

“Help One Another Always”

Dear Friends and Supporters:



Who would ever have suspected that New Jersey would fall victim to such a devastating storm as Hurricane Sandy. Over a year later, people remain displaced from their homes and continue to try to put the pieces of their lives back together. It was not a surprise that the poor were more harshly impacted. Thanks to your generous outpouring of donations, Catholic Charities was able to walk with these individuals on this difficult journey, and in many cases we helped them to find greater stability than they had before the storm.

As we know, life for the poor is not easy. During 2013 as we strove to Help One Another, we focused much of our energy on prevention services and putting in place protective measures that will keep people from falling into the cycle of poverty. I would like to share some of this with you, but please know that none of our suc-

cesses could have taken place without your generous support, and for this I say thank you.

~Kevin H Hickey
Executive Director

“But you too, help one another: help one another always. One another. In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.”

~Pope Francis

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HURRICANE SANDY DISASTER RELIEF

Just 5 days after the hurricane made land-fall Catholic Charities established sites to collect and then distribute clothing, household items, and other basic necessities to victims of the storm. Staff members and hundreds of volunteers worked together at these sites 12 hours per day, for 30 days to help over 979 people.

In the year that followed, we provided case management, financial assistance, and emotional support to 1044 victims of this devastating storm. From them, and from other charities, we have heard that Catholic Charities has responded more quickly and without the bureaucracy of other organizations, making us better able to meet the needs of the storm victims. Your donations have allowed us to respond with the needs of these people in mind.



SCHOOL BASED COUNSELING SERVICES



Here's Colleen McCay, our counselor at St Anthony of Padua School, using sand-tray therapy with one of the students.

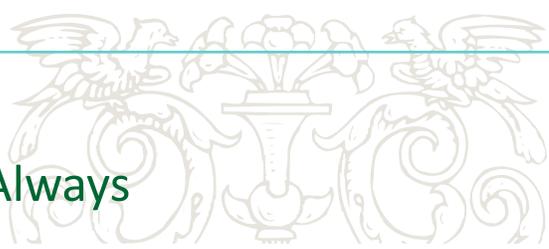
THE CHILDREN WE SERVE, MOSTLY FROM THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARE ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH POVERTY AND VIOLENCE. THEY TELL US HOW HARD IT IS TO STUDY WHEN THEY HEAR THE GANGS SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER RIGHT OUTSIDE OF THEIR WINDOWS, AND HOW THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK BECAUSE THEY HAD TO BABYSIT YOUNGER SIBLINGS SO THEIR PARENTS COULD GO TO WORK.

STAYING FOCUSED IN CLASS CAN BE HARD FOR CHILDREN WHEN THEY WORRY ABOUT THE MANY THINGS POOR CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO ON A DAILY BASIS, AND THEIR ANXIETY AND TRAUMA CAN OFTEN LOOK LIKE A BEHAVIOR PROBLEM IN THE CLASSROOM.

THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE THERAPEUTIC GAMES AND PLAY-THERAPY TOOLS AVAILABLE, TO HELP THE CHILDREN EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS, AND WE KNOW THAT A CHILD WHO IS ABLE TO MANAGE HIS ANXIETY IS MORE LIKELY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT. YOUR SUPPORT IS GIVING CHILDREN THE FOUNDATION THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.



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HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION



Our staff in Atlantic City arrived one morning to find this man sleeping next to the building. He asked for nothing but a change of clothes from our thrift store.

Once a person becomes homeless, the more he or she is likely to experience multiple incidences of homelessness. If homelessness can be prevented, a family is less likely to fall into the cycle of poverty. This year more than ever, we focused on keeping families from becoming homeless.

Many of those we served live in the suburbs of all six of the counties we serve.; several are veterans, and many are children. We might even have served your next door neighbor.

Through our partnerships with the VA, HUD, and other state and county agencies, this year, our homelessness prevention programs helped nearly 10,000 people to remain in their homes and avoid the cycle of poverty.

ONE HUMAN FAMILY: FOOD FOR ALL

Often when we think about hunger, our minds go to starving children in other countries, but right here in America, 1 in 6 people suffers from food insecurity. Our anti-hunger programs, including our 6 food pantries and our Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach, attempt to ensure that families' access to this basic right is met. In response to Pope Francis' statement that hunger is a scandal, in 2013 you provided us with thousands of pounds of food to feed over 18,000 people.



“The scandal that millions of people suffer from hunger must not paralyze us, but push each and every one of us to act”

~Pope Francis



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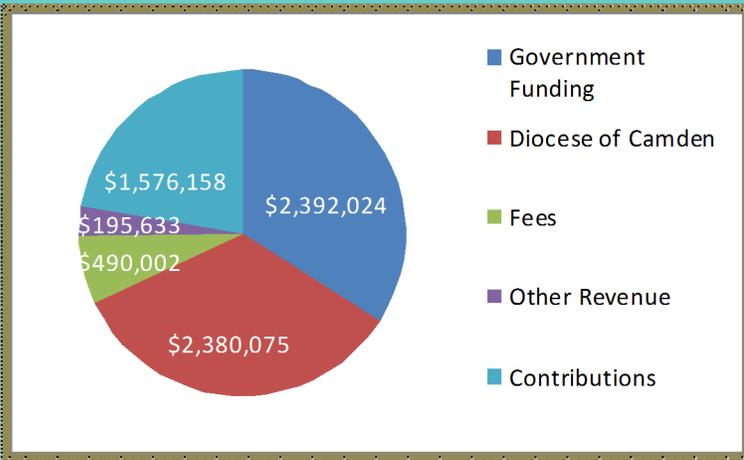
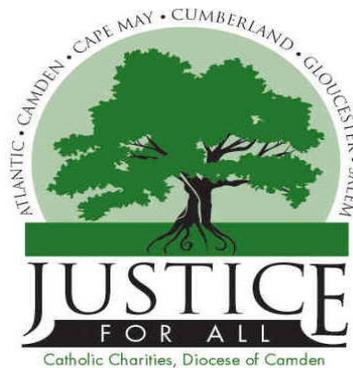
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Our Mission

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, Inc is a faith based agency rooted in the Gospel and the social teaching of the Catholic Church. We provide social services to, advocate for and empower the poor, oppressed, or vulnerable. We do this on a non-discriminatory, non-sectarian basis throughout the six southern New Jersey counties.



Clients Served

Food Assistance	18,660
Basic Needs (not food)	7048
Case Management - Other	5898
Counseling Services	3939
Employment, Health, or Asset Development	3400
Housing Assistance	2241
Case Management - Disaster	1044
Refugee and Immigration Services	969
Adoption and Reunion Services	62

This year, you, our donors, responded with tremendous generosity to the needs of victims of Hurricane Sandy accounting for a huge 715% increase in contributions over last year. Government funding allowed us to staff our Disaster Case Management Program, but your donations allowed us to provide the direct assistance so many of these families needed to make repairs to their homes, cover rental costs while repairs were being made, or simply to make ends meet until they could find new employment. With your assistance, we provided services to nearly 2000 victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Despite reports of an improving economy, the needs of the people in our diocese remain great. This year, in all our programs, we served a total of 43,261 people in need.

To view our 2012-13 financial audit visit our website at www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org

Catholic Charities accepts donations of food, gently used household items, vehicles, and cash.