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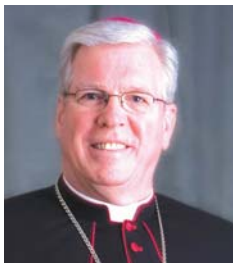
2011 Annual Report

Last year your support of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. enabled us to assist almost 40,000 people throughout Southwest Florida. Through a variety of programs and services, people in your community received the help they required to live a better life. Thank you for your partnership in our mission to serve and empower all in need regardless of race, nationality or creed.



39,812 Families and Individuals Served in 2011

- Direct Assistance, Food, Clothing, Prescriptions, Holiday Distributions, and Caseworker Services
- Immigrants and Migrants
- Life Skills and Tutorial Services
- Human Trafficking Victims
- HIV/AIDS Services and Education
- Refugee Job Training, Job Placement, and Employment Status Assistance
- Refugees Sponsored
- Refugee Youth
- Pre-Natal and Birth Mothers with Infants
- Mental Health Counseling and Addiction Services
- Foreclosure and Housing Counseling and Home Ownership
- Mentoring for Vulnerable Female and Male Youth
- Elderly Services and Outreach
- Early Childhood Education and Day Care
- Housing for Mothers and Infants and HIV/AIDS Residents
- Affordable Housing for working poor, special needs and farm workers



Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Bishop

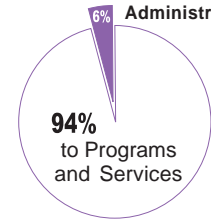
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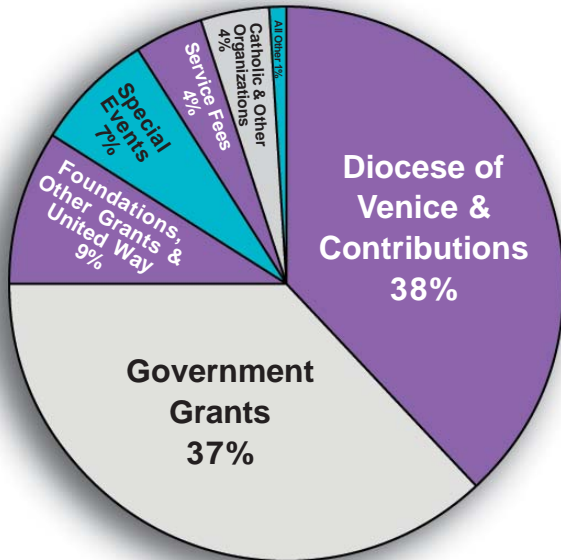


Annual Report For Year Ended June 30, 2011

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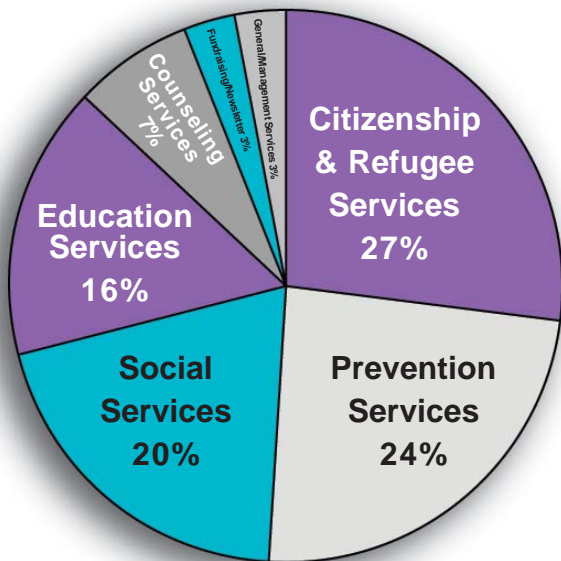
**YOUR
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Revenues

Diocese of Venice & Contributions 38%	\$3,473,380
Government Grants 37%	\$3,353,435
Foundations, Other Grants & United Way 9%	\$806,347
Special Events 7%	\$630,583
Service Fees 4%	\$389,957
Catholic & Other Organizations 4%	\$326,769
All Other 1%	\$100,390
Total Revenues	\$9,080,861

*The Diocese of Venice and its parishes provide additional support through in-kind donations including volunteer hours, physical space, and food drives.
*\$366,818 reimbursement included in government grants for hurricane services rendered in 2008/2009.



Expenses

Citizenship & Refugee Services 27%	\$2,121,398
Prevention Services 24%	\$1,827,760
Social Services 20%	\$1,552,699
Education Services 16%	\$1,227,124
Counseling Services 7%	\$532,260
General/Management Services 3%	\$231,049
Fundraising/Newsletter 3%	\$218,827
Total Expenses	\$7,711,117

See Catholic Charities Programs and Services on Page 7.

Flavor of Italy Offered at Venetian Charity Ball

Fort Myers—The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point was the destination of the 2012 Venetian Charity Ball this year which was held on March 3. Bishop Frank J. Dewane welcomed 484 supporters to the annual fundraiser for the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties.

Upon arrival, guests were serenaded by children who attend the Catholic Charities After-School Tutoring Program in Bonita Springs. A cocktail hour, dinner and dancing were offered at the gala along with silent and live auctions. Popular auction items included two Chihuahua mix puppies, a lease on a new Fiat donated by the Galeana Automotive Group, and a villa in

Italy. A special moment in the evening occurred when longtime volunteer Rosemary Kelly was presented the Catholic Charities Frank Galeana Sr. Humanitarian Award for her devotion to the agency.

Catholic Charities of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties offers a human trafficking program, refugee services, elderly services, food pantries, citizenship services, youth tutoring and mentoring, adult education, youth programs, case management, financial assistance, and infant/toddler assistance. Proceeds from the event directly benefit these programs and services.

For more information, please call 239-334-4007.



Rosemary Kelly (right) is presented the Catholic Charities Frank Galeana Sr. Humanitarian Award from Bishop Frank Dewane (left) and Catholic Charities CEO Peter Routsis-Arroyo (center) at the 2012 Venetian Charity Ball.

Patrons Revel at Mardi Gras Madness

Sarasota—Purple, green and gold garb was donned by those in attendance of the 2012 Mardi Gras Madness event held on February 18 at the Sarasota Yacht Club. More than 160 people came out to the annual fundraiser that benefits Bethesda House of Catholic Charities.

Patrons, wearing festive masks and beads, were treated to a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. A silent auction was held with a variety of items including handmade shirts, orchids, bicycles and large baskets of goodies.

Bethesda House of Catholic Charities offers professional and compassionate assistance for those suffering with HIV/AIDS such as a food pantry, clothing bank, case management, support



Becky Higgins (left to right), Christin Higgins and Sandy Anderson show off their festive masks at the Mardi Gras Madness event.

groups and counseling. The mission of the program is to provide services with love, compassion, dignity and respect

to help clients live healthy, more satisfying and independent lives.

For more information, please call 941-366-1886.

Silver Anniversary Celebrated for Our Mother's House

Venice—The Our Mother's House Annual Wine Tasting Auction and Dinner Dance was held February 23 at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. More than 300 guests attended and celebrated 25 years of service for the program.

Three former residents of Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities participated in the silver anniversary fundraiser with each sharing their story of success since graduating from the program. One mother owns her own hair salon, one is a registered nurse, and another a camera operator for a local news station.

The evening featured a wine tasting, dinner, dancing, and Chinese and silent auctions.

Our Mother's House is a residential program for homeless mothers and their children that is committed to helping them attain



Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities Program Director Joyce Scott addresses patrons of the Annual Wine Tasting Auction and Dinner Dance.

self-sufficiency. The funds raised at the event are used to ensure that the mothers and children receive the programming and services they

need to lead healthy and independent lives.

For more information, please call 941-485-6264.

Wish List

Catholic Charities programs appreciate any help you can give.

Arcadia

Call Andy at 863-494-1068

- Children's books for ages 5-12

Bonita Springs/Fort Myers

Call Matthew at 239-390-2928

- Soccer, football and basketballs
- Squirt guns, beach supplies, sidewalk chalk, and water balloons
- Large coolers and water coolers
- Colored construction paper, markers, board games, jewelry kits, poster board, and stickers
- Sunscreen, cold packs, insect repellent, and hand sanitizer

Clewiston/Fort Myers

Call Evelyn at 239-334-4007

- Baby and adult diapers all sizes
- Refrigerators, deep freezers
- Toiletries such as body lotion,

shampoo, toothpaste, soap and personal care products

Fort Myers

Call Veronica at 239-461-0233

- Sponsorship for 30 teens in the mentoring program to attend Disney World or the Kennedy Space Center for the day

Immokalee

Call Ninfa at 239-657-6242

- Baby diapers sizes 3, 4 and 5 and wipes
- Pinto beans, rice, Maseca and cooking oil
- Two computer printers

Sarasota

Call Najat at 941-355-4680

- Large filing cabinet about 52" H x 29" W x 15" D

Venice

Call Bob at 941-497-5422

- Volunteer FCC licensed radio operators for Catholic Charities Disaster Amateur Radio Network living in the Fort Myers area

Venice

Call Joyce at 941-485-6264

- Shower curtains and liners

Just visit

www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

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that will have an

immediate impact

for those who

need it most!



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CEO's Corner

On behalf of the 39,812 families and individuals that we served in 2011, I would like to extend my gratitude to you for your support of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. Please take a moment to look over our annual report information in this newsletter and see how your partnership with Catholic Charities provides the opportunity for so many people to achieve a better life.



Our 10th Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal was a success! Your generosity helped us exceed our goal and raise more than \$465,000 for our programs and services that assist the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in your community. Thank you for your vital contribution.

Catholic Charities has been invited with more than 100 other nonprofit organizations to submit a profile for The Giving Partner, a new online tool that helps donors make informed decisions. I invite you to view our information at www.TheGivingPartner.org and I hope this new source will be beneficial to you.

Lastly, I appreciate everyone who attended one or more of the many Catholic Charities fundraisers held in the past few months. A special thank you to all the event committee chairs and members for their tireless efforts and to Bishop Frank Dewane who takes time from his busy schedule to attend and support them all. We depend on the proceeds from these events to assist us to meet the increasing demands of the poor in our diocese. Catholic Charities strives to sustain struggling families and individuals by guiding them on the path to self-sufficiency.

May the good Lord bless you,

Pete Routsis-Arroyo

Peter Routsis-Arroyo
Chief Executive Officer

Visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

Upcoming Events

April

Fort Myers The 9th Annual Charity Golf Classic for the African Caribbean American Catholic Center (AFCAAM) of Catholic Charities will be held on **Friday, April 13** at The Forest Country Club located at 6100 Club Boulevard in Fort Myers. Registration is at noon and play begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person. Proceeds will benefit the mentoring and reading programs offered at the center. Various prizes will be awarded to contest winners. Students from the mentoring program will be participating in the golf classic. For more information, please contact David Young at AFCAAM at 239-461-0234.

Boots and Bandannas Event Kicks Up Heels for 10 Years

Lake Suzy—The 10th Annual Boots and Bandannas Dinner Dance happened on March 10 at the Kingsway Country Club. As the main fundraiser for Catholic Charities of DeSoto County, the event has generated more than a quarter-million dollars over the past decade.

About 150 supporters, wearing cowboy hats, bandannas and boots, enjoyed the country and western style affair that featured a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. A large silent auction also was offered with much sought after items such as a diamond tennis bracelet, round-trip airline tickets, and Joan



Father Vincent Clemente (left to right), Pastor of St. Paul Parish in Arcadia, and Father Jerome Carosella, Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Boca Grande and Catholic Charities Board Member, don their western wear at the annual Boots and Bandannas Dinner Dance.

Carroll's famous chocolate basket. A heartfelt tribute was paid to the late Rose Sherard, who was a loved and devoted volunteer and co-chair of the event.

Catholic Charities of DeSoto County caters to the rural poor of Arcadia and surrounding communities. Programs and services offered there include an After-School Tutoring Program, Citizenship Services, Food Pantry and Direct Assistance. All proceeds from the Boots and Bandannas Dinner Dance directly benefit clients in need.

For more information, please call 863-494-1068.

An Elegant Evening at Catholic Charities Ball

Sarasota—The 2012 Catholic Charities Ball was held on January 28 at the Ritz Carlton with 373 patrons in attendance. The black-tie gala benefitted the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Bishop Frank J. Dewane was the host of the evening that offered a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. The ball featured a raffle for one year of free tuition at any Catholic school in Sarasota and Manatee Counties and a live auction with several items including a villa in Italy and four tickets to the Final Four. A special performance also was provided by 14-year-old singer Maria Wirries.

Catholic Charities of Sarasota and Manatee Counties offers mental health counseling, a residential program for mothers and their children, an early learning center, HIV/AIDS



Catholic Charities Ball Co-Chairpersons Linda Whitacre (left to right), Mary Kenealy-Barbetta, Julie Delaney, and Bridget Spiess flank Bishop Frank J. Dewane.

support services, financial assistance, senior services, homeownership counseling and classes, citizenship classes and services, and refugee services.

Proceeds from this annual fundraiser go directly to help clients in need.

For more information, please call 941-355-4680.

A Bit o' the Irish Celebrated at Emerald Ball

Naples—More than 400 people came to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the 2012 Emerald Ball held on March 17 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort. The 27th annual black-tie gala was hosted by Bishop Frank J. Dewane and benefitted Catholic Charities of Collier County.

A cocktail hour and silent auction started the Irish-themed fundraiser and followed with dinner, dancing and a live auction featuring items such as a puppy, elegant jewelry, a getaway to the wine country, and a trip to France. Irish dancers, bagpipes, and a band, along with many patrons "wearing of the green," all contributed to the lively atmosphere. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the James McTague Humanitarian Award to Barbara and Dick Mack who have devoted more than 20 years of service to Catholic Charities.

Monies raised from the signature fundraiser go directly to Catholic Charities programs and services in Collier County which include food pantries, direct assistance, refugee services, family and individual counseling, immigration services, English tutoring, and School on Wheels.

For more information, please call 239-455-2655.



Barbara and Dick Mack were presented the James McTague Humanitarian Award at the 2012 Emerald Ball.



Irish bagpipes along with dancers and music were all part of the fun at the Emerald Ball held on St. Patrick's Day.

Programs and Services

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Financial Assistance
Food Pantry and Clothing Bank

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After-School Program
Casework Services/Needs Assessment
Food Pantry

Food Stamps/Medicaid Applications
Summer Youth Program

BRADENTON

Casework Services/Needs Assessment
Citizenship Classes
Citizenship Services
Financial Assistance

First Time Homebuyer Class

Housing Counseling and Foreclosure Prevention

CLEWISTON

Food Pantry
Food Stamps/Medicaid Applications
Infant/Toddler Supplies

FORT MYERS

(Three office locations.)

After-School Reading Program
After-School Program
Casework Services/Needs Assessment
Choose Life License Plate Program
Citizenship and English Classes
Citizenship Services
Elderly Services
Financial Assistance
Food Pantries

Food Stamps/Medicaid Applications
Human Trafficking
Infant/Toddler Supplies
Refugee Services
Summer Youth Program
Tutoring

Youth Mentoring Program

HARDEE AND HIGHLANDS COUNTIES
Food Assistance

IMMOKALEE

Casework Services/Needs Assessment
Citizenship and English Classes
Citizenship Services
Financial Assistance
Food Pantry

School on Wheels Program

Tutoring

NAPLES

(Four office locations.)

Casework Services/Needs Assessment
Citizenship Services
Counseling Services
Financial Assistance
Food Pantry

Refugee Services

Refugee Youth and Family Programs

PALMETTO

Elderly Services

PORT CHARLOTTE

Affordable Housing

SARASOTA

(Four office locations.)

Affordable Housing

Casework Services/Needs Assessment
Counseling Services
Early Learning Center
Financial Assistance
Food Pantry

HIV/AIDS Support Services

HIV/AIDS Housing

Refugee Services

VENICE

(Two office locations.)

Elderly Services

Financial Assistance

Refugee Services

Residential Program for Mothers and Children

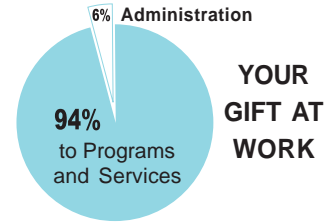
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Christmas Appeal
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 **10th Annual Christmas Appeal Reaches \$465,032**

Your gifts assist Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope.

Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

 **Catholic Charities Profile on The Giving Partner**
The intersection of community and philanthropy.

The Giving Partner is a publicly available online tool that shares information about local charitable organizations and their programs, needs, governance, management and finances, offering a complete picture of their effectiveness and impact.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is one of more than 100 nonprofit organizations with a complete profile on The Giving Partner. Please visit www.TheGivingPartner.org and search for Catholic Charities to view our information. This new tool will help donors and funders make more informed decisions about their philanthropy.

The Giving Partner is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and the Manatee Community Foundation with support from The Patterson Foundation.



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Send a set of wills worksheets, if you do not have a will or are updating yours.
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