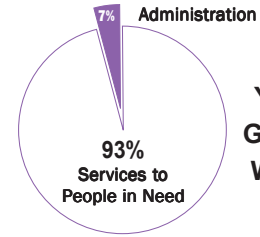




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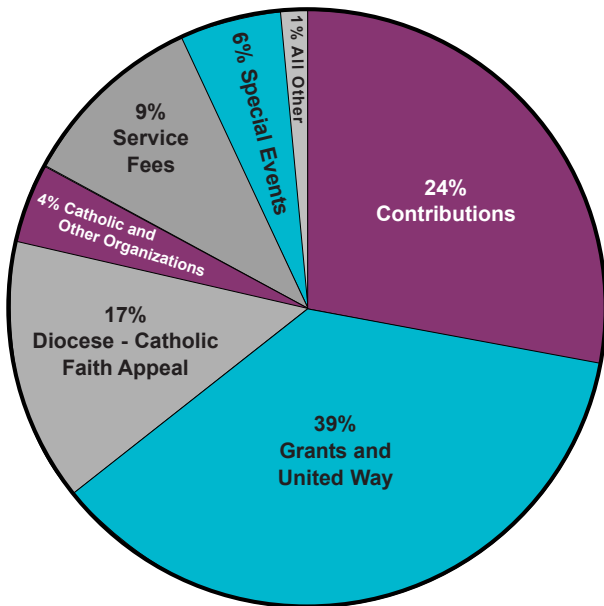
Revenues

Grants and United Way	\$ 2,495,037
Contributions	1,570,503
Diocese-Catholic Faith Appeal	1,101,704
Service Fees	550,239
Special Events	420,976
Catholic and Other Organizations	262,414
All Other	46,164
Total Revenue	\$6,447,037

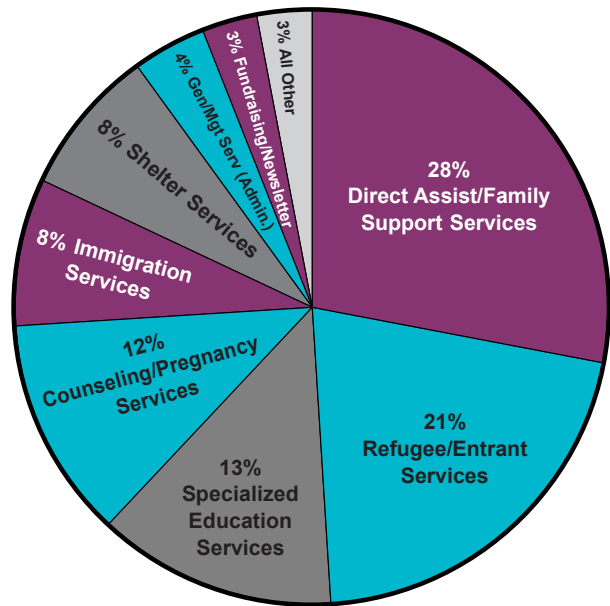
Expenditures

Direct Assist/Family Support Services ..	\$ 1,870,200
Refugee/Entrant Services	1,451,419
Specialized Education Services	890,679
Counseling/Pregnancy Services	814,517
Immigration Services	532,433
Shelter Services	516,835
General/Management Services (Admin.)	253,482
All Other	221,804
Fundraising/Newsletter	214,949
Total Expenditures	\$6,766,318

Revenues
Fiscal Year 2007-2008



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Early Learning Center Re-Opened and Blessed

Sarasota – After four months of renovation and a change in curriculum, St. Martha’s Early Learning Center re-opened on January 5. The program offers needy families affordable early childhood education. Located in two historic buildings, the Center has served the community for more than 20 years.

The re-vitalized program serves children ages 3 to 5. “The Center focuses on a hands-on curriculum with active learning,” said Julie Zurgable, program director. The education is faith-based to provide for the children’s spiritual growth.

The renovation required upgrades to the buildings—floor refurbishing, plumbing work and

painting inside and out. A major clean up followed.

Last October nine students from Cardinal Mooney High School and Sarasota High arrived at the Learning Center for “Kids Helping Kids Day.” For four hours they cleaned toys, scrubbed chairs, sorted books and cleaned the playground and storage shed. Their rewards were a visit from Bishop Frank Dewane, pizza for lunch and community service hours.

On February 17 Bishop Dewane blessed the two



buildings of St. Martha’s Early Learning Center. An Open House followed.

For more information or to enroll your child, call St. Martha’s Early Learning Center at 941-366-1395.

Catholic Charities Ball

Sarasota – On January 10 “An Enchanted Evening in Ireland” welcomed close to 400 guests. The 20th annual fundraiser at the Ritz Carlton benefited Catholic Charities (CC) of Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Thanks to Bishop Frank J. Dewane and the four co-chairs—Mary Kenealy-Barbetta, Helen Nugent, Bridget Spiess and Dr. Tam Sicard, district director of CC in Sarasota and Manatee Counties—the event was successful and fun.

We appreciate and thank all sponsors and attendees. Your



Drake School of Irish Dance students entertained guests at the 20th annual Catholic Charities Ball in Sarasota.

support is vital to our programs. For more information about CC in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call 941-379-5119.

After School Tutoring at the Haitian Center

Fort Myers – In September the Haitian Center moved to a new location at 5597 Sunrise Drive, directly across the street from Bishop Verot High School (BVHS). With more office space at the Center and the use of the BVHS library, the After School Tutoring program now assists as many as 25 students each afternoon. The students’ grade levels range from first to fifth grades.

This program is important because these young children complete their homework and have assistance when it is needed. They do not go home to an empty apartment after school and watch television while their

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A Day of Caring

Fort Myers – In 1991 a group of neighbors from the Eagle Trace community in North Fort Myers decided to become volunteers after reading an article in the local newspaper. Twenty volunteers began by sorting canned goods from the annual post office food drive. The food was then delivered to the local food bank.

After several meetings the group decided to raise money for the food bank and other non-profit agencies. Other communities—Pine Lakes, Lake Fairways, The Heritage and Tara Woods—joined with Eagle Trace to form “A Day of Caring.” Initially four charities were chosen as recipients, including Hispanic Services of Catholic Charities.



Christine Nolan (center), district director of Catholic Charities of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties, accepts a \$5,000 check from “A Day of Caring” members, Bob and Pat Hawkins.

Since its inception 17 years ago, “A Day of Caring” has raised and donated over \$300,000. Catholic Charities has received a total of approximately \$85,000.

Thank you to the founding

and current members, especially Wayne Kirk and Joe Monks for their leadership. We sincerely appreciate everyone’s ongoing commitment and generosity to Catholic Charities!

Wish List

Catholic Charities programs appreciate any help you can give.

Fort Myers – Call Christine, (239) 337-4193 ext. 308.

- riding lawnmower
- trailer to transport lawnmower

Call Michael, (239) 334-2234 ext. 2.

- volunteers to make phone calls to elderly

Call Pierrette, (239) 334-2234 ext. 1.

- volunteers to tutor after school

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

- volunteers for School On Wheels
- cereal, pasta (any kind)

Naples – Call Marta, (239) 455-2655.

- board games, blocks, wooden puzzles, etc., for ages 3-5
- dress-up costumes, ages 3-5

Call Sharon, (239) 455-0520 ext. 103.

- refrigerator, full size
- \$10 gas card for client job interviews, career support programs, English classes
- volunteer tutors for all grade levels

Palmetto/Venice – Call Ruth, (941) 488-8622.

- 2 Wii for seniors & sports games for exercise (2 locations)

Sarasota – Call Sandy, (941) 366-1886.

- 2 small desks
- Publix gift cards
- vegetable plants for garden
- outdoor furniture

Call Julie, (941) 366-1395.

- hot laminating machine
- children’s musical CDs/tapes
- 3 toddler tricycle helmets
- wooden train set and track

Venice – Call Yuri, (941) 492-4855.

- cars, good running condition
- gift cards to Publix, Winn-Dixie, Wal-Mart
- adult bicycles, new or lightly used

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CEO's Corner



Each year I review the statistics and financials for the Annual Report of Catholic Charities. During this recession, I am very grateful for your partnership in our mission of serving others.

Thank you for making the seventh annual Christmas Appeal a big success! Your outstanding generosity toward your neighbors provides the financial support necessary to assist families and individuals in need.

Thank you for being dedicated volunteers. Your work—tutors for children, charity balls, board members, distribution of these newsletters, clerical help and so on—enhance our Catholic Charities efforts.

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

Please accept our appreciation on behalf of the people we served in 2008 and those who receive help this year. Catholic Charities relies on your support every year.

Thank you!

May God bless you and yours,

Peter Routsis-Arroyo
 Chief Executive Officer

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Upcoming Event

National Volunteer Week
April 19 – 25, 2009

Thank you to our many dedicated volunteers who help Catholic Charities to serve children, families and individuals in need.

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Donors Provide Christmas for Children



Families eagerly await Santa's arrival in Venice.

Naples, Venice – Throughout our Catholic Charities programs, generous individuals, families and parishes donated gifts and funds for Christmas presents for needy children. Although we do not have the space to tell all these wonderful stories, we are highlighting two examples of extraordinary generosity.

As with all our programs, Family Resource Center (FRC) of Catholic Charities in Naples experienced a large increase in requests this Christmas. Donations were down about 50 percent. St. Ann Church and School and St. William Church provided tremendous support, so that FRC could help 390 children,

120 more than last year.

St. Ann Church, which organized a clothing drive for FRC, gave clothes and shoes to 120 children. St. Ann School provided toys for 22 children, and St. William Church contributed toys for 75.

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parents are still at work.

The Tutoring program is available from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. First, the students eat a snack at the Haitian Center. Then, they put on their backpacks to walk single file across the street with the program coordinator, Jean Claude Sime, and the adult volunteers. Their destination is the BVHS library.

Next, the students sit at the rectangular library tables for four and get out their homework. The Haitian Center adult volunteers are joined by several BVHS students. These volunteer tutors help the young



Students study during After School Tutoring program of Haitian Center. In background, volunteer Edward Wodarczyk helps a student.

children with their assignments.

“When you need something, you raise your hand,” said Marguerite Point-du-Jour to the children. A Haitian adult volunteer, she has been helping for nearly a year.

Edward Wodarczyk and his wife Barbara frequently volunteer

together. Wodarczyk smiled when he talked about helping the young students. “They just need love,” he said. “I raised seven children and they all turned out all right, so I must have known something.”

Also, the new partnership between the Haitian Center of Catholic Charities and BVHS not only helps the tutored students, but the Verot students learn about tutoring and earn community service hours.

More adult volunteers are needed, especially on Fridays. The only requirement is a desire to work with children.

To volunteer, call Pierrette at (239) 334-2234.

Our Mother's House Is Growing

Venice – To accommodate the growing number of single mothers seeking help from Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities, a seven-unit apartment complex has been purchased. The acquisition expands the program capacity from 10 to 17 families. Two of the seven new apartments already have been renovated and have mothers and their children living in them.

"We are turning qualified people down because we do not have the space," said Joyce Scott, Program Director of Our Mother's House. "Having additional apartments available is wonderful."

According to Scott, the program currently receives about 15 to 20 inquiries a month



New apartments.

from single mothers who are at risk of becoming homeless. "The volume of calls has increased exponentially as the economy has become more difficult," she said.

Our Mother's House provides shelter and guidance for single mothers and their children who,

without the program, would be homeless. Residents have their own apartments. Volunteers assist with childcare while mothers are in school or working. Mothers work toward self-sufficiency while they are living at the program. All are required to attend life skills classes such as parenting, self-esteem, nutrition and

budgeting.

The new apartments are in walking distance of the existing facility, so residents can use the childcare center and playground. A media center/meeting room will be available in the new facility.

Grants are being sought to cover the costs of renovating the five remaining apartments. Donations also are being accepted.

"Without the help of our donors, volunteers and the community, we could not provide the support and education our mothers need to attain self-sufficiency," said Scott.

For more information about Our Mother's House or to donate, please contact Joyce Scott at (941) 485-6264 or email her at omhsrqdir@comcast.net.



Jonathon, a young resident.



Mary Beth Fox, volunteer, with O'Maurie.

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Next, Refugee Resettlement Program and Our Mother's House benefited from the generosity of the Venice area. For the twelfth year, Rich and Nancy Carroll of Nokomis

organized a Christmas party at Epiphany Cathedral Parish. This year the 2,000th bicycle was given to the children!

In addition to the parish's donation of the hall at Epiphany Cathedral, the wonderfully supportive parish staff assisted with the party arrangements.

Also, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office flew Santa Claus on a helicopter to the parish parking lot where all the families waited for him.

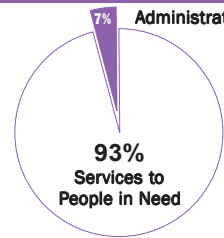
A special thank you to all the generous Catholic communities who made this Christmas a memorable one!

Laura Sikes/Catholic Charities USA



Christmas Appeal

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