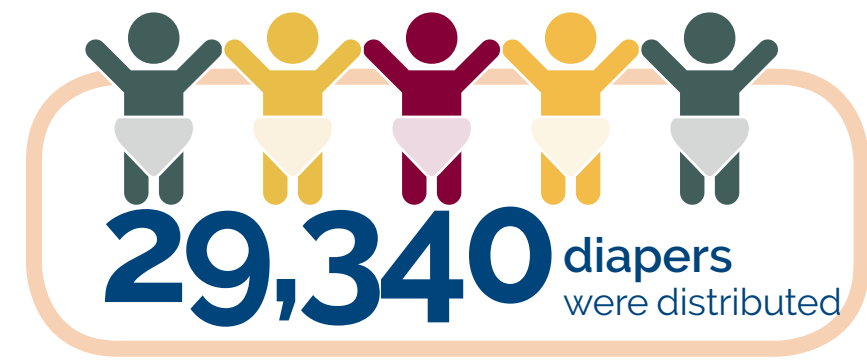
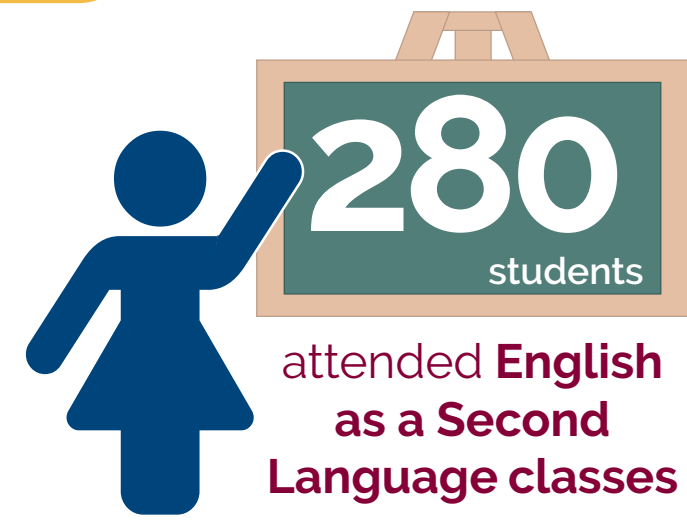
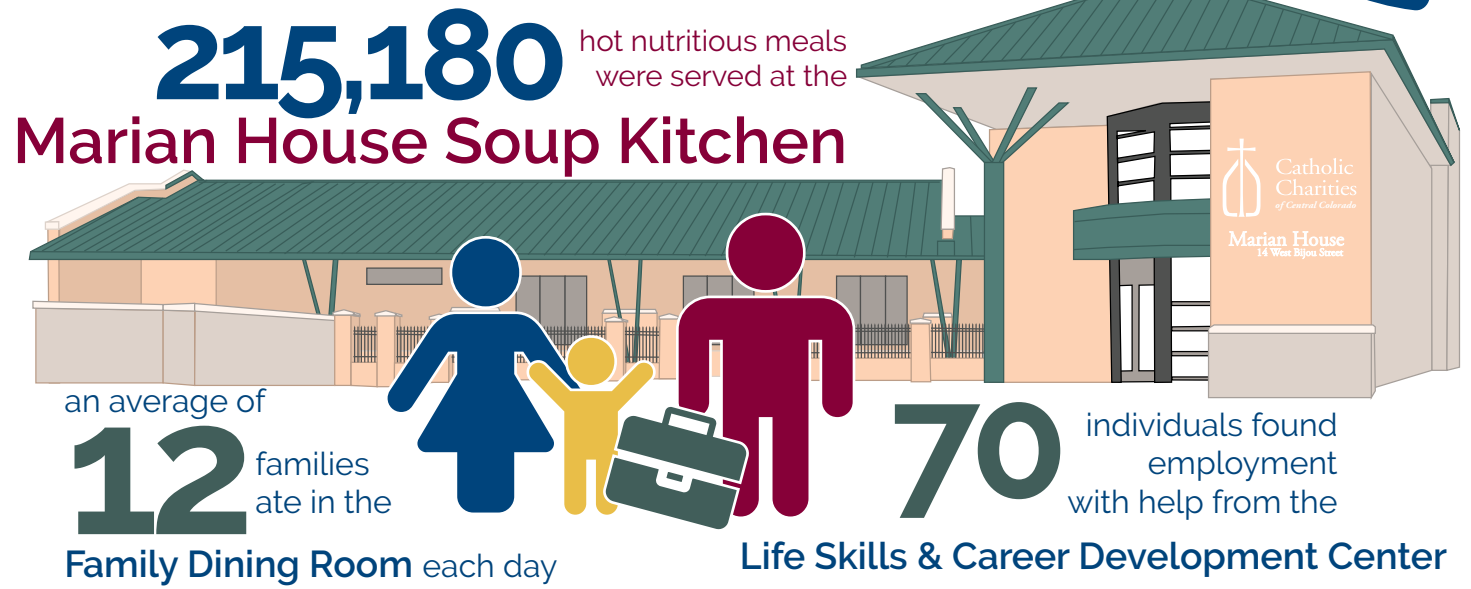
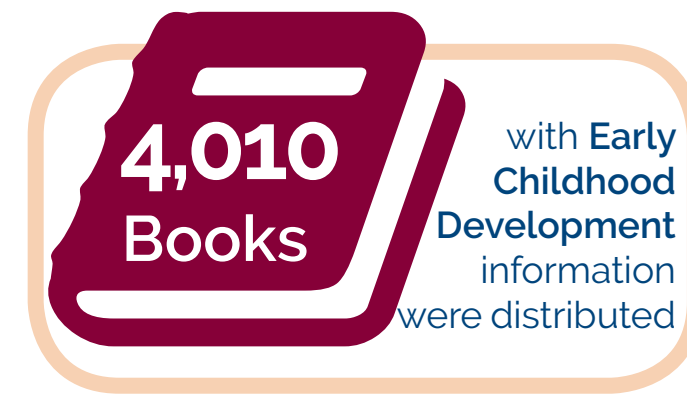
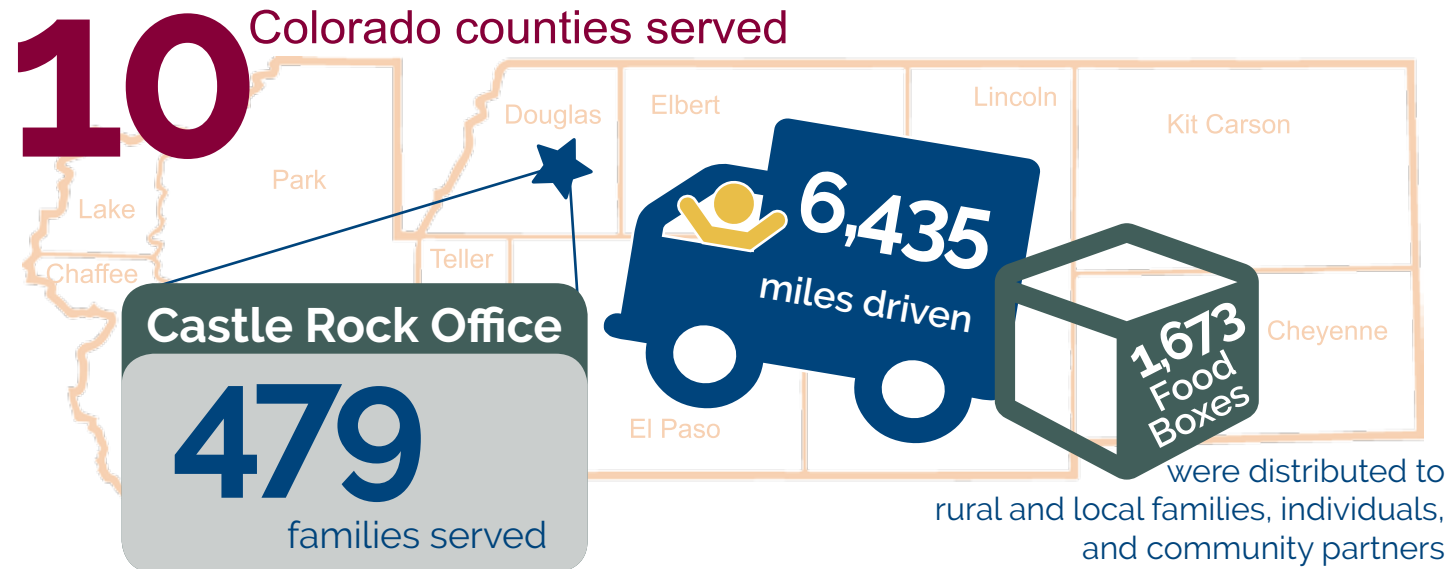




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F.Y. 2015/2016 Annual Report

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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
- Coats 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 Kidz

Educational Offerings

- Parenting Classes
- RealCare® Baby Project

Family Day Center

Family Facilitator - Douglas County Cares

Family Immigration Services

New Mothers' Support Groups

Pregnancy Support Services

Relinquishment Counseling



A child smiles for a photograph while she enjoys an enrichment activity at the Family Day Center

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.



Children participate in activities through Enriched Childcare while their parents attend ESL classes

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.

Adoption: 94% reported that the information helped them to make an informed decision.

Family Day Center: 97.6% of FDC families surveyed reported a better understanding of how to access services that empower their family.

Early Literacy Project: 100% of children are reading or looking at the books provided at least 3 - 4 times per week

744
hours of foster care
provided

21
individuals were
approved for citizenship

265
pregnant women served
with pregnancy support
services and maternity needs

45
clients received adoption
support services





Paths to Opportunity

- Citizenship Classes
- Donated Vehicle program
- English as a Second Language
- Financial Literacy Classes
- Identification Services/Vital Documents
 - Replacement IDs
 - Replacement Birth Certificates
- "Know Your Rights" Presentations
- Legal Assistance
 - Pro-Bono Legal Clinic by El Paso County Bar Association
 - On-site Lawyer
- Life Skills & Career Development Center
 - Computer Skills Classes
 - Job Placement
 - Life Skills Counseling
 - Work Readiness Support
- Social Entrepreneurship
 - Material Goods Support to Rural Thrift Stores
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

What was once the Computer Lab, is now a vibrant **Life Skills and Career Development Center** (LSCDC) with job fairs and job placement services, all spearheaded by volunteer Life Skills Instructor, Sherry Stulpin. Open five days a week, the LSCDC provided individualized mentoring to 290 clients who were searching for jobs or housing, or seeking assistance in life and work skills. Seventy clients achieved employment in FY 2015 - 16, with six individuals participating in pre-employment volunteer work to gain skills for future employment. Additionally, four participants utilizing the LSCDC moved from being homeless to finding housing.



ESL Students show off their participation certificates at the graduation ceremony.

"The services Catholic Charities offers basically saved me. I'm now in a managerial position."

A variety of educational opportunities are available throughout multiple Catholic Charities' programs. In the past fiscal year, 280 adults participated in **English as a Second Language** classes in Colorado Springs and Castle Rock while 74 of their children received literacy enhanced childcare. Forty percent of the students reported being able to find a new or better job as a result of taking the English classes.



Marian House clients engage in a discussion with staff during a Financial Literacy Class.

Seventeen people attended **Citizenship Classes**, held twice a week for six weeks, resulting in two new immigrants becoming American citizens. Additionally, 14 **"Know Your Rights"** presentations were conducted in local schools, churches, and other venues.

Three-hundred eighty-seven tax returns were filed through Pikes Peak United Way **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** program hosted at the Marian House in 2016, resulting in \$354,854 in federal and state refunds returned to our community.

Life Skills & Career Development: 94% of survey participants felt more connected to resources or people as a result of Computer Lab usage
Know Your Rights Presentations: 100% of survey participants reported being more informed about their legal immigration options
English as a Second Language: 71% of respondents reported greater confidence speaking English at work while 67% reporting increased ability to accomplish critical tasks.

280
adults attended
ESL Classes

359
Birth certificates
and IDs were
replaced

70
clients found
employment

8
donated vehicles
were distributed



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."



Women pick up turkeys that were delivered to the Stratton Community Pantry by Catholic Charities

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Premier Events



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

Known as the "fun" fundraiser in Colorado Springs, this event is a lively evening of auctions, live music, entertainment, and fine dining.

To date, the event has raised \$1.970 million to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities.

In 2017, the Diocese of Colorado Springs, Ent Credit Union, Michael J. Wolfe, Ryan Glass, and Betsy Sobral were recognized for their participation in the Gala for 10 years.



Devin Montagne with his painting: Kissing the Face of God



Volunteers lead the Procession



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.

Las Posadas is a traditional celebration representing the search of Mary and Joseph for a place for Jesus to be born. At Catholic Charities, this event emphasizes "welcoming the stranger" as the story of the Holy Family is also the story of a migrant family.



The candlelight procession



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Dancers entertain the attendees



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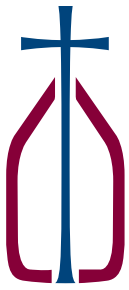
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