

Catholic
Charities
of Central Colorado

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ANNUAL REPORT

THANKS TO YOU,

Simone broke the
cycle of homelessness



Mission and Programs

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.



Meet Simone

(on the cover)



Simone's childhood took place moving between living with her homeless mother and being in and out of foster care.

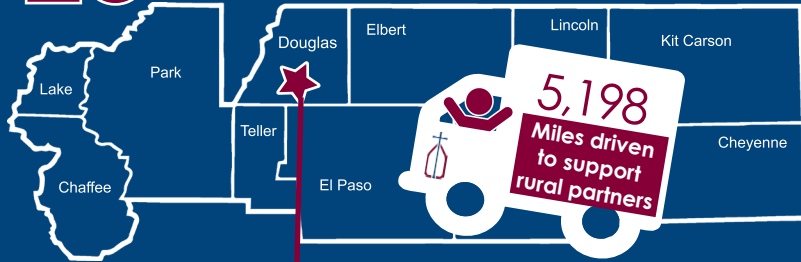
She was familiar with Catholic Charities, but when the Family Day Center opened, it gave her a whole new world of opportunities. "The services Catholic Charities offers basically saved me," Simone insisted.

Simone accessed Catholic Charities' jobs program which led to employment. That was two years ago. She has been steadily employed and stably housed ever since. More importantly, she is the first person in her family to break the cycle of homelessness and have a home of her own.

For someone caught in the cycle of poverty, sometimes all it takes is a little personalized attention to begin taking the steps toward a better life. "I didn't know how to be a functioning adult when I got out of foster care." Simone admitted. "I'd grown up living like everybody else on the streets. Catholic Charities taught me how to be an adult."



10 Colorado counties served



Castle Rock Office

served **635** unduplicated families
an average of 2.1 times/each

2,268 new client program screenings for Income & Relief Services



303 students
93 children

from 27 countries attended **ESL classes** and **childcare** in **5 locations**



307

Immigrants from **35** countries were helped with residency, DACA, or citizenship



Provided **180** sessions with 86% of

families gaining knowledge in areas of child development

434 individuals received **counseling services**



Family Services

33 Families transitioned into **stable housing**

75 Families engaged in ongoing **life coaching/case management**

Total Clients Served: **4,903**



Volunteers donated

95,137 hours

Valued at

\$2,547,766



82 Families completed Parenting classes

Marian House Soup Kitchen
207,712

hot nutritious meals were served



145 job placements with help from **15** Job Fairs/Hiring Events at the

Life Skills & Career Development Center
(now the Hanifen Employment Center)



“Never in a million years did I expect to be homeless.”

Stacie's Road to Stability

Stacie moved to Colorado to make a new life for herself. For a time, she was happy and stable. Then things began to fall apart. When Stacie's fiancé pushed her from a moving car she says, "That's when I knew I had to leave."

After a series of events, Stacie and her son became homeless. They spent months in the RJ Montgomery Shelter while Stacie tried to rebuild their financial security. When she found Catholic Charities, her life began to change for the better.

Stacie met with Family Connections staff who helped her overcome an eviction and provided essential needs. She also received a car that had been donated. Stacie was then matched with a group of volunteers from a local church, called mentor teams, who helped with social, emotional and financial planning. Stacie says, "One of the biggest things that the mentor team does, is they make sure that God willing, it [becoming homeless] doesn't happen again. You have people that care."

Now in stable housing, Stacie continues to work with Catholic Charities. While their story continues, the goal for Stacie and her son is to move forward with a normal and productive life.




Housed to Homeless in 45 Days

Jodi and her family went from stably housed to homeless in 45 days when Jodi, the primary breadwinner, began having medical issues and suffered a heart-attack. They lost their home, stayed in a motel, then camped and lived in their car. She says, “I was lost. I was truly lost, questioning what do we do next?”

Jodi says, “Catholic Charities was the first place to give us a chance to stop reacting to what was happening and start acting. We had an appointment with them and that was the start of what made everything better. They told us the first thing we had to do was get jobs, so that day both Nathan (husband) and I got a job at a fast food establishment, and things began to look better.”

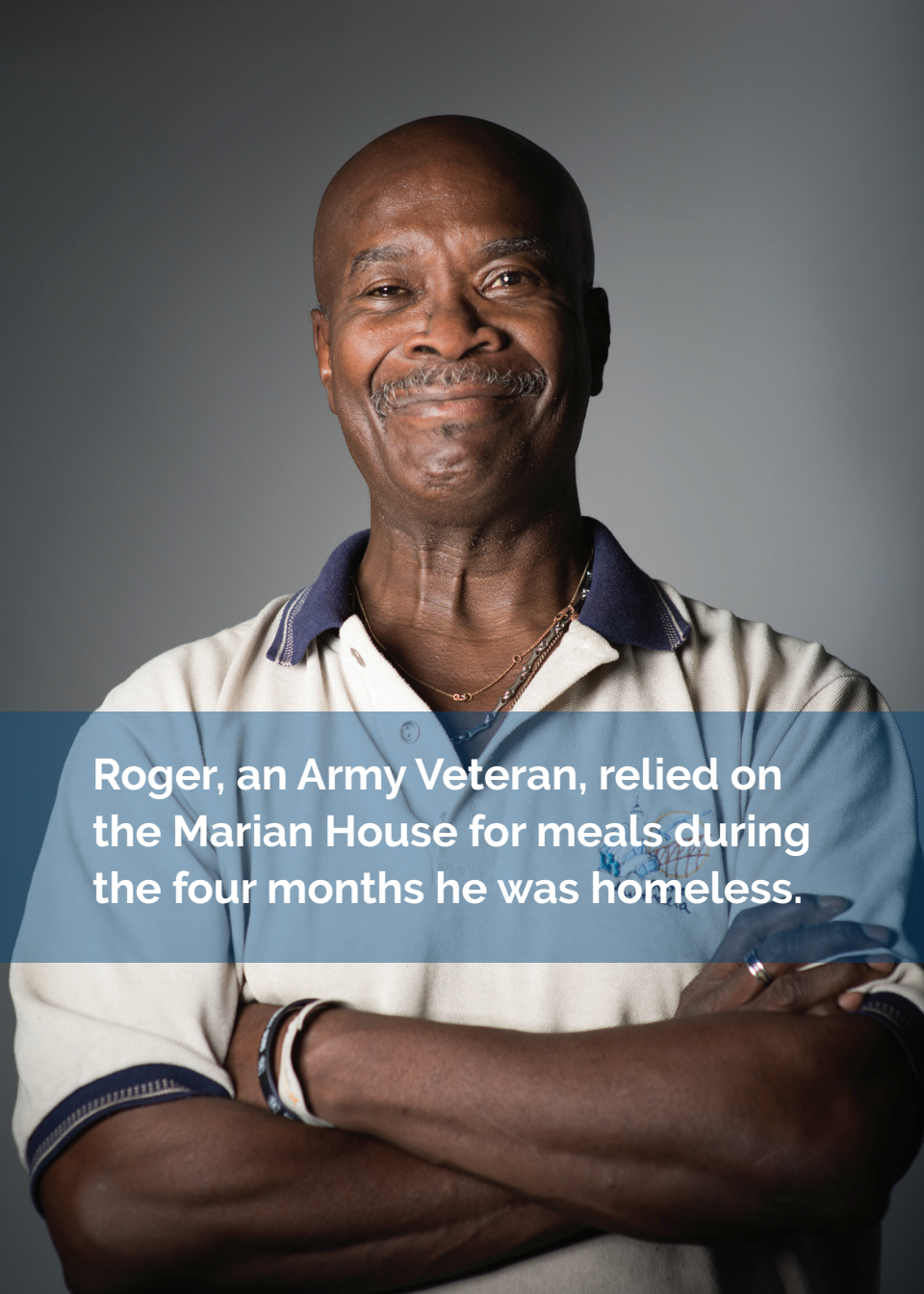
Nathan eventually found a better paying position with benefits, and the family began moving forward again. Today, they are in stable housing, and Jodi cares for her son and grandson. She also began volunteering at Catholic Charities as a way to express her gratitude and to help other families experiencing difficult times. Recently she was hired part-time by the Douglas County School system, so the family's stability is ensured.

The path from crisis to stability takes time and hard work. While Jodi and Nathan still receive occasional support from Catholic Charities, they no longer feel lost.



“If it wasn’t for the assistance they helped us with...I don’t really know what we would do.”





Roger, an Army Veteran, relied on the Marian House for meals during the four months he was homeless.

Roger Never Expected to be Homeless

Disabled Army Veteran Roger Gaines is blessed by a great upbringing and thankful for God. He enlisted in the military to serve his country and was able to travel the world and live in many exciting places. But his service took a toll, and he now finds it difficult to maintain employment due to medical issues.

While he receives a VA Housing Voucher and disability income, he also occasionally relies on the Marian House for meals. Feeling a bit isolated, he enjoys the socialization aspect when he visits.

Crisis hit when Roger was evicted from his apartment and became homeless due to a misunderstanding. He was desperate to find housing, but with an eviction, it was difficult even with a VA Housing Voucher. He says, “It took me four months to get a new place. I was getting hopeless. I couldn't fully care for myself while living in the shelter.”

During this time he relied on the Marian House for meals, emotional support and other necessities. He eventually found an apartment and is very grateful to all the agencies, particularly the Marian House, who helped in his time of need.

A misunderstanding, a health issue or other crisis can cause someone to become homeless, even if they never expected to be in that situation. Just ask Roger.

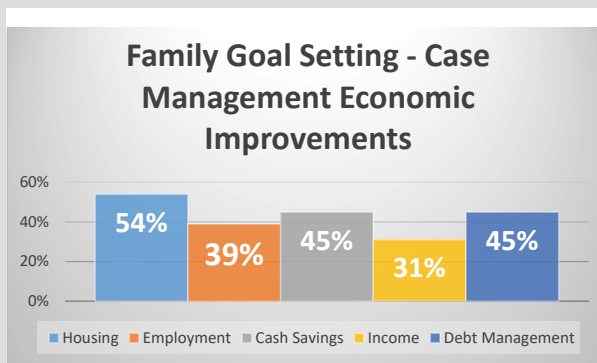


Family Connections Spotlight

Family Connections (FC) continues to grow in both number of clients served and programs offered. Moving to Helen Hunt on 12/1/2017, FC expanded case management and early childhood education through playgroups and a Head Start partnership. The center has showers, laundry and other services designed for families in, or at risk of homelessness.



Family Life Coaching, a family strengthening model of case management, includes services for any family seeking to improve their current life situation. Families are engaged to build financial resiliency, parenting skills, and enroll their young children in preschool and literacy programs while they work to transition into more permanent housing.



FC's growth has been exponential and new programs are continually refined to meet the unique needs of families. To learn more about FC and how you can help, visit us at CCharitiesCC.org/Family-Services.

Family Connections Outcomes

Family Life Coaching (Case Management)	58% of clients reported having safe, stable, or thriving housing at follow-ups, compared to only 9% at the start of services
CO Community Response (Case Management)	63% of clients reported improving their childcare from crisis levels to safe, stable, or thriving levels
Family Mentor Alliance (Mentor Teams)	82% of households in housing after 12 months of placement
Kids Klozet (Essential Supplies)	47% of program users reported a reduction in stress or isolation
Parent Education (Parenting Classes)	97% of parents reported their child's safety has increased, and 83% reported their family relationships have improved
Child Care (Playgroups)	71% of parents reported that their child is more likely to interact with other children their age
Overall Family Services Programs	97% of clients reported increasing their knowledge of community resources

Agency Outcomes vs Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Address gaps in essential human services to achieve improved physical, mental and spiritual health for those we serve.

- Access to services were expanded as a result of 3,358 new program screening / entries
- 2,401 clients were empowered and engaged by increasing knowledge of community resources
- 4,883 medical appointments were scheduled which broadened access to health and well-being services



Annual Free Flu Shot Clinic

Strategic Goal 2: Enhance the resiliency of individuals and families, providing a step out of crisis and toward stability and thriving.

- 90% of clients improved individual and family functioning by making progress toward goals in Family Services and in Castle Rock
- 98 individuals helped build self-sustaining families by working toward financial goals
- 93 children were helped to thrive by participating in reading circles or ESL early literacy programming



Kidz Korner at Family Connections

Strategic Goal 3: Provide a pathway to economic stability by enhancing financial skills, facilitating access to resources and removing barriers to employment

- 169 clients enhanced employability by obtaining or improving employment
- 52% of motel voucher users transitioned to safe and stable housing
- 95% of applicants in immigration services reported improved legal status

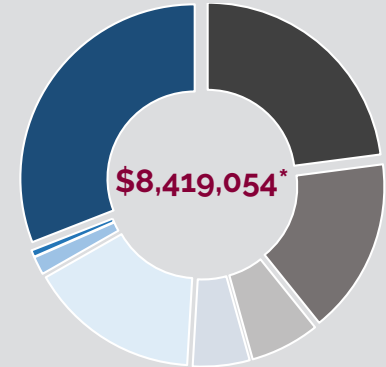


Family Meals at Marian House

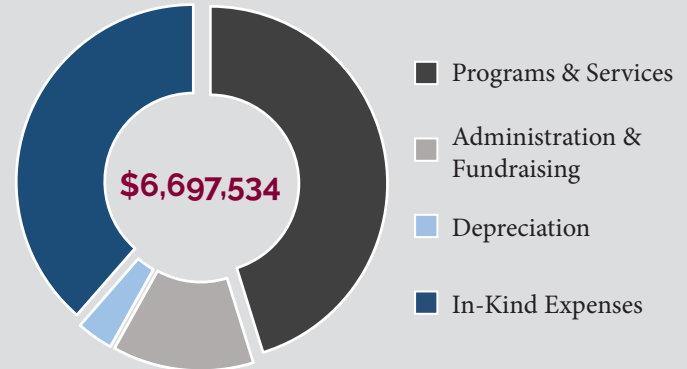
Agency Financials

Revenue with In-Kind

- Contributions
- Bequest
- Diocesan Financial Support
- St. Pat's Gala/Special Events
- Grants
- Program/Service Fees
- Miscellaneous
- In Kind - Goods/Food etc.



Expenses with Depreciation and In-Kind Expense



*Due to Bequests & Restricted Fund donations, the Revenue vs. Expense shows a \$1.7 million net change. These funds carry over to FY2018/19 for:

- Operational reserve established for the first time in organizational history
- Restricted Funds carryover to FY18/19 program expenses
- Deferred Capital Improvement Expenditures

Our Form 990 can be viewed at CCharitiesCC.org/about-us/financial-reports



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