

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

JULY 2025-JUNE 2026





Letter from the Executive Director

SCRIPTURE THEME:

“Love God and Neighbor”

Dear Friends in Christ,

When asked which commandment is the greatest, Jesus responds with profound simplicity: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:36–39). In these words, Christ reminds us that love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable, they are two expressions of the same faithful response.

At Catholic Charities of South Carolina, this Gospel call is at the heart of everything we do. Our service to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized is not merely charitable work; it is an act of love. When we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and walk alongside those in crisis, we are living out our love for God by honoring the dignity of His beloved children.

Loving God with our whole being naturally moves us outward toward our neighbor, especially those who are most in need. Christ is present in the faces of those we serve, and each act of compassion becomes a tangible witness to the Gospel. Through service, we encounter God, and through faith, we are strengthened to serve more generously.

As we reflect on this Scripture theme, may we be renewed in our commitment to love without limits, to serve with humility, and to recognize Christ in every person we encounter. Together, rooted in faith and guided by love, we continue the mission of bringing hope, healing, and dignity to all.

In Christ,


Rhett Ashley Young
Executive Director



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Our Revised Mission Statement

Strengthened by Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities of South Carolina answers the call to “Love God and neighbor” (Matthew 22), by serving the material and spiritual needs of all people for the salvation of souls.

Our Vision

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

2025-2026 TOTAL IMPACT



107,944

Total Individuals Impacted



22

Number of Ministries & Programs

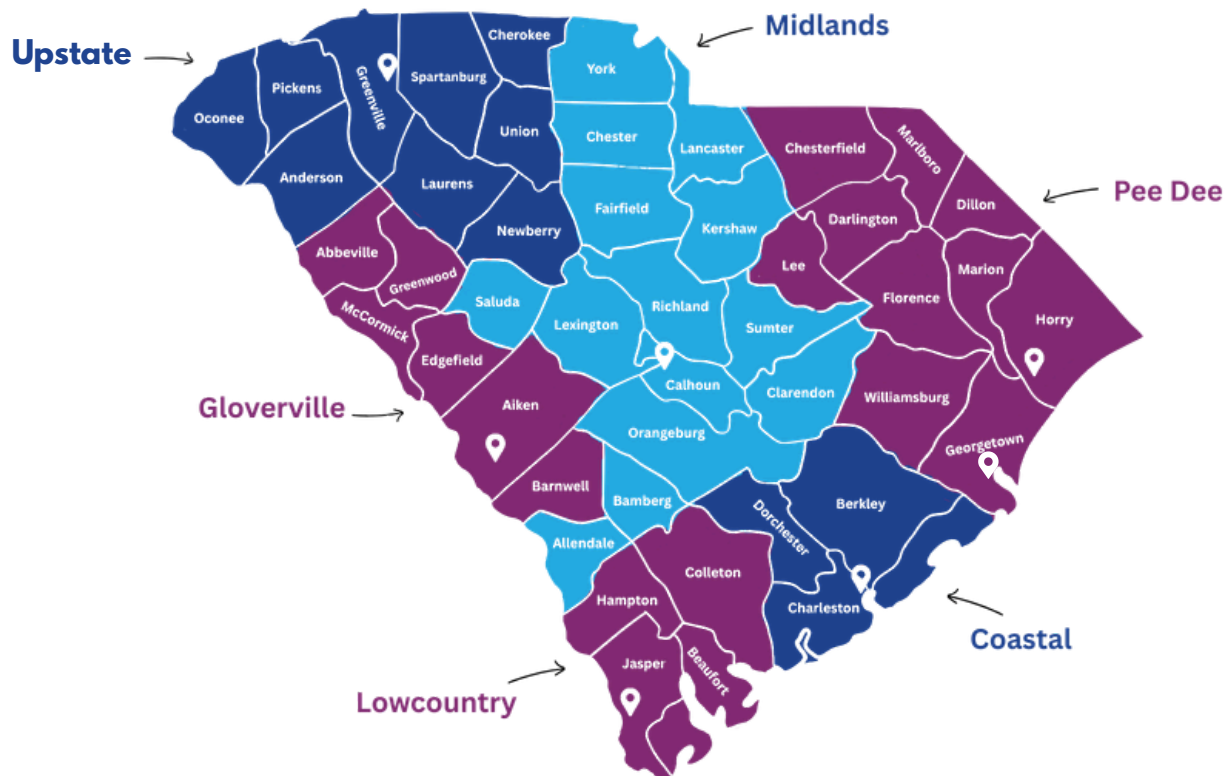


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Office Locations Across the State



OUR LOCATIONS



Coastal Office

134 St. Philip St., Cottage Apt
Charleston, SC 29403-6140
• 843-531-5570
• Immigration: 843-388-0089



Upstate Office

2300 Old Buncombe Road
Greenville, SC 29609
• 864-331-2626
• Immigration: 864-274-0141



Pee Dee Office

2294 Technology Boulevard
Conway, SC 29526
• 843-438-3247



Gloverville Office

2443 Augusta Road
Gloverville, SC 29828
• 803-593-2634



Georgetown Office

Grant Specialist at St. Mary's
317 Broad St,
Georgetown, SC 29440



Lowcountry Office

19869 Whyte Hardee Blvd
Hardeeville, SC 29926
• 843-208-2276



Midlands Office

809 Calhoun Street
Columbia, SC 29201
• 803-726-7764



Main Office

901 Orange Grove Rd
Charleston, SC 29407
• 843-808-3797

CHARLESTON UPDATE



We've Moved!

In 2025, our Charleston office relocated, closing our Ingram Road location. Our costal offices are now located at St. Patrick's Church in Charleston. We formed new partnerships with Our Lady of Mercy and Neighbors Together for food and clothing distribution in Charleston. Our Coastal Office also now offers Getting Ahead and Save a Smile programs.



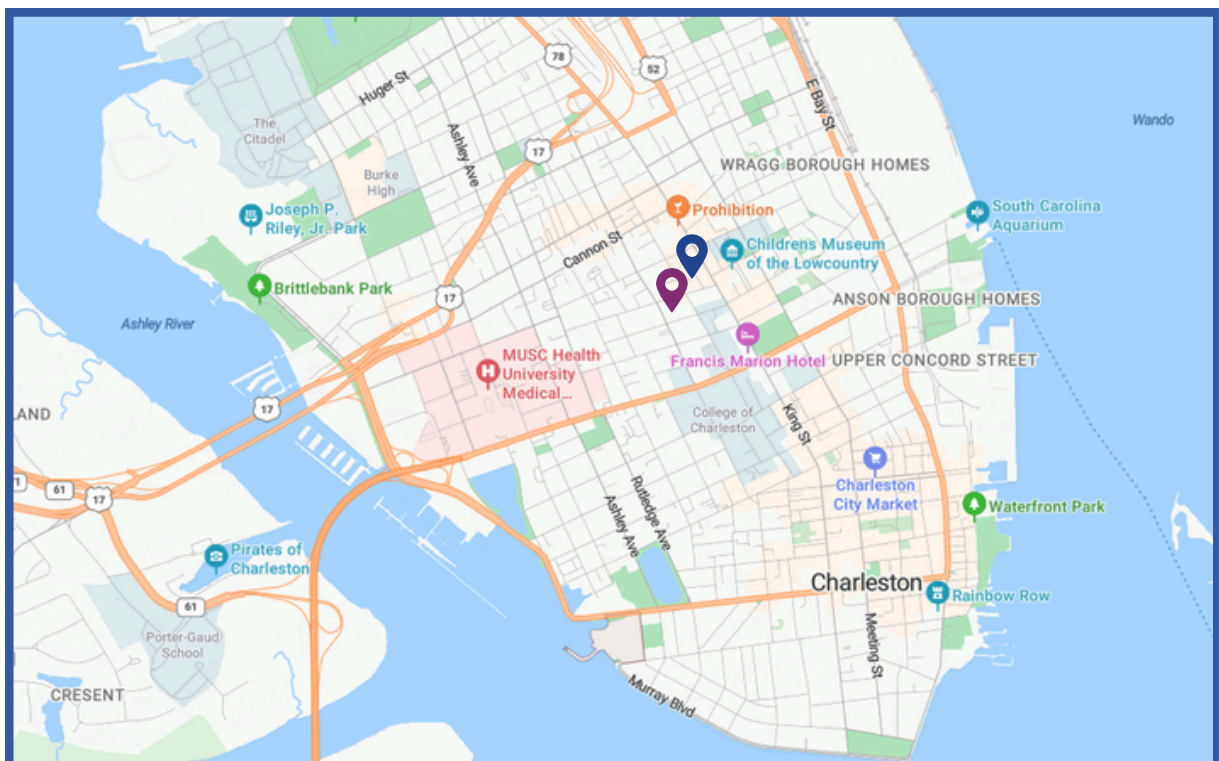
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• (843) 531-5570



Immigration Office

127 St Philip St
Charleston, SC 29403
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OUR LADY'S PANTRY

Food Pantry Program

We provide healthy foods to help make a real impact in the lives of our neighbors.

Visitors are able to choose the food they want from the items such as fresh produce, frozen meats, eggs, milk, and canned goods. Our many partners across the state make this ministry possible.

14.1% of SC households are food insecure.
(Source: FeedingAmerica.org)

75,977
Total Neighbors
Served

8,426

Served at
Fresh Produce
Distributions



Upstate
16,961

**Total Served
& Locations**

Pee Dee
21,008

Gloversville
12,883

Lowcountry
25,125

"I visited your food bank today and I just wanted to thank you all... I was treated today with kindness and dignity and received enough food to feed my family for a few days. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus"

-Gloversville Food Pantry Client



SAVE A SMILE

Denture Program

Our program provides financial assistance to clients in need of full and partial set dentures.

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.

15% of adults aged 65 and older have lost all of their teeth.*

*Source: CDC Division of Oral Health

Upstate
86

**Total Served
& Locations**

Pee Dee
25

Coastal
33

144
Total
Neighbors
Served



"Losing my teeth affected more than just my smile. It affected my confidence, my self-esteem, and the way I saw myself... Knowing that there are people willing to help me restore that confidence means so much to me."

-Upstate Save a Smile Client

*Thank you to our
generous supporters!*

DELTA DENTAL®



South Carolina

Before



After



Pictured: Pee Dee Save a Smile Client's Transformation

GETTING AHEAD

Financial Literacy Program

A workshop based on Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin-By World and the Bridges Out of Poverty framework.

Getting Ahead is a 12-16 week financial literacy and life-skills course that helps individuals in poverty understand why they are “just getting by” and build a concrete plan to move toward long-term stability.

Participants attend group sessions over several weeks, where they build budgets, identify local resources, and set practical goals around employment, education, housing, and family stability. This program is offered at our Office and **Georgetown** community partner location and in 2026 classes started at our **Charleston** Office location!

39

Total Getting Ahead Graduates

Presenters share their knowledge and experience with our participants!



A Lasting Impact

This year, two incredible Getting Ahead graduates, Kendra and David, took the next step in their journey and became facilitators for our Getting Ahead Program! Their leadership is creating a lasting, ripple effect of impact throughout our community.

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).

Clients are provided with clean clothes to wear after their shower while gracious volunteers wash their clothes. Clients are allowed to return for services as long as they are in need of them. Clean of Heart Mobile provides showers to clients in the Greenville area.

“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.

1,509
Total
Showers

1,083

Washed & Dried
Loads of Laundry

Equivalent to the average American
family's laundry for 3 years!



Upstate
459 Showers
(Shower Only Mobile Unit)

Midlands
1050 Showers
1083 Loads of Laundry

**Total Served
& Locations**

DISASTER SERVICES

Rebuilding After Disaster

Our disaster services team ensures clients return to safe, sanitary, and secure living conditions after natural disasters.

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 sanitary living conditions. Many have adjusted their life for at least a year before contacting us, living in moldy or unsafe conditions daily.

56
Total
Households
Served

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generous supporters!*



**American
Red Cross**



**Catholic
Charities
USA®**

Served clients
impacted by
**Hurricane
Helene**

\$740K

Spent on home
repairs caused
by hurricanes

Repairs Include:

Roof repair, deck
replacement and interior
work such as drywall
and flooring.

PRISON MINISTRY

Serving Our Neighbors in Prison

Our Restorative Justice and Reentry Services Program works to restore faith for those who are penitent as they seek a fresh start, while our Sacramental Prison Ministry seeks to bring the sacraments to those currently incarcerated.

Our Restorative Justice program starts "inside the walls," helping individuals likely to face poverty or homelessness upon release. The first barrier we address is obtaining IDs for returning citizens that are needed to access employment, medication, treatment, or housing. Through established partnerships, we ensure every person we serve reenters society with these essential documents.

We're one of the few organizations assisting penitent individuals who have served their sentences, helping them build accountable, stable lives free from the risk of homelessness and equipped for employment and reintegration.

Our Sacramental Prison Ministry provides the sacraments, formation, and evangelization to the roughly 450 Catholics currently incarcerated across the state. Monthly, priests and deacons enter prisons to say Mass, hear confessions, and guide individuals who desire to enter the church through OCIA.

773

Returning
Citizens
Served

14

Prisons
Receiving
Sacraments

11

Individuals
Entered the
Church through
OCIA

Recidivism

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has held the lowest recidivism rate in the nation since 2021, with its most recent three-year rate at just **19.8%**, a distinction Governor Henry McMaster has publicly credited in part to organizations like Catholic Charities. At the time of our most recent recidivism verification, only 3% of those we served returned to prison, significantly less than the state average.

Client
Recidivism
Rate Only

3%



New Prison Ministry Chaplain
Director, Fr. Filip Wodecki



SEAFARERS' MINISTRY

Welcoming Our Neighbors

The mission of Seafarer's ministry is to welcome seafarers into Charleston and help them with their material and spiritual needs.

The port of Charleston is one of the busiest on the east coast. Deacon Paul Rosenblum and his volunteers meet seafarers from all over the world when their ships come to the port. They visit the seafarers on their ships, welcome them to the seafarers center, transport them ashore for shopping and other needs, and provide access to the sacraments. At Christmas time the ministry's Christmas-at-Sea program distributes boxes prepared by parishes and other partners throughout the diocese so that seafarers away from home will have a bit of Christmas joy.

3,278

**Seafarers
Served**

149

**Total Ships
Served**

216

**Total Rides
Given**



594

**Total Christmas
at Sea Boxes**



Deacon Paul Rosenblum
praying with Seafarers

IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Immigration Legal Services

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 Immigration Legal Services - Who We Are:

Our immigration offices provide a low-cost, high-quality immigration legal services to those residing in South Carolina who cannot afford a private attorney. Our staff provides help to immigrants regardless of racial, religious, national, social or economic background. Our service fees are nominal, a percentage of what traditional immigration attorneys charge.

- Consultations on eligibility for immigration status in the U.S; we offer consultations via Teams call and by phone.
- 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).

1,229
Neighbors
Served

In 2026 we
started a new
hybrid pilot
program in
Conway

887
Cases
Opened

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



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.

Thank you to Our Supporters:



**SOUTH CAROLINA
BAR FOUNDATION**

LOVING NEIGHBOR

Serving Community Needs

Our Regional Offices offer many other means of support through clothing closets, direct assistance, and special events.

Every regional office in the state offers services specific to the needs of the surrounding community. Our Pee Dee, Midlands, Upstate, and Gloverville offices offer gently used clothing at clothing closets to clothe our neighbors. Our Midlands office offers individualized "Next Level Services" to neighbors in need of Identification documents and other support.

Our Coastal, Pee Dee, and Gloverville Offices offer utilities assistance to help pay utility bills. Pee Dee, Midlands, Upstate, and Gloverville offices offer special events during times such as back to school, Thanksgiving, and Christmas time to support neighbors in need.

11,005

Neighbors Served
at Clothing
Closets

136

Next Level
Services

\$32K

Given in Direct
Assistance

172

Served
with Utility
Assistance

875

Served at
Special
Events



SAN PEDRO MISSION

Guatemala Medical Mission

San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala

Since 2008 the Diocese of Charleston has sent missionaries to serve in San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala by providing medical services. Our Medical Mission trips to San Pedro occurs twice a year in the spring and fall. We work with the Sisters of Bethany and the Catholic Diocese of Sololá-Chimaltenango to serve the Guatemalan people. The Medical Mission not only provides much-needed health care for Guatemalans, but participants find their own experiences to be life-changing. Medical services provided at the clinic differ on mission depending on what professionals attend.

This year we created a new promotional video and added a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Bl. Stanley Rother as part of the mission experience. We commissioned a painting of Bl. Stanley Rother to create new mission t-shirts and prayer cards for our missionaries.

60

Missionaries

2

Missions

942

Patients
Served

SCAN TO WATCH
THE NEW VIDEO!



173

Sponsored
Students

121

Active
Sponsors

Project San Pedro

Children at the local Catholic school at our mission site in Guatemala are sponsored annually through our Project San Pedro Program. Through sponsorships, they are provided medical attention, schoolbooks, uniforms, education, and food for them and their family.

SPRING BREAK MISSIONS

Missionary Outreach Mission Trips

The Missionary Outreach Program was launched this year to create opportunities for young adults to serve on mission. This year we sent students from the University of South Carolina and College of Charleston on mission.

For the first time ever, young adults from **University of South Carolina** joined our Guatemala mission. Our missionaries encountered the love of Christ through the Sacraments and the people of Guatemala, following the example of Bl. Stanley Rother.

This year we sent the **College of Charleston** on a mission to South America, where they served the children of the Santa Maria Foundation. We taught evangelization skills to college students and young adults as we prepared for mission.

Our first young adult mission will take place in October 2026 in Colon, Mexico. In preparation we engaged young adults through a Theology on Tap presentation. This coming year, we hope to increase the number of college/university and young adult missions engaging young adults across the state in both local and international mission work.



2

Missions



311

Neighbors Served
by Young Adult
Missionaries

25

Young Adult
Missionaries



"I have truly never been happier or more present than I was the week of mission. I can't even put to words how incredible my time spent with the children and my friends was. I have been praying about my vocation for a while now and ... it was revealed to me. It is such a wonderful feeling to know what God wants from you, and for me, that is mission work."

College of Charleston Mission Trip Participant

HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Young Adult Homeless Ministry

Hands and Feet of Jesus is Missionary Outreach's new initiative to engage young adults in serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness in South Carolina.

Through this ministry, we..

- Serve our homeless neighbors in downtown Charleston. We've partnered with the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Young adults' group to engage young adults in weekly local ministry.
- The ministry is run completely by young adults, giving both supplies and time to make the ministry possible. Young adults weekly meet to make sandwiches and distribute them in the city, offering a meal and prayers for everyone they encounter.
- We plan to launch homeless ministry in Columbia and Greenville in the coming year.



"I have clearly seen pieces of Christ's nature in both the other people serving and the people we encounter. Our brothers and sisters on the streets have often amazed me with their faith, generosity, and kindness."

Young Adult Volunteer

731

YA Volunteer
Hours

1,410

Meals Served

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Ministry Made Possible

Our volunteers are what make our ministries and impact possible. We could not do what we do without them. Thank you to all those who serve with us!

We are filled with gratitude for the many volunteers who give their time to love God and neighbor with us at Catholic Charities. When you serve you come to know Jesus more deeply, learn how to love your neighbor, and recognize your own God given talents and vocation. *Join us!*

Over
55,000
Volunteer
Hours

500+
Volunteers



"When you serve, you begin to see the world differently. You realize how powerful a small act of kindness can be, and how much it truly matters to someone in need. It's not just about giving - it's about the connection, purpose, and making a real impact."

Audra Naramore, Site Administrator

BRANDING AND MARKETING

Our Marketing Refresh

Scan the QR code
to explore the
updated website!

We've Updated Our Website

This year we launched a fully redesigned website to better reflect our mission and more effectively serve individuals and families across the state. Recognizing that a website is often the first point of contact for those seeking help, we prioritized creating a more welcoming and accessible experience for all users. The updated site makes it easier to navigate services, locate essential resources, request assistance, and connect directly with our programs, reducing barriers for those in urgent need. Beyond improving access to services, it also creates clearer pathways for community involvement, whether through volunteering, donating, or partnering in our mission.



charitiessc.org



We've Relaunched Our Newsletter

We've relaunched a regular newsletter through Flocknote to strengthen communication with our community and more consistently share the impact of our work. As our programs continue to grow, we recognized the need for a clear and reliable way to keep supporters informed and connected. The newsletter provides monthly updates on how we are loving God and Neighbor in our ministries. This newsletter serves as an invitation to walk alongside us in our mission and build a stronger community rooted in serving those most in need.

We've Updated Our Branding

In 2025, Catholic Charities of South Carolina incorporated Matthew 22:36–39 into its logo to more visibly anchor our identity in the Gospel. Along with this change we have included the Eucharist in our new volunteer T-Shirts and Prayer Card in order to focus our service on the Source and summit of our Faith.

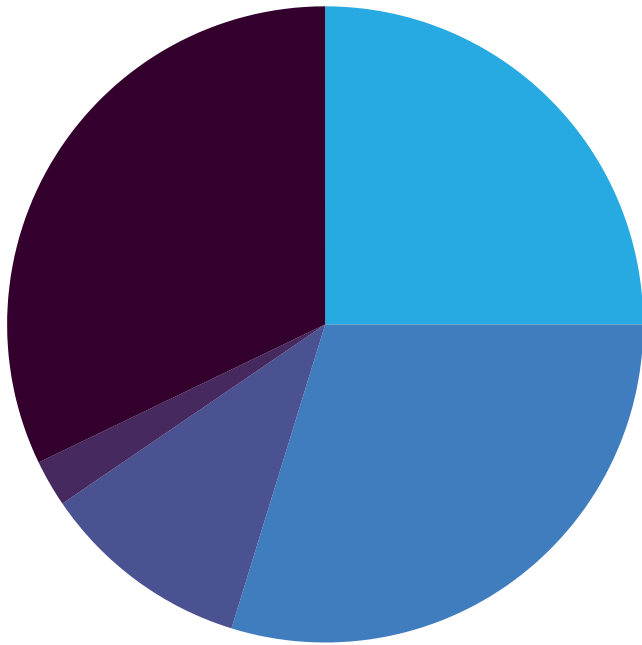


The source of all
we do!



Gospel Theme
added to our logo!

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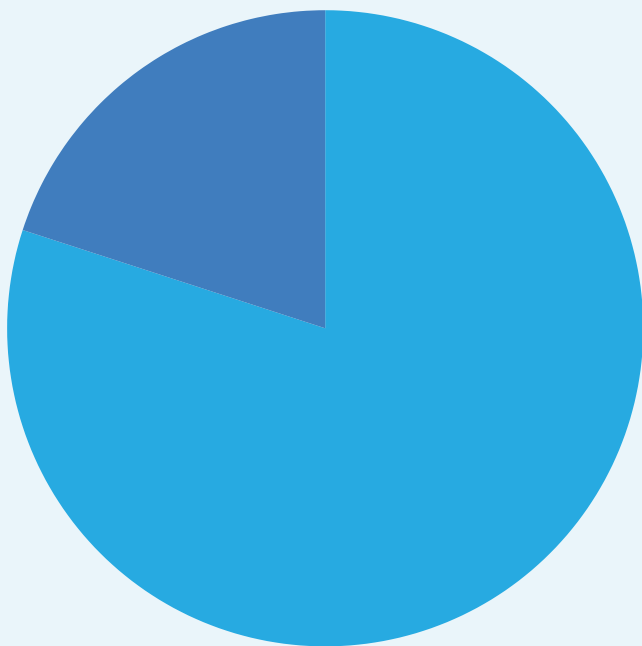


Revenue



TOTAL REVENUE

\$4.2 Million



Expenses



TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3.7 Million

GRANTS

Grant Funding in 2026

Grants remain a cornerstone of our mission, enabling Catholic Charities to extend our reach and deepen our impact across the communities we serve.

This past year, we were honored to receive \$1,273,500 in grant funding from the following foundations in support of our services and ministries.

13
Grants

Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Coastal Community Foundation
Horry Electric
Bon Secours St. Francis
Mission & Ministry Impact
Black River United Way
Foundation for the Carolinas
Delta Sigma Gama
Cathedral Women's Club
SC Bar Foundation Grant
Red Cross Grant
Red Cross Grant Additional Funding
Diocese of Charleston Evangelization Grant

\$1.27
Million in
Funding

We are deeply grateful to our grant partners for their continued trust and generosity, which made it possible for us to serve 107,944 individuals.

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS



Five-Year Strategic Planning

This year we developed Five-Year Strategic Plan 2025-2030 with focuses on growing our current services, planning for financial stability, building up key new Initiatives, enriching Catholic Culture, and development of Key Performance Indicators for all departments.



Balanced Budget

This year, Catholic Charities of South Carolina was forgiven a debt of \$450k by the Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, Bishop of Charleston. Resulting in the first balanced budget for Catholic Charities of South Carolina in 12 years.



Staffing Updates

In 2025, Catholic Charities made a 3% increase in salaries for all employees. Along with this increase, we have welcomed two new Client Advocates, a new Administrative Assistant, a Director of Missionary Outreach, and two new Chaplains to our team.



Tara McLoughin
*Client Advocate
Hareeville*



Edith Reyes
*Client Advocate
Gloverville*



Jessica Marter
*Administrative
Assistant*



Amelia DiMaria
*Director of
Missionary Outreach*



Fr. Lee Bultman
*CCSC Chaplain
& Board Member*



Fr. Filip Wodecki
*Chaplain of
Prison Ministry*

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