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2022-2023 Annual Report



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A client who had just found housing recently asked, "why me?"

The woman shared with me a pain and torment that many people couldn't imagine. Years on the streets, years of tedious applications for help, years of waiting for it all to stop. She forgot her worth. When her case manager reminded her what a treasure she really is, her personal crisis turned around.

Catholic Charities offers over 20 programs of service to Northern California. These range from Immigration Legal Services to Homelessness Prevention to Crisis Interventions that can end homelessness with the hope that home brings.

**What matters most is simple** - a kind word, a warm acknowledgment, or a gift can change a life. These people we serve are worth it. They deserve the help...you make it possible.

Pope Francis has said, "...the Lord's call makes us bearers of a promise and, at the same time, asks of us the courage to take a risk." As a crisis response organization, we are continuously faced with challenges demanding innovative solutions. Your support helps us to prepare and be nimble in every situation. All that we offer is built on a strong foundation of client trust and ever-evolving expertise that fuels every initiative we launch.

**This past year has been a year of renewal for Catholic Charities.** With the opening of Caritas Village, as well as a further expansion of services for immigrants, farmworkers, and precariously housed individuals, we have felt a powerful sense of momentum propelling us into our next chapter. Where this moment has led us is something we hope can be a model for our community and, more than that, a commitment to meaningful and measurable outcomes. We will never stop challenging ourselves to live up to that promise each day.

Behind that momentum is every supporter who has come forward to say "yes!" to housing solutions. You have said "yes!" to making Northern California a better home for the most vulnerable among us. You help us every step of the way to innovate and foster proven remedies that make a difference for all of us.

**Catholic Charities goes where no one else will go.** We can go where we must because you, too, have acknowledged the need. When we help our sisters and brothers in pain, we all succeed. We thank you for being a partner we can trust to walk with us.

Next year, Catholic Charities turns 70! I hope you will be with us again to celebrate the new, the simple, and most importantly, the hearts of those rejuvenated by what we accomplish together.

With love for all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennielynn Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Jennielynn Holmes | Catholic Charities CEO**



# Our Mission:

Inspired by the love and teachings of Christ, we serve and advocate for vulnerable people of all cultures and beliefs, prioritizing those experiencing poverty.

## Our Values:

Rooted in gospel values and embodying Catholic Social Teachings, we...

- Serve with Love for All
- Champion Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Act with Integrity
- Strive for Excellence
- Serve as one Catholic Charities Family
- Nourish the Spirit



# 470

Individuals experiencing homelessness

**Found Housing**

# +380

**Retained Housing**

through housing-focused services

# 420

**Achieved Citizenship**

# 210

**Families reunited through Family Based Petitions**

# 131

**U Visa / VAWA**

# 717

**DACA Services**

# 637

**Retained or Grew Income**

# 539

**Clients participated in HUD-Certified Housing Counseling**

# 1,421

**CHILDREN SERVED**

# 2,286

**SENIORS SERVED**

*And more...*

# 11,616

**TOTAL SERVED**

# 1,954

**Caring Rides for Homebound Seniors**

# 9,435

**Caring Voices calls to Homebound Seniors**

# 360

**Farmworkers served at Farmworker Outreach Events**

# 302,223

**Meals distributed at food distributions**

# 2,267

**Benefit enrollment applications including Medi-Cal and CalFresh**



Data represents Fiscal Year 2022-2023

# Elevating the Voices of the People We Serve

Catholic Charities helps immigrants achieve their dreams of citizenship and more. This cherished right gives them the ability to come forward to offer their talents and gifts in society.

## 420 Naturalizations is a 65% increase from last year!

Catholic Charities remains in the top three nonprofits offering DACA renewals in California. This essential service remains a lifeline for immigrants simply seeking opportunities to work and learn. Staff redoubled efforts to meet this urgent need before this at-risk legal remedy could expire.

## 717 total is a 61% increase from last year!

It is far easier to keep someone housed than it is to rehouse them. As such, Catholic Charities has placed a renewed investment in **Homelessness Prevention**. The safety and stability of a home not only benefit individuals and families, it strengthens the entire community.

## 380 who retained housing is a 33% increase in clients helped from last year!

Homelessness is one of our nation's greatest systemic and structural failings. **Our priority is to make sure people don't fall through the cracks** of our country's safety net systems and end up at our front door. Reaching these services can be challenging, and the margin for error is wide for clients who don't have a guide through the process.

Improving access to public benefits such as CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and emergency relief benefits when disaster strikes helps people build a brighter future for themselves and their families.

## Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Serving people of all cultures and beliefs, Catholic Charities embraces everything that makes one unique. Only by celebrating the richness of our neighbors' heritage and experiences can our community truly thrive.

**We affirm the transcendent dignity and worth of every human person no matter who you are.**

We are committed to lifting up all who are impacted by societal barriers.

We strive to reflect and honor the incredible community we serve. Through our client service delivery, recruitment and leadership practices, and data assessment, we are committed to giving every participant, donor, volunteer, employee, and community member equal and meaningful access to the opportunities they seek.

## Community Recognition 2022-2023

**North Bay Business Journal Top Projects Award** - Caritas Village for sustainable design

**North Bay Business Journal Gives Award** - Former Chief Development Officer Rebecca Kendall

**CVNL Volunteer of the Year Award** - Stella Agudelo, Citizenship Class Instructor

**City of Santa Rosa Merit Award** - Susan Hayes, Longtime volunteer and dearly departed

**Generation Housing** - Housing Champion Award

# A Glimpse at the Last Year...



## A Game-Changer Comes to Life

From September through December of 2022, our team proceeded with a phased opening of Caritas Center. With a first-of-its-kind project of this scale, we wanted to ensure that each program could get off to the best start possible, starting with the Drop-in Center. With the opening of the Family Center and Medical Clinic in December, the opening was complete.

The goal of Caritas Center is to offer our **most vulnerable community members a place to find home where their dignity is honored to the fullest.** Through comprehensive health and housing services, we can address the root causes of homelessness so that they may never have to return to this experience again. The state-of-the-art building itself is not another nonprofit hand-me-down, but rather a carefully designed testament to the worth of every person who enters its doors. **It is a safe place for people from all walks of life to be embraced.**

As we see Caritas Center coming to life, we are watching the data with great optimism. For chronically homeless individuals, many who have lived upwards of a decade or more on the streets and have lost trust in the “system,” are accessing our services in increasing numbers. Individuals fleeing domestic violence feel this is **a safer place for refuge** - evident in the 50% increase in survivors entering care. According to the 2023 Sonoma County Point-in-Time Count, the annual measurement of homelessness in the county, **over 90% of families experiencing homelessness reside at the Family Center’s 192 beds.**

## Honoring the Dignity of Farmworkers

Some time has passed since we entered a pandemic that altered our way of life. Throughout this ordeal and beyond, farm and food workers continue to protect our nation's food security and sustain our economy. The pandemic's impact on their finances and well-being is still felt today. Honoring the dignity, labor, and exemplary courage of food and farm workers, Catholic Charities continues our partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to deliver one-time relief support to farmworkers and meatpacking workers who incurred expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since December 2022, these efforts have helped them secure rightful compensation for their critical role in keeping our families safe and nourished through the most challenging times. **These ongoing events at Catholic Charities are often the first step toward what we hope can be meaningful, long-term relationships to support these families through our financial stability services and more.**





## Watch our mission in action!

Scan the QR codes below to watch our latest videos showcasing your impact.



*"A Place at the Table"*



*"Embracing Immigrants"*

## What is Department of Justice Accreditation?

**With 10 Department of Justice accredited counselors on the team, Catholic Charities is a leading nonprofit Immigration Legal Service provider nationwide.**

To help financially vulnerable immigrants across the country, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) created the Recognition and Accreditation Program for nonprofits.

To become an accredited representative, applicants must work for a recognized organization that helps clients living on a low income, have sufficient knowledge and experience in immigration law and procedure, and demonstrate good character. The organization must provide evidence of the applicant's formal training in immigration law. Representatives with full accreditation can handle cases involving removal, summary removal, rescission, and other proceedings in Immigration Court.

## Meeting People Where They Are

Immigration Legal Services continued its expansion outward across Santa Rosa and beyond. Citizenship classes in Petaluma, Roseland neighborhood (Southwest Santa Rosa), and consistent outreach in Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, and Mendocino counties are reaching vulnerable people who otherwise would not have access to free or affordable immigration services.

Most services are free. When funding doesn't allow, a small fee is incurred - **on average, clients who are able to pay contribute only 20% of what they would pay a private attorney.** This is especially notable for families seeking to reunite through the Family Based Petition, which can cost an average of \$8,500 with a private attorney. At Catholic Charities, families pay \$0.

Nearly **10,000 inquiries** came our way a year via answered phone calls, emails, and walk-ins at our Santa Rosa office (nearly 40 engagements daily, in addition to regularly scheduled case appointments). The demand for services has always been high, especially because people recognize and trust that Catholic Charities can be counted on to provide timely, effective, and confidential help.

Due to the soaring cost of living and increasing global instability, demand for legal services has never been higher for immigrants from all walks of life seeking to work and build their future.



# Quotes of Hope



*After the fires, I lost everything. It was exhausting and really heartbreaking having to move from place to place every night in my little RV. It was a blessing to find out about Safe Parking. Having this program saved my life.*

~Annie, Santa Rosa Safe Parking resident who found stable housing.

*Everyone needs a little help...and sometimes, we need all the help we can get. No matter how old we get, we are still someone's child and still need care from others. That is how we survive. It takes a village to raise a child...well, it still takes a community and network to raise the rest of us. Rainbow House in Napa represents hope for my family mine.*

~Rashonda, Napa Rainbow House resident who found stable housing.



*I have been working in the fields in Sonoma County for decades. For most of those years, my family could not be by my side. I missed them so much. Thanks to Catholic Charities, we are together under one roof for the first time in 30 years. We feel whole again.*

~Luciano, Family Based Petition client, loving husband of Feliza, and father of four.





# Isaias's Story

**Home was the key to Isaias' health.** Seven years ago, Isaias was overcome with a debilitating health scare. Until this moment, he spent his days fulfilled as a musician and day laborer. He was used to his independence. He was not rich, but he was happy. Suddenly, he was told he would need to depend on a dialysis machine to survive. Add to this, his vision was fading fast. Color had turned to dismal grays and blacks. He was in shock.

All of this cost him his livelihood. It all felt unbearably frustrating to him. The resulting behavioral challenges led his family to make a decision they hoped they never would have to make. They asked him to leave. Isaias tried reaching out to friends, but no one would help. He ran out of money and often went to sleep on the streets hungry.

**Sometimes, it takes a team's full resources to succeed, and thankfully, community support helped case managers Geovanni Mora and Anahi Ruiz be there for Isaias in his hour of need.**

Catholic Charities' Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) discovered Isaias one night wandering the streets. Geovanni shared, "When they saw him, they thought he might be drunk. For his safety, they urged him to come with us. He wasn't drunk. It turns out his unsteady walk was due to his near-blindness." Isaias began his housing journey at Sam Jones Hall.

With virtually no rental history and the cards stacked against him, finding housing to meet his needs would take fearless case management. Just as they began to move forward, the Pandemic hit. There was no way Isaias could maintain his health without some level of isolation in the congregate shelter. His case manager connected him to a hotel room, funded by emergency pandemic funding.

**This combination of assistance sources was what Isaias needed to propel his journey to the next step. He landed an apartment he could call his own.**

What happens after a client is housed? After our street outreach team builds a bridge to shelter and case managers pave the way to home, all the pieces are in place to stabilize them in the long run.

As he waited for his new kidney, Isaias had the renewed capacity to pursue a solution to his vision loss. Drawing on years of case management experience, Geo informed Isaias of a specialized eye care institute. It was a long shot, but Isaias would not give up. Isaias looked at Geovanni and said, "no pierdo nada con intentar," or "it does not hurt to try."

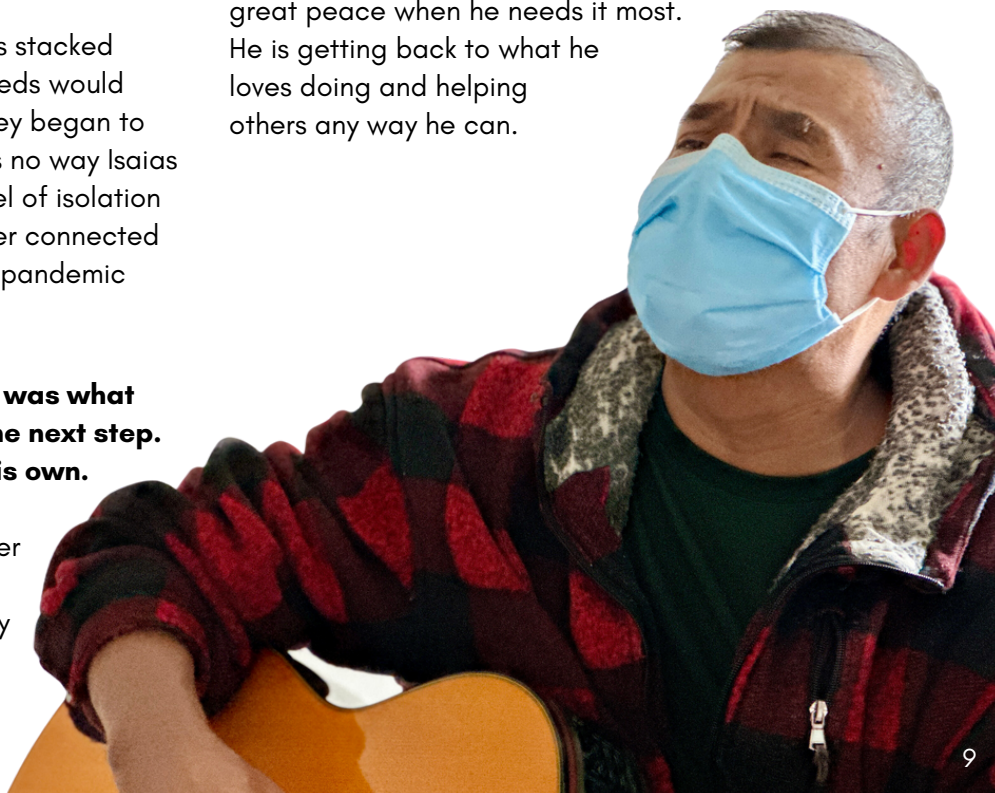
**Once again, this unique opportunity proved transformative.** Isaias's first words were, "I can't believe it. I see the color of that car over there - it is red."

Anahi knew that finding a kidney would be difficult and that when available, the process would move fast. There was no room for error. Anahi shares a bond with him. In her words, "As immigrants from Oaxaca, we have stories to share and experiences that feel familiar. It means so much that I could make him feel at ease through his long ordeal waiting for a kidney."

Isaias's answer came from friends he didn't even know he had at his parish community. Thanks to a kind organ donor in his midst, Isaias received a kidney transplant in early April 2023. Overjoyed, he shared, "Now I can finally get back to my life!" with an enormous smile on his face.

**Seven years later, the chaos was over. Isaias has his independence again.** Now, his life is filled with the sounds of his beautiful music. His faith brings him great peace when he needs it most.

He is getting back to what he loves doing and helping others any way he can.



# Our supporters help us move mountains!

Their love is felt across our sites and services. The stories of gratitude on the coming pages show a glimpse of how...



Palms Inn Mural by Mario Uribe

## From Tony Hildesheim

Board President

As I step into my first term as Catholic Charities Board President, I am humbled by the generosity of those who contribute to our work and the staff and volunteers who pour themselves into it. We have a profound purpose to serve those in our community who need us the most. There is no higher calling in my mind than showing people the respect, love, and care that Catholic Charities does every day.

Together, we can look toward a bright future, confident that we are surrounded by people who are dedicated to that service. Thanks to you, this trusted nonprofit can continue its path of innovation to address many of the most critical issues our region faces.

### Our gratitude goes beyond a simple thank you.

Given the urgency of the issues we are working to solve, it is this Board's commitment to you to ensure your gifts are stewarded as effectively as possible. You can be assured that your giving goes to work every day, bringing hope where it is most needed.

I am struck by the breadth of experiences our donors, staff, and volunteers bring to the table. Our community of supporters represents a diverse cross-section of Northern California. This diversity is critical to our success. Whether your call to contribute comes from faith, professional conviction, or simply personal desire, we are making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and our communities at large.

**I believe we have an amazing story to tell.** I hope you will continue to help us spread the word about our story to our community.

It is an honor to play this leadership role for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your trust and your passion as we embark on this exciting future together.

With gratitude,

**Tony Hildesheim**



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## Choosing to Love

Life is full of choices – some easy, some hard...most are unavoidable. Diane and Doug Benson have seen how choices can shape entire lives. Christ's call to love the poor and vulnerable was a beacon for them from a young age. These lessons led them to transformative opportunities to help others in beautiful ways. They are the embodiment of a "can do!" spirit.

The Benson's were there in 1990 when the old family support center was dedicated. There, Diane saw how overwhelming it can be for families experiencing homelessness to handle all of life's choices. With children under their wings and the means to support them feeling out of reach, days are full of critical choices, one right after the other.

As a nurse, Diane knew she must always give her very best – and somehow stay calm doing it. Who better than a nurse to work as a volunteer at the family shelter where, at any moment, you may find a mom in crisis wanting a safe place for her and her children, the crisis phone ringing off the hook, a baby crying, and so much more?

"In this field, keeping your cool in a crisis is as important as it gets. From that place of serenity, I hope others can gain calm too," Diane shares. "I looked into the eyes of people experiencing such pain – that pain softened when they would find housing."

When the choice is between keeping the lights on or feeding your family, life gets even more difficult. On top of that, choosing to utilize food distribution sometimes brings a sense of shame. For clients to be given a choice of what to pick for their pantries, that respect is often a turning point toward a better day. Doug sees this firsthand at the Occidental Food Distribution.

"As an engineer and a musician, I've met many people going through terrible things. I've seen artists' lives wrecked by painful circumstances that spiraled out of their control, and I wanted to do anything I could to help. I wish they could have had what Catholic Charities provides for those clinging to their dignity," shares Doug.



Through their efforts, Diane and Doug have reached for that glimmer of hope within every person they have served. "We don't see them as different than us – these are our friends, our sisters, our brothers. The staff at Catholic Charities feels the same way. I've never seen a team so caring in how they interact with those they work with."

**Ultimately, the choice to give back is one of the most important for their family.**

For nearly thirty years, Diane and Doug's generous support has invigorated the full spectrum of offerings at Catholic Charities. Their multi-year financial pledge and the gift of their precious time are instrumental in sustaining our family shelter, disaster recovery efforts, and food distributions. Their sustained giving, and that of all our pledging donors, launches innovative care in a way that meets the needs of clients from all walks of life.

"The crew at Catholic Charities pulls all their knowledge and expertise to get down to business making a difference. They conquer every challenge with tenacity and vision – it's a model for how change can and should happen across our community and our state. This is why we commit our giving to this extraordinary organization. For us, what we can give never feels like enough – but nothing is more powerful than giving what we can and seeing for ourselves the impact it has."

**Thank you, Diane and Doug Benson, and all our Leadership Society Members, for choosing to give back in such a powerful way. Every gift matters to the lives it supports.**

**We couldn't do this without you...**

# Businesses and Organizations

*Catholic Charities expresses our sincerest gratitude to the following businesses for supporting our work with gifts and sponsorships \$1,000 or more between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.*

Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery  
Advantage Marketing  
Amaturo Family Foundation, Inc.  
Andy's Produce Market  
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices  
Bettinelli Vineyard Management  
Bottle Barn  
Brown-Forman Corporation  
Chateau Montelena Winery  
Chevron Texaco Matching Gift Program  
E & J Gallo Winery  
Exchange Bank  
Exchange Bank - Main Branch  
Hillmann Consulting  
Italian Catholic Federation- St. Eugene Branch 198  
Leap Solutions Group

Mechanics Bank  
Pacific Gas and Electric  
Poppy Bank  
PYATOK Architecture + Urban Design  
Redwood Credit Union  
Robert Half International Inc.  
Shapiro, Galvin, Shapiro & Moran  
Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No 104  
Sonoma Clean Power  
Sonoma County Children's Charities  
Tri Counties Bank  
Trowbridge & Wright Investments, Inc.  
Viavi Solutions  
Whitney Homes  
Wright Contracting



## Sponsors help us Spread the Word!

One of the greatest joys the Catholic Charities Development Team experiences is forming partnerships in the community and joining hands to collaboratively find solutions. Sponsorship is a powerful and important way to build meaningful relationships with leaders, business owners, and professionals throughout the region.

As we re-envisioned and created our **first in-person fundraising event in three years**, we felt inspired by a united commitment to support what is needed now and in the years ahead. Together, we filled our hearts with a dedication to carry forth the legacy of nearly 70 years and to pave the way for the future.

Thanks to the generosity of our event sponsors, we are able to hold dynamic events that support our work without the expense, allowing every dollar raised to be used in the way it is needed - providing for the programs and services that allow our participants to move towards finding home, health, and peace. Events also help us spread the word and reach people!

**For the past 23 years, one of those dedicated sponsors has been Shapiro, Galvin, Shapiro & Moran.** The partners from the firm have been right there with us, always willing to sponsor and offer their time and attendance. Their unwavering commitment has allowed us to serve thousands of individuals and families in need.

*"As a sponsor, seeing the work in action over the years has meant a lot - witnessing firsthand how our gift truly makes a difference, hearing directly from the clients about their journey.*

*All three partners in our firm are Sonoma County natives, and it is important to us to give back to the community where we live and work." -Dan Galvin III*



# Parish Partners in Social Justice



**We thank Congregation Beth Ami for their love and support for residents living at The Palms Inn. For over six years, they have provided monthly meals to residents.**

In their words..." During our visits, we often have interesting conversations with the residents who are clients of Catholic Charities and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Catholic Charities' mission inspires their team to show love to those who have otherwise been forgotten - this is exactly what they are doing at The Palms Inn. The residents have experienced challenges in their lives, many of which have improved by having housing at this site. We have been touched by their stories."

In the spirit of the Gospel and the Catholic Social Teaching, **Star of the Valley Catholic Church** has remained steadfast in spreading the word about Catholic Charities and supporting our work through giving and volunteering. In a time when parishes are working through the next chapter of sharing the faith, the hearts of Star parishioners have stayed dedicated. You will see them on hours, serving meals, driving seniors, and supporting every corner of our work.

**Thank you for living out the Gospel and transforming lives with love.**



Another unique highlight of support came from our parish partner, **First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa**, who offered a World Premiere of a new choral work. The message and music of "Dona Nobis Pacem," composed by Allen Petker, captured the spirit of our shared commitment to social justice and, through its diverse text sources, called our community to peace. As an opportunity for people to contribute to a cause they care deeply about, First Presbyterian included a freewill offering to benefit Catholic Charities. Concertgoers and congregation members were overwhelmingly generous in their giving, once again standing up to aid community members who need help most.



**We thank the members and leadership of First Presbyterian Church for their ongoing support, which has meant so much to the people we serve.**

# What We Leave Behind

The power to heal is a compelling motivator for Patti Callahan and Davis Bernstein. Both have played a role in healing the earth as well as the well-being and hearts of many. The root of their compassion is unique.

"From an early age, if I received a dollar, 10 cents went into the church donation basket," shares Patti. As Davis describes his childhood, he recalls, "Growing up, I always felt money was a scarce commodity. If anything, I viewed our family more as recipients than donors. It never occurred to me at that time in my life to give my money away."

As their incredible journey has continued, the devoted couple embarked on "...an adventure of shared generosity... and about experiencing the joy of giving to those whose lives are enriched by how their money can support them."

Never afraid to tackle life's greatest challenges - pollution, natural disasters, and death itself, to name a few - making a legacy gift to Catholic Charities felt easy, but certainly not without the deepest of meaning for their family.

Patti and Davis share that being members of Catholic Charities' Legacy Circle has given them the opportunity to leave their own legacy for future generations and that it is a true blessing for them to be able to give in this significant way.



**"Catholic Charities embodies values we support and has adopted the right priorities for our community. Every day, they put their money to good use serving people who struggle with homelessness, supporting immigrants who ask only for acceptance and opportunity, and providing needed services to our seniors."**

## Father Stephen Canny Legacy Circle

Anonymous (12)  
Estate of Yolanda Anthon  
Dr. Gary Barth and Kevin White  
Elizabeth Bellamy  
Davis Bernstein and Patricia Callahan  
Estate of Kathleen Blank  
William Boorman  
Estate of Edward and Caroline Broll  
Marilyn Bruce  
Janice Campiformio  
Rev. Stephen Canny  
Estate of John Caslin  
Frank Connolly  
Honora Connolly, In Memory of Kevin Connolly  
Rev. Michael Culligan  
Paul and Adelaide Desideri  
Estate of Jack and Thea Dolan  
Michael and Maureen Dolce  
John and Nora Doolittle  
Estate of Margaret Duckhorn  
Nora and Jim Ernst  
Estate of Alice Friedrich  
Estate of Clara Fusco  
Thomas and Judy Glenn  
Estate of Dennis Gomes  
and Maxine-Michael Gomes  
Gilda Gonzales  
Estate of Donald and Maureen Green  
Sam and Ava Guerrero  
Greg Grigson and Keiko Ohnuma  
Alex and Judy Halasz  
Michael and Judith Handley

Wayne Henkels and Kristin Mills  
Estate of Sylvia Hughes  
Daniel and Violeta Jordan  
Rebecca and Jonathan Kendall  
Thomas Kennelly, In Memory of Susan Kennelly  
Lawrence and Carmen Kilcullen  
Estate of Robert Koenig  
Robert and Sherral Krantz  
Paterson Laurore  
Estate of Geraldine Lauterwasser  
Estate of John Lillie  
Estate of Beatrice Lynch  
Estate of Rosemary Maki-Ramatici  
Estate of Stuart and Berkeley Foure Malm  
Pat and Len Marabella  
Joseph and Sharon McCarty  
Gerald and Katie McCormick  
Estate of Eleanor A. McManus  
Estate of Gloria Menchini  
Joseph Michalek, In Memory of Joan Michalek  
Angela and Ken Moeller  
Estate of Dorothy Nickolai  
Sharon Norris  
Estate of Diane and John O'Brien  
Michael and Leila O'Callaghan  
Michele and Randy Osmon  
Estate of Frances Ossolinski  
Bill Osterland, In Memory of Jeanne Osterland  
Estate of Edward Ottoboni  
Don and Michelle Pakulak  
Arlene Pearson  
Margie and Chip Pettibone

Tomas Phillips  
Estate of Yen Putnam  
Mykela Raiff  
Edward and Linda Ronchelli  
Estate of Warren Schneider  
Lee Schwab  
John and Ingrid Sheets  
Terry Stark, In Memory of Jon Stark  
Gregory and Patricia Steele  
Timothy and Carol Stewart  
Helen Straessle  
Estate of Frank and Helen Stranzl  
Joseph and Judy Tembrock  
Nelson and Jane Weller  
Estate of Linda White  
Dr. Gene and Anne Zingarelli

This listing honors members of our Father Stephen Canny Legacy Circle, both living and deceased, who continue the work of Catholic Charities through their legacy gift.

**Your compassion lives on in the lives of those we serve. We will always remember you, as you remembered the people we serve.**

Updated September 15, 2023



# The Simplicity of Hope

*A Letter from Caring Driver Suzanne Palleschi*

How much does a cup of coffee mean to you?  
Perhaps coffee or tea is part of your routine.

For some, it may be the only social engagement they have all week. I recently picked a woman up from her medical appointment. She wasn't ready to go home yet. She quietly asked me, "Can we stop for a hot drink?" "Of course we can - my treat." Most riders don't ask to stop, so I thought it might be a quick stop, but after an hour of chatting, I realized just how much Catholic Charities meant to her... and to me.

When my husband and I moved to Santa Rosa years ago, we felt welcomed by everyone we met. As an Air Force kid, I lived in more places than I can count here in the States and beyond. Landing somewhere that felt like home meant the world to me and my family.

Many people have touched our lives here, so through it all, I've sought out opportunities to give back. One of the most rewarding has been Caring Rides, where through such a simple act of kindness, I can be a helping hand for seniors wanting to stay connected with the world through a car ride. For those with no family to turn to or whose income prevents them from owning a car, I have this special chance to drive them where they need to go. It doesn't get simpler than that.

I have seen Sonoma County grow and change - we have been through a lot - but one thing that stays the same is our desire to help each other. The circumstances in my own life have certainly changed. As I have become a grandmother, my days are filled with happiness spending time with them.

Still, no matter how full my schedule becomes, I yearn for ways to give back. My faith is only complete when I find those ways. Caring Rides perfectly meets my busy schedule, and I truly feel I've made a difference.

We know that our population is aging. Friends and leaders I have looked up to for years are now potential clients for this program. The need for this service seems to increase by the day. I will stay committed to this and thank Catholic Charities for offering this free, essential service to vulnerable seniors who just want to be a part of things. Seniors have given us so much. They deserve it.



## Volunteer Impact

Ambassadors, Food Distributions, Citizenship Classes, Shelter Support, Senior Services, and more...

Active Volunteers	<b>260</b>
Volunteer Hours	<b>7,145</b>
Total Monetary Value	<b>\$203,935</b>
Total Heart Value	<b>Priceless</b>

*Thank you!*

# Financials

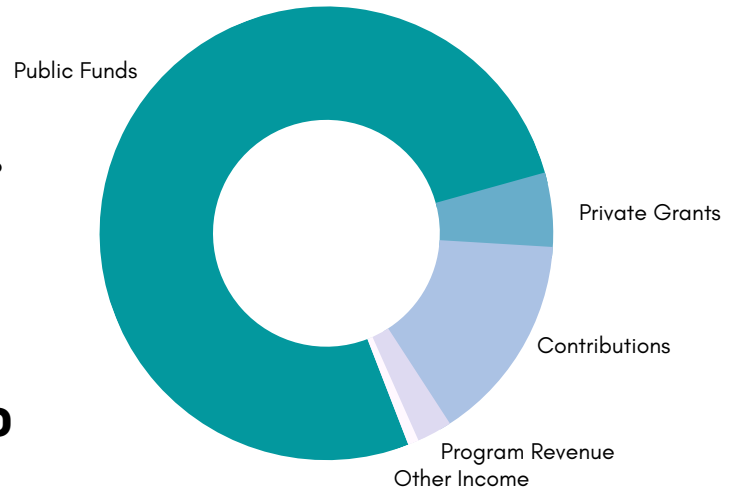
FISCAL YEAR 22-23 (JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023)\*

## Operating Revenue

Public Funds	\$27,721,151	76%
Contributions	\$5,384,453	15%
Private Grants	\$1,913,044	5%
Other Income	\$909,175	3%
Program Revenue	\$280,367	1%

**Funds available for use: \$36,208,190**

*This increased revenue total includes \$16.4M in one-time Caritas Village-designated funds.*

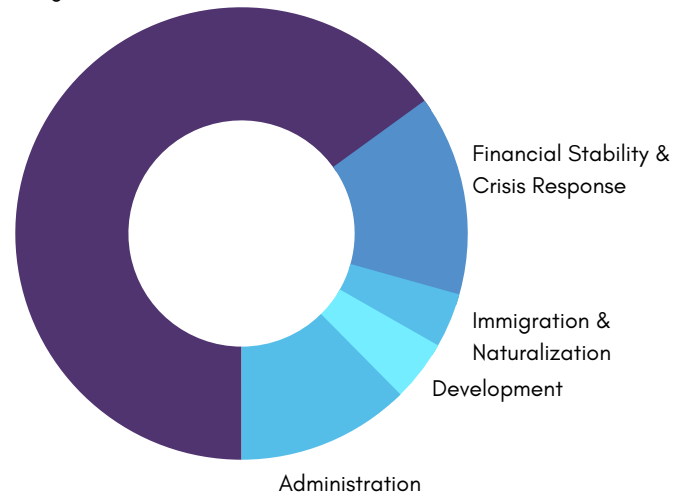


## Operating Expenses

Homelessness & Housing Solutions	\$16,980,599	65%
Financial Stability & Crisis Response	\$3,239,342	12%
Immigration & Naturalization	\$1,017,599	4%
Administration	\$3,744,716	14%
Development	\$1,140,148	4%

**Total operating expenses: \$26,122,404**

Homelessness & Housing Solutions



\*Unaudited. Audited financials for FY22-23 will be available at [srcharities.org](http://srcharities.org) in early 2024.

We are committed to reporting transparent, accountable, and meaningful financial information presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and industry best practices. Catholic Charities prepares an annual twelve-month operating budget for its fiscal year beginning in July and engages the services of an independent auditor to perform an audit of its financial statements.

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is an independent, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Our Tax ID # is 94-2479393. Our 990 is available at [srcharities.org](http://srcharities.org).**

**Please request audited financials by calling (707) 308-4704.**

# Get Involved!

**After this year of growth and change, there has never been a better time to recommit to our mission!** Reach out to our team and learn how you can make a difference.

- Join our growing Leadership Society as a pledging donor.
- Secure the future of Catholic Charities through a gift in your will or trust.
- Volunteer in one of our programs – food access, senior programs, immigration support, and more.
- Join our program leaders for a one-hour Catholic Charities tour.
- Spread the word about Catholic Charities – you are our greatest ambassador!

**Email [Development@srcharities.org](mailto:Development@srcharities.org) or call (707) 528-8712**



## About Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves and advocates for vulnerable people of all cultures and beliefs. Since 1954, Catholic Charities has been a leader in providing direct services in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino, Humboldt, Lake, and Del Norte counties, helping over 11,000 people per year find and keep housing, achieve financial stability, and move their immigration journey forward.

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