



Dear Friends,

2020. What a year! It was filled with difficult times beyond what any of us could have imagined; from a pandemic to natural disasters. It presented all of us with simultaneous personal, professional, economic and spiritual challenges. Facing historical difficulties, I have to say I've never been more inspired by the dedication of the people who work at Catholic Charities. You should be, too. They pushed into a higher gear. While at home taking care of family, children and relatives, our agency teams transitioned to full remote operations *and* sustained all current services *and* created new unique programs to meet the needs of low-income families, especially those with children in rural areas of our diocese. Within the first few weeks of the onset of COVID, before public help arrived, we served nearly 1,000 families with emergency needs. We had specific initiatives that assisted healthcare and restaurant workers who suddenly woke up one morning to find either never-ending work under life-threatening conditions...or, on the other hand, found themselves out of work without any income and nowhere to turn. Our CCDBR staff rose to meet their needs while maintaining all other services from hosting adoption workshops, to helping reunite immigrant children with their families, to housing homeless pregnant women in our Sanctuary for Life and providing transitional support to men recently released from prison.

Our mission is to serve those in need during their greatest time of need. This past year was a time of greatest need, and because of generous donors and the Diocese's support, we are able to live this mission everyday. As I have, I hope that you too can find inspiration in the remarkable work of Catholic Charities summarized in this year's report.

Sincerely in Christ,
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Executive Director



Providing Help and Encouragement During Crisis

- 523 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.
- 773 people found strength through mental health counseling at 5 locations, some from our Spanish-speaking counselors.
- 480 received employment services, most chronically unemployed.
- 44 new mothers received Baby Love bags filled with 3-weeks of baby care items for their newborns, in a new partnership with hospitals.



Creating Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow

- 10 families moved into Families First on Evangeline for counseling, budgeting help, employment services and tutoring.
- 72 parents living in Pointe Coupee helped prepare their children for school through Home Instruction for the Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) and 2,563 home visits were conducted.
- 1,647 people were reached through Community Outreach Events.



Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees Seeking Freedom

- 49 refugees and asylees fled violence and persecution from Afghanistan, Congo, DRC, Cuba, Eritrea, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Venezuela and resettled in Baton Rouge.
- 3,749 immigrants sought legal advice, counsel and orientation from the area's only nonprofit immigration attorneys.
- 304 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.



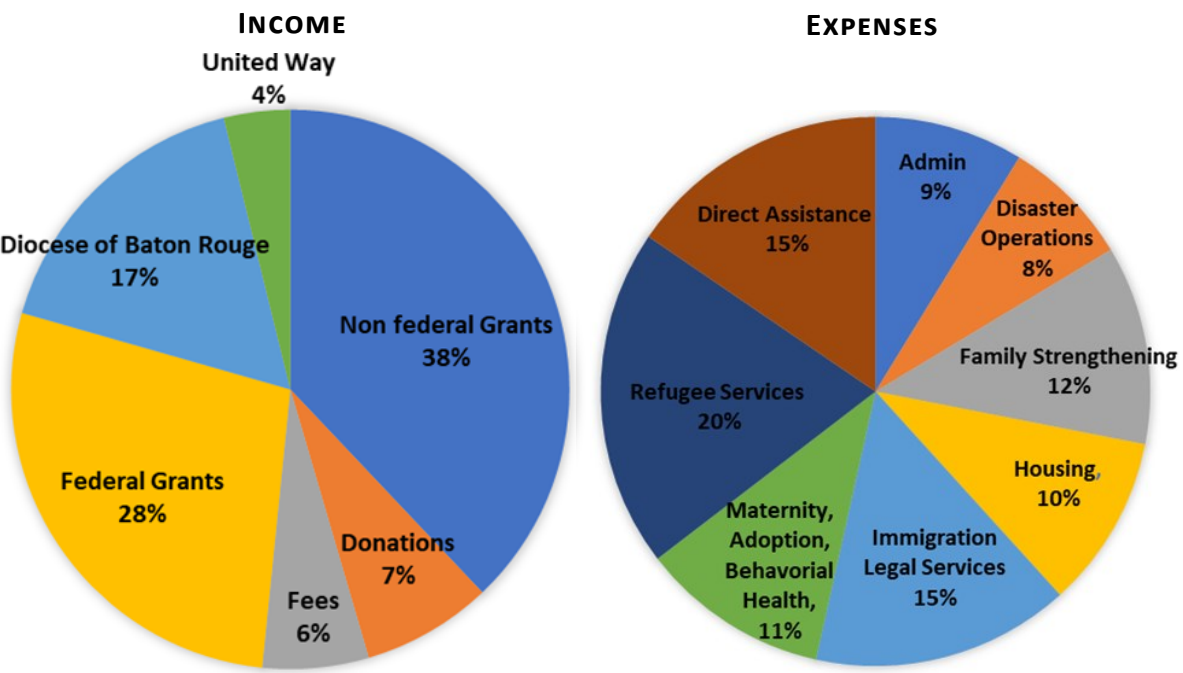
Strengthening Families through Service

- 133 volunteers and interns donated 68,061 hours of service.
- 219 special needs children received individual classroom help from 63 Foster Grandparents at in East Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee schools.
- 1,626 Agency staff and volunteers prepared a record-setting 1,626 tax returns for low-income families and individuals—their refunds totaled almost \$2M.
- 261 children received new school shoes thanks to Catholic Church parishioners.
- 300 families and seniors experienced the Joy of Christmas because of generous donors and volunteers.

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2019-2020 FINANCIAL REPORT*

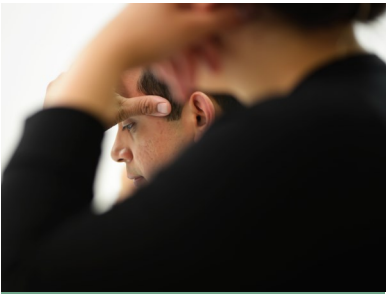


Total revenues for the year 2019-20 were \$6,650,370; total expenditures were \$6,495,972.
Income and expense variation based on difference in funding years.
Annual audit conducted by Postlethwaite & Netteville, C.P.A.
* Pie charts do not include pass-through funds distributed to other Louisiana Catholic Charities Resettlement agencies.



Protecting Life and Building Families through Adoption

- 28 women faced with crisis pregnancies were provided counseling in order to make life-affirming decisions for their unborn children.
- 33 individuals were provided with specialized post adoption counseling or Search and Reunion services.
- 17 babies were born to mothers living at Sanctuary for Life—our housing ministry for homeless, pregnant women.
- \$37,000 worth of infant/baby care items were distributed to 1,120 individuals in need.



Focusing on Criminal Justice Reform and Life after Prison

- 39 homeless, male ex-offenders found a new start at Joseph Homes.
- 20,000 School children 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.
- Partnered with the Parole Project to help juvenile lifers re-enter society.
- Wilson Foundation funded new re-entry initiatives for employment.



Supporting Communities Recovering after Disaster

- 119 households received disaster case management.
- \$438,542 received in grants to rebuild their homes.
- CCUSA funded disaster case management for immigrants who have no place else to turn for help.
- Some of our seasoned disaster professional taught our national network about disaster and deployed to other dioceses to help organize their response.



Responding to COVID-19 Pandemic

- 388 healthcare workers received gas and grocery gift cards
- 477 households unemployed because of the pandemic received rent and utility help
- 23 teens and children attended a virtual ESL summer camp provided 100% by volunteers
- Families enrolled in PACT—Parents and Children Together—our new family strengthening and early childhood development program

TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- 1

Touched the lives of over 14,000 people **of all faiths** last year in the 12 civil parishes comprising the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
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Gifts the community with opportunities to help their neighbors through volunteer service.
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Commits 97 cents of every dollar to services, which is far below the national average for administrative costs.
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Provides successful, unduplicated services proven to improve lives and strengthen our community—since 1964.
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Ranks #1 among 211-Info Line referral agencies.
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Partners with nonprofits, other faith groups, foundations, universities and governmental agencies.
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Known as a national leader in disaster recovery and the primary long-term recovery service provider for disaster survivors.
- 8

Addresses the root causes of poverty to improve the lives of our clients, their families and our community.
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Primarily funded by donations, contracts, fees and grants; less than 20% is funded by the Diocese.

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Populations & services include:

- Families & individuals

- Adoptions
 - Behavioral health counseling
 - Diaper bank
 - Early childhood intervention
 - Families First Housing
 - 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 at Sanctuary for Life & St. Patrick’s House
 - Transportation
- Prison Ministry

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

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.



HOW CAN YOU HELP

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

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

