

Facts About Catholic Charities

...in Maryland

Catholic Charities enters its 84th year of service, building on our legacy of assisting those in need regardless of race, origin, or faith.

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- In 2005, Catholic Charities served 125 abused or neglected children at *St. Vincent's Center*. 71% of children leaving *St. Vincent's* went to less restrictive placements, including 29% to birth or adoptive homes.
- In 2006, Catholic Charities launched the new *Families That Work* program, serving women beginning their third trimester of pregnancy who are receiving welfare. The women learn life and employment skills that promote self-sufficiency and a healthy, balanced life.
- In FY 2006, Catholic Charities served 165 children in 95 therapeutic foster care families through the *Center for Family Services Treatment Foster Care* program.
- Since 2001, the Center for Family Services has operated the *Therapeutic Alternative Shelter Care* program in Harford County to divert youth ages 12-21 from juvenile detention. Over four years, more than 75% of the 93 youth served have avoided detention, including over half who returned to their families.
- Each year, *Our Daily Bread* serves nearly 250,000 meals to hungry men, women, and children and, for 25 years, has been open every single day, regardless of weather and circumstances.
- The *Maryland Re-entry Partnership* (REP) supports over 130 men annually as they are released from prison and return to their families and communities. Among REP participants, there is a recidivism rate under 20%, compared to the Maryland and national rate of over 52%.
- Catholic Charities provides over 1,300 senior housing units — located in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Garrett, and Harford counties, as well as Baltimore City. In most communities, residents pay rent of 30% of their income, after allowable medical expenses.
- Through *Gallagher Services*, Catholic Charities offers an array of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities in its three day programs and 44 homes located in Baltimore City and Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Harford counties.
- *Sarah's House*, a multi-faceted emergency and transitional homeless facility in Anne Arundel County, provided services to 138 families, 272 children and 25 single adults. 99% of those who left *Sarah's House* transitional housing moved to permanent housing of their own.
- Last year, the *Hispanic Apostolate and Immigration Legal Services* responded to over 27,000 client inquiries. It served over 3,000 new clients through English as a second language, medical services, employment, and immigration legal services.
- At *Answers for the Aging*, over 2,500 seniors, care providers, and professionals received free telephone answer and referral for counseling, advocacy, and follow-up assistance. *Answers for the Aging* now includes a more intensive, long-term telephone support service specifically for caregivers in Baltimore City.

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