Mission Statement

In response to Jesus Christ’s call to affirm the value and dignity of each human life, to build solidarity within the community, and to advocate for justice for the poor and vulnerable, Catholic Charities of Central Colorado humbly engages in the ministry of charity for those in both economic and spiritual poverty so that all – staff, volunteers, and clients – may fully achieve their God-given potential.

A Year in Photos

Luda, whose adoption was facilitated by Life Connections, pictured with brothers Nick and Zack, was featured in the Helping Hands Newsletter.

First Annual Las Posadas is launched in conjunction with Indy Give, benefitting Family Immigration Services.

Marian House continues to expand its art galleries. This mural was painted by St. Mary’s students for Marian House Life Support Services shopping area.

Chef Jeff displays his skills at the St. Patrick’s Day Gala. Common Cause Catering donated a chef’s table at Marian House.

1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division from Ft. Carson March to Marian House with donations.

Dr. Russell Hittinger, featured speaker at the 2nd annual Diocesan Forum, sponsored by the Sheffer Fund for Catholic Studies at Colorado College.

Darryl, a Marian House client, celebrates 12 months of sobriety and is on the road to self-sufficiency.

Thank you to all who contributed to the development of this Annual Report. Photo Credits: Corey Almond, Blue Fox Photography, Catholic Charities USA, Colorado Catholic Herald, Dave Futey, Jim Myers, Barbara O’Connell, David Schlortt, and Rochelle Schlortt.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, I would like to thank the extremely hard working staff and volunteers for another year of service to our clients and to our Lord. And, I would like to thank you, the donors, for making this work possible.

The past year has had more than its challenges...the economy and the Waldo Canyon Fire, to name just two. The staff and volunteers have worked above and beyond to provide services for those in need, perfectly reflecting the mission statement of Catholic Charities. Our donors opened their hearts and wallets to help meet these difficult challenges.

Thank you for your continuing support. May God bless you.

Liz Anderson
Chair, Board of Directors

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Christmas, 2012

Dear Friends,

Catholic Charities of Central Colorado is a crucial ministry of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Catholic Charities brings the love and the hope of Jesus Christ to our most poor and vulnerable brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Colorado Springs donates funds and in-kind services to Catholic Charities so that more than 95% of your donations can go directly to programs here in our community.

The Marian House Soup Kitchen serves an average of 600 hot meals each day, 365 days each year. The Hanifen Center at the Marian House provides clothing, supplies, and case management services to hundreds of individuals. By cooperating with other local agencies, the Hanifen Center provides integrated assistance to help break the cycle of poverty.

Catholic Charities’ Life Connections Program provides crisis pregnancy counseling, foster care, and adoption services to those who value the dignity of all human life. Its Family Immigration Services Department provides accredited counseling and assistance to refugees and immigrants who need help on the path towards citizenship.

As we move into 2013, Catholic Charities plans to reach out to other parts of the Diocese, offering greater levels of service to more of those in need. Once again, I thank you for your generous support for Catholic Charities. With every blessing I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan
Bishop of Colorado Springs

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Creating Hope. Providing Help.
A Message from
Mark C. Rohlena

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

We are pleased to provide you with our latest Annual Report, summarizing Catholic Charities of Central Colorado’s activities during the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

What a year our community has seen! We had no idea when the year began that a destructive fire would so impact our neighbors and our landscape in 2012. Those who lost loved ones and property are still healing. Catholic Charities found itself in the privileged place of responding to those in need through feeding, material needs assistance, spiritual and emotional care, and so much more. I could not be more proud of our community and the staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities for their outpouring of support and love. What an incredible place in which we live!

Of course, Catholic Charities, with your generous support, continued to respond to the crises in the lives of those who came to us every day in fiscal year 2011/2012. Through the wonderful gifts of time, ability, and monetary and in-kind donations, Catholic Charities was able to impact the lives of those most in need in our community in so many ways. Most important, we provided sacred space in each of our programs for human dignity to be upheld, and for the worth and value of each of our clients and patrons to shine forth.

The following pages are filled with details about the love of Christ that was channeled through our staff, volunteers and donors throughout this past year. Please look over the pictures and read the accounts of charity in action. What a blessing it is to be part of the call to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. We are so honored to have a part in connecting adoptive families with babies in need of a forever home, providing new skills to aspiring parents, and helping so many reach new levels of self-sufficiency.

God has truly blessed the ministry of Catholic Charities by wonderful people and resources. We serve all people, regardless of faith, and are inspired by God’s love to help those who face difficult moments in their lives. Catholic Charities also works hard to ensure our neighbors in need are not forgotten. We will always strive to remind the community that there are many among us who need our prayers, support and attention; we will never be part of hiding our neighbors from sight.

Thank you to all of you who make the work of Catholic Charities possible. I remain

Yours in Christ’s Charity,

Mark C. Rohlena

Waldo Canyon Fire

A Community in Crisis

On June 23, 2012, the Waldo Canyon Fire (WCF) broke out in Pike National Forest, just outside the city. Given the dry conditions, the fire was expected to be bad, but no one could fathom what occurred over the next week as the fire spread along the mountain range from 24th Street to the Air Force Academy.

During the initial days of the fire, our CEO, Mark Rohlena, and our VP for Poverty Reduction Services, Sam Edwards, were out in the community on a daily basis, assessing how Catholic Charities could help.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army asked us to provide meals and snacks at four evacuation shelters, so we asked the community to help. The response was overwhelming. Monetary gifts, in-kind donations, and volunteer support came from all over the country, allowing us to serve almost 2,500 total meals in addition to the 600+ meals served daily in our soup kitchen.

We helped people sift through the remains of their homes, and provided shovels, rakes, clothing, food boxes, gift cards, gas cards, counseling and spiritual support, along with our full menu of daily services to anyone who needed help. We will continue to provide WCF support for quite some time.

What your donations helped provide:

• 1,813 total meals at four shelters: Cheyenne Mountain High School, YMCA – Jet Wing, Summit Elementary School, and Cripple Creek High School
• 600 meals for the Salvation Army for the firefighters
• Rental assistance to support many who were out of work during the evacuation period as their employers were located in the evacuation zone
• Gas vouchers for families and individuals who needed to leave their homes
• Gift cards to area shopping centers for material replacement
• Food boxes for families who were displaced, but were able to find shelter with family or friends
• Kitchen starter kits for those who lost their homes, and were living in temporary apartments or homes
• Clothing to help bridge the gap between returning to their homes or having to replace clothing lost in the fire
• Hygiene items
• Diapers, formula, baby food
• Rakes, shovels, cleaning supplies, buckets, masks, totes
Special Sponsorships, Donations, & Events

LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas is a re-enactment of the search of Mary and Joseph for a place for Jesus to be born. This event is a devotion that takes on the richness of an Hispanic-style of praise and singing, and serves as a fund-raiser for Family Immigration Services (FIS), allowing the staff to help families who have immigrated to our community. FIS gives immigrants a hand by leading them through the process of citizenship and residency, or helping them develop their ability to speak English well.

The inaugural event was a tremendous success, raising $4,000, with a standing room only crowd. There was music, dancing, and traditional Mexican food such as tamales, enchiladas, beans, rice, and green chili.

The event also served as the culmination of FIS participation in the community-wide giving program, Indy GIVE!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

In FY 2010/11, Catholic Charities developed a special donor program allowing donors to “walk” with our clients in a meaningful way. Peak Producers, a group of top realtors in our community, became the first organization to participate in the program, and continued sponsorship through FY 2011/12.

Families selected for this year-long adoption, received intensive case management support to make a long-term, sustaining difference in their lives. To achieve this, the Peak Producers not only contributed money and in-kind goods, but offered personal and business connections which were critical in moving the families to a higher level of stability. As a result, these families were “fast-tracked” on the road to self-sufficiency to an extent Catholic Charities would not have been able to do alone.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRAYER SOCIETY

“Charity led the Son of God to the wood of the Cross.” – St. Anthony of Padua

The St. Anthony Prayer Society, formed in 2012 to support the mission of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado (CCCC), is designed to unite members in prayer around the intentions of well-being and protection for Catholic Charities. We know Christ loved the poor, and that He desires success for works of charity for those most in need. Without prayer, our task is impossible. Catholic Charities requires a strong network of volunteers who commit to praying for our work in a regular and intentional way.

Tremendous blessings will come both to Catholic Charities and to those who engage in prayer for the ministry if we come together to pray.

Benefits of membership in the Prayer Society include:
- Your prayer intentions included in the daily prayers of CCCC staff
- Remembrance in a yearly Bishop’s Mass honoring St. Anthony
- Listing in the St. Anthony Prayer Society Register
- A specially-designed prayer coin as a daily reminder to pray to St. Anthony for the work of CCCC
- A subscription to the St. Anthony Prayer Society’s newsletter

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRAYER SOCIETY


St. Anthony, your love for the infant Jesus made him present to you to see and hold in your arms. Help us to see and love Jesus in all the poor and suffering of the world. Move us to clothe, feed, and help Jesus, in all unwanted, abused and abandoned people. Lead us, for the sake of Jesus – who became a child like one of us – to reverence and protect all human life from its beginning to its end.

Amen.
Thank you to our sponsors who make this event possible, and to our wonderful donors and committee members who make this event a success! The Gala grossed $230,000, bringing the total amount raised to date over $1,020,000.

Family Immigration Services (FIS) continued to expand programs to the “Stranger Among Us” through English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and Naturalization and Immigration Services (NIS). Through our qualified Bureau of Immigration Services (BIS) certified staff, we provide professional counseling and guidance to help immigrants navigate the process of becoming a legal resident. Recently, services have increased in the areas of:

- Abuse - helping women who previously could not obtain residency without applying through their abuser
- Family Reunification - helping relatives of people living in the United States with the application process in their home country

Family Immigration Services
Welcoming the Stranger

GALA COMMITTEE
Nancy Barnwell & Cathy Marta - Co-Chairs
Nancy Borden
Vicki Dimond
Gigi Harris
Janet Hutchinson
Jane Gorab
Lisa Kennedy
Chuck Murphy
Michael O’Donnell
Sarah Ross
Rochelle Schlott
Betsy Sobral

PROGRAM STATISTICS
- 734 immigrants served (adults and children)
- 78 volunteers for Las Posadas, NIS, ESL, and tutoring
- 3,880 volunteer hours

NATURALIZATION AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (NIS)
- 480 clients served in NIS
- 179 consultations
- 20 citizenships
- 27 residencies
- 384 attending informational presentations

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SERVICES (ESL)
- 147 adults and children served in ESL
- 109 adults
- 38 children
- 5,832 hours of instruction
- 30 volunteers

CEO Mark Rohlena with Tia, whose story was featured in a video at the event, and Client Services Director Eric Evans.

Staff member Ivonne Bass with a New American Citizen.

Bishop Michael Sheridan with the youngest Gala attendees; Fr. Bill Carmody showing off his green attire.

STAFF MEMBER IVONNE BASS WITH A NEW AMERICAN CITIZEN.

BISHOP MICHAEL SHERIDAN WITH THE YOUNGEST GALA ATTENDEES; FR. BILL CARMODY SHOWING OFF HIS GREEN ATTIRE.
Life Connections assists women and families in all areas of pregnancy and adoption through counseling, support and educational instruction. Licensed and compassionate counselors guide individuals and families through the sometimes difficult and stressful process of deciding to relinquish a child or expand a family. Programs offered are Pregnancy Support Services, Relinquishment Counseling, Adoption Support Services, Counseling Services, Post-Abortion Support, and Life Skills educational programs.

Life Connections unveiled its Early Literacy program in May 2012. It is a partnership with United Way’s Success By 6 initiative, to provide young children with books. This adventure into the imagination is a result of help from parishes, scouts, students, teachers and early literacy minded individuals who have donated, or encouraged others to donate, children’s books to Catholic Charities. Children and parents are thrilled to have an outlet to receive free books.

The Marian House Complex
A Place of Help & Hope

Marian House is a place where people come to feel safe, receive help, and try to move towards greater self-sufficiency. It is a place where they know they will be welcomed and receive a helping hand. Most people who come to the Marian House initially come for a hot, nutritious meal at the soup kitchen. Once trust is established there, many will walk through the doors of the Hanifen Center at Marian House to receive help in their quest for self-sufficiency to move forward in life.
Marian House Client Services
Helping Families Achieve Self-Sufficiency

Marian House Client Services' goal is to help clients move to higher levels of self-sufficiency. Our staff and volunteers may be just the friends and family our guests need to get through the day. Self-sufficiency is different for everyone. For some, it is achieving financial independence - finally managing to balance income to expense. For others, it is acquiring better parenting skills to help balance family dynamics. It is putting a plan in place that ultimately gets a person or family stable and moving towards life changing goals.

Marian House Soup Kitchen
Feeding the Hungry

In recent years, the Marian House Soup Kitchen (MHSK) has served more than 200,000 hot, nutritious meals per year; more than 600 meals most days, 365 days a year. That number tends to increase beginning the middle of the month as monthly incomes begin to be exhausted. Many guests tell us if not for MHSK, they would be homeless. The monies saved on food, allows them to redirect funds to rent and utilities.

MHSK depends heavily on volunteers to carry out this ministry. We are blessed to have so many people who volunteer their time to help feed people who are hungry.
Marian House Community Outreach
Bringing Services to the Surrounding Community

Marian House Community Outreach delivers goods and services to people who cannot come to our facility, usually due to transportation, child-care, or disability issues. We also make regular deliveries of food and clothing to rural communities such as Ellicott, Hanover, Fountain, Yoder and Leadville.

In addition to delivering goods and services, Community Outreach picks up donations that cannot be delivered to our facility, usually large furniture items. These donations are almost immediately delivered to clients who have requested them.

The holidays are a particularly busy time for our Outreach program. Requests for food baskets increase significantly as most of our clients would not have a holiday dinner if not for the food baskets that have become a staple of our program.

This past year, our Outreach team was called upon to help the victims of the Waldo Canyon Fire. Deliveries of material goods and tools to help homeowners sift through the rubble were in high demand.

Marian House Life Support Services
Helping Families with Children

Providing assistance to families with children is the main goal of Marian House Life Support Services (LSS). The average annual income level of the families who come to LSS for assistance is $7,400. The material goods they receive help bridge the gap to make ends meet. Many of our families are single mothers with children who are receiving food stamps and Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) support, but it is not enough so they must seek help with clothing and baby needs. Families are allowed to receive a specific number of clothing items per child / per season, and are encouraged to “shop” in the “store” as often as necessary to reach that limit.

LSS offers two programs that are intended to strengthen the parent/child bond by letting parents give new gifts to their children for birthdays and Christmas. Most of these families would not be able to afford to do this on their own. The Birthday Buddy program allows parents to choose a new gift for their child’s birthday, and the Christmas Gift program lets parents sign up for Christmas gifts that they wrap and then give to their children.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH STAFF LOAD UP TOOLS TO HELP WALDO CANYON FIRE VICTIMS.

A MOTHER AND HER SON “SHOP” FOR CLOTHING.
Parish Social Ministries
A Partnership with Parishes

Parish Social Ministries (PSM) administers the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) mini-grant programs funded by locally retained funds from the national collections. This year, PSM also hosted a Social Ministry Gathering.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

PSM links parishes to opportunities for learning and participation in Catholic Relief Services, the official global relief and development organization of the United States Catholic Church. CRS is motivated by the gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching. CRS programming promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies.

SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING

On November 12, 2011, Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministries hosted a Social Ministry Gathering. The day began with a Mass by Rev. Paul Wicker, Pastor of Holy Apostles Catholic Church, followed by the Keynote address given by Mark Rohlena, President & CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Colorado.

The day continued with two Workshop Sessions focusing on four topics: Respect Life Ministry, Models of Effective Parish-Based Ministry, The Modern Face of Poverty, and Beyond our Borders: Global Ministry.

a foster family with high risk teenagers. Preserving the foster placement is critical to breaking the cycle of destructive behavior and long-term poverty for kids. The Fostering Hope Foundation teams, which are congregation based, aid foster parents to strengthen the foster home placement and build long-term stability for struggling children.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

One of the CCHD mini-grant recipients was Fostering Hope Foundation. During FY 2011-2012, the Diocese of Colorado Springs sponsored a Fostering Hope team which supported a foster family with high risk teenagers. Preserving the foster placement is critical to breaking the cycle of destructive behavior and long-term poverty for kids. The Fostering Hope Foundation teams, which are congregation based, aid foster families to strengthen the foster home placement and build long-term stability for struggling children.

Operating Revenue - $4,695,281

Operating Expenses - $5,015,561

Operating Expense before Depreciation and In-Kind Expense - $2,734,745

Depreciation - $230,925

In-Kind - Diocesan Support & Services - $358,086

In-Kind - Goods/Food etc. - $1,641,407

Subtotal - $190,246

Total Operating Expense Including In-Kind Expense - $5,015,561

Total Operating Revenue before In-Kind Expense - $2,695,788

In-Kind - Diocesan Support & Services - $358,086

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NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY:

Capital Campaign Receipts - $905,255

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Total Program Services - $4,035,503

Total Supporting Services - $980,058

Total Operating Expenses - $5,015,561

NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY:

In-Kind Volunteer Service Hours ($ Value) - $2,080,238

94,428 Volunteer Hours
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Financial Support
Contributions of any amount are deeply appreciated. Send donations to Catholic Charities, 228 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO, 80903, or donate on-line at www.ccharitiescc.org/donate.

Matching Gifts
Does your company match employees’ donations to charitable organizations? Consider asking your employer if there is a matching program in place. You may be able to double the impact of your contribution with a match.

Monthly Giving
Each month, your credit card or bank account will be charged for the designated amount. Your commitment will help reduce poverty among families, children, and seniors throughout the 10 county area we serve.

Bequests
Name Catholic Charities as a beneficiary in your will. In doing so, you will be remembering Catholic Charities in the future. Please consider making Catholic Charities your charity of choice.

In-Kind Giving
Contributions of hard goods are appreciated. Items such as canned food, meat, baby food, formula, diapers, clothing, etc., help support all of our programs.

Volunteer
Volunteers provide essential human resources for Catholic Charities and allow us to offer compassionate services to more people in need. Visit us at www.ccharitiescc.org/waystohelp or call 719.636.2345 for more information.

Several programs of Catholic Charities qualify for two special Colorado State Tax credits. To learn more about the El Paso County Enterprise Zone Credit and the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit, please call us at 719-866-6440.

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