



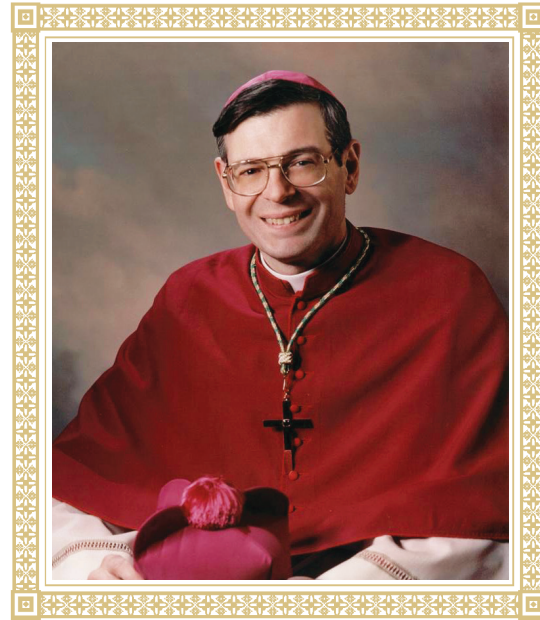
Catholic Charities Diocese of Palm Beach

2012 – 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Palm Beach

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

St. Francis of Assisi

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Greetings and blessings to our volunteers, benefactors and funders who support Catholic Charities’ mission to those who are most poor and vulnerable within the Diocese of Palm Beach. Thank you for your generosity of spirit. You have made an important difference in the lives of over 9,000 unduplicated individuals this past year.

The Catholic Charities Board of Directors, Administration and Program Staff are working together as a strong and unified team to provide and implement the charitable vision of our Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach: to serve and advocate on behalf of those persons who do not have a voice or the power to help themselves. Empowered by the prayerful and generous support of our donors, and motivated by Catholic principles, our agency continues to grow and fulfill a leadership role in the community.

The Catholic Charities mission is rooted in the fundamental belief that every person has a right to be treated with dignity and that every human life is sacred. Integral to our mission and vision are Catholic Charities’ core values of Faith, Respect and Service. These values underscore “why, how and what” we do in Catholic Charities. Our recognition that “God is in our midst” when we serve our clients, determines the moral strength of our agency. The time, care, dignity and professionalism that we offer each individual client and each other defines us as an exceptional agency.

I hope you enjoy this annual report of our past year’s activities and accomplishments. You are most welcome to visit us at our St. Francis Center in Riviera Beach and our new St. Mary Center in Pahokee. We consider you part of our Catholic Charities family and appreciate your collaboration and generosity.

Please keep Catholic Charities and all those whom we serve, especially the children, in your prayers and your financial contributions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sheila Gomez

Feature Program Event: Counseling Christmas Tea

The Catholic Charities Counseling Program has brought healing to those in need since 1985. The counseling program provides therapy for adults, children, families, couples and groups in eight locations throughout four counties. Counselors help clients to deal with problems such as depression, loneliness, grief and loss, anxiety, stressful relationships, child and adolescent problems, and other life stressors. On average, the program assists more than 1,300 unduplicated clients annually.

Catholic Charities Counseling Program offers its services to clients on a sliding scale which allows low-to-middle class people to benefit from the therapy services. Still, some clients are unable to afford even these minimal fees and the program constantly seeks grants and private funding to ensure that no client is turned away from services.

Each year the Counseling Program organizes a Christmas Tea in Palm Beach County to raise awareness and funds to support the program. Last year the tea was held at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach and was attended by more than 90 ladies who enjoyed a Christmas themed Silent Auction and Christmas Carols sung by grade-schoolers from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lake Worth. More than \$12,000 was raised to benefit the program. These funds will ensure that Catholic Charities continues to be able to serve clients through the Counseling Program regardless of their ability to pay a fee. This year the Counseling Christmas Tea will be held again at the Norton Museum of Art on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.



(l-r) Amy Quattlebaum, 2012 Tea Co-Chair;
Victoria Pollingue, 2012 Tea Chair;
Nannette Cassidy, 2012 Tea Co-Chair



Counseling Director
Maria Isava
with 2012 Tea Honorary
Chair Diann Jasinski

If you are interested in helping with or attending the Christmas Tea, please call 561-630-2695.



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Linking up with the Glades Catholic Charities St. Mary's Center in Pahokee

Catholic Charities opened its doors at St. Mary's Center in September, 2012. The center is located on the St. Mary's Parish grounds and houses five Catholic Charities programs.

The location of St. Mary's Center in Pahokee is ideal as it allows the programs to provide much-needed services to all those in need living around Lake Okeechobee from Belle Glade up to Okeechobee. The following services are currently available to the community at the center: **Hunger, Homeless and Outreach; Immigration Legal Services; Interfaith Health and Wellness; Family Counseling; and Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center.**

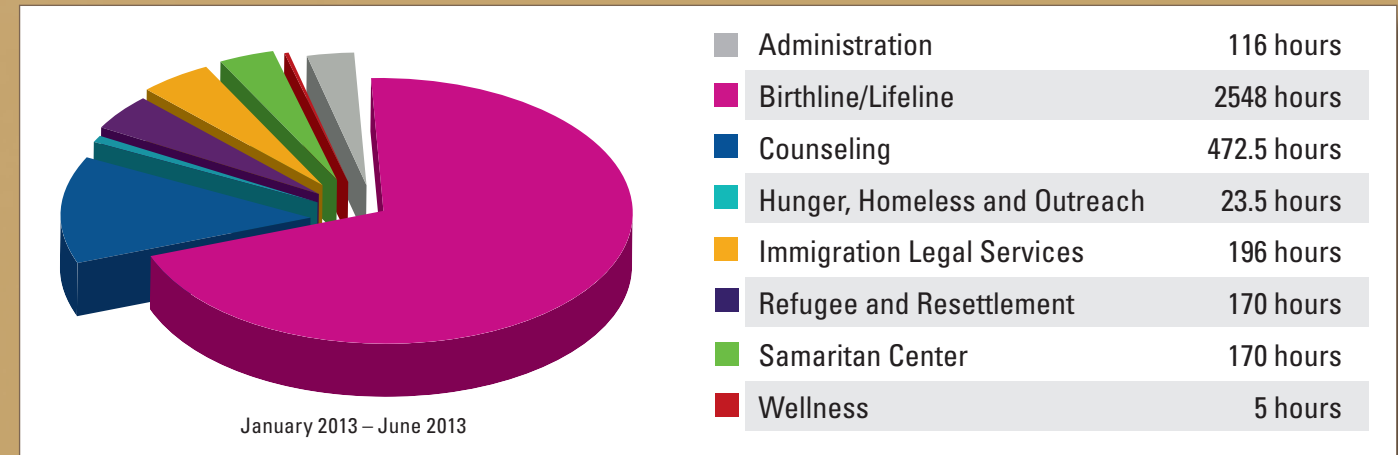
Catholic Charities has maintained a strong presence in the Glades community for over a decade. The agency's after-school care program originally expanded to this mostly migrant community and operated out of Belle Glade and Pahokee. This past year, after a careful, in-depth program analysis was conducted, the Pahokee Pals After-School Program closed following the summer camp program.

Because Catholic Charities' mission is to the poorest and most vulnerable, it was decided to maintain and strengthen our social service outreach in the Pahokee area. After consultation with local leaders and other community social service agencies regarding services that are needed or insufficiently represented in Pahokee, Catholic Charities expanded existing programs to the Pahokee location.

Three programs immediately began offering services in September 2012 and the remaining two were implemented after funding was secured. The St. Mary's Center is now in full operation and all are invited to visit and tour our new location.

Thank You to Our Dedicated Volunteers

Volunteers are a blessing to others, and are blessed in return. Catholic Charities' volunteers serve in programs and ministries that attend to the poor, suffering, aged, infirm, displaced, needy and marginalized people living in the Diocese of Palm Beach. Catholic Charities is so grateful to our hundreds of volunteers who give of themselves in the service of God's people in need. A volunteer reaches out the hand of God to comfort His people.



Have you been wondering how you can help ease the suffering of God's most vulnerable people? To find out more information on volunteer opportunities and to get involved please call 561-345-2005 or visit us online at www.catholiccharitiesdpb.org.

Volunteer of the Year 2013



Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito presents Daniel Carlock with the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Catholic Charities' Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2013 Award

was presented to Mr. Daniel Carlock. Mr. Carlock has been an active Prison Ministry volunteer since 1993. He has ministered weekly to inmates at a Maximum Security Prison and a Psychiatric Treatment Center for accused felons. In his role of Prison Ministry Volunteer, Mr. Carlock has lovingly brought the word of God and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church to tens of thousands of inmates during his 20 years of service. As he approaches his 84th birthday, Mr. Carlock continues to serve the Lord in his weekly commitment to Prison Ministry. He has brought God's love, mercy and forgiveness to people and places from which many shy away. His public example of faith and humility are to be admired.

Volunteer Services is always seeking generous and dedicated volunteers for many programs, working in many capacities:

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

- Organize and implement food and clothing drives
- Locate furniture and household items for relocated refugee families
- Sort through donated items

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SENIORS

- Work with expectant mothers
- Help homeless families
- Organize toy drives for Christmas
- Visit with seniors

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Clerical assistance
- Reception area
- Mailings
- Events

"Together we can do something beautiful for God."

~Blessed Theresa of Calcutta

Celebrating Our Donors!

7th Annual Bernard and Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012
Bent Pine Golf Club, Vero Beach

\$49,665 was raised to benefit the Samaritan Center.

The event was sponsored by DNE World Fruit Sales in memory of Bernard and Betty Egan and was attended by over 100 golfers.



Participants enjoy a beautiful day of Golf during the Bernard and Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic.



Volunteers at St. Helen's Church organize Soup Bowl Sales in Vero Beach.

20th Annual Soup Bowl

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012
Various Locations throughout Indian River County

\$44,024 was raised to benefit the Samaritan Center.

Over 60 local restaurants donated soup that was served at 30 plus public locations during lunch and/or dinner.

Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala Pre-Event Cocktail Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012
Wally Findlay Galleries, Palm Beach

James R. Borynack, Chairman CEO of Wally Findlay Galleries in Palm Beach, hosted the pre-event cocktail reception. The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Diocese of Palm Beach, greeted the more than 100 guests who attended the reception including Marietta and Dale McNulty; Kim and Ray Celedinas; Trudy Brekus; Cathy and Andres Fanjul; Mercedes Cassidy; Lori and Harold Corrigan; Christine and Dean Goodman; Mary and Joe Ierardi; Fruema and Elliott Klorfein; Virginia Longo; Victoria and Eugene Pollingue; Alice and Theodore Tarone; and Mary Lynn and Pell Rogers.



Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop Diocese of Palm Beach and James R. Borynack, Chairman CEO of Wally Findlay Galleries.

8th Annual Faith Community Nurse Awards Luncheon

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013
The National Croquet Center, West Palm Beach

\$5,081 was raised to benefit Interfaith Health & Wellness.

The Mother Teresa Award was awarded to Dr. Roy Cacciaguida for showing extraordinary care and compassion to others.

Catholic Charities Annual Volunteer Mass and Luncheon

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013
Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola

More than 80 volunteers, along with their Program Administrators and Ministry Directors, attended the Catholic Charities' Volunteer Appreciation Mass and Luncheon held on Friday, April 26th, 2013. The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, celebrated Mass in the Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola to a standing room only congregation of volunteers from Catholic Charities' 14 programs and ministries. The Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented by Bishop Barbarito to Mr. Daniel Carlock who has been volunteering each week for Prison Ministry for the past 20 years.



Special Mass Celebrating the work of Guardians

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012
Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito celebrated this special Mass to recognize the outstanding contributions and work of guardians. The Mass was organized by Elder Affairs.

5th Annual Walk-a thon and Praise and Worship Night

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012
Emmanuel Catholic Church, Delray Beach

\$10,722 was raised to benefit Birthline/Lifeline's Pregnancy Care Centers.

Bishop Barbarito helped lead the participants around the lake on the property. As they walked, participants prayed for the unborn and the end of abortion.

Catholic Charities St. Francis Center Dedication Ceremony

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012
Catholic Charities
St. Francis Center, Riviera Beach

The Dedication Ceremony celebrated the newly opened social service center which is home to 12 Catholic Charities Programs and Ministries. Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito blessed the newly renovated building in the midst of a crowd of donors, friends, staff, volunteers and funders.



Members of the Lewis Family stand with a memorial plaque for Senator Philip D. Lewis during the St. Francis Dedication Ceremony.

3rd Annual Dinner Dance Gala

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2012
St. Jude's Catholic Church, Boca Raton

\$64,803 was raised to benefit Birthline/Lifeline's Pregnancy Care Centers.

Nearly 250 guests attended the evening which honored Dr. Adkins with the Blessed John Paul II, Most Valuable Person Award.

Annual Christmas Tea

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012
The Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach

\$12,330 was raised to benefit the Counseling Program.

The event was attended by over 90 ladies who enjoyed a musical performance by the Mixed Ensemble from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lake Worth, a school of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Twenty 2nd – 8th graders under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Divine entertained the ladies with Christmas Carols. Victoria Pollingue served as Chairwoman of the Christmas Tea. Serving as co-chairwomen were Nannette Cassidy and Amy Quattlebaum.



2nd Annual Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013
The Breakers, Palm Beach

\$368,424 was raised to benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach.

Marietta and Dale McNulty served as Chairpersons and Kim and Ray Celedinas served as Co-Chairpersons of the event. The evening's honorees included Catherine and Edwin Sagurton, Sister Laura Cavanaugh and Maria Carlton.

20th Annual Home is Where the Heart Is Celebration

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013
Quail Valley River Club, Vero Beach

\$63,575 was raised to benefit the Samaritan Center.

The evening honored Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grall for their outstanding philanthropic efforts in Indian River County.

Birthline/Lifeline Spring Luncheon and Lecture

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013
Westchester Country Club, Boynton Beach

\$9,670 was raised to benefit Birthline/Lifeline's Pregnancy Care Centers.

Melissa Ohden was the keynote speaker this year and spoke about her survival of the abortion attempt, adoption and how her life has come full circle.

Catholic Charities EVENTS 2013-2014

10-05-2013	Samaritan Center's 8th Annual Bernard and Betty Egan Memorial Golf Classic
10-05-2013	Birthline/Lifeline's 6th Annual Walk-a thon and Praise and Worship Night
10-18/19-2013	Florida Respect Life Conference
11-07-2013	Elder Affairs' Annual Dinner
11-07-2013	Samaritan Center's 21st Annual Soup Bowl
11-16-2013	Birthline/Lifeline's 4th Annual Dinner Dance Gala
12-10-2013	Counseling's 4th Annual Christmas Tea

12-16-2013	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach Caritas Dei Gala Pre-Event Cocktail Reception
01-30-2014	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach Caritas Dei Annual Bishop's Gala
March 2014	Samaritan Center Dinner 21st Annual Home is Where the Heart Is
March 2014	Birthline/Lifeline's Spring Luncheon and Lecture
April 2014	Samaritan Center's 1st Annual Bridging the Gap to Homelessness 10K
April 2014	Interfaith Health & Wellness' 9th Annual Faith Community Nurse Awards Luncheon

BIRTHLINE/LIFELINE PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." - Mother Theresa

Where – Delray Beach, Pahokee, Riviera Beach

Description – Women coping with an unplanned pregnancy can access compassionate counseling regarding adoption and alternatives to pregnancy terminations. Proof of Pregnancy is provided for prenatal care referrals. Referrals are made for medical coverage, prenatal care, housing, and emergency assistance. Limited ultrasound is provided by medical professionals. Free material assistance may include maternity clothes, baby apparel and layettes. When available, car seats, strollers, cribs, baby food, formula and diapers are provided.

Case Story – A call came during the late evening via one of our long-time “veteran” hotline volunteers. The hotline volunteer counselor reported that the caller was abortion minded and after two hours of conversation, the counselor was able to encourage this young woman to visit a Birthline/Lifeline Center. During the visit the client shared her life story: She had started contraception at a young age, conceived and aborted her baby.

At Birthline/Lifeline she took a pregnancy test and learned that she was pregnant. Finding herself in the same situation as before, she believed that having an abortion was her best option. An ultrasound offered at the first visit was “too early” for her to actually view the baby. She gave permission for our staff to follow up with her via phone calls. She was also given referrals to a pro-life OB M.D. for prenatal care, Rachel’s Vineyard, Legal Aid and Child Support, as well as adoption counseling.

She kept her appointment for a repeat ultrasound and expressed her happiness and gratitude that she had support and assistance from the Birthline/Lifeline staff. She related that she is new to the area and felt alone and far away from her family and faith. She has continued to use the 24 hour hotline service for conversation and is grateful for this communication that is readily available to dispel the loneliness and offer love and support in preparation of her baby’s birth day.



Daisy enjoys her cupcake at Karen’s kitchen.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Easing Suffering and Providing Assistance Around the World

Where - Diocese of Palm Beach

Description - The mission of CRS is to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Although this mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, its operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion, or ethnicity. Within the United States, CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering of the world and in uprooting the unjust structures that perpetuate poverty, conflict and inequality. Within the Diocese of Palm Beach CRS collects funds through its Operation Rice Bowl and 25% of the donations are used for local outreach.

Case Story - Karen’s Kitchen, a volunteer-operated ministry at St. Lucie Parish, opened its doors just a few years ago and today they consistently feed about 250-275 individuals every Thursday. At this soup kitchen the hot, nutritious and tasty meals are served restaurant-style. This year, Karen’s Kitchen was awarded an Operation Rice Bowl Grant and the funds received were used to purchase food products to help feed their clients. Clients get a well-balanced hot meal every week as well as bread and canned goods, when available, to take home with them. Fifty percent of those people served by Karen’s Kitchen are under the age of 18 years and all are welcome, regardless of age, race, gender, or religion.

Other food pantries/soup kitchens that received CRS grants in 2012: Food pantry at Holy Name of Jesus, West Palm Beach and Matthew 25:35 Ministry at St. Martin de Porres, Jensen Beach.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Dedicated to All of Our Brothers and Sisters

Where – Boca Raton, Fort Pierce, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Port St. Lucie, Riviera Beach, Stuart, Vero Beach

Description - Provides professional counseling in eight locations in four counties to adults, children, families, couples and groups. Catholic Charities’ team of therapists address issues such as marital/relationship discord, child and family dynamics, depression, anxiety, divorce, and grief and loss.

Case Story – “Fernando” came to the Catholic Charities Counseling office in February as a victim of a crime. Fernando sought counseling due to feeling panicky and anxious after being attacked with a weapon in a hallway at his high school. Fernando felt that he had to watch his back at all times while at school.

Fernando reported that he was cooperating with the authorities and the District Attorney’s Office to stop his attackers from hurting anyone else. Before the incident happened, Fernando stated, “I was a normal 17-year-old boy who loved playing soccer, hanging out with friends and going to school. Since this incident, I am fearful. I do not want to go out anywhere nor take the bus to school. When I do go out, I want to have an adult or a family member with me at all times. I am not taking any chances of something like this happening to me again.”

In sessions, Fernando received support and learned coping skills to decrease his anxiety. He learned ways to protect himself by having a companion stay with him, keeping close to the teachers during lunch time and reporting any anomaly to the school authorities when he felt that he was in danger. He began to gain more confidence in himself every day and became proactive by becoming more aware of his surroundings.

Counseling treatment helped prevent Fernando from possible future psychological distress. With the help of counseling from Catholic Charities, Fernando was able to learn how to calm his nervousness and recuperate from the effects of the attack. He overcame his fears and regained his trust in people. Instead of becoming a statistic for suicide or a high school drop-out, Fernando graduated from his high school and will become the first member of his family to attend college.



“Fernando” meets with a Catholic Charities counselor at the Stuart office.

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given.”

— St. Francis of Assisi

ELDER AFFAIRS & GUARDIANSHIP TRAINING

Promoting Human Dignity for the Elderly

Where – Palm Beach County

Description – Comprehensive guardianship and case management services are provided to those in need, emphasizing the concerns of the economically disadvantaged and those without adequate community support. This multi-dimensional program protects elderly individuals from victimization, exploitation, abuse and neglect. Individuals who are 65 years and older, residing in Palm Beach County and who are at risk physically, mentally, emotionally, financially and/or spiritually are eligible.

Guardianship Training is a course of study approved by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court and provided to guardians appointed in Palm Beach County to ensure that they understand their legal duties to both their ward and the court. Successful completion of this training course is required within four months after appointment as guardian.

Case Story – “Sam” was an 87 year old, living in his home in West Palm Beach in conditions that grew beyond his control. He is a diabetic and could no longer care for himself. He grew forgetful and confused. Elder Affairs’ guardianship service provided assistance in selling his home, arranged for admission to a nursing care facility, and provides ongoing monitoring of his care. Now that he’s eating a more nutritious diet and receiving medical care, his condition has stabilized and he is receiving the care he needs.

HUNGER, HOMELESS AND OUTREACH

Meeting the Needs of Our Community

Where – Pahokee and Riviera Beach

Description – The Hunger, Homeless & Outreach Program provides emergency services that assist individuals and families to attain economic stability and self-sufficiency through the provision of support services and appropriate referrals when necessary. The intent of emergency services is to address the presenting crisis, while at the same time, assessing and identifying the circumstances that led to the need for these services. Emergency support services include provisions of food, transportation and when available, assistance with rent and utility payments for those facing short term situational crisis. Referrals are made to other Catholic Charities programs as well as other social service organizations within the community service area. The Hunger, Homeless & Outreach Program also administers the Catholic Charities Angel Food “SNAC” Program providing nutritious weekend meals to 175 children throughout the Diocese.

Case Story – After fleeing from an abusive relationship to her homeland with her infant daughter, “Jane” discovered that because her daughter was an American citizen, she would not be entitled to an education and the prospects of a productive life would be limited. With her visa soon to expire, Jane decided to face her fears and come back to the United States. With resources running out and living in a motel, she contacted Catholic Charities for help. Through the Hunger, Homeless & Outreach Program, Jane was able to receive immediate assistance with food as well as a referral to local homeless program. She was also referred to Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services and Birthline/Lifeline programs. Jane has since obtained permanent housing and has a well-paying job with another local nonprofit. Jane’s visa has been extended and her daughter and she are doing very well.

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Keeping Families Together

Where – Pahokee, Riviera Beach, Stuart

Description – A multi-lingual, multi-cultural staff in three locations provides legal services to foreign-born individuals. The primary focus is to help with family reunification, re-entry permits, naturalization applications, labor and employment visas, fiancée visas and asylum applications.

Case Story – In August of 2013, a 50-year-old male from Honduras was granted U-visa status. The man, who has resided in the United States since 1989, was the victim of a violent armed robbery in West Palm Beach. He was thrown from a ladder, kicked and beaten while a gun was pointed to his head. He suffered multiple bruises, lacerations, and emotional trauma. The man provided valuable assistance to police which led to the suspects, who were arrested, charged, and convicted of Robbery with a Firearm. The man is now employed, authorized for a period of four years, and will be able to seek lawful permanent residence status in three years.



Tim Keohane, Immigration Attorney with Client

INTERFAITH HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Advocating for Health in our Community

Where – Riviera Beach, Pahokee and Fort Pierce

Description - Interfaith Health and Wellness is committed to the education of Registered Nurses who serve their congregations and communities by promoting holistic care of the body, mind and spirit. A Faith Community Nurse Basic Preparation course, offered annually in June, provides Registered Nurses the education and support to create health ministry programs in their respective congregations.

Case Story - Entensia, a Spanish speaking mother in her mid 40’s, had been suffering from severe pain in her hips, knees and feet because she could not afford a follow up with medical treatment needed for her conditions and it was difficult with the language barrier. The Wellness Nurse helped her connect with health insurance that was able to cover her on-going treatment. She began attending the weekly Arthritis exercise class and Mother to Mother Health Ministry. Entensia now feels more comfortable with herself and confident in her ability to care for her family.



The Catholic Charities nurse helps a mother and her children in Pahokee

PRISON MINISTRY

Ministry of Presence

Where – Diocese of Palm Beach

Description - The most frequently asked question by prospective prison ministry volunteers and other inquiring minds is, “What exactly do you do?” The answer to this question varies depending on many factors, such as time allotted, space considerations, the availability of priests and deacons who are part of the volunteer cadre, and the makeup of the population being ministered to. It goes without saying that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, preceded by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is the greatest gift the ministry brings to inmates, superseded only by the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Understanding that, and upon reflection, perhaps the best general answer to the question, “What exactly do you do?” is “We show up!”

It usually takes new volunteers a while before they come to understand that often it is not the agenda they planned, or the bible passage(s) selected for reading that will most impact the inmates on any given day; it will be nothing more than their presence. It is through consistent, faithful presence on the part of volunteers that inmates come to see for themselves true followers of Christ committed to living the gospel, and bringing His message of love, mercy and forgiveness to others they do not even know at some sacrifice to themselves. For many inmates, that kind of commitment doesn’t go unnoticed and often is overpowering. Through the mere consistent, week-in and week-out presence of volunteers, the Holy Spirit reaches out and touches the hearts of those who are confined behind prison walls.

Case Story – Letter written to the volunteers of Prison Ministry from a thankful inmate:

I can't thank you enough for your service. I pray for you often and it brings me to tears sometimes when I think about how far reaching the tentacles of goodwill can go. You have a positive effect on me and then indirectly, my family and friends who I speak to daily and the other women I am incarcerated with. I am kinder and not violent with my thoughts or actions when I stay God-centered and in my bible (which you guys gave me). Angela, I love the saint of the day; I aspire to have a faith like them. Also, I am inquisitive by nature and I love learning the stories behind them. My God is right on time with His lessons and blessings, and my faith and patience are growing every day. I have been praying for the “Grey Panther” (a self-imposed nickname for Msgr. John McMahon, a priest who volunteers his time ministering in the prisons) and this retreat (Kairos men’s retreat at Okeechobee Correctional Institution that Msgr. McMahon participates in) and I pray for these men to experience what I have, and will, experience by letting God into our lives and hearts. He’s working in my life through all of you, through your patience with us and your dedication to come. None of you have ever made me feel judged or unworthy, I can believe you see me through God’s eyes and it makes me feel so good that I try, vigilantly, to “pay-it-forward”. This is an awesome domino effect! It will happen on a larger scale at this retreat. When I was praying that’s when I started crying. I realized how many people were going to be positively effected by this and it’s just great. To everyone involved and all of you for making it happen, thank you and God bless you. –C.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Healing the Pain of Abortion, One weekend at a Time

Where – Diocese of Palm Beach

Short Description – Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion healing program for both women and men. The ministry organizes retreats that enable men and women the opportunity to examine their abortion experience, identify the ways the loss has impacted each one in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. These retreats are a spiritual and emotional healing process and offer hope and healing to those suffering from post abortion trauma.

Case Story - I recently attended a Rachel's Vineyard; this is work and healing that I never wanted to do. It is still such a miracle to me that I actually did attend but such is God's grace! I thought it was too long ago. I thought it shouldn't matter anymore. I thought I was too old and that my life was over so why dredge up the ancient past. I thought so many things and they were all lies.

Thank you so much for having this ministry in our diocese! I am a returning Catholic, home for four years and away for forty years. I am so amazed at how wrong my perception of the Church was and amazed by the love and compassion I have found today.

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in Rachel's Vineyard and to hopefully pass on the blessings I have received. –D.

"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."

– St. Francis of Assisi

REFUGEE AND RESETTLEMENT



Maikel received on behalf of the Refugee Task Force of West Palm Beach a proclamation from Mayor Steven Abrams of Palm Beach County declaring June 20, 2013, as World Refugee Day.

granted a student scholarship to study Computer Science at the University Hasselt in Belgium and after his studies he was to return back to Cuba to continue his professional life there. The scholarship was supported by a collaborative program between the University of Villa Clara and Belgium. However due to the hardships in Cuba, he did not return and instead he made his way to Mexico in order to cross the border into the United States where he knew he would have freedom. He made his way to West Palm Beach to be welcomed by his cousin and sponsor who brought him to Catholic Charities. With the support of Catholic Charities and his own individual drive and energy he was able to start teaching job at South University at West Palm Beach due to his education and language skills. He is bilingual and has been a great example for his family and other refugees.

Pursuing Freedom

Where – Riviera Beach

Description – The purpose of the Refugee Resettlement Services is to help the newly arrived reach self-sufficiency as quickly as possible and assist them with social and economic adjustment to their new community. The program serves newly arrived refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, as well as victims of Human Trafficking. All are foreign born clients seeking a better life away from oppression, violence, and lack of freedom. To be eligible for the program, refugees must be referred to the agency by the Department of State. However, Catholic Charities also serves asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants and victims of Human Trafficking who hear about us from other agencies, border patrols, and national and international organizations.

Case Story – Maikel came to Catholic Charities in December 2012 in search of support as he started his new life in West Palm Beach. Maikel left his home in Villa Clara, Cuba in August 2012 as he was

RESPECT LIFE

All Life is Precious

Where – Diocese of Palm Beach

Description – The Respect Life Ministry promotes life from natural conception until natural death through prayer, education, legislation and pastoral programs. It is concerned with the following issues: Abortion, Physician Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia, Death Penalty, End of Life, and Bioethics.

Case Story – Youths Enforce Respect for Life

Life Force was organized in 2011 as a youth led ministry whose mission statement best describes the ministry's purpose:

"A teen ministry standing up for life". This Catholic Charities Respect Life teen ministry is dedicated to promoting respect for life through organized events and programs throughout the diocese. Life Force's inaugural event promoting the pro-life message took place in October of 2011 at Saint Ignatius Cathedral Loyola and was attended by over 300 youth. This event titled "Celebrate a Day of Life" included prayer, pizza dinner, Mass and a concert by recording artist Tony Melendez. This event is held during Respect Life Weekend (the first weekend in October) and was successfully repeated in 2012. The youth involved in this ministry are dedicated to respecting life and make it their mission to live out these words spoken by Pope John Paul II "We will stand up for life whenever it is threatened and this is the mission and duty of the universal Church: to defend the defenseless."



Respect Life Youth



SAMARITAN CENTER

20 years: Bridging the Gap for Homeless Families

Where – Vero Beach

Description – This long-term transitional residential facility for homeless families in Indian River County features a structured step-based program with onsite case managers that help pregnant women and homeless families develop the life skills needed for successful reintegration into mainstream society.

Case Story – Samaritan Center celebrated its 20th anniversary during the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. The program has celebrated many successes over the

years but this year was especially wonderful because two clients graduated out of the program and into Habitat for Humanity homes! For these two families specifically, Samaritan Center's long term, structured program was the best option available and allowed them to gain self-sufficiency and end their cycle of homelessness. The lives of these two families, along with other 88 unduplicated clients served this year, is forever changed because of the opportunity given to them at Samaritan Center.

2nd Annual Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala Raises Over \$368,000



Kim Celedinas presents a gift to the Volunteer Honoree Maria Carlton



Ray Celedinas presents a gift to the Service Honoree Sr. Laura Cavanaugh



Ray and Kim Celedinas, Co-Chairmen; Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach; Marietta and Dale McNulty, Chairmen



Marietta McNulty congratulates Donor Honorees Catherine and Edwin Sagurton



Guests mingle amongst the silent auction items

Over 250 friends, donors, sponsors and guests attended Catholic Charities' 2nd Annual Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. This year's event raised over \$366,000 to help provide direct services to the 9,000 unduplicated clients that are served each year by the 14 programs and ministries of Catholic Charities. The annual gala is the agency's main fundraiser and provides much needed financial support to the programs and ministries that fall short on funding.

Guests were greeted by Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, as they entered the cocktail hour. The silent auction included more than 230 items and filled an entire ballroom. The auction included pieces of art donated by Wally Findlay Galleries, Collection Handbags from both Daniella Ortiz and the Michael Kors Worth Avenue Boutique, a Tour of the Florida Capitol sponsored by Senator Maria Sachs and many beautiful orchids.

A live auction was conducted during dinner by Neil Saffer, Professional Auctioneer. Saffer ended the auction with a call to the heart to raise money for Catholic Charities' Hunger, Homeless and Outreach Program. Generous donor bids raised more than \$57,000 for the program's Angel Food SNAC backpack initiative which will fill children's backpacks Fridays with food to supplement their meals over the weekend.

During the evening, Catholic Charities proudly honored three local residents for their consistent support of Catholic Charities values and for their contribution to the work of Catholic Charities. The honorees included Catherine and Edwin Sagurton of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Vero Beach; Sister Laura Cavanaugh, a 25 year employee at Catholic Charities; and Maria Carlton of Saint Peter Catholic Church in Jupiter.

Serving as the Caritas Dei Gala Chairmen were Marietta and Dale McNulty of West Palm Beach and Kim and Ray Celedinas of Palm Beach. Juan Carlos Fanjul served as the Master of Ceremony.

The 3rd Annual Caritas Dei Bishop's Gala will be held this year on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at The Breakers Palm Beach. Kim and Ray Celedinas will serve as Chairmen and Cathie and Andres Fanjul will serve as Co-Chairmen. For more information please contact 561-630-2695.

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF!



Helen Kelly receives a thank you plaque for her 15 years of service to Catholic Charities from Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Diocese of Palm Beach.

Employee Milestones

Catholic Charities congratulates the employees listed below who reached significant milestones during the past year.

Name	Program/Ministry	Years of Service
Alma Jones	Refugee	5
Molly Maguire	Counseling	5
Elva Gonzalez-Pagaza	Immigration Legal Services	5
Vencynthia Quince	Samaritan Center	5
Michele Bond	Samaritan Center	10
Mary LaMarr	Counseling	10
Donna Pyatt	Counseling	10
Mary Rodriguez	Birthline/Lifeline	10
Helen Kelly	Counseling	15



Congratulations to Maria Cristina Marquez who retired this past year after 29 years of service to Catholic Charities and the numerous individuals that she helped.

Catholic Charities is grateful to Maria Cristina Marquez for her many dedicated years of service.

FINANCIAL DATA

September 2013



Dear Friends and Supporters
of Catholic Charities,

I am pleased to present for your review our audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013, including assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses.

Our statements indicate the financial results of our overall performance which we believe demonstrates our commitment to responsible financial stewardship. Our main financial goal this year included increasing unrestricted contributions to more effectively deliver social services to those in need.

We believe we exceeded our expectations and are pleased with the generosity of those compassionate individuals and companies who gave from their hearts to help those less fortunate in this difficult economic climate. We are very grateful to our donors.

We welcome your comments and if you have any questions on our financial reports, please call me at 561-775-9577.

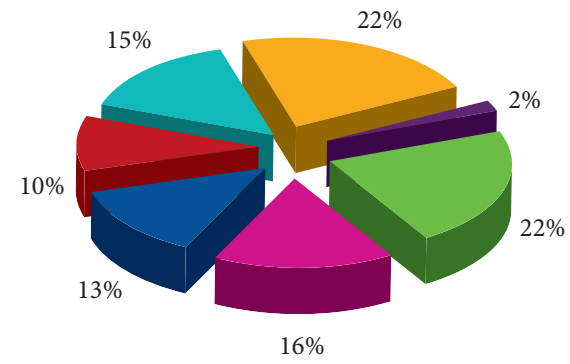
Sincerely,

Mary T. Mills

Mary T. Mills, C.P.A.
Finance Director

REVENUE

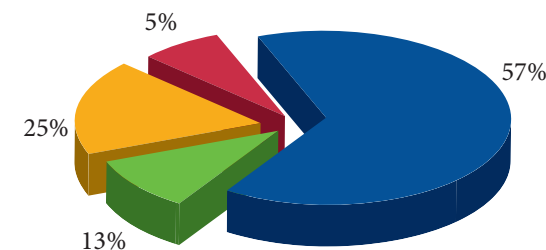
July 2012-June 2013



Contributions	\$1,391,659
United Way	100,415
Diocesan Appeal	1,400,000
Grants	1,035,165
Fundraising	826,964
Program Service Fees	658,761
Other	976,974
Total:	\$6,389,938

EXPENSES

July 2012-June 2013



Program Services	\$3,600,126
Occupancy	867,540
Fundraiser & Admin. Costs	1,586,945
Increase (decrease) in net assets	335,327
Total:	\$6,389,938

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

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MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Charities of the five-county Diocese of Palm Beach respects life in all of its stages. In living our faith, we help and create hope for people in need, without regard to religion, by delivering social services, collaborating with others in building just and compassionate communities, and empowering individuals through education.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Boca Raton

- Counseling

Delray Beach

- Birthline/Lifeline

Pahokee

- Hunger, Homeless and Outreach
- Interfaith Health and Wellness
- Birthline/Lifeline
- Immigration Legal Services
- Family Counseling

Palm Beach

- Counseling

Palm Beach Gardens

- Administration

Riviera Beach

- Administration
- Birthline/Lifeline
- Counseling
- Elder Affairs
- Guardianship Training
- Immigration Legal Services
- Interfaith Health and Wellness
- Hunger, Homeless and Outreach
- Parish Social Ministries
- Prison Ministry
- Refugee and Resettlement
- Respect Life Office/Rachel's Vineyard
- Volunteer Services

MARTIN COUNTY

Stuart

- Counseling
- Immigration Legal Services

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Fort Pierce

- Strengthening Families
- Wellness Ministry

Port St. Lucie

- Treasure Coast Kids Counseling

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Vero Beach

- Counseling
- Samaritan Center

