling
- Case Management
- Relief supplies

### Immigrants

- Legal services
- Relocation for Refugees

### Pregnant women in crisis

- Counseling
- Housing @ Sanctuary for Life & St. Patrick's House
- Transportation

### Prison Ministry

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

### Senior Services

- Alsen Support Group
- Foster Grandparents



# 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## LIVES CHANGED ...



### PATRICIA

*I have changed since I came into Sanctuary for Life. I can see myself succeeding, and I am proud of all that I have accomplished.*

A year ago, Patricia was homeless and pregnant. Today, she's working, living in an apartment with her baby boy Benji, and has reconnected with her two older children of whom she'd lost custody. She credits the counselors and resident managers at Sanctuary for Life for her success.



### DONALD

*I like reading "Where's Spot?" to my little sister. It's my favorite book.*

Three years ago, Donald had no books in his Pointe Coupe home or people to read to him. Thanks to HIPPI, he's at the top of his kindergarten class today. His teacher was impressed at how well he could read before stepping into her classroom. His success inspired his both parents to return to college to finish their degrees.



### JAMINE

*Without God leading me to Catholic Charities, I'm not sure where I'd be today ... probably still lost.*

Four years ago, 22-year-old Jamine moved into Families First Housing with her husband and 3 children. While there, she learned how to manage their money, set up a savings account, and attended our parenting classes. Now, she and her husband both have earned their high school diploma and own their own home.

## 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](http://www.CatholicCharitiesBR.org) to find out how you can become involved.

