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Diocesan Catholic Charities 2016 Annual Report



April 24, 2017 marked the 100th Anniversary of the date on which New York State Governor Charles Whitman signed into law a special act of the State Legislature establishing Catholic Charities Corporations in each of the Dioceses in New York State.

For this one hundred years, and for longer in some Dioceses, Catholic Charities agencies have been the primary vehicle through which the Church has responded to the Gospel call to love our neighbors.

This Annual Report provide a matrix of services outlining how in 2016 Catholic Charities touched the lives of more than 250,000 individuals, descriptions of individual activities undertaken by the members of our Diocesan agency, and a financial report for the Corporation as a whole.

The past year was a time of great challenges and opportunities for Catholic Charities. Spurred by a report issued by the Community Foundation on the devastating extent of poverty in Monroe County, Catholic Charities has focused even more intensely on anti-poverty efforts. Building on our 100 year legacy of giving priority to serve the poorest and most vulnerable among us, Catholic Charities has continued existing efforts, such as Bridges Out of Poverty, and initiated new programs, such as the Adult Mentoring Program created through the Rochester/Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative, to help more families move to self-sufficiency.

Over the last year, Catholic Charities has devoted considerable energy and

resources to respond to changing State funding patterns created by the State's Medicaid Reform Initiatives. Significant changes have been made in service delivery, data collection and billing procedures in existing programs. Several of our component agencies have newly initiated Medicaid-funding services through the Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver program. Our Diocesan agency has joined with our counterparts in Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany to create a Children's Health Home program serving 48 counties in upstate New York.

At the same time as maintaining existing services, and creating these new program initiatives, Catholic Charities has also had to devote considerable time and resources to respond to ever increasing Federal and State regulations governing our service delivery. During 2016, major emphasis was devoted to planning for creation of a Diocesan Catholic Charities Corporate Compliance Office as now required by Federal regulations.

As always, we express sincere appreciation to the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, for his leadership and staunch support of our work.

While the Catholic Charities Corporation continues to grow, our focus remains on each and every individual we serve, in whom we see the face of Jesus. As we walk together with those we serve, we seek to provide "Help that Works, Hope that Lasts!"

Jack Balinsky, *Diocesan Director*



2016 Financial Report



	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Grants and contracts	\$ 32,289,408	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,289,408
Program service fees	20,485,804	-	-	20,485,804
Food in-kind assistance.....	7,765,266	-	-	7,765,266
Contributions	6,502,843	2,886,86	2,330	9,392,034
Investment income for operations.....	-	207,265	-	207,265
Prior year adjustment	(82,954)	-	-	(82,954)
Other.....	810,171	-	-	810,171
Net assets released from restrictions.....	3,666,352	(3,666,352)	-	-
Total support and revenue	71,436,890	(572,226)	2,330	70,866,994
EXPENSES:				
Program services	61,068,184	-	-	61,068,184
Support services	6,487,247	-	-	6,487,247
Fundraising	1,793,435	-	-	1,793,435
Total expenses	69,348,866	-	-	69,348,866
Excess (Deficiency)	2,088,024	(572,226)	2,330	1,518,128
OTHER ITEMS:				
Investment income (loss), net.....	361,373	92,811	328,725	782,909
Investment income appropriated for operations.....	-	(42,049)	(165,216)	(207,265)
Effect of change in insurance liability	4,052	-	-	4,052
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	(7,082)	-	-	(7,082)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>2,446,367</u>	<u>(521,464)</u>	<u>165,839</u>	<u>2,090,742</u>
NET ASSETS - beginning of year.....	<u>8,489,272</u>	<u>3,129,497</u>	<u>3,846,893</u>	<u>15,465,662</u>
NET ASSETS - end of year	\$ <u>10,935,639</u>	\$ <u>2,608,033</u>	\$ <u>4,012,732</u>	\$ <u>17,556,404</u>

Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylar Counties



It doesn't happen often that you get to hear firsthand how a program has benefitted a client. Staff from the First Time Homebuyers Program of **Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylar Counties** recently received this letter:

"Thank You! to the Catholic Charities' First Time Homebuyer Program and The City of Elmira for this wonderful program and grant that helps low-income families like myself. This program has changed my life and my children's lives.

"When I was 16, I applied for a credit card knowing I had to be 18, but I said, "Hey I'll give it a shot, it's free money, right?" To my surprise, I received a credit card with a \$5,000 limit. As you can imagine, I was thrilled and that \$5K was gone in no time. Unknown to me at the time was how that credit card, a piece of plastic, would affect my life. Fast forward to the age of 18 - I had my first child a week before my high school graduation. I moved out of my parents' house into a low-income housing complex. I wanted to go into health care so I went on to get my CNA and later started working at a nursing facility.

"After five years in the low-income housing complex, I wanted my kids to have a place to call their own with their own backyard in a nice quiet little neighborhood with neighborhood kids they could grow up with. I no longer received food stamps or Section 8 which was a big accomplishment for me having been on assistance for quite some time. A friend told me about the Catholic Charities/City of Elmira First Time Homebuyer Program so I went to their workshop, saved up money and worked on my credit with the information I learned at the workshop. I later met with a Housing Counselor, Jane, when I was ready to take the first step of purchasing my first home. We sat down and went over bills and ways to budget. I was ready to go to the bank and apply for a pre-approval for a mortgage. I found a bank that approved me for a home loan. I was so very proud that I finally was able to be approved for a loan. Next step was to apply for the City grant.

"I will never forget the day Jane told me I got approved. We continued the process of building my team: a bank, a realtor, a home inspector, an attorney and most importantly, a home. I found a wonderful realtor who did research on all the homes I liked and we narrowed it down to two. I looked at both but fell in love with one, a cute 3-bedroom house with a nice backyard and beautiful woodwork inside. The neighborhood was quiet every time I went to look at it, day and night. I told both Jane and my realtor I was interested and we got the ball rolling. Jane set up the home inspection with the City of Elmira home inspector who was absolutely wonderful and knowledgeable. A few minor things needed to be fixed before closing which was set. I moved in that day, literally minutes after receiving my keys.

"From the beginning of my home buying journey to the closing date, I can honestly say I had smooth sailing. The team I had helped me tremendously. As I moved in to my new home, neighbors came, intro-

duced themselves and welcomed me. I was taken aback - I only saw that kind of welcome in the old movies. I will be forever grateful to everyone who played a part in this life-changing journey in me and my children's lives. I caught myself tearing up watching my kids raking leaves and jumping in them in their very own backyard with the neighborhood kids that they will now grow up with. That moment I was so proud that I did what I had to do to get them something we have all dreamed of. I can never thank Catholic Charities/City of Elmira enough for making it all possible!"

Proud First Time Home Owner in the City of Elmira

In partnership with the City of Elmira, Catholic Charities' First Time Homebuyer Program offers financial assistance to income eligible families and individuals to purchase their first home. 442 low to moderate income households have purchased their first home in city neighborhoods through this program and local lenders have provided more than \$15 million dollars in mortgage loans.

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Catholic Charities Community Services

Driven by our mission and inspired by those we serve, **Catholic Charities Community Services** promotes the independence, individuality and inclusion for some of our region's most vulnerable people. In 2016, creating avenues toward independence was the focus for over 120 individuals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities and who took advantage of our Self-Directed Services Program. Self-direction promotes personal choice and control over the delivery of services, including who provides the services and how those services are provided. The Self-Directed Services program model puts clients in control of their own lives and future.

At the core of this program is the objective to surround the individual with a circle of support which enables them to live the life of their choice by choosing the right supports and services. Those choices may include housing, life skills, employment services, if living with family providing a break for caregivers, participation in community classes/events, transportation, and a variety of other options to truly allow individuals to steer their life in the path of their choosing.

As an example, Matt is autistic and attends RIT. Through the self-directed services program at Catholic Charities Community Services, he receives education support to assist him in the classroom with note taking, assignments, attending on-campus activities, and instruction on how he can move his life forward by learning techniques for self-advocacy.

Mary lives in one of our residential homes and has chosen to receive self-directed services to enable her to get out into the community to do the simple things she loves like feeding ducks, going out for a cup of coffee, or work on her art. "These are activities determined by Mary," explains Cathy Feely,



Program Supervisor. "Each of our program participants have control over the selection of supports and services they believe are the most important to enable them to live the life they want."

The entire community benefits from Self-Directed Services by increased exposure to the rich diversity which exists within the community as the participants become more inclusive in the neighborhoods in which they live.

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Catholic Charities of Steuben County

A marine veteran who suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder had recently moved to the area and was having trouble figuring out where to go for help. Seeking food from the pantry, he shared with staff that he lacked stable housing and wanted to find a job. One of Catholic Charities of Steuben County's Turning Point Basic Needs Counselors began meeting with the veteran on a regular basis to help him sort out next steps in his quest to find affordable housing and employment. Realizing that he had other critical needs, she also assisted him in coordinating with his care manager at Trillium Health and his mental health worker at Steuben County Community Services. The counselor wanted to ensure that he was making it to appointments and feeling supported when making changes in his life. When this person first came to us, he was without housing, had very little income, and did not know where to turn. Through advocacy and support, he is now in stable housing and has more income to support himself. He feels better mentally and physically, and now has the confidence to take better care of himself. Our staff member helped to make this happen by working together with other organizations to help this individual find stability in his life. Turning Point has found that working with other organizations is critical, because "together we can" provides the best possible support for people.

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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Catholic Charities of Livingston County



For more than twenty years, **Catholic Charities of Livingston County** has offered a holistic and cost effective approach to health and wellness for all persons served.

In 2016, services were provided to more than 8,000 individuals.

Through its holistic approach to behavioral health and community services, for these clients Catholic Charities offers a wide variety of services to these individuals:

- Employment education
- Counseling to individuals and families
- Poverty education
- Budget counselling
- Social Security navigation counselling
- Transportation coordination for medical appointments
- Emergency housing
- Food assistance through the Food Pantry
- Backpack program for school children
- Emergency assistance, including financial assistance, rent assistance, utility assistance and clothing
- Mentoring for youth
- Transitional jail counseling

These services have been provided by a committed staff of 11 and would not be possible without the assistance of 169 volunteers.

Services are provided in partnership with Livingston County Offices including Social Services, Mental Health, Public Health, Workforce Development, Corrections and the Sheriff's Department, as well as the County-based organizations.

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Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes

At the end of 2016, **Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes** was awarded support from the New York Life Charitable Giving Program to continue work with vulnerable families in the Finger Lakes. The award of \$15,000 will be used to fund case management services, providing critical supports to families struggling with financial stability, parenting or other stressors that threaten the general well-being of the family.

"The funding is essential for providing preventative supports to families in need," said Bill Lamb, Director of Services. "Too often we are linked with families after a child has been removed from their care, or when the household is homeless following an eviction. This grant, coupled with funds from the United Ways of Ontario and Seneca Counties, allows our agency to work with families to prevent their circumstances from reaching a crisis level."

The program allows staff to work with families to develop goals and objectives unique to their needs, and put in place action steps to support their efforts to meet those goals.



Providing comprehensive case management and support to families is one of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes longest, continuing running services. Referrals are received from courts, community partners, area faith communities and, in some cases, clients reach out requesting the services. Preventive support funds have decreased significantly over the years, and this grant is essential to preserving these critical services.

The grant was leveraged through the help of New York Life Agent, Joseph Cirencione. Joe is a long-time supporter of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, working on various committees including having spent time on our Board of Directors and Finance Committees. Along with his wife Ann, they are volunteers in our programs that address hunger and community need. It was his relationship with our agency that helped Joe become aware of community need, and how his organization could assist us in our response to poor and vulnerable families.

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Catholic Family Center



In addition to receiving a grant to be the lead agency for the Adult Mentoring program, the first program of RMAPI (the Rochester/Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative), the major developments at **Catholic Family Center** in 2016 were in the behavioral health area.

Through the continuing excellent leadership of Kristie Elias, the Mental Health Clinic had achieved a milestone in December, 2015, when it was issued a license renewal for a three year period, the longest possible time period. This was a sign of the confidence of the NYS Office of Mental Health resulting from an excellent site visit of the program. In 2016, the program continued to expand and improve, both at the main office and at the satellite office on St. Paul Street.

A second major accomplishment was finalization of plans to relocate the Restart Outpatient program. For nearly fifteen years, Catholic Family Center had owned the building at 79 North Clinton Avenue, next to its main office. Over the years, a variety of proposals for its use had been unsuccessfully put forward. In 2011, a proposal had been submitted to OASAS for a \$7.9 million grant to renovate the facility for relocation of the Restart Outpatient program. Final approval for the grant came through a meeting with the Governor's office in October, 2013. Renovation began in August, 2015, and the facility will be occupied in 2017 by Restart Outpatient which will relocate from its long-time location at 55 Troup Street.

Third, CFC received a \$1.4 million SAMSHA grant (over three years) for the integration of primary care and behavioral health care. The purpose of this initiative is to create a seamless and stable network of behavioral health treatment, primary health care, and wellness promotion services that will improve health outcomes for individuals with severe mental illness who may also have co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

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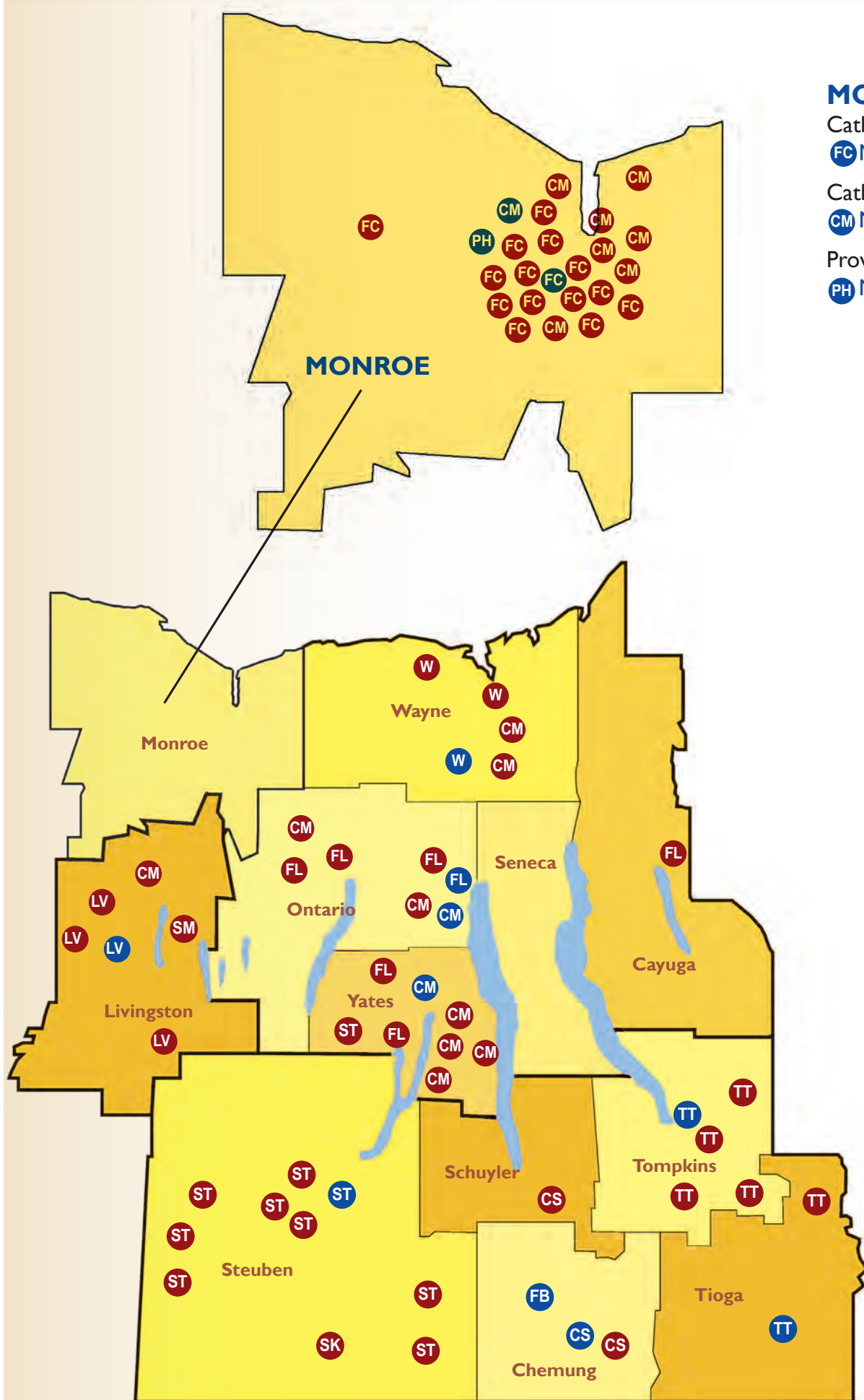


Catholic Charities

of the Diocese of Rochester, Inc.



We help our neighbors develop skills for life. We empower them to lead healthy, productive independent lives. We provide a place where people can grow in personal dignity.



MONROE COUNTY

- Catholic Family Center (FC)
 - # Main Office # Program Sites
- Catholic Charities Community Services (CM)
 - # Main Office # Program Sites
- Providence Housing - Main Office (PH)
 - # Main Office

AREAWIDE

- Catholic Family Center (FC)
 - # Main Office # Program Sites

- Catholic Charities Community Services (CM)
 - # Main Office # Program Sites

- Catholic Charities of Livingston County (LV)
 - # Main Office # Program Site

- Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes (FL)
 - # Main Office # Program Site

- Catholic Charities of the Steuben County (ST)
 - # Main Office # Program Site

- Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga (TT)
 - # Main Office # Program Site

- Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler (CS)
 - # Main Office # Program Site



- Food Bank of the Southern Tier (FB)
 - # Main Office

- Catholic Charities of Wayne County (W)
 - # Main Office # Program Site

- Camp Stella Maris (SM)
 - # Program Site

Main Office # Program Site

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER, INC.

Agency	Emergency Services	Support Service	Special Needs	Housing Services	Food Services
<p>Catholic Family Center</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4,327 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eldersource - 1,264 served • Aging & Adult Services - 3,627 served • Children Youth & Family - 2,938 served • Healthy Sisters- 38 served • Kinship Navigator - 48,529 served • FLAGS - 1,394 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Clinic - 2,172 served • Restart Drug & Alcohol Treatment - 3,223 served • Refugee, Immigration & Employment Services - 1,412 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelters & Supportive Housing - 2,807 served 	
<p>Catholic Charities Community Services (Serving 12 Counties)</p>	<p>Over 35,000 persons in our Twelve County Diocese Received Emergency Assistance in 2016</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental Disabilities - 580 served • Care Coordination - 2,738 served • Supportive Services - 227 served 	 <p>Catholic Charities helped 500 families with heating assistance in 2016</p>	
<p>Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylar Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,500 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach - Schuylar - 11,000 served • RSVP - Schuylar - 350 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Services (Chemung) - 514 served • Domestic Violence - 242 served • Foster Care - 17 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention - 120 served • Housing Assistance - 611 served • First Time Homebuyers - 442 served since 1994 	
<p>Catholic Charities of Livingston County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,691 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of Caring - 22 served • Faith in Action Transportation - 114 served • HOPE Youth Mentoring - 26 served • SSI/SSD Case Mgmt - 33 served • Employment - 408 served • Transitional Jail Counselling - 215 served • Parenting Education - 78 served 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Housing - 62 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Pantry - 4,038 served
<p>Catholic Charities of Steuben County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point - 1,020 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Abuse Prevention - 6,200 served • Healthy Families - 232 families served • Therapeutic Foster Care - 46 children served • Family Preservation SHAPE - 197 families served • Bath Community Child Day Care - 150 children served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinship Community Residence - 77 men served • Kinship Supportive Living - 31 men served 		 <p>Through 165 Member Agencies, the Food Bank helps 150,000 different individuals each year</p>
<p>Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes (Serving 4 Counties)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Assistance - 2,300 households served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised Visitation - 110 households served • Case Management - 52 households served • SSI Advocacy - 95 households served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Housing - 178 served 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Lunch Program - 13,780 meals served
<p>Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tompkins County - 3,843 served • Tioga County - 6,500 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration Svcs - Tompkins - 893 served • Nutrition Outreach - Tompkins - 224 served • Nutrition Outreach - Tioga - 62 served • Family Empowerment Svcs - Tompkins - 151 served • Youth Mentoring / Education - Tioga - 35 served • Employment Services - Tioga - 34 served 	 <p>Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Rochester touched the lives of nearly 250,000 individuals in our twelve county diocese in 2016</p>		
<p>Catholic Charities of Wayne County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,000 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolcott Clothing Center - 3,100 served • Childhood Counseling & Intervention - 140 served • College Bound - 172 served • Counseling - 180 served • Positive Attitude, Responsible Citizen - 800 served • Persons In Need of Supervision - 325 served • La Casa - 18 families served • Thriving Families - 220 served 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Assistance - 4,700 served
<p>Food Bank of the Southern Tier (Serving 6 Counties)</p>	<p>Food assistance in 2016 was at an all time high</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,563,304 pounds of food distributed to 185 Member Agencies. 16,000 people served each week, 41% children and 14% seniors • 3.2 million pounds of food, including 925,159 pounds of produce, were distributed to 88 sites on 833 occasions • 7,564 seniors were served by Mobile Food Pantries at 23 senior housing facilities • Through the Backpack program, 3,341 children received 101,242 weekend and holiday backpacks • 468 children visited Kids' Farmers' Market sites
<p>Camp Stella Maris</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Camp Participants - 2,768 served • ABLE Participants - 1,500 served • Off Season - 54 groups - 3,577 served 			
<p>Providence Housing Development</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,600 individuals served • 792 units in 23 projects 	

Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties

Opened in the spring of 2016, **Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties A Place To Stay** is a transitional housing program for single homeless women. The guests stay in a beautiful four bedroom rental home located in downtown Ithaca. This program strives to go beyond simply providing short term shelter to our guests. Our goal is to support the women in reaching greater self-sufficiency. The women in the house work towards their own personal goals, including gaining and maintaining employment, rebuilding relationships with their families and gaining greater self-confidence. A Place to Stay also places a strong emphasis on teaching our guests about rental stewardship and offers education on tenants' rights and responsibilities. The over-arching goal of the program is for the residents to transition out of this program and into their own independent housing.

During 2016, 10 single homeless women found safe, serene lodging at A Place to Stay.

Also in 2016 through Catholic Charities, 153 people received assistance with rent or security deposit so they could have a roof over their heads. Those served included...

- A homeless single parent with a teenager in Tioga County. The teen was staying with friends, and the dad was living in a truck. Assistance with a security deposit enabled them to move into housing.

- A Tompkins County Family with a special needs child, in which the husband was in the process of filing for disability benefits related to a work related injury and the wife worked two part time jobs. They just couldn't seem to catch up on the \$150 back rent they owed and were terrified they'd be evicted. CCTT's help allowed them to remain in their home.

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Catholic Charities of Wayne County

Excerpts from this letter, from Palmyra-Macedon Superintendent Robert Ike sent in support of a grant application by **Catholic Charities of Wayne County**, gives testament to the work of the agency in 2016.

"Dear Members of the Bullis Fund:

Whether physical or emotional, the number of young children who have experienced early childhood trauma continues to increase. In order for



students to attend to academic needs in a school setting, it has been critical for trained adults to work one-on-one with students who have been recipients of or have been influenced by abusive situations at an early age.

"In addition and over the last nine years, children's eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch in their formative years has skyrocketed from 24% to now hovering at four out of every ten students. Pal-Mac has been fortunate to reap the benefits of the services provided by Catholic Charities for many years, particularly through Childhood Counseling and Intervention. The outreach and services provided for our youngest students have been critical to the families served.

"In addition to the early intervention, Catholic Charities provides counseling and mindfulness support to students in Grades K-5. Students are seen for individual counseling on a weekly basis and the same staff members also work with parents, providing support and acting as a liaison between school, home, and the classroom. (It should be noted that during the 2016-17 school year, some students could only be seen every other week due to the increasing numbers of students who are in need of support services.) In addition to the individual sessions, Catholic Charities supports the Palmyra-Macedon mental health team in providing group lessons to students who struggle with social skills, school orientation, and varied mental health concerns.

"Catholic Charities staff members also continue to support students by providing mindfulness strategies to increase both academic and emotional success.

During the 2016-17 school year, 87 students received services for issues such as early childhood trauma, anxiety, behavior, and school adjustment, as well as comprehensive psychosocial assessments, diagnoses, service plans, and mental health screenings. Service providers utilized these data to support the therapies, to work with parents, and to consult with pediatricians.

"Because of the tremendous success of Catholic Charities' services within the Palmyra Macedon Central School District, the District has included \$47,300 in its general fund budget to expand the mindfulness program; such funds will allow the district to employ a certified mindfulness specialist



representing in-kind services in partnership with Catholic Charities.

"Please know that I am in full support of continuing Childhood Counseling and Intervention Program services in the next school year as well as any opportunity to expand these services. The changes brought by Catholic Charities' programming in the early childhood setting have long-term effects for our school, for our community, and for the future of Wayne County.

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Food Bank of the Southern Tier



Reflecting its accomplishments over the years and particularly in 2016, the **Food Bank of the Southern Tier** was named the 2017 Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. The Food Bank was selected for being the most outstanding food bank out of more than 200 Feeding America member food banks across the country.

"Winning this award was only possible because the Food Bank is supported by our incredible community," said Natasha Thompson, President & CEO of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. "I'm humbled every day by the volunteers, agencies, donors and community partners who help us fulfill our mission. Being honored at the national level only reinforces our belief that the Southern Tier is very special."

The Food Bank was recognized for the effectiveness of its Mobile Food Pantry program and for involving donors in its strategic planning process. The organization was also recognized for its research on increasing capacity at its 165 member agencies, which include food pantries and meal sites throughout the Southern Tier.

"President and CEO Natasha Thompson has assembled a terrific staff that we consider best-in-class," said Diana Aviv, CEO of Feeding America. "Their programs as well as their efforts to increase the amount of food and groceries they provide to their community are exemplary."

The Food Bank of the Southern Tier joins the ranks of past winners including the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank in Ohio, the Alameda County Food Bank in California, and the Houston Food Bank, the largest food bank in the U.S.

To celebrate this special recognition, the Food Bank of the Southern hosted a press conference in June and will incorporate it into community outreach and various events throughout the coming months.

Last year, the Food Bank distributed 9.8 million meals to people in need through member agencies, Mobile Food Pantries, and the Backpack Program. In addition to nonperishable food and grocery items, the Food Bank distributed 2.2 million pounds of fresh produce.

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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Camp Stella Maris



During 2016, **Camp Stella Maris** celebrated the 90th anniversary of its founding by seminarians Gerry Lambert and Gene Hudson, both of whom were later ordained as priests of the Diocese of Rochester.

In addition to enjoying a banner year of activity as evidenced in the service statistics described below, the Camp completed a 10 year Master Plan through which these physical improvements were identified as priorities:

- New health facility
- Beach improvements
- Expansion of worship space
- Additional play space

Physical improvements made in 2016 included:

- Dedication of the Quinlivan Archery Range in honor of Executive Director John Quinlivan's father, Richard Quinlivan
- Renovation of Cabins F & G, one of the Camp's oldest cabins
- Replacement of Cabin Evening Star's foundation
- Construction of St. Michael's Tent Village on the eastside of Camp

Service highlights:

- A total of 2,767 children and youth participated in summer camping activities, including resident camp, day camp, the Leadership in Training program, the Counsellor in Training program, 4 Day Stay and

Overnight Experience

- A total of 340 participants were recipients of the Charles M. Bayer Scholarship program
- Over 1,800 persons participated in Year Round Programs including Camps for Kids, Family and Adult Camps, the ABLE program and School Age Program
- Facility rentals were made available to 40 different organizations for 54 group events in which there were 3,577 participants

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Providence Housing Development Corporation

While **Providence Housing Development Corporation** Executive Director Mark Greisberger continued to aggressively pursue project development activities (including the \$17 million Durand Senior Project in Irondequoit which was funded in 2017), it was the continuing outstanding property management function that was the hallmark of Prov-



idence's work in 2016.

Providence staff, led by Asset Manager Helen Bianchi, continued to successfully manage its previous portfolio of 22 projects, and during 2016 acquired management responsibilities for Rockwood Senior Apartments in Henrietta, owned by Episcopal Senior Life Communities. All told, Providence was then responsible for managing 792 units, with more than 90% of residents earning less than 50% of area median income. Vacancy rates were well below industry benchmark. In 2016, the properties generated \$279,000 of revenue to enable Providence to pursue other development and program opportunities.

During the fall of 2016, the Landmark Society organized an open house tour of one of Providence's signature projects, Holy Rosary Apartments, to demonstrate to the affordable housing development community a creative use of historic tax credits.

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Advocacy And Parish Social Ministry



At the 1971 World Synod of Bishops, it was proclaimed that "Advocacy on behalf of Social Justice is a constitutive element of the preaching of the Gospel." The National Conference of Catholic Charities Director recognized the priority of this activity in 1972 by adopting a mission statement which recognized "advocacy to transform the social order" as one of three core elements of the national mission statement. Similarly, in developing this mission statement, recognizing the rootedness of Catholic Charities in parishes, parish social ministry was recognized as a core element of the mission statement.

Since Bishop Matthew Clark adopted the "Catholic Charities of the Future" plan for the Diocese of Rochester in 1979, advocacy and parish social ministry, together with "provision of quality direct services that empower individuals and families", have been the core elements of the mission statement of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester.

Catholic Charities has implemented activities to carry out advocacy and parish social ministry priorities through support of the Diocesan Public Policy Committee, through the work of the Life Issues office, and through the activities of Justice and Peace coordinators on the staff of several agencies.

In 2016, the three major priorities in education and advocacy of the Diocesan Public Policy Committee were support for increasing child care subsidies for working parents, opposition to physician assisted suicide and education about the Papal Encyclical: *Laudato Si – Care For Our Common Home*.

Suzanne Stack, Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator, took responsibility for organizing the physician assisted suicide education effort. In addition, she organized three important annual events:

- The Mass for Life in January
- The March on Washington in January to highlight the

Church's opposition to Roe vWade

- The Respect Life Mass during Respect Life Month in October. She also administered the Consistent Life Ethics Grant Program and provided administrative support to Project Rachel.

Major regional activities and priorities were:

- At **Catholic Family Center**, Marv Mich (also Diocesan Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development) provided administrative support to Rochester ACTS, a CCHD funded, faith-based community organization comprised of more than twelve faith communities whose values are consistent with Catholic Social Teaching and who determined to focus on issues relating to working families, criminal justice issues and education
- **Catholic Charities Community Services** brought to the attention of the community a greater awareness of persons with disabilities through the presentation given by Noah Galloway at the Annual March Breakfast with Friends
- Through the work of its Board Parish Social Ministry committee, **Catholic Charities of Livingston County** increased participation in the CRS Rice Bowl program
- Issues of importance to **Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes** were Rent-to-Own legislation, the Seneca County Landfill issue, and the clean water issue in Cayuga County
- Among many other advocacy activities at **Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties**, 2016 Peace Week activities included an evening prayer service featuring a reflection from Martha Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day, a Muslim Catholic dialogue attended by 60 individuals, and a screening of the documentary "He Named Me Malala" featuring Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai

- **Catholic Charities of Wayne County** sought to strengthen its relationships with parishes through hiring Deacon Greg Kiley as Justice and Peace coordinator and through presentations given at weekend masses in county parishes

- **Catholic Charities of Steuben County** again organized three STEP walks to raise awareness of the problem of poverty in Steuben County and raise funds for the Turning Point emergency assistance program

- At **Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler Counties**, in addition to her role as Diocesan Director of Catholic Relief Services, Kathy Dubel collaborated with Catholic parishes, schools, organizations to strengthen Social Ministry in the Catholic community. Justice activities focused on education and advocacy with the Catholic community on a range of public policy issue priorities and engagement/meetings with local elected representatives on those priorities. 100% of the local parishes participated in DOR Public Policy Advocacy Weekend. Collaboration with community partners involved leadership for the Every Child Matters Coalition and the development, publication, distribution of the annual State of the Child in Chemung County report.
- Through a Feeding America advocacy grant, **Food Bank** staff member, Randi Quackenbush, who had participated in a training session, developed several advocacy activities, including a client's Speakers Bureau, with assistance from a newly formed Board Advisory Committee

These examples represent only a small portion of the ongoing advocacy and parish social ministry work of Catholic Charities.



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of additional life-enhancing services to people of all faiths whose lives have been interrupted by poverty or illness.

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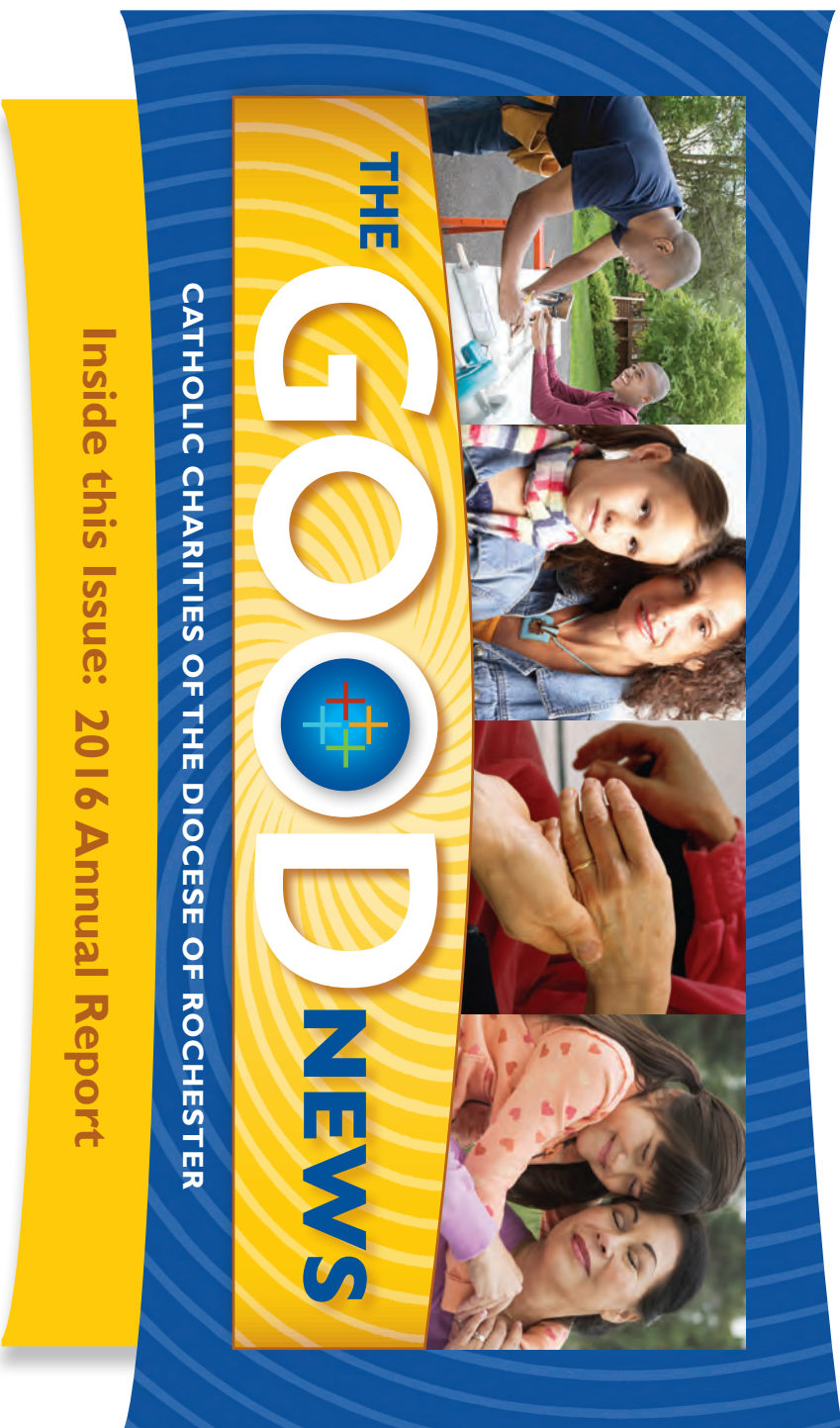
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