



from the BISHOP OF TRENTON

My dear friends of Catholic Charities:

Pope Francis has spoken at various times during his papacy about the "Art of Accompaniment." In an address to the Bishops of Brazil during World Youth Day 2013, he challenged them to reflect on Jesus' journey to Emmaus. He said, "We need a church capable of walking at the peoples' side, of doing more than simply listening to them; a church that accompanies them on their journey ..."

The mission of Catholic Charities in our diocese is to take up Pope Francis' challenge to "accompany" those in need; to listen to people's dreams; to share their disappointments; to sympathize with the brokenness of others and to walk with them on their journey while working with them to "renew (their) lives and to restore (their) hope."

The work of Catholic Charities is rooted in faith

and is shown in the respect for the dignity of each person who comes to them for assistance.

We are grateful to all at Catholic Charities who accompany those in need on their journey. We thank the board of trustees and each of you as donors and volunteers who support and share in this important mission.

As Bishop, I am honored to offer you this endorsement of Catholic Charities. May your support continue as Catholic Charities continues to accompany our brothers and sisters on their journey.

With my grateful, best wishes and prayers, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. **Bishop of Trenton**

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from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Like many of you, I eagerly await Pope Francis' visit to our area because he has been a powerful advocate for the poor and

vulnerable. His observations on strengthening families and creating economic opportunities for the least among us speak to our mission at Catholic Charities.

In his interpretation of the "Art of Accompaniment," I find similarities to the work advanced by our employees: our employees don't preach principles of wellness or self-sufficiency but rather, they listen to the traumatic events that led an individual or family to us for help. Our employees listen with compassion while honoring the dignity of each person who walks

through our doors. In this way, they are able to help the whole person, not just address a symptom. And to me, this accompaniment shows Christ's face to those who have not yet met him.

I hope you are inspired and encouraged by this Annual Report and on behalf of our staff, volunteers and those we serve, I thank you for your generous support.

Marlene Laó-Collins **Executive Director**

Pictured on cover: Marita Axten and her son Joe Kane at the family's homecoming reception (see full story on page 3).

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▼ From left clockwise: Marita Axten steps into her new home; Marita with her children; Marlene Laó-Collins presents Marita with a symbolic housewarming gift; Catholic Charities' Disaster Response team who helped bring the family back home.

Marita Axten did not click her heels together three times, but did repeatedly assert that "There's no place like home," referring to her family's nearly three-year odyssey to rebuild following Hurricane Sandy's devastating impact on their home in 2012. The mother of four grown children had tears in her eyes as she recounted what it took to finally return home.

The Axtens received a "homecoming" reception early this summer, coordinated by Catholic Charities' Disaster Response Program Case Manager Asma Taqi. "It was great to have the participation of the many groups and volunteers with whom we collaborated there to welcome Marita home," says Taqi.

Partnering organizations included the American Red Cross, Visitation Relief Center, the Ocean and Monmouth Long Term Recovery Groups, the St. Bernard Project and the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

TURNING POINT

When Marita first visited her home just days after Sandy, she barely recognized what had been left in its wake. What followed was a nightmarish journey through bureaucratic tangles and a challenging battle with her insurance company to rebuild the home that had been flooded with several feet of saltwater. The persistence and determination of Marita and her children Joseph, Jason, James and Jennifer paid off when FEMA connected the family with the Disaster Response Program in July of 2013.

In April of that year, Governor Christie's administration charged Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton with managing the statewide delivery of disaster response services. Case manager Randy Widrick worked closely with Marita to assess the current situation, identify what was needed and advocate for the home's demolition and rebuilding. He was able to guide the family using his knowledge of mortgage financing, the permitting process and construction.

Marita and her children provide an inspiration of the power and determination of faith. As Catholic Charities' Executive Director Marlene Laó-Collins greeted the family at their homecoming she noted that, "We carry in our hearts you and so many of the other families we work with to try and get back into their homes."

FOR MORE INFORMATION on the Disaster Response Program, contact 877-510-6762.



Changes in Human Resources Leadership

We said goodbye and best wishes to Kathryn Jean Turner (*pictured top left*) upon her retirement in April. Kathryn led Catholic Charities' Human Resources department for

16 years, and was the first woman to serve as a senior manager at the organization. During her tenure, Kathryn was a staff champion as she developed the department to offer more support to all of our employees. Leadership team meetings always found her to be a vocal advocate for our greatest resource — our staff.

In May, we welcomed Susan Loughery (*pictured above, bottom left*) to succeed Kathryn and lead our human resources efforts. Susan is a seasoned professional with more than 15 years of experience in Human Resources management for non-profit social service agencies, having worked for CPC Behavioral Health and Ocean Mental Health Services. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from St. John's University and a Master of Business Administration degree from The George Washington University.

Longtime Passionate Advocate Retires

Diana Pasca spent the last 37 years dedicated to empowering those with mental illness to reach high and achieve their dreams. Before the concepts of wellness and recovery were touted,



Diana embraced them in all she did at Catholic Charities' Delaware House. Diana (pictured above right with Marlene Laó-Collins) started with the agency in 1979 working in vocational services with the clients at Delaware House. With her now retired coworker, Louise Loza, she worked to build a successful supported employment program. Together they supported many consumers to achieve their goal of being gainfully employed. Diana retired in June, leaving behind a legacy of creating the Riverbank Self-Help Center and advocating for and with those who have mental illness.

Alternatives to Healing

Providence House has long prided itself on its array of counseling services for victims of domestic violence. Through the generosity of local volunteers, the staff at the Burlington Safe House has recently started to explore some alternative therapies as well.



▲ Above and left: Henry the therapy dog makes regular rounds at the Burlington Safe House.

all types of settings," Cheryl says.

A former social worker with a

background of working with abused kids, Cheryl says she feels like her life is coming full circle

through her therapy work with Henry.

Henry will continue his rounds at Providence House twice a month and Cheryl also plans to have him start working with veterans who are suffering from PTSD and victims of human trafficking.

YOGA BENEFITS RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES

Yoga instructor Chrissy Juliano of Marlton

VISITS WITH HENRY

Henry, a 2-year-old Australian Shepherd/Doberman mix, and his owner Cheryl Pliskin of Mt. Laurel (pictured above center), regularly visit Providence House's Safe House in Burlington County to take part in an afternoon of pet therapy for residents and their children (along with Providence House staff too)!

Cheryl and Henry attended training through Therapy Dogs International (TDI) where Henry proved that he is quite the over-achiever by completing the program in a month. "He's comfortable around all people — adults, children, seniors — and in

news from PROVIDENCE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

volunteers her time to teach a yoga class for children and their mothers at the Burlington Safe House. Chrissy brings plenty of kid-friendly music and games to accompany the session.

Chrissy, who says she recently deepened her yoga practice by becoming a licensed social worker, wanted to utilize her training to give back to children and adults. She was aware of the great work being done at Providence House and felt that residents could benefit from a morning yoga session.

▼ Chrissy Juliano tailors her yoga routine to benefit even the youngest residents.





NEW GENERATORS INSTALLED AT BOTH SAFE HOUSES

Ken Adam of Catholic Charities' Maintenance team (pictured at left) and Mary Pettrow, Associate Director of Providence House, were "the boots on the ground" during Hurricane Sandy

and learned first-hand the vulnerabilities that faced the residential programs in the dark and cold days that followed.

This experience sparked their united efforts in 2014 to obtain over \$100,000 in state funding to install two natural gas powered full-house generators for both the Ocean and Burlington County Safe Houses.

The generators come on within a split second of a power outage. There is no need to venture outside and pour gasoline into a manually operated generator as staff had to do previously.

"The generators will ensure that both Safe Houses have lights, heat, refrigeration, a fully functioning crisis telephone hotline and security systems to reduce the trauma and fear that extended power outages can create," says Adam.





GIFT AUCTION RAISES JUST SHY OF \$71,000

More than 700 people attended the 15th Annual Gift Auction to benefit Providence House in June. Many thanks to the staff, volunteers and sponsors who work year-round to make this event a huge success!

PROVIDENCE HOUSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES **2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

411

Victims and their children were provided shelter services

1,472

Callers to the hotline were assisted

382

Children and adolescents were provided with domestic violence-related counseling

2,175

Victims received legal advocacy and assistance

8,621

Individuals received domestic violence education and/or training

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

35,043

Individuals received non-food essentials such as clothing, personal hygiene products, baby care products, furniture

1,018

Households received Thanksgiving meals

2,051

Households received holiday food and gifts for Christmas

1,258

Children received an Easter basket

933

Children received backpacks and school supplies

143

Individuals located permanent housing through Rapid Re-Housing

Project Hope Empowers Consumers



Ocean Community Services' Project Hope Health and Wellness Education and Prevention Services is designed to help economically disadvantaged residents of Ocean County effect changes in their health practices. This includes learning about healthy lifestyles, identifying potential health risks, obtaining treatment and developing a plan with a case manager

to meet basic and health care needs. It is partially funded by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey.

Project Hope's ESL Health Literacy workshop is a 10-week course, held twice annually, that helps limited English proficient participants acquire the basic medical information and vocabulary they need to maintain their health and the health of family members.

The workshop culminates in a Mock Healthcare Clinic where participants put into practice concepts they studied over nine weeks. As they would at an actual clinic, participants fill out a health history form, communicate their health concerns and symptoms, and ask questions about treatment or medication, in English, with volunteer "medical practitioners" who work at the clinic. Instructor Jennifer Morgan says the workshop "provides participants with important tools and helps build their confidence so that they can improve the quality of their lives."

Whole Consumer a Focus at Partial Care Program

Apart from differences in the types of services offered, all of the mental health services offered at Catholic Charities focus on helping consumers achieve their highest level of functioning and life quality.

This is easily demonstrated by the Partial Care program in Burlington County, housed on Ikea Drive in Westampton. Partial Care is a service that offers a range of outpatient, intensive and psychiatric rehabilitation opportunities for adults experiencing any of the following:

- An acute onset or reoccurrence of a pre-existing mental illness
- Severe and persistent mental illness
- Mental illness as well as a co-occurring disorder, such as substance dependence

TEAM APPROACH

Comprehensive integrated care is coodinated through a multidisciplinary clinical team that includes:

- Psychiatric RNs
- Licensed clinical social workers
- Case managers

COMMUNITY SERVICES RECEIVES \$40K GRANT FROM WALMART FOUNDATION



Burlington Community Services was a recipient of a \$40,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to perform outreach, education and enrollment assistance to residents in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties interested in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This is the second year Burlington Community Services received the grant and in 2014, used the grant to provide outreach and education to 425 individuals — 242 of whom were provided with enrollment assistance and 236 of whom received SNAP benefits. The 2015 goals of this grant are to expand outreach, provide enrollment assistance to 320 individuals and achieve SNAP benefits for 300.



- Psychiatrist
- On-site primary care

Programming consists of skill development, wellness activities and counseling. For individuals whose goals include re-employment, activities and support are provided to facilitate the return to work.

Through this comprehensive approach, 93 percent of individuals in Partial Care have avoided psychiatric hospitalization and are able to function and live independently within their communities. Additionally, 90 percent avoided a medical ER visit during their time in the program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Partial Care program, contact Jamie Rickard at 609-267-9339, or jrickard@cctrenton.org.

A PACT That Makes a Difference

When we see or hear the word "pact," we routinely associate it with an agreement or a contract. That is due to its deep roots in the 14th Century Latin "pactum" meaning "covenant" or to "join together, to fix."

At Catholic Charities, the acronym PACT (Program of Assertive Community Treatment) refers to comprehensive, locally based treatment for people with serious and persistent mental illnesses. PACT team members include social workers, psychiatric RNs and other professionals in providing individualized services directly to consumers.

PACT consumers receive

multidisciplinary, round-the-clock services within the comfort of their own home and community. To have the competencies and skills to meet a client's multiple treatment, rehabilitation and support needs, PACT team members are trained in the areas of psychiatry, social work, nursing, substance abuse and vocational rehabilitation. The PACT team provides these necessary services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

"We accompany each of our consumers on their journey to successfully manage their mental illness," observes PACT Program Director Drew Wisloski, referring to continued on page 9

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES **2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

4,295

Individuals received professional intervention helping them to manage behavioral health and substance abuse challenges in their lives

42

People who have significant life challenges were coached and supported by our staff and secured employment above minimum wage

Individuals with a serious mental illness including those with co-occurring substance abuse and medical disorders — were assisted to secure or retain independent living in their own permanent housing

HOW A PACT TEAM WORKS

PACT team members (Mercer Team III pictured at right) strive to reduce the symptoms of mental illness, prevent recurrent acute episodes of the illness, help meet basic needs and enhance quality of life. PACT minimizes the recurrence of hospitalization and enables consumers to live independently within their own community.

For aging parents of adults living with serious mental illness, the PACT team is an invaluable partner, easing some of the concerns they have if they predecease their child. In an interview with The Star Ledger in 2009, Alicia Nash expressed this concern, "When I am gone, will Johnny be living in the street?" (see Editor's Note, page 9)



Evidence Based Treatment Helps Child Trauma Victims

Renown child psychologist Jean Piaget famously observed "Play is the work of children." His extensive research taught him that through creative activities, children learn important information and develop skills. The treatment provided by clinicians at the Monmouth/ Ocean Family Growth program for children impacted by trauma incorporates play and creative arts techniques into the structure of evidence based treatment.

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
2014 HIGHLIGHTS

2,669

Mercer County families received counseling, crisis intervention and basic needs assistance

1,512

Monmouth County families received counseling, help rebuilding Sandy-impacted homes and basic needs assistance

1,408

Ocean County families received counseling, help rebuilding Sandy-impacted homes, substance dependence treatment and basic needs assistance The primary approach utilized with children (ages 3-18) is Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (T-F CBT). This evidence based treatment is appropriate for children who have had one or more traumas and are experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress. It is a structured short term (4-6 months) approach that helps children manage their feelings, talk about the trauma and develop plans for feeling safe in the future.

Parents or caregivers are strongly engaged and taught how to help the child practice coping skills at home and after treatment has been completed. Therapeutic toys and games are used throughout treatment to help children express feelings and tell their story in a comfortable, age appropriate manner.

Parent-Child Interactive
Therapy (PCIT) is an evidence
based treatment for young children
(ages 2-6) with conduct disorders
that places emphasis on improving
the quality of the parent-child
relationship. It utilizes a live parent
coaching technique while the parent
and child are engaged in play with



toys. This treatment has resulted in increases in positive parenting behaviors and children have shown increases in compliance and decreases in negative behaviors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Jane Meyer at 732-747-9660, or jmeyer@cctrenton.org.

ADVOCATE OBSERVES 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN CARING FOR FAMILIES

Ron Gering, Director of Children and Family Services, is celebrating 40 years as an advocate for families. He joined Catholic Charities in 1975 and continues to provide strong clinical and administrative leadership. Throughout his many years with Catholic Charities, Gering has overseen significant growth in services offered to children and families.

His notable accomplishments include the expansion of services in Monmouth County, creation of the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services program to assist families in crisis, and the development of El Centro, a multi-purpose resource center for the Hispanic community.

Long aware of the significant role trauma plays in the lives of the individuals and families seeking our help, Gering helped establish the Trauma-Informed Work Group to conduct research on Trauma-Informed systems of care and develop recommendations for implementing a Tra



▲ Ron Gering, Director of Children & Family Services

recommendations for implementing a Trauma-Informed system of care throughout Catholic Charities.

Creating a Culture of Learning to Improve **Services and Outcomes**

To engage all employees in the process of quality improvement, Catholic Charities adopted a new problem-solving model referred to as Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) early in 2015. "This is a quality improvement tool that empowers employees at every level and in every position to examine and refine practices with the end goal being improved services and outcomes," says Bob Hodnett, Associate Director, Children and Family Services. Hodnett is leading the PDSA implementation and started off with training agency staff.

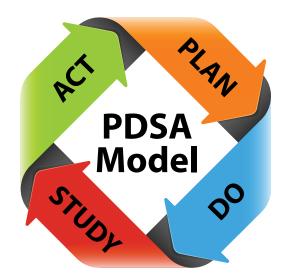
PDSA BOOT CAMP

Multiple training sessions were held between March and May, with approximately 300 employees participating. Sessions were held in all four counties in all programs/ departments with staff at all levels attending. "Employees expressed many positive responses to the PDSA model during the trainings and were excited to implement it in their programs," says Hodnett.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The trainings involved a hands-on application of the PDSA model during the training session. Staff were asked to form groups with others from their program or similar programs and were walked through a PDSA plan of their choosing.

► Staff gather at Central Administrative Services in Trenton to participate in one of several PDSA training sessions.



NEXT STEPS

The focus of adopting this new model is to improve the quality of services to our consumers which will ultimately lead to greater positive outcomes. "When staff at all levels in every department participate in the PDSA process starting this summer, studies will be completed quickly and improvements can be made right away," says Hodnett. All PDSA studies will be structured to generate data which will be used in determining what, if any, changes need to be implemented.

"The overarching goal in adopting the PDSA model is to create a learning environment in the agency in which we are constantly examining our practices and learning from our experience in a systematic and strategic manner," Hodnett explains.



Behavioral Health Services PACT Team, continued from page 7

the partnership forged between consumers and their counselors.

Referrals are made to the PACT program from social service agencies or in-patient facilities, but that is changing. Owing to the advocacy efforts of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill), many families now directly contact PACT for help managing the needs of relatives living with mental illness. One such family was the Nashes, who sought help from PACT in 2005 on behalf of their son, John F. Nash, Jr.

Editor's Note: Tragically, John and Alicia Nash were killed in a car accident while returning home from a trip to Norway to accept the prestigious Abel Prize for his work in mathematics. Nash's work and his struggle with mental illness received wide attention through the book and film, "A Beautiful Mind." In the early 2000s, both John and Alicia became powerful advocates in the fight to destigmatize mental illness.

Drew Wisloski, the PACT team lead for John Nash, Jr. said, "It was a very difficult time for everyone, but we were grateful to have been able to help by offering ongoing support."

True to the root definition of "pact," Wisloski and his PACT team continue to honor their covenant with consumers.

County Boards Continue Making a Difference

BURLINGTON COUNTY

The Burlington Board recently appointed its new Board Chair, Mae Heminway (pictured below at center with Development Director Nancy Tompkins and Wally Loza). Mae will replace long-time Chair Wally Loza.

Mae has been a Board member since 2011 and is the Branch Manager of Investors Bank in Florence. She has been instrumental in organizing several initiatives to benefit Catholic Charities including participating in the Walk of Hope, March for Hunger and community awareness initiatives.



The Burlington Board is also running a bus trip fundraiser to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster for a production of *Joseph* on September 30. Cost is \$115 per person and includes tickets to the production, a buffet meal, round trip transportation and all taxes and gratuities. Funds generated will benefit Catholic Charities programs in Burlington County.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on the bus trip, contact Paula Teixeira at 609-284-4498.



MERCER COUNTY

The Mercer County Board hosted its first Pocketbook Bingo event in May at St. Paul School in Princeton. Eleven winners came away with pocketbooks by Coach, Kate Spade, Ralph Lauren and more! Funds raised benefit Catholic Charities programs in Mercer County. Pictured above, I to r: Mercer Board Co-chairs Ralph Finaldi and Judy Caracio and Board of Trustees Member Suzanne Richer.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

A blinding snow storm did not deter more than 300 people from attending Pocketbook



Bingo hosted by the Monmouth County Board at St. Leo the Great in Lincroft in March. *Pictured above, I to r: Pocketbook Bingo Committee Cochairs Mary Lee, Valarie DeFelice, Barbara Incitti and Mary-Ann Guyler.* The event raised more than \$17,000 to benefit programs throughout Monmouth county. Twelve lucky winners each went home with a new designer hand bag,

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including a Louis Vuitton valued at \$1,350.

The Monmouth Board's second annual Cheers to Summer event held at the Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club in May raised more than \$62,000 to benefit programs in Monmouth County. The

event featured cocktails, a buffet, dancing, a gift auction and 50/50 raffle. Pictured at right are members of the Monmouth County Board.



Save the date for the Monmouth Board's next fundraiser — a Clam Bake at Belmar Fishing Club on September 19! The event will feature a traditional clam bake menu, live band, outdoor bar, gift auction and 50/50.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or tickets, contact Jenn Leip at 609-394-5181 x1137, or jleip@cctrenton.org.

OCEAN COUNTY

The Ocean County Board will hold a 50/50 Raffle Drawing to benefit Catholic Charities programs in Ocean County. Tickets will go on sale in mid September and the drawing will be held on December 9 at Providence House in Whiting. All funds will benefit Catholic Charities programs in Ocean County.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or ticket sale locations, contact Nancy Tompkins at 609-394-5181 x1161, or ntompkins@cctrenton.org.

2ND WALK OF HOPE **RAISES \$17,000**

On a brisk and chilly Saturday in late March, nearly 300 walkers gathered at Mercer County Park to take part in Catholic Charities' second annual Walk of Hope.

The event raised more than \$17,000 to help Catholic Charities continue its mission of reducing poverty, promoting recovery and strengthening families.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS EVENT SPONSORS:

- Presenting Sponsor: **Investors Bank**
- Water Table Sponsor: The Bank of Princeton
- Gold Sponsor: Reilly Financial Group, an office of MetLife
- Silver Sponsor: Hopewell Valley Bank

▼ From I to r: Executive Director Marlene Laó-Collins: Adan Pacheco. this year's honored walker; Msgr. Ron Bacovin; and Richard Gillespie, Walk of Hope Committee Chair.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 * 5 to 10 PM * HYATT REGENCY PRINCETON

Catholic Charities' 26th Annual Guardian Angel Dinner Dance honors individuals, parishes and corporations whose involvement has been significant in helping us fulfill our mission.

Proceeds generated by the event help 100,000 individuals annually, regardless of religious affiliation. Over 90 cents of every dollar goes directly back into programs and services to help those in need.

> For tickets, sponsorship or auction donation information, contact Sarah Macken at 609-394-5181 x1159, or smacken@cctrenton.org.

2015 Honorees



MOST REVEREND DAVID M. O'CONNELL, C.M. Richard J. Hughes, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, Humanitarian Award





PETER J. GRIFFIN Monmouth County Light of Hope





NOTRE DAME CLUB OF THE JERSEY SHORE Ocean County Light of Hope





JEFFREY AND MEGAN GORDON Mercer County Light of Hope



INVESTORS BANK (pictured Kevin Cummings, President) Corporate Citizen of the Year

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

REVENUE + EXPENSES. Following is a pre-audit summary of revenues and expenses for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2014.* Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, continues to be fiscally responsible, fulfilling the stewardship expected by our funders and donors. Less than 8.2% of our budget is spent on centralized administrative costs.

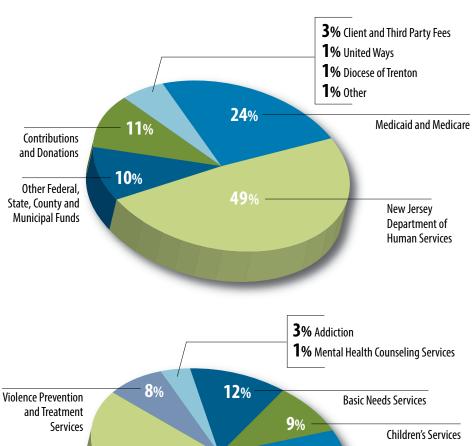
Services for

the Seriously Mentally III

-\$82,318

REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCE	2014
Medicaid and Medicare	\$11,718,061
New Jersey Department of Human Services	\$23,807,125
Other Federal, State, County and Municipal Funds	\$4,864,819
Contributions and Donations	\$5,225,088
Client and Third Party Fees	\$1,352,142
United Ways	\$292,648
Diocese of Trenton	\$619,982
Other	\$357,236
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$48,237,101

EXPENSES BY SERVICE GROUP	2014
Addiction Services	\$1,345,547
Basic Needs Services	\$5,651,913
Children's Services	\$4,366,637
Housing Services	\$11,048,322
Disaster Response	\$6,569,403
Mental Health Counseling Services	\$445,553
Services for the Seriously Mentally III	\$14,922,200
Violence Prevention and Treatment Services	\$3,969,844
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$48,319,419



14%

23%

Housing Services

Disaster Response

PROGRAM DEFICIT

^{*} A full financial statement may be obtained by writing to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton; Attn: George Bontcue, Associate Executive Director of Fiscal Affairs; 383 West State Street, PO Box 1423; Trenton, NJ 08607-1423

DONATION BINS PROVE TO BE HUGE SUCCESS

In 2014, the donation bins located in and around Ocean and Monmouth counties generated more than \$20,150, with \$17,013 going to Community Services and \$3,145 going to Providence House.

The donation bin initiative was sparked by Executive Director, Marlene Laó-Collins, who learned about it from her colleague at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson. She then thoroughly vetted the provider, Sentinel Management Corp., and interviewed some of the parish contacts who were already working with Sentinel for feedback.

Sentinel provides the bins at no cost to Catholic Charities and is responsible for placing, emptying and maintaining the bins. The idea was approved and implemented by Catholic Charities' Social Enterprise Committee.

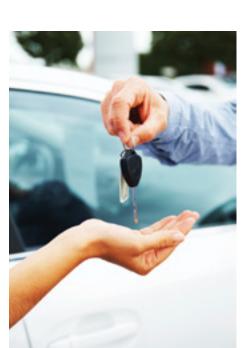
Thanks to the donations collected. Catholic Charities was able to provide additional assistance for rent and utilities to 12 families and nine individuals.

WANT TO HELP? Look for more donation bins coming to an area near you in the coming months!



▲ Mary Pettrow, Co-chair of the Social **Enterprise Committee and Associate** Director of Providence House, stands by the donation bin near her office in Whiting.





CAR DONATIONS

Have an old car taking up space in your driveway? Donate it to Catholic Charities, Diocese Trenton!

Making a donation is as easy as filling out an online form or picking up a phone and speaking to a live operator.

WHY DONATE?

- Avoid the hassles of selling a car
- No need to pay hefty repair bills
- Free up space in your garage
- 100% tax deductible

FOR MORE INFORMATION, call toll-free 844-470-GIVE or 844-470-4483, seven days a week, or visit CatholicCharitiesTrenton-cardonations.org



HOW WE **CHANGED LIVES**

In 2014, we served 123,676 clients.*

43,804

People received food from Community Services. Nearly 19,000 of whom were children.

People were offered interventions through Behavioral Health Services to help them manage mental illness and substance abuse challenges.

4,639

Individuals received life-saving assistance from Providence House Domestic Violence Services to escape violence in their homes.

5,589

Families received specialized counseling through Children and Family Services to alleviate suffering.

30,339

Hours were donated by 312 Catholic Charities volunteers.

237

Households received financial assistance and/or counseling through our specialized Parish Services program.

> *This number may represent duplicated clients in some circumstances.

2014 DONORS



In May, nearly 40 people attended a breakfast held at Mastoris Diner in Bordentown to kick-off Catholic Charities' 2015 Annual Circle of Friends Major Gifts Campaign. The Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., was the guest speaker and gave a passionate testimony that told of his recent health crisis and how it gave him a better perspective of what it's like to need the help of others.

The Annual Circle of Friends Major Gifts Campaign focuses on individuals giving leadership gifts that enable us to continue renewing lives and restoring hope for more than 100,000 people we serve each year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to donate, contact Nancy Tompkins at 609-394-5181 x1161, or ntompkins@cctrenton.org.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, would like to thank the individuals, corporations and foundations that supported our mission in 2014. The following list contains donors who contributed \$100 or more.

The giving levels indicated reflect those of our 2014 Annual Circle of Friends Major Gifts Campaign. We extend our sincere gratitude to ALL who give generously throughout the year. Please know that each contribution is valued and appreciated.

LEGACY CIRCLE

Planned Gifts to Catholic Charities

Estate of Clare T. Donnelly Estate of William E. Doyle Estate of Elizabeth Finn Estate of Alfred G. Hoerrner Estate of Marion Ploessel

SHAREHOLDER CIRCLE

\$50,000+

Anonymous Mission and Ministry, Inc.

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MEET THE GOMEZ FAMILY

Olga Gomez and her three children endured domestic abuse and other difficulties until she was referred to El Centro, where her son Juan enrolled in the After School Program. Her involvement in El Centro formed the turning point in Olga's life as she moved away from dependence and fear to living in a place of her own with a good job enabling her to provide for her three children.

"The love and compassion that El Centro staff have for people is priceless and I thank God every day for all the help and love they give me and my children."

Following in son Juan's footsteps, Olga also started going to El Centro, taking ESL and computer classes. Later, she took healthy relationship workshops, parenting classes and GED classes. Her children have participated in all the programs El Centro offers for children.

Olga has her own apartment and a full time job that allows her to support her family. Her sons participate in El Centro's Mentoring Program where they receive support and friendship. Juan made the honor roll at school for the first time and Kenner excels in science and math. Her daughter Marina will participate in El Centro's summer program this July.

Olga says, "I couldn't have done it without El Centro, they supported me since the first time I came to the office 10 years ago until today."

The Gomez Family will receive the Client Achievement Award at this year's Guardian Angel Dinner Dance. See page 11 for more information.