

## 2023 REPORT

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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on another year of serving as the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Denver, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of Catholic Charities of Denver. Your generosity has allowed us to touch countless lives and bring hope to those in need.

In our 2023 Impact Report, you'll find inspiring stories that illuminate the ways we've all worked together to support our neighbors and and transform lives. I invite you to spend some time with these narratives, each a testament to the power of love in action.

Our community's dedication to serving the vulnerable is evident in the achievements of Samaritan House, Marisol Services, Catholic Charities Housing and St. Raphael Counseling. Through our Early Childhood Education programs, Immigration Assistance, Emergency Support and Victim Advocacy, regional work and Faith in Action programs, we continue to make a meaningful impact across Northern Colorado.

Your generosity fuels our mission, and we encourage you to delve deeper into the vital work happening through Catholic Charities. Together, we are making a difference and creating a brighter future for all.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

With gratitude,

Darren A. Walsh President & CEO

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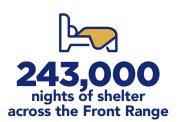


Fiscal year: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023



Archdiocesan Housing, Inc. FY 2022-23

More than 100,000 people assisted in Northern Colorado





#### **OUR MISSION**

As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Denver, and inspired by God's love and compassion, Catholic Charities extends the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to the poor and those in need.

Catholic Charities shelters, feeds, houses, educates, counsels and provides emergency assistance and critical services to our neighbors across Northern Colorado. As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Denver, we serve thousands of neighbors each year with life-changing support as they work to improve their lives.

When Coloradans think of Catholic Charities, they often think of **Samaritan House** in downtown Denver, the first building in the nation built specifically to house people experiencing homelessness. Today, at multiple Samaritan House locations, we provide shelter, food and wrap-around support services to more women in Denver and across Northern Colorado than any other organization. Of course, we also provide a full range of services for men, families and veterans in **Denver**, Fort Collins, Greeley and on the Western Slope.

Marisol Services is a critical ministry within Catholic Charities. Marisol Health supports women's healthcare needs, Marisol Homes provides safe shelter for pregnant women and single mothers with children as they get back on their feet, Marisol Family provides young families with diapers, materials and educational programing and Marisol Counseling serves children and families who are facing some of life's greatest challenges.

Catholic Charities has a host of additional ministries: **Catholic Charities Housing** provides homes in 34 affordable housing complexes; Early Childhood Education serves children and families at six Denver locations; St. Raphael Counseling is a full-service, Catholic-centered clinic with various locations across the Front Range and northern mountains; Community Engagement connects neighbors through Respect Life Denver, parish outreach and volunteer relations; Immigration provides legal support to those with valid legal claims to status in the United States; Little Flower Assistance Center offers food, clothing and significant resources and Kinship and Senior Services help neighbors at every age and every stage of life.

If you need to get help, we're here for you. If you want to get involved, we look forward to partnering with you. As thousands of Coloradans learn each year, we'll be there when you need us.











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## **SAMARITAN HOUSE DENVER**



#### SAMARITAN HOUSE DENVER

The first building in the nation built specifically to serve people experiencing homelessness, Samaritan House on Lawrence Street has been a Denver staple since 1986 and continues to support single women, families and veterans. In recent years, we've opened additional locations in Denver and have grown to be the largest provider of shelter, food and support services for **single women**, a growing population of people without homes.

This year, with more families than ever knocking on our door, we leaned into our mission and opened the doors even wider to be able to accomodate them. Seeing the need to provide our little ones with high-quality medical care, we launched one of the first pediatric clinics in the country to be located inside a shelter. This groundbreaking initiative is part of a comprehensive approach that combines primary care and mental health services to those families who call Samaritan House home.

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#### **EVERY CHILD PEDIATRICS AT SAMARITAN HOUSE**

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, children experiencing homelessness are sick at twice the rate of children who have stable housing. To increase access to pediatric services, Samaritan House launched a partnership with Every Child Pediatrics in March 2023 to provide on-site medical care.

Since opening its doors, Every Child Pediatrics at Samaritan House has provided vital healthcare to the children who are living at the shelter with a range of services including physicals, well-child check-ups, sick visits and vaccinations. And it's all accessible just a few feet away from their rooms.

For the families residing at Samaritan House, the in-house clinic has been critical and convenient. For one family, it was life changing. During a well-baby visit with their one-week-old child, providers recognized a significant illness. Thanks to the timely diagnosis, the child received necessary care and is now thriving. Early intervention undoubtedly changed the course of his development and likely would not have been identified if the

family wasn't living at Samaritan House. Another family's six-month-old child urgently needed treatment for sickle cell anemia, a condition that can be life-threatening. Through the clinic's efforts, the child received medication and testing before being referred to a hospital. The intervention likely saved her life.

In addition to diagnosing and treating acute illnesses, Every Child Pediatrics has been proactive in identifying potential developmental delays in children. Thanks to Samaritan House's well-established referral network, these children have received the necessary services and interventions to address their delays.

"Since the clinic opened, we have provided holistic care at Samaritan House to more individuals than ever before. With emergency shelter in place to meet the record-breaking need for families needing a hand up, it is a blessing to be able to meet people where they are and get them the help they deserve," said Felicia Harrison, clinic coordinator at Samaritan House.

## **NORTHERN COLORADO**



#### THE POWER OF LOVE

At home in Greeley, Kathi and her border collie, Rider, often enjoyed spending time together at their neighborhood dog park until a terrifying incident last year. A stranger stole Kathi's car, which held all her possessions. This trauma was the culmination of a series of personal losses: her parents, sister, brother, and nephew had all passed away over two challenging years.

Job instability and depression added to Kathi's hardships. Her employer encouraged her to reach out to Samaritan House, which became her lifeline with safe shelter, nutritious food, and emotional support. To focus on her healing, Kathi reluctantly let a local couple foster Rider.

Her early days at Samaritan House Fort Collins were clouded by depression, but her caseworker helped her rebuild her self-worth through small, achievable goals. As time passed, Kathi's life began to regain its shape. In January, she received the news she had longed for - a housing offer. With the Samaritan House team's assistance, she furnished her new home and experienced a heartwarming reunion with Rider, who hadn't forgotten her.

Today, Kathi and Rider share a one-bedroom apartment near Old Town Fort Collins, and she works as a senior care coordinator. She emphasizes the importance of self-advocacy and the abundance of opportunities for those who seek them.

"I tell everyone, advocate for yourself first. Look for what's out there. There is so much more than you think." Kathi's story is a testament to resilience, hope, and the transformative power of support and self-belief.

#### SAMARITAN HOUSE FORT COLLINS

Samaritan House Fort Collins provides shelter and meals every day of the year to people experiencing homelessness. We operate Larimer County's only low barrier emergency shelter for women and families, and we have a housing program for men, women, families and veterans. Additionally, we provide homelessness prevention services for seniors and those that require emergency utility assistance.

This past year, the number of people seeking shelter skyrocketed. Each night, staff at Samaritan House Fort Collins transformed spaces like the cafeteria, conference rooms and common areas to accommodate the influx of people on a cold night seeking our help.

As the only shelter for women and families in Fort Collins, Samaritan House plays a crucial role in addressing homelessness and food insecurity in the area by providing a safety net for vulnerable populations and working towards improving their overall well-being.





#### SAMARITAN HOUSE GREELEY ON THE **GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER CAMPUS**

At Samaritan House Greeley, the shelter for individuals and families on the Guadalupe Community Center campus, we provide essentials, including comfortable shelter, nutritious food, seasonal clothing and support services like case management and community connections.

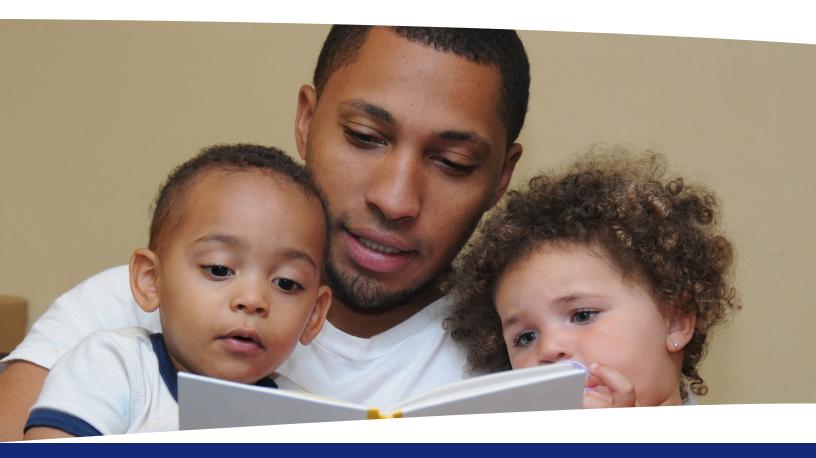
Our 120-day Program is designed to combat homelessness and is available to men, women and families. It encompasses life skills classes, support groups and connects participants with community resources to promote self-sufficiency. Additionally, we offer a spectrum of services, encompassing emergency assistance, immigration support, senior services and mental health support through St. Raphael Counseling.

In response to the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, we initiated the **Hospital to** Housing program. This initiative assists homeless individuals referred from nearby hospitals by offering up to 60 days of shelter coupled with on-site medical care. The ultimate aim is to facilitate their transition into secure, permanent housing. We continue to provide support for up to six months post-move into more permanent housing.





## **MARISOL SERVICES**



#### DADS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

Childhood friends Tysier and Angelica are parents to two beautiful children and trusted Marisol Health to support them as they grew their family. In addition to the stellar health care and support Angelica received during pregnancy, Tysier appreciated Marisol Health's focus on fatherhood to help him become the best partner and parent he could be.

"He always goes beyond to cook and clean for us and let me rest. I don't ever feel like I am doing this alone. He is the best father figure I could ask for my children."

This growing family continues to receive support from Marisol Health, ranging from educational to material needs. When they have questions about parenting or need diapers or clothes, they know that Catholic Charities is just a phone call away. Tysier is the first to ask questions at their appointments and believes that Marisol Health has helped him be the father and man he is striving to be. The team at Marisol Health has taught him ways to support his partner and he now feels confident that he'll be able to keep his children safe as they learn to walk today and run tomorrow.

#### **MARISOL HEALTH**

Marisol Health delivers a **comprehensive spectrum of women's health care**, counseling and family support services, encompassing gynecological, prenatal, delivery and postpartum care. We also offer support to extended family and friends who are navigating significant healthcare decisions and life events alongside the women in their lives and provide a genuinely positive experience in an open and accepting environment.

Some Marisol Health services are **free of charge, including pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, brief counseling and support services**, while others are offered at minimal cost or through the use of the patient's insurance, including Medicaid. Our unique model of care is built on leveraging the existing resources within Catholic Charities including access to shelter, affordable housing, early childhood education and essential material support.

One of the key features that makes Marisol so successful is the focus on **behavioral health services**. From the moment a patient walks into Marisol Health, our behavioral health team offers a continuum of care including crisis intervention, counseling, resources, referrals and individual and group therapy provided by fully licensed clinicians. Patients call it life-changing and healing.

"This opened my eyes to believe I could actually be a really good parent."

"Faith in myself, in God, and in others increased because of you."

#### "I owe Marisol my life."

Our team meets with every new patient who has an interest in this type of support and walks with them throughout their time at Marisol Health. This network of support expands to be able to provide more comprehensive services to clients through the longer-lasting relationships established between patients and Marisol Health.



#### **MARISOL COUNSELING**

Marisol Services also offers behavioral support at Marisol Homes, as well as a home-based program that extends across the community. We bring together **collaborative**, **experienced and highly trained clinicians** to work with families identified by Catholic Charities and other partner agencies. Services are delivered in-home, in-office and in the community and focus on mitigating trauma, strengthening families and supporting children from preschool to high school and beyond.

Because we have so many touchpoints with people through multiple programs, Marisol Counseling is in a unique position to provide behavioral health and safety net services that support neighbors and transform lives.

## **MARISOL SERVICES**



#### **MARISOL HOMES**

Women and their families who call Marisol Homes home are supported with safe shelter, nutritious food, wraparound support services, a thriving community and educational opportunities to lift them into the next chapter of their lives. Our team at Marisol Homes provides nearly a dozen classes to residents ranging from prenatal support to job skills and finance classes. We're proud that the vast majority of our alumni have remained in stable permanent housing since leaving the program. Similarly, the vast majority have at least one source of income. And a number of them are able to obtain a college degree or are attending college now.



#### STRENGTHENING THE LOVING BOND

Genevieve is one of the nine women who entered Marisol Homes program with a baby on board this year. She has used the tools and space provided to nurture her newborn, Carson.

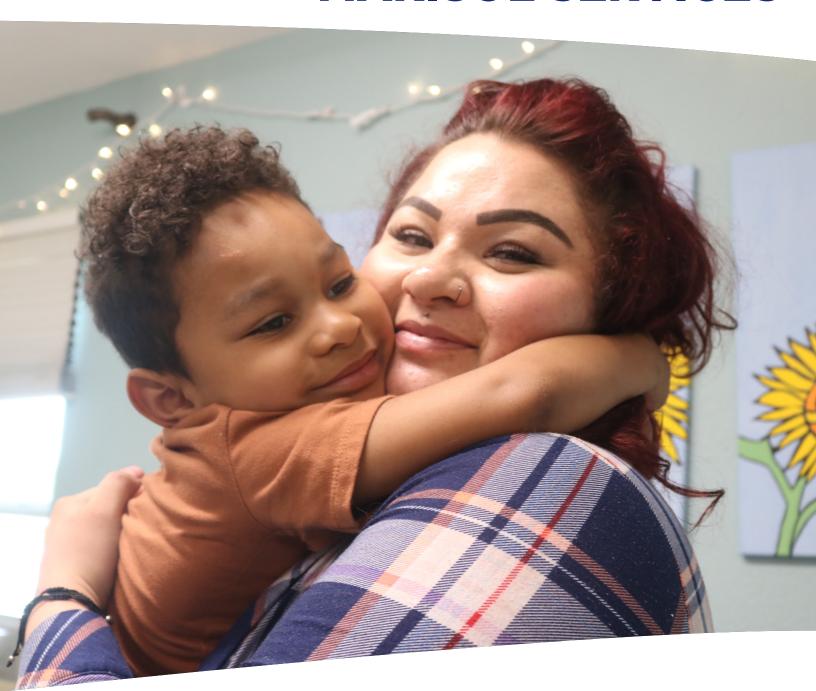
"The security and safety have given me the courage to take on motherhood," said Genevieve. "To have a place to call home after I left the hospital with my baby was life-changing."

Many of the women at Marisol have been exposed to generational trauma and didn't experience healthy childhoods where they felt safe and loved. While mothers instinctively want a better life for their children, they may not have the tools to foster healthy relationships. The goal at Marisol Homes is to empower mothers to believe they are capable parents through self-reflection, mental health awareness, wellness and a supportive environment.

"There is no such thing as perfect parenting," said Lara O'Shaughnessy, LCSW at Marisol Services. "Relieving all mothers of the pressure to be perfect releases some of the shame and guilt they carry from past experience." At Marisol, we encourage our parents to focus on the present/ future relationship with their children, reassuring mothers that it is never too late to strengthen the loving bond with their little ones. We strive to nurture the connection between mother and child so that their family can thrive.



## **MARISOL SERVICES**



#### **MARISOL FAMILY**

Marisol Family serves Colorado families by providing material assistance, support services and family education. We assist expectant moms and families with young children in multiple locations across Northern Colorado, providing families with diapers, wipes, formula, baby supplies, young children's clothing and family education programs.

Marisol Family is a critical entry point to the wider continuum of Catholic Charities services. Marisol Family locations are housed in Catholic parishes where families who need a hand up are welcomed to receive critical resources, assistance and referrals. We also lean heavily on Marisol Miles, our spunky delivery truck that serves as a critical part of distributing diapers and supplies to families in need across the Front Range. Through mobile events, Marisol Miles expands our reach to our neighbors in need who cannot access the parish-based locations.



#### I'M SO GRATEFUL

Saira began visiting Marisol Family St. James two years ago after learning about Marisol Family through a Facebook group that brought the Colombian community together in Colorado.

Saira is a mother to twin daughters, Alejandra and Gabriela, and has struggled to double their needs. Because Marisol Family helps with diapers, wipes and clothing, Saira is able to prioritize other needs like keeping up with her toddlers' energy, making sure they have healthy food to eat and bonding with both of her children.

Her twin daughters have formed a special bond with the volunteers and staff in the two years they've been coming to Marisol Family. Whenever they visit, they greet everyone with smiles, showcasing their joyous personalities.

"I didn't know it was possible to have help like this," shared Saira. "Coming to Marisol Family has helped my family in so many ways. I have found connections through everyone's kindness to me and my two girls. I am so grateful."



## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOUSING**



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It's no secret that the cost of housing across Colorado is prohibitive for many of our neighbors. Catholic Charities Housing provides supportive, affordable, service-enriched housing complexes for individuals and families who cannot access appropriate housing at affordable prices.

We currently own and manage 1,774 units of affordable housing in 34 locations throughout Colorado and Wyoming, and we continue to develop new locations. We care for seniors, families, people with disabilities and individuals who have experienced homelessness, and provide them with additional support services to encourage long-term and sustainable housing security.

National research confirms that increasing access to affordable and safe housing is the most cost-effective strategy in increasing economic opportunity and reducing childhood poverty. Catholic Charities Housing supports seniors on fixed incomes, families who are committed to improving the lives of their children and veterans who courageously served our country and deserve to have a safe, comfortable place to live.





#### THE BIRDMAN GETS HIS WINGS

When Robert walks the halls of Marian Plaza, an affordable housing property of Catholic Charities, he isn't just a resident heading to or from his apartment. He is lovingly known to everyone as the Birdman, a friendly neighbor with a love for music, conversation and, most of all, birds.

Robert - aka Birdman - has enjoyed safe and secure housing at Marian Plaza since the fall of 2020, but it hasn't always been that way. Three years ago, he was in his second hurdle of homelessness. Wages at the bird store where he was working were not keeping up with the rising cost of living and he lost his apartment and had to give up his beloved bird Abby. Like many people in that situation, he was forced to give up the job he loved because finding a safe place to sleep on the streets at night was time-consuming.

"I used to make \$10 an hour in the 90's and that was enough to cover a car, rent and some change. These days, it's just not like that."

He applied to as many affordable apartments as possible and checked in on the progress daily. With an average of three-year-long waiting lists around Denver, it was a blessing when Catholic Charities Housing called in September 2020 to share news of an income-based apartment for a lifetime, with his name on it.

He was really happy about his new home and excited to see Abby, his beloved bird who had been staying at the bird store where he used to work. Thanks to some savings, he left the store with supplies to begin their new lives together.

"It's just nice to not have to worry anymore. I love it here. I get to take Abby out with me throughout the day and everyone loves seeing her. I am not usually a very social person, but this place makes me feel like I have people like me around here who care "





## **DONATION DRIVES**



#### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Working with parishes, businesses, school groups and ecumenical partners, we are able to supply more than 700 students with **fully-equipped backpacks annually** as they start the school year. Our Catholic Charities' team members identify students who need some help getting all of their supplies and we work with them directly to make sure every child has just what she needs to be successful. We are eager to get even more parishes and school groups involved next year.

#### **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

The Catholic Charities' Adopt-A-Family program has been helping the Colorado community for 25 years, matching compassionate donors with families and individuals who need some extra help this holiday season. Thanks to our generous community, we're able to provide **holiday gifts** to children, families and seniors who otherwise would have none. Recipient families receive services through Catholic Charities' ministries and are nominated by a Catholic charities team member who works with them on a regular basis.

#### **DIAPER DRIVES**

The Bottom Line Diaper Bank supports Colorado families in need of diapers for infants, toddlers and incontinent adults. We support all ministries within Catholic Charities and raise awareness about how access to diapers impacts families across Northern Colorado. More than 2.2 million diapers were distributed this year - all thanks to the generosity and compassion of our neighbors across Colorado.

#### **WOMEN'S CARE PROJECT**

Unlike winter coats or sturdy shoes, our clients have a recurring need for new undergarments to preserve the dignity we all cherish. Many of our generous donors have stepped up to help this year by coordinating collection drives, rallying friends, family, parish members, high school peers and work colleagues to gather donations. Others added new women's undergarments to their shopping carts during mall runs and then dropped off their donations to Samaritan House on Lawrence Street. Still others made monetary donations directly to Catholic Charities so that we could purchase new undergarments in the sizes most needed at the time. Everyone working together helped ensure that individuals in need receive the basic essentials to maintain their dignity this year, and we're hopeful the community's generosity continues to grow.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

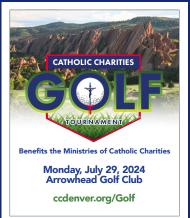
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## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**



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Catholic Charities Early Childhood Education **operates six Head Start and Early Head Start programs** across Denver and serves hundreds of children daily with educational, physical, emotional and psychological support. We serve a significant number of children whose families are experiencing homelessness - as well as as children in foster care — so our early care and education programs are lifelines for many Colorado families.

We go beyond getting children **ready for kindergarten**. We provide mental health counseling for our families and connect them with **housing**, **emergency assistance and other important resources**. Because of rising food costs and inflationary pressures, our families face significant food insecurity issues. That makes the **meals we provide** to our early childhood education students and their families critically important.





#### FOSTERING LEARNING, GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION

Catholic Charities Early Childhood Education programs are not just places for children to learn – they are a lifeline for many Colorado families. With six Head Start and Early Head Start programs across Denver, we provide more than just education. We help care for the physical, emotional and psychological needs of hundreds of children and their families.

The results are outstanding. Many of these children stay in touch with the program and credit their teachers with their continued success in school and in life. One of our teachers, Candi, has been caring for toddlers at our Margery Reed location since 1995. Her warmth and dedication have made her a beloved figure in the community. For Candi, and all of our longtime teachers, seeing their students go on to graduate from high school and college is a source of pride.

Now more than ever, celebrating the rich cultural heritage and communicating effectively with our Spanish-speaking students is critical. Our bilingual classroom at our Kentucky Head Start location integrates English and Spanish.

Beyond academics, we offer case management, mental health support, disability services and community resources, recognizing that a child's overall well-being is a combination of social-emotional, physical, creative and cognitive growth.

By working together, we create an environment that fosters learning, growth and transformation, truly embodying the holistic approach that encourages every student's success.



30%
who are experiencing homelessness

10%
of children enrolled
are in foster care



## ST. RAPHAEL COUNSELING



#### ST. RAPHAEL COUNSELING

St. Raphael Counseling is a comprehensive, community-based psychological service ministry. We offer counseling and mental health services to help restore and strengthen family and parish communities, and we are focused on providing assistance to individuals, children, teens, couples and families.

The goal of St. Raphael Counseling is to **change our culture** by bringing together the teachings of the Catholic Church and the very best in clinical care. Living out our vocations as Christians is incredibly challenging. Regardless of whether our client's mission is in family, work or ministry, truly applying the Church's teaching brings unique challenges. We help clients find growth and fulfillment within each person's chosen mission. Together with our therapists, our clients find healing in their lives and come one step closer to becoming the saints God is calling all of us to be.

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Catholic schools have St. Raphael counselors involved



of Denver

#### **OUR ARMS WRAP AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

St. Raphael Counseling's school program has greatly expanded throughout the Archdiocese of Denver this past year. With four more schools added to the 15 that have been successfully receiving behavioral health services to students since 2018, upwards of 450 students will have the opportunity to receive Christ-centered mental health support in the 2023-24 school year.

St. Raphael Counseling's program is on a guest to address the growing emotional and mental health needs of every student in the Archdiocese. Through individual and group counseling sessions, students explore their emotions, overcome challenges and develop essential life skills. In the last year alone, 10,000 counseling hours were committed to the wellbeing of students.

"I imagine St. Raphael Counseling as having two arms – our outpatient clinics and our school counseling team," shared executive director, Dr. Michelle Connor Harris. "Together, these two arms wrap around the Archdiocese of Denver, providing comprehensive mental health services, consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church, to families, priests, parishes and schools."

The school counseling program has emphasized the role of collaboration between parents, teachers, administrators, and counselors,

fostering a network that enhances students' overall well-being. By advocating for the importance of mental health, St. Raphael Counseling has helped break down the stigma often associated with seeking help in a school setting.

"Counseling, now more than ever, is so important for our children's formation. With everything the world is throwing at our kids in terms of social media, body image and countless other subjects, it is essential to have a trained professional in our building that is equipped with the tools necessary for our students' proper development, but also the faith that provides the foundation for having these important discussions," shared Erich Hoffer, principal of Bishop Machebeuf High School. "The staff that we have worked with from St. Raphael have been a brilliant mix of counseling expertise and devotion to our core values. They prepare our children to faithfully face an ever-changing world, while not relying on that world to shape who they are."

The expansion of school counseling in Catholic schools through St. Raphael Counseling demonstrates a commitment to the holistic development and well-being of students, ensuring they have the necessary support to thrive in all aspects of life.

## **IMMIGRATION**



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Catholic Charities offers assistance for those with valid legal claims to status in the U.S. and provides a wide range of immigration services to the Northern Colorado community. From legal advice about immigration concerns to assistance on immigration applications, we have helped low-income and indigent immigrants throughout Colorado since 1974.

Our bilingual staff represent over 25 years of experience in immigration law, and we are Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited. We strive to contribute to a more just and humane society by providing equitable access to legal services, fostering and preserving the family structure through family reunification and promoting self-esteem through acquisition of legal status.



#### SUPPORTING AFGHAN ASYLUM SEEKERS

When the United States withdrew from Afghanistan in August of 2021, hundreds of thousands of Afghans who had been assisting the U.S. military were left in that war-torn country without security. Most Americans likely remember the horrifying images on the tarmac in Kabul as fearful Afghans chased planes and begged for transportation to safety. They knew that if they stayed, they would likely face a death sentence as the Taliban declared victory in the 20-year conflict.

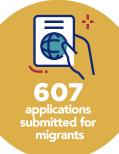
More than 75,000 Afghans came to the United States, 3,000 of which made their way to Colorado. A legal crisis ensued. While they were granted a temporary humanitarian parole status and were able to legally work, they did not have a clear path to get a permanent green card or legal status and they had only a year to formally apply for asylum, a complicated and expensive legal process.

With months of planning underway, the attorneys at Catholic Charities of Denver led the way to support displaced Afghans by developing a workshop model that relied on volunteers to connect and provide individuals with legal and human services. It was an extremely difficult endeavor to raise interest, train, and utilize volunteers from a multitude of different backgrounds.

The Catholic Charities team was constantly "thinking on their feet" to ensure that those who came to dedicate time to the project were given tasks that were within their scope of expertise, yet still rewarding to perform.

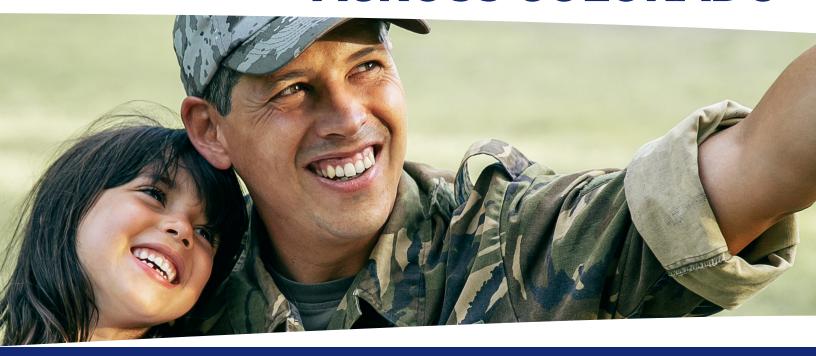
Over the course of eight months, 604 asylum applications were prepared, confirming that the workshops were an incredible success. Every day, the number of applications approved grows and the work is far from finished.







## REACHING NEIGHBORS ACROSS COLORADO



#### FROM DESPERATION TO TRIUMPH

Nestled within the Roaring Fork Valley, at the meeting point of the Colorado and Roaring Fork rivers, Glenwood Springs stands as a vibrant community where renowned hot springs and endless outdoor activities attract tourists from around the globe. For many, the area sparks optimism and hope, but for some area residents, the tourism industry hides hardships.

One such resident was John, a single father and veteran who proudly cares for his profoundly disabled 4-year-old daughter. John was a victim of wage theft, the practice by an employer of not paying the proper wages due to a worker.

John and his daughter faced eviction and food insecurity from unpaid wages of more than \$6,000. Thankfully,

John's path led him to Catholic Charities where our devoted team on the Western Slope, rooted in the community's unique needs, stretched out hands of assistance. Emergency aid prevented his eviction, rekindling light and reigniting hope.

John's tale took a brighter turn. Empowered by Catholic Charities, he pursued justice, reclaiming his withheld wages and opening doors to fresh employment. The team didn't stop there, linking him to veteran services, unraveling benefits available to him and navigating the challenging web of bureaucracy,

Catholic Charities on the Western Slope was more than a safety net; it was a bridge to self-sufficiency. Our holistic approach nurtured John's growth, cultivating skills and resilience.

#### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance is available to individuals in need, and it is funded through a combination of private and public grants. This program helps more than 2,000 families each year and provides crucial aid for rent, mortgages and utilities to help those facing financial hardships. Additionally, the Catholic Charities Parish Hotline offers referrals through individual parishes to assist parishioners in times of crisis. Moreover, Emergency Assistance offices can be found across different regions, including Denver, Weld County, Larimer County and the Western Slope, ensuring support is accessible across Colorado.

In late 2021, the Marshall Fire fire roared through Boulder County. More than 1,000 structures were lost and many others were damaged. Local parishes, the Archdiocese of Denver and Catholic Charities all jumped in to help. Since then, our entire community has supported these residents and assisted in the **rebuilding efforts** with Catholic Charities serving as case managers for the Pastor's Fund, which was established through donations in the days following the fire. To date, nearly \$780,000 has been distributed and the work continues.

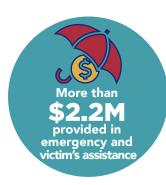
#### **VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE**

Catholic Charities Victim's Assistance plays a vital role in **supporting survivors of crime** by offering tailored assistance. This aid is specifically directed towards the aftermath of a particular crime rather than preexisting needs. The dedicated Catholic Charities Victim Advocate Coordinators work closely with both Victim Advocates and District Attorney's offices to ensure survivors receive comprehensive case management, financial aid and appropriate referrals.

#### **WESTERN SLOPE**

Recognizing the unique needs of the people and communities of the Western Slope, Catholic Charities has established a strong regional service based in Glenwood Springs with a highly dedicated staff serving neighbors who need a hand up. We provide emergency assistance and homeless prevention services to help keep individuals and families in their homes. Catholic Charities also offers intensive case management.

Long-term goals for each program participant include developing financial, educational, vocational and other life skills in order to become totally self-sufficient. The team also offers Community Integration Services to resolve disputes with landlords and creditors — and more. Immigration services are provided immigrants with valid legal claims to help them achieve citizenship and our St. Raphael Counseling team offers behavioral therapy to families and individuals. Our Marisol Family locations on the Western Slope assist families by providing diapers, baby supplies and community services.









## **KINSHIP & SENIOR SERVICES**



#### **KINSHIP**

Across the nation, four percent of all children — more than 2.6 million individuals — are in kinship care. In this arrangement, **relatives raise children** when their parents cannot care for them. The Kinship Caregiver Program at Catholic Charities supports caregivers of all cultural and faith backgrounds who are raising their relatives' children due to circumstances such as the death or illness of the biological parents, drug abuse or incarceration. We offer **monthly support groups, fun family events, special trainings and individual resource referrals** to kinship families, and our programs are free to participants.

#### **SENIOR SERVICES**

Catholic Charities works to help neighbors at every age and at every stage of life. One of our favorite ministries is helping our senior community as they navigate this fun, but sometimes challenging, chapter. We strive to **alleviate isolation and loneliness** and help seniors remain in **safe and independent living**. We provide connections to community resources, advocacy with service providers and outlets for social interaction — especially at the very busy and popular **Mulroy Senior Center**.





350 seniors served in Weld County





#### **BLESSINGS FOR SO MANY FAMILIES**

The Kinship Caregiver Program at Catholic Charities is a vital support system for caregivers who find themselves raising children due to unforeseen circumstances.

Operating in five counties - Denver, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Adams, and Douglas - the Catholic Charities Kinship Program extends a helping hand. The best part? Our services are entirely free.

Meet Miss Cherry, one of our clients. With two children of her own, she took on three more when a neighbor faced unforeseen difficulties. To her, they are all *God's children*. Miss Cherry's kids share her sanguine personality, often playfully teasing her about her height and how she should grow taller.

Hailing from Jamaica, Miss Cherry and her recently deceased husband raised five children, some of whom face learning disabilities and require physical therapy. Our Kinship staff has been critical in providing the family with support and resources. Miss Cherry wholeheartedly believes that "Kinship has had an incredibly positive impact on my family."

From connecting her with therapists for the kids to arranging expert guest speakers and fostering support through Kinship support groups, our program has become a lifeline. Miss Cherry is grateful for events such as the Catholic Charities Backpack Drive and the Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family programs, which help her provide school supplies and Christmas gifts for her children when she can't afford them.

She considers herself blessed to raise her expanded family and expresses gratitude for the support she receives. "Praise to the mighty God for the opportunity to be part of such a loving, diverse family."



### LITTLE FLOWER

This Catholic Charities powerhouse is a food pantry, clothing closet and resource center that offers tremendous support for the community. Little Flower partners with a host of amazing parishes, businesses, agencies, organizations and volunteers to receive and distribute food and critical supplies to neighbors in Aurora and beyond.

The volunteers at Little Flower are the engine that keep this organization humming. Our dedicated team offers their time, talents and assets to assist our neighbors who need a hand up to combat food insecurity and basic household needs.



#### "THEY TAKE CARE OF US!"

Little Flower Assistance Center has been serving the community for over 100 years by providing groceries, clothing and other necessities to neighbors who need a little extra support. Charlotte and her daughter Jennifer have been leaning on Little Flower for many years and are grateful for the team's consistent support. "They've fed us, clothed us and kept us happy and comforted in all kinds of ways," said Jennifer.

When the pair found themselves without a home, they turned again to the team at Little Flower who leaned on other Catholic Charities ministries to find them a home.

Jennifer said, "They gave us the proper resources to get the help that I needed and now this is our turn. This is where we are supposed to be right now, I truly believe that and I feel that... God has let us do it, go be free. They have gone way beyond their work requirements to provide for us."





## RESPECT LIFE DENVER

Faith in Action provides opportunities to serve the Lord in tangible ways. The spiritual works of mercy are encouraged throughout Catholic Charities and our team leans on Catholic Social Teaching to inform our mission and actions.

Catholic Charities **Respect Life Denver** joins forces with the Colorado Catholic Conference and more than a dozen pro-life groups to advocate for pro-life policies in Colorado. In a state where pre-born babies are vulnerable to abortion up until birth, our partnerships and direct ties to our own Marisol Services enable us to support expectant mothers who make the courageous decision to keep their babies. This year, we supported a new parish resource called **Footprints** to accompany women in crisis pregnancies and worked closely with parishes to support the women who turn to them in times of need.

47,000
Respect Life volunteer hours

Respect Life Denver continues to offer a range of presentations on medical, ethical and theological truths about the dignity of the human person, our bodies, the culture, life, love and relationships, and offers opportunities for **Prayer in the Square, 40 Days for Life** and meaningful **Eucharistic Processions**.

People are always surprised about how much Catholic Charities of Denver does and how many lives we impact.

Across the entire Archdiocese of Denver, our team, our services and our community work hard to make sure we're supporting neighbors and transforming lives.

## **VOLUNTEERS**



#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to thousands of dedicated volunteers each year, our team serves our neighbors with life-changing support as they work to improve their lives. We welcome parishes, businesses, community groups, families and individuals to serve. We're grateful for members of Colorado-based organizations such as FOCUS and Catholic High Schools who serve regularly and we love hosting out-of-state college and seminarian groups from across the nation.

Without our team of dedicated volunteers — some of whom serve for a day, others who serve every day — we could not do what we do. It is not an overstatement to say that the dedication, creativity, hard work, compassion and generosity of our volunteers makes all the difference in the lives of those we serve.



#### TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF LOVE AND COMMUNITY

Will Hayes is a first-year Jesuit novice who is on a mission to Samaritan House, committed to working with the poor and helping those who need an extra helping hand. With one more year of service ahead of him before taking his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Will is fully committed to his calling. "God's abundant love has led me to pursue this life in response to all the gifts he has given me. I've always wanted to do something radical, and I believe God is calling me to live this life as a Jesuit."

During his six weeks as a volunteer, Will proved to be an invaluable asset to the team. Each day, Will took the initiative to clean the women's overnight shelter inside of Samaritan House, where he took care of the bedding and towels.

"WITNESSING THE HOPE AND RELIEF THAT INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY COME TO SAMARITAN HOUSE IS TRULY REMARKABLE." - WILL HAYES

One of Will's most cherished moments at Samaritan House was teaching English as a second language. "Witnessing those lightbulb language moments when the English phrases clicked for my students brought joy to my heart." Thanks to his gift of teaching, he felt that he was using his power to help unlock doors, allowing his students to navigate the world with greater confidence.

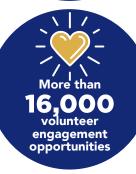
Through his conversations and genuine interest in others as children of God, Will learned the names of many of the participants, forging connections and creating stronger fellowship. He raves about the belonging and community fostered at Samaritan House. "Even after participants graduate from the program, they continue to stay connected, attending check-up meetings and engaging in conversations with staff and fellow residents. It's a testament to the good work being done here."

"I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THAT BEING AT SAMARITAN HOUSE PROVIDE GUESTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LET THEIR GUARD DOWN AND FIND SOLACE IN A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY." - WILL HAYES

With his dedication and compassionate spirit, Will exemplifies the selfless service and commitment to others that lies at the heart of the Jesuit mission. His time at Samaritan House has left an indelible impact on both the staff and the participants, reminding everyone of the transformative power of love and community.







#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER**

#### **AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS**

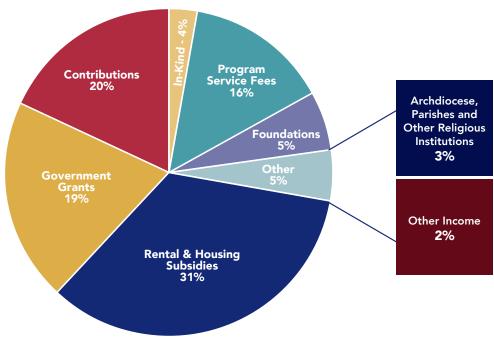
FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

In thousands	Catholic Charities		Marisol Health, Inc.		Farm Labor Housing Corporation	Archdiocesan Housing Entities		Combined Operations		% of Total
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME										
Contributions - Individuals & Corporations	\$	12,276	\$	-	\$ -	\$	1,642	\$	13,919	20%
Government Grants		13,498		-	-		-		13,498	19%
Program Service Fees (including Gov't funding)		7,882		-	30		3,113		11,025	16%
Private Foundations		3,880		-	-		-		3,880	5%
In-Kind Contributions		2,519		-	-		-		2,519	4%
Archdiocese, Parishes & Religious Institutions		1,756		-	-		-		1,756	3%
Investment & Other Income		572		3	1		898		1,473	2%
Rental & Housing Subsidies		97		-	792		20,800		21,689	31%
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	42,479	\$	3	\$ 823	\$	26,452	\$	69,758	100%
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES										
Program Services:										
Shelter Services	\$	17,139	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	17,139	24%
Early Childhood Education		8,080		-	-		-		8,080	12%
Emergency Assistance		3,269		-	-		-		3,269	5%
Women's Services		2,931		56	-		-		2,987	4%
Saint Raphael Counseling		2,673		1	-		-		2,674	4%
Parish & Community Services		1,616		-	-		-		1,616	2%
Housing Services		-		-	970		26,017		26,988	39%
Total Program Services	\$	35,709	\$	57	\$ 970	\$	26,017	\$	62,753	90%
Supporting Services:										
Administration		3,030		-	94		1,214		4,338	6%
Fundraising Tatal Supporting Society	<u> </u>	2,986 6,016	_	-	s 94	_	- 1,214	\$	2,986 7,324	4% 10%
Total Supporting Services	<u> </u>		\$	-	•	\$		_	<u> </u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$	41,725	Ş	2 725	\$ 1,064	Ş	27,232	Ş	70,077	100%
Capital Campaign Revenue		582		2,735	-		-		3,317	
Gain / (Loss) on Sale of Asset		(18)		-	-		198		180	
Extraordinary Intra-Agency Grant		10,000					(10,000)		-	
Partner's Contributions / (Distributions)		-		-	-		-		-	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets / Partner's Capital		11,318		2,681	(240)		(10,581)		3,178	
Beginning Net Assets / Partner's Capital	\$	27,157	\$	-	\$ 3,346	\$	45,892	\$	76,394	
Ending Net Assets / Partner's Capital	\$	38,476	\$	2,682	\$ 3,106	\$	35,311	\$	79,575	

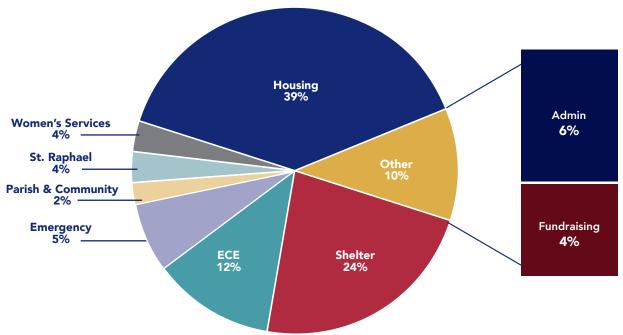
Catholic Charities and Archdiocesan Housing either directly own, are the managing general partners, or are property managers for 34 affordable housing properties throughout Colorado and Wyoming. The operating results for each of these projects are included in the numbers above under Archdiocesan Housing.

Audited financial statements for each entity are available upon request. Form 990 is available for all nonprofit entities upon request. Some of the Archdiocesan Housing entities are not nonprofit corporations and are not required to file an IRS Form 990. Each entity files a tax return in accordance with IRS regulations.

#### **REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES**



#### **EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES**







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