



Special Edition
2005
Annual Report

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FFVA Donates
\$200,000 for
Housing

Arcadia—Farm workers are the backbone of the agricultural industry in Southwest Florida. When Hurricane Charley ravaged DeSoto County, a large portion of low-income housing was destroyed. Many migrant workers and their families found themselves with no decent place to live.

Catholic Charities Housing, Inc., with the help of many donors and grants, immediately set forth to fill the housing gap by initiating the building of new and affordable homes.

The Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (FFVA), a trade group for growers, also recognized the importance of supporting migrant farm worker families. The Florida Fruit and Vegetable Research and Education Foundation raised \$50,000 for the Catholic Charities Housing project, named Casa San Juan Bosco. Now, a second donation of \$150,000 has been awarded.

Emerald Ball to be Held April 22

Naples – The 21st Annual Emerald Ball, benefiting Catholic Charities of Collier County, will be held at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club on Saturday, April 22.

Catholic Charities provides a variety of services to people in need: family, individual and group counseling, Positive Parenting classes, elderly outreach, food pantry, financial assistance, prescription-related services and refugee employment placement.

The theme of this year’s fundraiser is “Cruise the Emerald Seas.” The Ball offers guests several new, unique aspects. The live auction, in addition to a silent auction, is featuring a trip for up to 10 people at Domaine du Haut Baran, a countryside chateau in southwest France. Modern accommodations include a swimming pool and hot tub.

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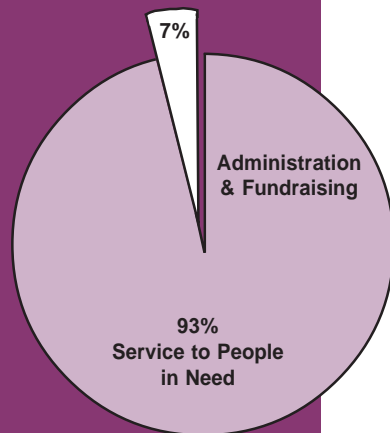
Chairs of the Emerald Ball are (L to R) Linda Stanaland, Nancy Duggan and Dianne Livingston.

Richard Kinney, FFVA member who was instrumental in raising the funds, said the new project in DeSoto County will help farm workers with much needed housing and will offer them a better future. “It has been an honor to be associated with such a *FFVA Donates on page 6*

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Direct Assistance

Case Management

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Refugee Resettlement and Employment

Immigration Services

Mental Health Counseling

Community Outreach

Shelter for Mothers and Infants

Translation and ESOL Classes



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.

Annual Report For Services Provided In 2005

Catholic Charities Serves 48,335 People

Your support of Catholic Charities during 2005 helped us to serve 48,335 people in need in 31 program locations in the ten counties of our Diocese of Venice.

- Assisted 23,270 families, children and elderly individuals in economic hardship by providing social services including direct assistance, food, clothing, prescription medications and case management.
- Provided hurricane-related assistance to 14,375 families devastated by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma; helped coordinate disaster relief and recovery on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; continued to provide hurricane-related assistance to residents impacted by hurricanes of 2004.
- Promoted freedom of opportunity for 5,915 immigrants and migrants.
- Provided professional counseling services and addiction services to 1,273 individuals and families.
- Offered educational support to 1,068 children through various programs.
- Provided professional, compassionate HIV/AIDS supportive social services and education to 408 infected clients and 562 affected family members.
- Provided home ownership classes to 327 families.
- Sponsored 292 refugee families and identified jobs for 461 refugees.
- Encouraged 281 birth mothers, homeless mothers and their children on the road to self-sufficiency.
- Ensured quality day care and early childhood learning for 63 families.
- Provided intensive respite care and elderly outreach to 40 clients.
- Formed 4 housing corporations to develop clean, safe, affordable housing for working poor, low income and farm workers.



Prior to the graduation for St. Martha's Early Learning Center of Catholic Charities, the five year olds await the ceremony.



Annual Report 2004-2005 By The Numbers

Revenues and Expenditures for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.



Volunteer tutor, Harold Felix of Arcadia, helps a student in the After School Program of Catholic Charities – DeSoto County.

Revenues: Fiscal Year 2004-2005

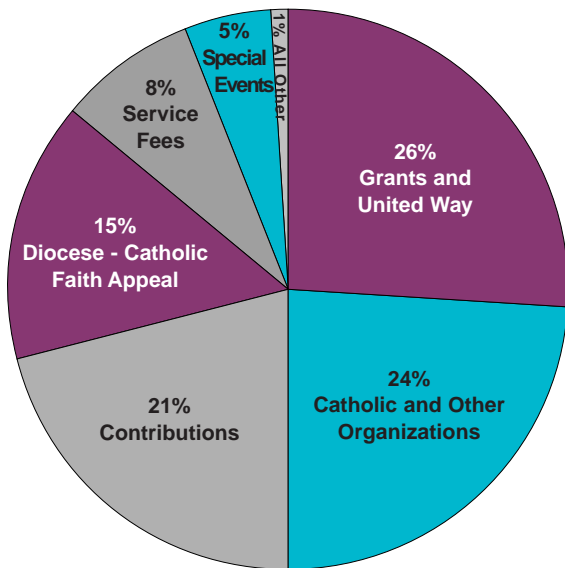
Grants and United Way	\$ 1,581,468
Catholic and Other Organizations	1,464,397
Contributions	1,254,839
Diocese-Catholic Faith Appeal	873,996
Service Fees	486,126
Special Events	274,682
All Other	59,073
Total	\$5,994,581*

*Excess revenue restricted, primarily for long-term hurricane recovery.

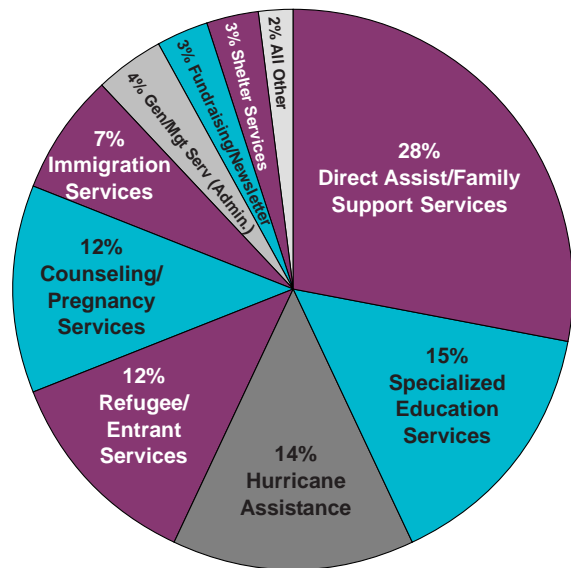
Expenditures: Fiscal Year 2004-2005

Direct Assist/Family Support Services	\$ 1,360,366
Specialized Education Services	741,825
Hurricane Assistance	702,339
Refugee/Entrant Services	570,900
Counseling/Pregnancy Services	565,818
Immigration Services	341,858
General/Management Services (Admin.)	175,647
Fundraising/Newsletter	158,933
Shelter Services	150,302
All Other	118,066
Total	\$4,886,054

Revenues
Fiscal Year 2004-2005



Expenditures
Fiscal Year 2004-2005



4th Annual Christmas Appeal Tops \$240,000

“More than 1,800 donors contributed over \$240,000 to our Christmas Appeal,” said Peter Routsis-Arroyo, President/CEO of Catholic Charities. “We also want to acknowledge one major family donation that took us well over our goal.”

Catholic Charities thanks its many kind donors for their generosity. The organization depends on the Christmas Appeal to maintain its 31 programs in southwest Florida.



Sarasota, Fort Myers Galas Support Local Programs

Sarasota - The Catholic Charities Ball, formerly the Bishop's Ball, honored Bishop John J. Nevins, founder and leader of the Diocese of Venice, on January 21 for his service to people in need.

Proceeds from the ball support the Financial Assistance Program of Catholic Charities in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Fort Myers - The Venetian

Charity Ball honored Rev. Charles K. Sullivan, founder and pastor of Blessed Pope John XXIII, on February 4 for his long-time support of Catholic Charities and his work with the less fortunate in the community.

Funds raised by the event are used for Catholic Charities programs and services in Lee County.



Gina and Ric Gregoria, honorary director of Catholic Charities Foundation, enjoy blackjack at the Sarasota gala.

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Breakfast is served daily, and a welcoming dinner, farewell dinner and day trips are provided. The host and hostess speak French and English.

Other new elements are nine sponsored casino tables and the versatile four-person band, Tim B. Faze Group that plays a variety of dance music to please all ages.

Featuring an “aboard ship” décor, boarding is promptly at 6:00 p.m. Black tie is optional. Tickets are \$250 per person.

For reservations and information, call Madeline at Catholic Charities office at 239-455-2655.



Honoree, Father Charles K. Sullivan receives a warm welcome at the charity event in Fort Myers.

Adult Day Care/Alzheimer's Respite Program Re-Opens

Charlotte County – The Adult Day Care/Alzheimer's Respite Program has re-opened in Port Charlotte.

Wednesdays
9:30 - 1:30

Villa San Carlos I
2550 Easy Street
Port Charlotte

Thursdays
9:30 - 1:30

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church
11330 Burnt Store Road
Punta Gorda

For information call Catholic Charities at 941-629-9990.

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President's Corner

Each year for the Annual Report of Catholic Charities, I have the duty to review the events and statistics of the previous year. As I look back at 2005, I am grateful for your partnership in our mission of serving others. Your support is the means by which Catholic Charities does God's work of assisting children, families and individuals in need.

Thank you for making the fourth annual Christmas Appeal a big success! Your generosity toward our brothers and sisters in Christ provides the financial support necessary to run our programs and services.

Thank you for being faithful volunteers. Your work in tutoring children, special events, charity balls, board members, distribution of these newsletters and clerical help enhance our Catholic Charities efforts. Your volunteering for hurricane recovery assistance allows us to reach and aid victims of the storms.

Thank you for your prayers. Your spiritual support is priceless and essential for doing God's work in our southwest Florida communities.

Please accept our appreciation on behalf of the people we served in 2005 and those who receive help this year. Every year Catholic Charities relies on your support to **Provide Help and Create Hope.**

May Christ bless you and yours,

Pete Routsis-Arroyo
 Peter Routsis-Arroyo
 President/CEO



April Upcoming Events

Naples **"Cruise the Emerald Seas" at the 21st Annual Emerald Ball.**

Saturday, April 22, 2006, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. For information and tickets, call Madeline at Catholic Charities office (239) 455-2655.

Diocese **National Volunteer Week.**

April 23 - 29. Thank you to the more than 350 volunteers who serve people in need through the programs and services of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities serves all who seek help regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Wish List

Catholic Charities programs appreciate any help you can give.

Arcadia – Call Sister Ann at (863) 494-1068, ext. 106.

- cribs for babies 9 months to 2 years
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent

Fort Myers – Call Chris at (239) 275-7788.

- DVD player or DVD/VCR combo

Immokalee – Call Ninfa at (239) 657-6242.

- fans for clients
- food for food pantry

Naples – Call Loren at (239) 793-0059.

- volunteers - clerical duties, pantry stocking and bagging, special projects
- non-perishable foods, diapers, food certificates

Port Charlotte/Punta

Gorda – Call Lucille at (941) 629-9990.

- laptop computer (internet capable)

Sarasota/Venice – Call Nancy at (941) 492-4855.

- upright piano, good condition. Refugee in North Port needs to teach piano to earn income

Venice – Call Joyce (941) 485-6264.

- ten 4-drawer dressers
- disposable diapers, sizes 1-6; paper towels; toilet paper; cleaning supplies

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worthy cause,” Kinney said. “It is one of those good relationships that comes out of a bad situation.”

Catholic Charities Housing Board President Jack Martin said, “Having the growers embracing this project means a lot to us. It is important that we work together.”

According to Sister Cathy Buster, vice president of Catholic Charities Housing, about 8,000 migrant workers lost their homes during Hurricane Charley in DeSoto County. “About 80 percent of the work camps were destroyed,” she said. The homes being built for the project by Home Front will withstand winds over 200 mph.

Prior to Hurricane Charley, DeSoto County already lacked decent low-income housing. The powerful hurricanes of 2004 created a housing crisis. “Catholic Charities had to do something



right away,” Martin said. “We are grateful that the FFVA contacted many of its member growers and packers and encouraged them to get involved.”

Catholic Charities of DeSoto County offers assistance with housing counseling, along with after-school tutoring, financial assistance and immigration services. A Catholic Charities housing counselor will guide farm workers and their families through the process of obtaining and maintaining housing in the Casa San Juan Bosco project. For more information call 863-494-1068.

How One Family Was Helped

Sarasota - When Karen Sage, a Hurricane Katrina evacuee, walked through the door of Catholic Charities of Sarasota County, she had no idea what help she and her family could get.

“I’m not used to receiving charity but giving it,” said Sage.

The Sage family left St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, because of Hurricane Katrina. They returned to find their home flooded with 12 and a half feet of water for two weeks. Then Hurricane Rita flooded their home again with six feet of water. The family could not salvage anything.

“We have to start completely over now,” said Sage about her family of four that includes husband

How One Family on page 7



Karen Sage, who relocated from Louisiana with her family after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their home and belongings, sits on the back of a pick up truck full of donated Christmas gifts and items from employees of Peaches Restaurants.

Volunteer Spotlight: Jim Moore

Sarasota – In 2002 after successfully bidding on dinner with Bishop Nevins at the Bishop’s Ball (now the Catholic Charities Ball), Jim Moore was very interested in how the funds would be used. He later walked into the Catholic Charities office on Fruitville Road to inquire firsthand about the funding and the services.

Having worked for the family company in Detroit for 25 years, this retired president and chief operating officer of a three-generations business asked probing questions. After meeting with Moore, Nancy Shoemaker, district director of Catholic Charities in the Sarasota area, said, “He wanted to know exactly how his donation was going to be used and by whom and for what.”

Then Moore visited St. Martha’s Early Learning Center (SMELC) of Catholic Charities, an educational day care program for children ages 1 through 4. The children captured Moore’s heart.

With a mission of serving the working poor, SMELC continues to be a fundraising challenge. Moore, however, comes with



excellent credentials as co-chair of the capital campaign at St. Thomas More Church for expansion of the church and parking, and as a board member of Circus Sarasota.

Next, he chaired a new advisory board for SMELC to help with fundraising. His most recent successes include contributions from J. P. Morgan Chase’s community development program and the St. Thomas More Parish youth group. “St. Martha’s Early Learning Center is a great little cause unto itself,” said Moore.

In 2002 he attended the graduation ceremony of the five year olds and hasn’t missed a graduation since then. In fact, Moore now hands out the

diplomas to the graduates.

The following facts helped him become so committed to St. Martha’s Early Learning Center, he said. According to the High Scope Perry Preschool Project, studies demonstrate children who receive comprehensive, quality care during early childhood are 50 percent more likely to attend college, 50 percent more likely to be employed and 50 percent less likely to be teen parents.

In his work on behalf of SMELC, Moore has his wife’s support too. Each Christmas he and wife Liz, married 35 years and parents of three grown sons, dress as Santa and Mrs. Claus and visit the children at SMELC.

As a board member of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, since 2003, Moore reports on and advocates for his favorite program, St. Martha’s Early Learning Center. He said, “We can always use help in volunteering and contributions.”

For more information about St. Martha’s Early Learning Center of Catholic Charities, call 941-366-1395.

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Michael and their two children, Mallory and Kade. Even Michael’s mechanic business was a total loss.

Looking to adopt a family for Christmas, Eileen Maxham, vice

president of Peaches Restaurants, contacted Catholic Charities of Sarasota County.

Peaches Restaurant employees delivered a truck load of not only Christmas presents for the Sage family, but food,

clothes, furniture, kitchen appliances, toys, diapers and gift cards. The restaurant chain also assisted another needy family through Catholic Charities and two employee families who have experienced recent hardships.

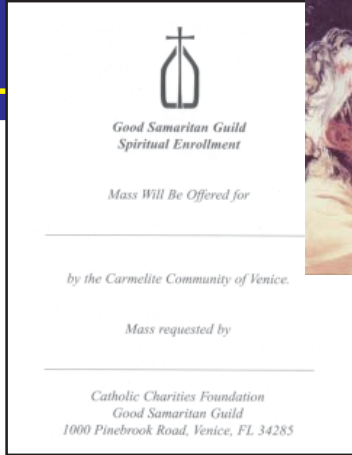
Catholic Charities is assisting all hurricane victims—those hurt by Hurricanes Charley through Wilma—who seek aid. Hurricane Wilma assistance is primarily given in the areas of Immokalee, East Naples and Clewiston.

Thanks to the generosity of donors who contributed to hurricane relief, Catholic Charities provides case-by-case assessment of post-hurricane needs. The needs are then matched with resources such as emergency financial assistance, food, housing and employment.

For more information call Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, at 941-488-5581.

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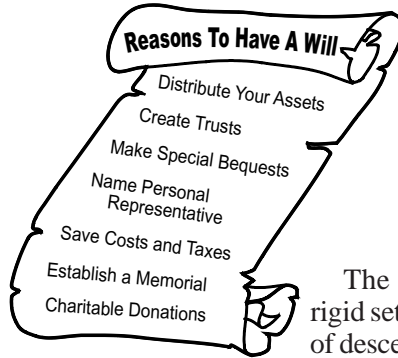
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