

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

JULY 2022-JUNE 2023



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We read in the Gospel of Matthew, "... whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40). In this passage, God calls upon all Christians to serve those in need. We are meant to share the Creator's love for us with people in our communities who are most vulnerable.

As you will see from this annual report, Catholic Charities of South Carolina (CCSC) works daily to serve those who seek help. Our mission is fulfilled by meeting immediate needs through food pantries, thrift stores, the Clean of Heart shower and laundry ministry, and many other programs. CCSC prioritizes strategies to help people break the cycle of poverty. Employees and volunteers walk alongside people through programs designed to build a more stable and sustainable future. CCSC meets our brothers and sisters where they are.

Even with the good work that is taking place, there are many in need across our state who lack access to secure sources of food, shelter, counselling and healthcare. As Catholic Charities of South Carolina steps into its next chapter, I am confident it will continue this critical work to address people's immediate needs and accompany them on their individual journeys out of poverty.

As the year ends, CCSC now prayerfully reflects on how best to answer God's call and the work ahead. Please support Catholic Charities of South Carolina in your prayers as we all find ways to serve and walk with our brothers and sisters.



In Christ's love,

+ *Jacques Fabre-Jeune*

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

Our Vision

Through prayer and good works, we provide a compassionate and personal approach, and restore awareness of the dignity of every person.

Our Mission

Informed and inspired through the mission of the Church, Catholic Charities of South Carolina promotes self-sufficiency, ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of those under our care, and acts to break the cycle of poverty in the Palmetto State. Through God, all things are possible.

OUR VALUES



Direct, hands-on service to the Lord by serving those experiencing poverty or need



Faithful Catholic Identity: Charity in Truth



Encounter, Hospitality & Accompaniment



Teamwork & Partnership



Mission Based Outreach & Stewardship



"Unless the Lord Builds the House": Sustainable Growth through Strategic Planning



Professional Competence & Accountability

2022-2023 TOTAL IMPACT



30,692

Total Individuals Impacted

(Unduplicated)



12

Number of Ministries & Programs



15

Number of Locations We Serve



WELLNESS SERVICES

For I was hungry...

OUR LADY'S PANTRY

Through our wellness pantries, we provide healthy foods along with nutritional education to help make a systematic change in the lives of our clients throughout South Carolina.

Visitors are able to choose the food they want from the items such as fresh produce, frozen meats, eggs, milk, and canned goods.

We are able to easily flex between in-person shopping and drive-thru service to best serve our clients at their comfort level. Many clients come to us with young children or mobility issues and getting in and out of the car can be difficult.

*Total number
of people served*

23,893

Upstate

SERVICE LOCATIONS

Conway

Gloverville

Georgetown

Coastal

Lowcountry

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) applications processed through our offices. SC Thrive Grant provides resources to our offices to enroll families in the program. SNAP, formerly food stamps, provides temporary help for people going through hard times — providing supplemental money to buy food until they can get back on their feet.

48.3%

of SC households receiving SNAP benefits have children*

*Source: FeedingAmerica.Org

WELLNESS SERVICES (CONT.)

Save a Smile

GOOD ORAL HEALTH PROVIDES THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT BASIC PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS THAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED.

Many individuals lack access to consistent dental care. The lack of preventative and restorative care at leads many to lose most or all of their natural teeth. Because the lack of healthy and attractive teeth can inhibit the ability to function socially, economically, and physically, providing program participants with dentures to makes a positive impact on all aspects of their lives.

Total number
of people served

84



Upstate
14

**TOTAL SERVED
& LOCATIONS**

Pee Dee
40

Coastal
30

40%

of adults with low-income or no private health insurance have untreated cavities. Untreated cavities can lead directly to tooth loss. *

29%

of those with lower incomes, report that the appearance of their mouth and teeth affects their ability to interview for a job. *

*Source: CDC Division of Oral Health

CLEAN OF HEART

Laundry & Shower Program

Clean of Heart provides laundry, showers, and an at-home atmosphere to those homeless in Columbia and the Upstate region (Mobile shower unit only).

The Good Shepherd Center in Columbia is our service center for the Midlands deanery. We operate Clean of Heart, Restorative Justice, and Next Level Services out of the former Good Shepherd parish. Our office serves as a central beacon to many non-profits and community partners to come together for idea sharing and actionable change plans to benefit those in need in Columbia.



'WHEN I'M HERE, I DON'T FEEL HOMELESS'

This is the most common statement we hear during our visitors' time spent with our team and volunteers.



DISASTER SERVICES

Safe, Sanitary & Secure

OUR DISASTER SERVICES TEAM ENSURES CLIENTS RETURN TO SAFE, SANITARY, AND SECURE LIVING CONDITIONS AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

A sometimes forgotten cycle of natural disasters is the Recovery Phase. Once immediate response and relief efforts are provided, many are left dealing with long term affects on their own. Since Catholic Charities is deeply rooted in South Carolina, we are able to provide short and long term recovery services to clients impacted by natural disasters (mostly hurricanes).

Through contractor and community partnerships, we assist clients in their journey to return to safe, sanitary, and secure living conditions. Many have adjusted their life for at least a year before contacting us, living in moldy or unsafe conditions daily.

Total number
of people served

4

\$9,000

spent on home
repairs caused
by natural
disasters

1

Dedicated
Disaster Case
Manager on
staff

Served clients
impacted by
Hurricane Ian

REPAIRS INCLUDE:

deck replacement and
interior work such as
drywall and flooring.

NEXT LEVEL SERVICES

Next Level Services is a heart-grown initiative that spread from CCSC's Columbia Clean of Heart center and Restorative Justice program. Through this life-changing service, we provide one-on-one assistance and referral services to those who are looking to rise out of systemic homelessness or poverty.

Total number
of people served

155

Next Level Services are individualized depending on needs of the person. Depending on the need, we will provide assistance or make a referral to a partner organization. Our unique program emphasizes the value of partnerships and succeeds by bringing multiple organizations and agencies together to ensure we holistically address the challenges faced by those who come to us in need.*

Legal
Referrals

24

Housing

23

Transportation
Vouchers

7

Credentials
Storage

13

MIRCI Mental
Health
Referrals

9

Birth
Certificates

87

Social Security
Cards

78

ID
Vouchers

91

SNAP
Enrollment

45

Unclaimed
Taxes &
Stimulus

70

- PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS: Richland & Kershaw County Homeless Court, Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc (MIRCI), Inspire Real Change, Parks Insurance, Palmetto Citizens Bank, USC School of Medicine Supportive Housing

IMMIGRATION SERVICES

For I was a stranger...

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES IS A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR MISSION & VISION AS WE WELCOME AND SERVE THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO THIS COUNTRY, OFTEN FLEEING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS AND SEEKING REUNIONS WITH FAMILY

Catholic Charities of South Carolina is the only organization in South Carolina to provide low cost, high quality immigration legal services to those with a legal right to be in the United State, but who cannot afford a private attorney. We assist with the following types of cases:

- Consultations on eligibility for immigration status in the U.S;
- Filing for Lawful Permanent Residency in the U.S. through family members;
- Helping immigrants to consular process through the U.S. consulates abroad;
- Filing for Waivers of grounds of inadmissibility;
- Assisting immigrants in applying for Naturalization, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), extensions of non-immigrant visas, and removal of conditions on residency;
- Filing for renewal of work permits and Lawful Permanent Resident cards;
- We also assist immigrant victims of crimes to file for U visas and self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

*Total number
of people served*
1,390

We are an affiliate of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC), and our attorneys are members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

We have several staff that are accredited representatives through the Board of Immigration Appeals. Our staff is bilingual English/Spanish. Our service fees are minimal and are based on a sliding scale for income. We serve immigrants who are currently living in South Carolina.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

For I was a imprisoned ...

OUR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM WORKS TO RESTORE FAITH FOR THOSE WHO ARE PENITENT AS THEY SEEK A FRESH START WITH A GREATER SENSE OF SELF-AWARENESS AND SELF-EFFICACY.

Our Restorative Justice program starts “inside the walls.” Our mission is to assist offenders who are likely to enter poverty or homelessness upon release.

The first barrier addressed is the challenge that returning citizens have in proving their identity. They are often without a basic, state-issued picture identification card that allows them access to employment, medication, treatment, or housing are available to them. Through our established partnerships, we ensure that every person we serve reenters society with essential, critical documents.

We are one of very few organizations that has taken on the challenge to assist people who have been incarcerated, have served their designated sentences and are penitent. The overall goal is for our participants to begin living more accountable, stable lives. The skills we teach enable citizens to move forward and not be at risk of homelessness, and to secure needed employment, treatment and engage in society.

*Total number
of people served*

634

*Client
recidivism
rate only*
8.97%

RECIDIVISM

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has the lowest recidivism rate in the US at 21.9%. Governor Henry McMaster recently highlighted this statistic during a news conference, as well as highlighting Catholic Charities' efforts in helping reduce that number.

At the time of our most recent recidivism verification, only 8.97% have returned to prison in comparison to the 21.9% state average.

CARTER MAY SENIOR LIVING

The only Catholic assisted-living facility in the state



Founded in 1929, Carter May is the first and only Catholic assisted living facility in South Carolina. Conveniently located in West Ashley suburb just outside of Charleston, we provide assisted living services for adults age 60 and older.

Our residence includes a supportive care wing available to the retired priests of the diocese, a commercial kitchen, 6 additional rooms, a large screened in porch, and additional living areas. Our residents also enjoy 24-hour assistance, personal care, medication administration, meals, housekeeping, laundry services, recreational activities, and spiritual services. Trained staff are dedicated to providing kind and compassionate care that allows our seniors to continue leading active, meaningful lives.

Carter May Living was founded by Msgr. James J. May, his sister Marie May and Mrs. Patrick Carter. It is only fitting that we continue to serve and minister through clergy and religious sisters. The Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy joined our ministry in 2016 and continue to provide medical support as well as spiritual support to our residents.

Total
Residents

32

Personal-
Care Aides

9

Med Tech/
CNA

13

Dietary
Staff

5

Activities
Director

1

HOPE MINISTRY



≡ Hi, I'm Hope ≡

Hope is a FREE chat service providing encouragement and strategies on how to manage everyday stress and anxiety using Chatbot technology.

ANYONE CAN USE HOPE, ANYTIME THEY ARE FEELING STRESS, ANXIETY OR JUST NEED TO TALK OVER TEXT MESSAGE OR FACEBOOK MESSENGER.



15,470

ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS



1,046,481

MESSAGES EXCHANGED



\$9,405,760

SAVED IN SERVICES PROVIDED



523,240

MINUTES CHATTING

Text Hope
315-276-3157

*Facebook
Messenger*
@HOPEOFSC

Real feedback from Hope participants:

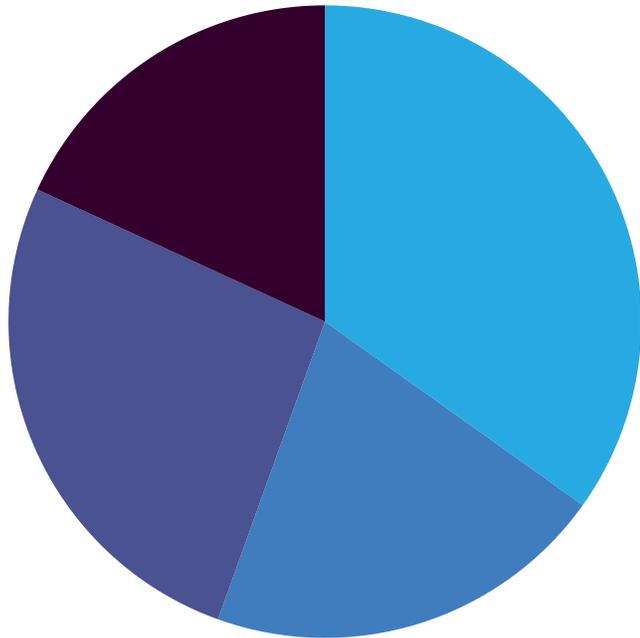
- *Giving me reassurance that I'm not alone.*
- *It's just nice to talk to somebody that you don't feel you are burdening with your thought.*
- *Your advice helped me a lot.*
- *I was dealing with an issue that had me overwhelmed with anxiety, and the breathing technique has successfully helped me calm way down.*
- *Consistent support.*
- *Useful info to solve my issues.*
- *I have many friends that are busy/stressed that could use a check in without needing to pretend everything is okay.*
- *You are someone for me to talk to about my depression and anxiety, and the positive energy that comes through every time we communicate. Good stuff.*

94.1%

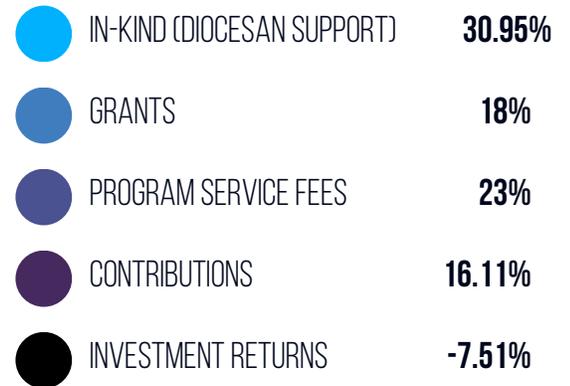
USER RATING ON
HELPFULNESS TO MEET
EMOTIONAL HEALTH NEEDS

(TOP RATING IS 100%)

FINANCIALS

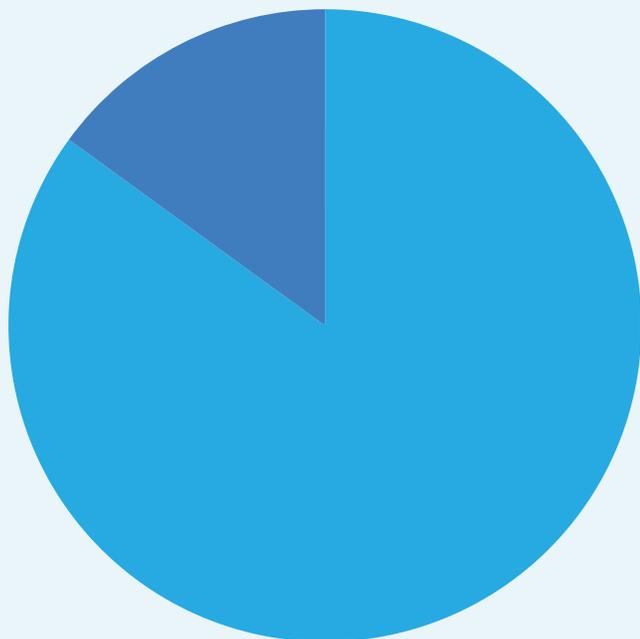


REVENUE



TOTAL REVENUE
\$4,875,611

85%
*of all funding
spent on
programs*



EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENSES
\$4,526,754

Thank you!

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St. Clare of Assisi, Daniel Island
Several gracious anonymous donors**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply,

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these
least brothers of mine, you did for me ...*

Matthew 25:35-40





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