



2020 ANNUAL 2021 REPORT

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It has been said that by walking into any Catholic Charities office in the U.S., a visitor will know the struggle of the poor not only in their local community but around the world. In today's global society, every nation and every local community is, more than ever, a member of the global community. No one lives in isolation. Suffering knows no national boundaries. Our 2021 fiscal year showed us this, and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge responded with generosity and love; a love motivated by our connectedness in Christ and His invitation to love Him by serving the poor.

In partnership with our church parishes and other community organizations, Catholic Charities provided over \$15,000 of gas for low-income health care workers risking their lives, working overtime on the front lines of COVID to save other people's lives.

Catholic Charities helped reunite with their families about 500 children who were the lucky ones to escape life-threatening dangers in their home countries. We assisted almost 80 adults seeking asylum here under U.S. law after fleeing countries the U.S. recognizes as particularly threatening to individual liberty and safety.

And across South Louisiana, as hurricanes have grown stronger and arrive more frequently, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge has increasingly been called upon to help other dioceses. For Laura and Delta we sent \$70,000 of relief supplies gathered from Baton Rouge church parishes to Southwest Louisiana.

Our Mission is to proclaim the Gospel through service. Every year, we find new ways to live our Mission and help families and children in need regardless of the causes. Christ instructs us, "As I have loved you, so too, you should love one another." His love knows no limits, and with support from our community, we strive to share that love's abundance.

SINCERELY IN CHRIST,

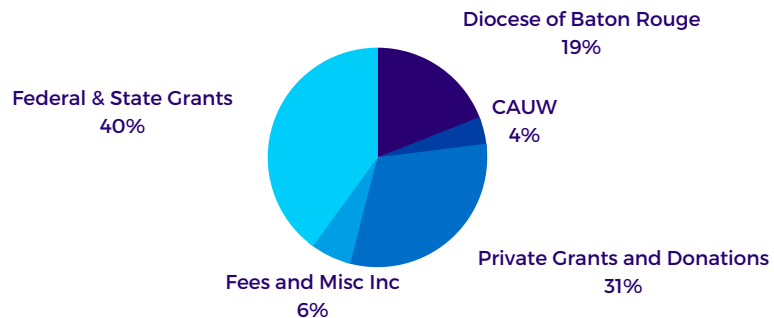
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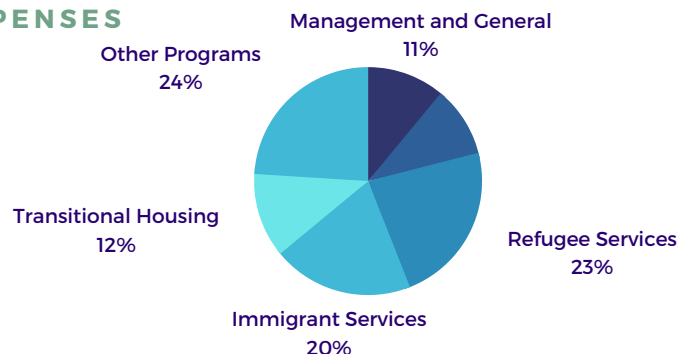
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2020-2021 FINANCIAL REPORT*

INCOME



EXPENSES



Total revenues for the year 2020-21 were \$5,889,125; total expenditures were \$5,855,142.90.
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

834

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

61

people found strength through mental health counseling at 5 locations.

92

clients received employment services, most chronically unemployed.

42

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



Creating Hope
for a Brighter
Tomorrow

8

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

79

families enrolled in PACT—Parents and Children Together—our family-strengthening and early childhood development program.

135

children better prepared to enter school ready to learn.

3,976

home visits conducted both in-person and virtually so students' progress would continue during COVID.



Welcoming
Immigrants and
Refugees Seeking
Freedom

76

refugees and asylees fled violence and persecution resettled in Baton Rouge.

861

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

540

sponsors were counseled as to their rights and responsibilities to care for children fleeing violence in other countries.

67

teens and children attended 1,025 virtual ESL classes.



Strengthening
Families Through
Service

53

volunteers and interns donate 1,386 hours of service.

66

special needs children received individual classroom help from 63 Foster Grandparents at in East Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee schools.

1,063

tax returns for low-income families and individuals prepared by staff members and volunteers, totaling over **\$1.3 million** in refunds.

202

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



Protecting Life and
Building Families
through Adoption

35

women faced with crisis pregnancies were provided counseling in order to make life-affirming decisions for their unborn children.

41

individuals were provided with specialized post adoption counseling or Search and Reunion services.

9

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

\$14,030

worth of infant/baby care items were distributed to **230** individuals in need.



Supporting
Communities
Recovering after
Disaster

962

households received disaster case management.

\$80,903

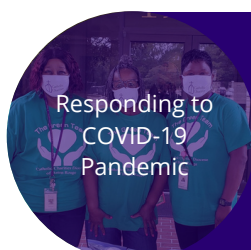
received in grants to rebuild their homes.

\$90.00

in relief supplies delivered to Lake Charles churches and the Diocese of Lake Charles for Hurricane Laura and Delta survivors.

\$92,000

raised for those impacted by Hurricane Laura.



Responding to
COVID-19
Pandemic

143

healthcare workers received gift cards totaling **\$15,530**.

546

households unemployed because of the pandemic received rent and utility help.



Focusing on
Criminal Justice
Reform and Life
after Prison

41

homeless, formerly incarcerated individuals found a new start at Joseph Homes.

15,400

Christmas cards made by school children for inmates in our Diocese.

10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- 1 Touched the lives of over 39,000 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 89 cents of every dollar to services, which is 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 Partners with nonprofits, other faith groups, foundations, universities and governmental agencies.
- 7 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.
- 9 Primarily funded by donations, contracts, fees and grants; 17% is funded by the Diocese.
- 10 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 YOU CAN HELP



PRAY



DONATE



OFFER EMPLOYMENT
OR MENTOR WORK



SPREAD THE
GOOD NEWS



DONATE
FURNITURE
OR CAR



VOLUNTEER



BEQUEST OR
MEMORIAL INTENTION



SPONSOR OR
MENTOR A FAMILY



JOIN CHURCH'S SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

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