10 Colorado counties served

Castle Rock Office

479 families served

Volunteers donated 96,659 hours of service

96,659

Valued at $2,509,268

6,435 miles driven

1,673 Food Boxes

were distributed to rural and local families, individuals, and community partners

4,010 Books with Early Childhood Development information were distributed

215,180 hot nutritious meals were served at the Marian House Soup Kitchen

280 students attended English as a Second Language classes

445 one-on-one Immigration legal consultations were conducted

123 families sought respite at the Family Day Center

29,340 diapers were distributed

2,132 hours of counseling, adoption, and pregnancy support services were provided

12 families ate in the Family Dining Room each day

70 individuals found employment with help from the Life Skills & Career Development Center

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From the CEO

Andy Barton

Catholic Charities of Central Colorado

One day, I pray we will announce an end to poverty. What joy it will bring to proclaim that all who were once hungry are fed, all who spent nights in the cold are in homes, our unborn children are safe and our immigrant families have a legal pathway to citizenship. Most will call this dream ambitious while others will surely call it naive, and yet it drives the work at Catholic Charities of Central Colorado. To this end, I hope you see this Annual Report as more than encouraging stories and statistics and instead find the foundation for the bold direction of staff and volunteers who are audacious enough to believe they can help everyone realize their God given potential one day.

We start with Families because the vast majority of children who grow up in poverty will struggle in their adult years, and in turn raise a next generation of children in poverty. From our beginnings as an agency supporting pregnant mothers and children, we have concentrated on the sacredness and importance of family. You will read about our Day Center for families experiencing homelessness, our Early Childhood Development program and the work of our Family Immrgation Services as a few examples of our effort to be a lighthouse for every vulnerable family in our community. When a family comes to us in crisis, they will find the support necessary to begin building the resiliency necessary to break the cycle of poverty.

We address the obvious; without work and income, it is impossible for our brothers and sisters to thrive in our society. With renewed effort, we help those we serve find pathways to Opportunity. Our Life Skills and Career Development Center helped 70 men and women find employment in the first eight months it was open. This was an enormous achievement for each of these individuals, most of whom were living in the shelter or sleeping outside. Not everyone who walks through our doors is ready for work, but for those who are, the outcome not only unlocks financial options, it renews dignity. We assist our immigrant brothers and sisters find their paths to opportunity by better understanding their rights and by helping negotiate the legal maze of documentation so that they may make the fabric of our communities stronger.

We take on the challenges of the health and well being of the men, women and children we serve. The loss of work along with the medical bills that result from a health crisis can have rapid and devastating results for any of us, but especially for those living on the margins. Untreated mental health and lapses in prescribed medication is the issue that we all see, especially with those battling homelessness. Our ability to work through our partners helps us expand access to the critical care that can prevent the catastrophic events that begin and exacerbate the cycle of decline.

With these efforts, we have and will continue to work at the root causes of poverty. It is an essential component of our Gospel call as well as Catholic Social Teaching. We must remember the words of Christ’s words to his disciples, “whatever you did for the least brothers of mine,

you did for me.” (Mt 25:40) and can assure all that we will always provide the Emergency Services for those who are in immediate crisis. Through our daily meals at that the Marian House Soup Kitchen, food deliveries to our rural partners or diapers and formula for newborns, we continue to work alongside our Catholic and faith community partners in providing for the immediate needs of our poor.

Our Holy Father writes in The Joy of the Gospel, “Yet we desire even more... our dream soars higher. We are not simply talking about ensuring a nourishment or a “dignified sustenance” for all people, but also their ‘general temporal welfare and prosperity.’” At Catholic Charities, we are focused on the successes of our poor and vulnerable and we refuse to accept defeat on their behalf. With your help, we will continue to love everyone who comes to our doors as Christ among us and work toward that day when there is nobody left in that line.

Who We Serve

Catholic Charities serves anyone in need without regard to race, gender, religious affiliation, economic status, etc., in the same 10-county area as the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

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Catholic Charities, with its vast array of services, is a first stop for anyone struggling with poverty in the Central Colorado area. We walk with clients along a path from crisis to stability, utilizing programs in four basic areas: Family Services, Emergency/Essential Services, Paths to Opportunity, and Health & Well-Being. The journey is not quick or easy, but one full of growth, healing and accomplishment.

What We Believe

We believe relationships empower and transform lives - that people who are experiencing poverty and injustice should be “seen” and served. We walk hand-in-hand with our clients to provide programs and services that address the root causes of poverty and deliver essential services. We convene our communities around human needs, because at Catholic Charities, we are called to serve one another to make a difference in our world.

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Catholic Charities of Central Colorado 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.

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After leaving an abusive situation, Sarah moved to Colorado Springs, but before she could find a job and an apartment, she exhausted her funds and became homeless. This led her to Catholic Charities for the daily meal and a referral to the R. J. Montgomery Center shelter. Once stable with a roof over her head and a place to get a daily hot meal, Sarah quickly became involved in the Hanifen Center services which helped her work towards self-sustainability.

Her work in the Life Skills & Career Development Center (LSCDC) helped Sarah set three goals: find a job, get an apartment, and buy a car. Within three months, she had developed the skills and self-confidence she needed to pursue a job. Sarah says, “I applied for jobs seven days a week. It was my job to find a job.” Her hard work paid off as she was offered a temporary position at the Salvation Army Warming Shelter, working the overnight shift.

She continued to come to the LSCDC to take Financial Literacy classes, work on employment skills, and participate in on-site job fairs. At the job fair, she met with several employers and was eventually hired for a position that began once the Warming Shelter closed.

While living in the shelter, Sarah saved more than 80% of her paychecks. By the time she found an apartment she not only had the deposits required, but up to four months worth of savings to sustain her, just in case. On February 1, 2016, she moved into her apartment and Catholic Charities Community Outreach was there to help. They moved her belongings from the shelter to the apartment along with providing furniture, food, bedding, and household goods.

Sarah wants to give back to the organizations that helped in her time of need. She has become a regular volunteer, working as a Client Services Navigator at Catholic Charities. She says, “Catholic Charities helped me so much. The services they provide here are so unique and supportive.”

Her third goal was to save enough to purchase a used car. When a donor gave Catholic Charities a car in good working condition, based on the progress Sarah had made and her ability to maintain the cost of a car including insurance, she was chosen to receive the car.

Today Sarah is self-sufficient, fully employed, living in her own apartment, and able to cover all of her expenses. She has been reunited with her children, who moved to Colorado Springs to be near her. They too, found employment by working with Catholic Charities Life Skills and Career Development Center.

For Sarah and her family, life is good!
In early 2016, several factors led Catholic Charities (CC) to organize its family services around a Family Resource Campus concept. First, Catholic Charities and Family Promise collaborated to open the first comprehensive Family Day Center in Colorado Springs - located in the Marian House complex - to address the specific needs of homeless families and families in crisis. Second, the Colorado Office of Early Childhood awarded CC a renewable 5-year Family Support Services grant to develop and expand comprehensive family programs. Third, Springs Rescue Mission moved forward in building a Homeless Services Campus, allowing CC to redirect some of its resources to family programs and to plan for Family Mentor Alliance to join CC in the next fiscal year.

With some program expansion and organizational restructuring, most family services were consolidated under the Family Resource Campus. There are now more cross department referrals, better data collection and outcome measurement to more effectively help families move from crisis to stability and ensure more long-term positive outcomes than ever before.

The Family Resource Campus is the umbrella that takes services from CC’s four focus areas (Family Services, Emergency & Essential Services, Paths to Opportunity, Health & Well-Being) and delivers them in one of CC’s physical locations (Catholic Pastoral Center, Marian House Complex, and Castle Rock).
Family Services

Adoption Services
Adoption Search & Reunion
Child Care
- Child Watch in Family Day Center
- Enriched Childcare for ESL Classes
- Foster Cradle Care
Children's Programs
- Birthday & Christmas Gift Program
- Costs for Kids
- Layettes for New Moms
- School Supply Drive
- Child & Family Enrichment

Comprehensive Case Management
Early Childhood Development
- Age Appropriate Book Distribution
- Bright by Three
- ESL Reading Circles
- Jungle Story-Time
- Safe & Secure Kids

Educational Offerings
- Parenting Classes
- ReadCare® Baby Project

Family Day Center
Family Facilitator - Douglas County Cares
Family Immigration Services
New Mothers’ Support Groups
Pregnancy Support Services
Relinquishment Counseling

From its opening on September 1, 2015 through the end of the fiscal year, the Family Day Center (FDC) provided daytime respite to 123 unduplicated families, including 225 children and 167 adults who were experiencing homelessness or near homelessness. Through the FDC, families can access Emergency & Essential Services such as diapers and food, Comprehensive Case Management to develop individualized plans to achieve self-sufficiency, Educational Offerings such as Financial Literacy and Parenting Classes, and much more.

Catholic Charities’ (CC) Early Childhood Development program provides age-appropriate books, interactive reading circles, and parent education to increase early literacy. Over 4,010 books were distributed to over 1,000 children with information on childhood education for parents. Ninety-nine Jungle Story-Time sessions and ESL Reading Circles were held for 164 unduplicated children. Bright By 3 bags, including childhood development information for parents, were provided to 148 children, birth through 3 years of age.

Family Immigration Services (FIS) experienced an 8% increase in total immigration services delivered with 445 one-on-one consultations. With the addition of an Immigration Attorney on staff and two staff members with Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accreditation, FIS was able to take on legal residency cases such as U-visa (victims of violent crime who assist law enforcement to investigate and prosecute their assailants), political asylum (seeking protection from persecution in home country), and removal (deportation) cases. Members of the FIS team also participated in the CARA Pro Bono Project, providing legal assistance to families seeking asylum in Dilley, TX.

Adoption Services collaborated to create CC Denver/CC Central Colorado protocols for pregnancy cases with a potential adoptive placement and established statewide networks for post-abortive healing. Catholic Charities continues to hold the only contract for Relinquishment Counseling in El Paso County.

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After retiring from the military, Steve was ready for a new beginning with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children. Unable to find a job in Illinois, where his extended family lived, Steve found a position in Denver. To ease the transition, Steve and Jennifer traveled to Denver with their youngest child, Juliana, while their two boys stayed with their grandmother in Illinois.

Upon arrival in Denver, the job opportunity fell through so Steve directed his attention to Colorado Springs, where he had been stationed in the military. As the weeks went by, the family’s funds dwindled, job opportunities were scarce, and Steve, Jennifer, and Juliana found themselves sleeping in their car. “During that time, we were just lost,” Steve recalled. “The greatest struggle was trying to be strong for Juliana.” They found Catholic Charities’ (CC) Marian House Soup Kitchen where they went for a hot, nutritious meal. Here, they were referred to the Family Day Center, where families can receive a multitude of services.

“Coming to the Family Day Center became a part of our daily routine,” Steve said. “Every day the staff was excited to see us, asking for updates and pointing us in the right direction. Juliana loved it - it was the best part of her day.” As Juliana stepped into a world of My Little Pony®, Play-Doh®, and LEGO® bricks, her parents took turns checking emails and working with staff to find job leads and a place to live.

Over the next month the family’s proactive attitude, help from local agencies, and the services they received at the Marian House set their journey to stability in motion. CC referred the family to Rocky Mountain Human Services who helped with temporary housing. With housing and food secured, Steve was able to direct his attention to finding a job, which he did fairly quickly. Then the family settled in a more permanent home with housing vouchers from the Veterans Affairs Office and they were able to have their other children join them in Colorado.

To give the family help while waiting for the first paycheck, CC provided a New Home Starter Kit, which is given to clients transitioning from temporary to permanent housing. It consists of furniture - as available, food, household goods and kitchen supplies. Although the family is still accessing some assistance, they are well on their way to self-sufficiency. When the family’s car began having serious issues, Catholic Charities was also able to provide a donated car which allowed Steve to get a better job as he now had reliable transportation. “Catholic Charities and Rocky Mountain Human Services helped us so much. We are so grateful,” said Steve.

The Family Day Center Changes Lives

Juliana and her mother play in the Family Day Center Lounge.

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Paths to Opportunity

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Jennifer and Dylan were ready to start a family; however, when Jennifer became pregnant with their first son, they were presented with more challenges than they expected. The couple had struggled with having children and when Jennifer became pregnant, her pregnancy was considered high risk. In addition to the mental and physical stress of the pregnancy, the family was also under financial stress. “Unfortunately while I was pregnant, I was not able to work. That put us in a financial bind,” she said. They worried they could not afford their rent or nutritious food that Jennifer needed during pregnancy.

While Dylan worked, Jennifer spent her time searching for resources to help the family. She applied for the Douglas County Cares program, which then referred her to Catholic Charities in Castle Rock (CC) where she met Community Case Manager, Kathy Bullen. Kathy provided information on many resources and helped the family with food and diapers, as well as gas vouchers to help Dylan get to work and take Jennifer to her doctors’ appointments. “I didn’t know how much stuff I would need like formula, diapers, regular food, anything like that,” Jennifer admitted. Shortly after Jennifer and Dylan’s baby was born, Jennifer needed surgery which delayed her return to work. During that time, CC kept the family in their home by providing basic needs so they could direct their income to rent, medical bills and other necessities. Over the following months, as the family raised their son, CC kept them informed with numerous resources to help the family thrive.

Three years after their first son was born, Jennifer and Dylan had a second son. As the family prepared to move into a larger apartment, CC provided them with furniture to reduce the financial strain of the move. “We are able to channel our money in different directions. We were able to pay for our deposit and the rent and other smaller things like cleaning supplies,” Jennifer said.

Jennifer participated in CC Safe and Secure Kidz program which provides educational resources on topics like car safety and sleep practices. Upon completing the program, participants receive a brand new car seat and a portable crib/play yard – important items that can be expensive, but are ideal to keep children safe. With assistance from CC, families like Jennifer and Dylan’s are provided with a safety-net during difficult times along with guidance and resources to help them grow and succeed. “We were able to direct our goals, find employment, and obtain better housing,” Jennifer said. With Dylan now in a secure job with a reliable income, the family is in a more stable state. As Jennifer says, they can now focus on “keeping our heads above water, providing for the family, and growing together.”
Health & Well-Being

Counseling Services
- Family, Individual and Couples Counseling
- Pregnancy Counseling
- Project Rachel Post Abortive Healing

Classes
- Childbirth Classes
- Prenatal Nurturing Classes

Pregnancy Support Services
Safe & Secure Kidz

Community Health Partners
Behavioral Health & Addiction
- Harbor House
- AspenPointe

Benefits Enrollment
- Peak Vista Community Health Center
- Colorado Disability Benefits Support
- Penrose-St. Francis Faith Community Nurse
- Centura Health Centers
- Colorado Springs Veteran’s Administration
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans

Physical Health Service
- Peak Vista Community Health Center
- Penrose-St. Francis Faith Community Nurse
- SET Family Medical Clinics

Care Coordination
- Penrose-St. Francis Faith Community Nurse
- Community Health Partnership/Community Care

Catholic Charities’ Community Health Partners provide a full array of medical services to those in need on site at the Marian House. From basic medical care to treat wounds, frost bite, colds and other maladies, to referrals and information or assistance with benefits enrollment, providers are available to give assistance to those struggling with medical issues.

Some partners provide annual flu shot clinics and children’s dental exams while others help with prescriptions and adult dental care. Partnerships continue to develop through the initiation of a healthcare round-table with Colorado Health Partners, SET Family Medical Clinics, and AspenPointe as well as the initiation of a health needs assessment for Marian House clients.

Catholic Charities’ Counseling Services continues to grow. This year 666 hours of counseling were provided through our Individuals, Couples, and Family Counseling program which was extended to our Castle Rock service area this year. Additionally, 639 hours of Pregnancy Support Services and Education were provided to 102 individuals through

Counseling, Childbirth Classes and Prenatal Nurturing Classes.

Project Rachel Post Abortive Healing is a special program that helps women and men deal with the effects of abortion. Fifteen clients were served through 144 hours of support.

“I don’t have insurance, so getting medical attention at Marian House is a blessing.”

4,904 checkups were conducted at the SET clinic

15 Childbirth and Prenatal Nurturing Classes Held

118 individuals received flu shots

2,132 hours of pregnancy, individual and family counseling were conducted

Childbirth Class: 95% of clients agreed that their questions about the birth and labor process were answered.
Individual & Family Counseling: 91% of individual and family counseling clients agreed they are making progress towards their goals.

Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND) provides free checkups at Marian House Life Support
Choosing Life: Making a Family

When Keely became pregnant at age fifteen, she knew she did not have the means to raise a child and her high school education would come to an abrupt halt. Her mom, Terri, took her to Catholic Charities, which provides adoption services as well as pregnancy related counseling and support. This began a six month journey of education, healing, and eventually, seeking out the best suited adoptive family for her child.

Keely had high expectations for the prospective adoptive family and was amazed when Catholic Charities helped her find the perfect match. The mother was a teacher, the same career she aspired to pursue, and they found they had so much in common, from participating in outdoor adventures, to being of German descent, to living the Catholic faith.

Throughout the process, Keely said she received much more than a well-suited adoptive family. She learned how to be a committed parent, to calculate costs for diapers and living expenses, and now understands the time, commitment, and loving care a parent should provide.

Terri remembers the day Keely went into labor: “When Keely delivered and saw the baby, she was very conflicted about having to let go, so she brought the baby home.” Terri remembers stepping aside and trusting that her daughter would make the right decision. Eventually Keely decided the best option was to provide her son with a more stable life in a nurturing family and chose to go through with her plans for adoption.

Because the adoption was open, Terri’s family knew the adoptive family and had built a strong relationship with them in the months leading up to the birth. After the adoption, they were invited to celebrate birthdays, family outings, and even to go trick-or-treating. Keely became an active figure in her son’s life, and although she is now married and has a family of her own, she still finds time to see her birth-son and his family.

Reflecting on the whole experience, Terri says, “I don’t know how people can go through adoption without having that extra piece [open adoption]. Being able to see the child and know on a day-to-day basis how well he’s being taken care of and how loved he is by the immediate and extended family is critical. They have made him their own. I mean, you never would know that he was adopted.”

Keely made a choice. She chose to provide a promising future for her son and Catholic Charities helped to facilitate that decision. Terri has her own philosophy after going through the adoption process with her daughter: “Kids need love. To me, having two families together in open adoption, what could be better?” She truly believes her grandson has been blessed with the best of both worlds. When all is said and done, Terri knows her daughter has never once regretted her decision. She describes the entire process as a “positive and life-giving experience.”

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Emergency/Essential Services

Clothing Services
- Adult Clothing Closet
- Kidz Klozet
- Children’s Clothing Closet
- Maternity Clothing

Emergency Shelter Programs & Referrals

Food Assistance
- Baby Food & Formula
- Emergency & Holiday Food Boxes
- Rural Food Pantry Support
- Soup Kitchen - daily hot meal

General Needs
- Diapers & Wipes
- Gas Cards
- Hygiene Products
- Mail & Phone Service
- Utilities – emergency & COPE

Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART)

New Home Starter Kit
for clients transitioning to permanent housing including food, household goods, and kitchen starter set

Community Partners
- Rocky Mountain Human Services
- Blue Jay Wireless
- Legal Services

The Marian House Soup Kitchen (MHSK) served 215,180 hot, nutritious meals to struggling families, seniors on a fixed income, the working poor, veterans, people with disabilities, unsupported teens, and those who are homeless. MHSK also has a separate kid-friendly dining room just for families to eat together, serving an average of 12 families per day. Although total meals decreased slightly versus previous year, the number of meals served to seniors increased by 18%.

Marian House Soup Kitchen
A guest receives a to-go lunch after regular meal service at the Marian House Soup Kitchen.

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Marian House: 88% of those surveyed reported having ‘all needs met’ as a result of services and 86.5% of those surveyed reported being more hopeful as a result of services.

Life Support Services: 96% of clients reported they are able to meet other critical survival needs because of the items/services received allowing them to stretch their budget.

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Rural Outreach Has Far Reaching Impact

Marian House Community Outreach extends Catholic Charities (CC) ministry to the rural community and anyone who cannot come to one of our facilities for services. In just the past year, trips to the rural community increased by 146%. Part of the increase was due to the Outreach team reaching out to rural contacts with a needs assessment and adding food pantries, churches and local organizations to the monthly routes.

The program provides necessities such as food, housewares, and clothing to vulnerable populations. One of the busiest times of the year is during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays when struggling families need the most help. Because of CC’s robust local turkey drive and partnerships with grocery chains such as Albertsons, Safeway and Hormel Foods, we have been able to deliver more holiday food baskets with turkeys with all the trimmings and Christmas hams to families in need.

Food, however, is not the only necessity in demand. In 2015, CC also distributed 1,165 bags of clothing locally and 907 bags of clothing rurally along with 172 coats and a myriad of items such as school supplies, kitchen wares, and hygiene items.

CC helped the Stratton Community Pantry (SCP) expand from simply providing Thanksgiving assistance to offering food and other necessities year-round. “It really turned out to be one of the best things that we were connected with,” said Lynne Ware, longtime volunteer at the SCP. While a pantry exists in the nearby town of Burlington, it was difficult for Stratton residents to make the 56-mile round trip to access services. Lynne notes that the growth of the SCP in the past few years has inspired more local community involvement. In addition to 20 backpacks full of school supplies provided by CC last year, the pantry had enough donations from local residents to purchase new gym shoes for many students in need.

In Colorado Springs, Pastor Bill Chancy and Grace Be Unto You Church provide assistance to nearly 500 individuals on the Southeast side of the city. At Thanksgiving they did not have the resources to meet the high demand for holiday food, however, thanks to the incredible gift from Safeway & Albertsons, CC was able deliver 200 turkeys. Pastor Bill said, “It’s a tremendous help. Because of Catholic Charities, we’re now able to reach and help more low-income families in the community. It’s a blessing, a wonderful blessing.”

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Women pick up turkeys that were delivered to the Stratton Community Pantry by Catholic Charities.
Catholic Charities Castle Rock (CC) served an average of 63 unduplicated clients per month, a 66% increase over the previous year. Counseling and Family Immigration Services were added as staff from Colorado Springs traveled to Castle Rock on designated days to offer these programs based on demand.

Community involvement is a key component of CC’s work in Douglas County, participating in the formation of the Douglas County Winter Shelter Network and serving as a member of the leadership council. We also participated in the first Feria de Recursos, sponsored by Douglas County libraries and continue in our role in the Douglas County Cares program. CC received the Douglas County Educational Foundation’s “Apple Award” as Community Partner of the Year for our work with the 2015 Back to School Supply Drive.

Catholic Charities organizes many Community Events throughout the year including annual school supply drives, Coats for Kids in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, hygiene and sock drives with local schools and youth groups, and much more. In partnership with the Red Cross and the Leadville, CO fire department, 91 homes were equipped with fire alarms after a young boy was killed in a fire.

Through the Mini-Grant Program, Catholic Charities in conjunction with the Diocese of Colorado Springs, provided seven organizations with grants up to $2,500. Some of the awarded projects were: 223 bicycles provided or repaired for vulnerable individuals who lacked transportation, IT and equipment capacity, support for ministry to homebound or alienated individuals, counseling for Spanish-speakers, emergency services in Leadville and Castle Rock, and capacity for serving at-risk individuals in Southeast Colorado Springs.

The Parish Ambassador program is intended to increase communication and connection between the parishes and Catholic Charities for the benefit of all. Currently, 10 parishes are participating in the Parish Ambassador program.
Las Posadas

Guests join "Mary & Joseph," played by young volunteers, in a procession to find shelter, and are eventually welcomed to the Marian House with food, dancing and music. This has become a Christmas tradition for many families and a wonderful event in downtown Colorado Springs. Proceeds support Catholic Charities’ programs for immigrants.

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Premier Events

The St. Patrick’s Day Gala set new records on this 15th year, grossing $270,000. ‘Thank You!’

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The Marian House Sponsor-a-Day program is an opportunity for businesses, churches, schools, fraternal organizations, board of directors, groups, families, and individuals to sponsor a day of meals at the Marian House Soup Kitchen. Days can be sponsored or designated in honor of a loved one or a special occasion. One sponsorship is $1,500, which covers the cost of all the meals served on one day (usually over 600 meals). In FY 2015/16, 63 days were sponsored, representing a 286% increase over the previous fiscal year. Anyone can help Catholic Charities "Warm Hearts" by participating in this special program. Thank you sponsors!

Francis & Mary Wehner
Friend of the Marian House
In Honor of Peter K’s Arrival
Honoring Mogi Jaeger
for 25 Years of Friendly Service
In Honor of Matthew Schell
The Clemen Family
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
Five Guys Burgers & Fries
Oscar & Rose Valdez
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Springs Fabrication
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Lewis-Palmer High School
The Favela Family
The Niebur Family
In Memory of Mark Niebur
Melisa Parent - Team S45,
Rodas + Fields
Les & Sharon Hamblin
Friend of the Marian House
The Ellis Family
The Ellis Family
Southern Colorado Roofing
U.S. Bank
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Black Forest Lutheran Church
The Center for Spiritual Living
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Get Scouts unload hundreds of diapers to donate to Catholic Charities

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The Catholic Charities Giving Society members demonstrate their support of the priorities and needs of Catholic Charities, financially investing in our work at a leadership level. Giving society members will be given special recognition and opportunities to engage with leadership through agency gatherings.

The Caritas Society is an elite group of donors who contribute $10,000 or more annually.

1968 Founders Society members support our mission and programs by giving $1,986 or more each year.

“I donate to Catholic Charities because I know my donation is helping people in need.”
In addition to our premier and cultural fund-raising events, Catholic Charities hosted and participated in many other events throughout the year. Here are just a few:

1. Volunteers have fun at the annual Stuff-the-Bird Turkey Drive.
2. Little Caesar’s Love Kitchen volunteers serve pizza at the Marian House.
3. Fort Carson Soldiers arrive for the Annual Stryker Christmas.
4. Corpus Christi students donate snacks from a donation drive at their school.
5. Guests gather information about social services at the Strive to Thrive Fair in Douglas County.
7. Volunteers install 105 smoke detectors in Leadville & Salida.
8. Coats are distributed at the Annual Coats for Kids with the Knights of Columbus.
9. Kathy Thayer, Vice President of Family Services, was awarded Catholic Charities USA Sullivan award for her life-long work advocating for children.

Volunteers

Catholic Charities (C.C.) is fortunate to have volunteers dedicated to our mission. Many have been with us for 5, 10, 20 and 25+ years, and most of our programs could not exist without them. Most volunteers work at the Marian House Soup Kitchen cooking and serving a daily meal; however, many teach classes in English as a Second Language, parenting, childbirth, and financial literacy, and others read to children during Jungle Story-Time and ESL Reading Circles. Many pick up donations from local food vendors and others sort the vast clothing and food donations received daily. Some serve on our Board of Directors or work tirelessly on fund-raising and event committees. Many write for our volunteer newsletter, work with families in our Family Day Center or help with resumes and job searches as clients try to achieve greater self-sufficiency.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life, but they all have one thing in common: the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Last year all of their time totaled 96,659 volunteer hours valued at $2,509,268. This past year, we once again had volunteers who were recognized by Catholic Charities USA for their Volunteer of the Year Award. Dick & Evelyn Koprowski were a top six finalist. They have volunteered at Marian House for 28 years, committing a minimum of 12 to 15 days each month organizing a group of volunteers for the soup kitchen and picking up donations. Dick also serves on the CC Board of Directors. Congratulations!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for sharing your time, talent and treasure and improving the lives of those we serve.
Leadership

Board of Directors

Bishop Michael J. Sheridan - Ex Officio
Thomas J. Naughton - Chair
Mike Schell - Vice Chair
Valery Stevenson - Treasurer
Matthew D. Ramirez - Secretary

Pictured left to right:
Board of Director Officers:
Matthew Ramirez
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Eric Evans
Castle Rock Regional Office Director:
Paul Nardiuzzo
Family Immigration Services Director:
Oscar T. Valdez, Jr.
Marian House Soup Kitchen Director:
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Staff members discuss the strategic plan with CEO Andy Barton.

Financials

Operating Revenue

Contributions, Bequests, etc.
$1,562,805
Diocesan Financial Support
$518,194
St. Pat’s Gala / Special Events
$341,867
Grants, Non-Governmental
$327,288
United Way / Combined Federal Campaign
$63,743
Grants, Government Agencies
$180,976
Employee Smoking Fund
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Program / Service Fees
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In-Kind Professional Services
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Unrealized Capital Gains/(Losses)
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All Other Miscellaneous, Interest, etc.
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Total Operating Revenue (Before In-Kind)
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