

Love gives hope to others at Catholic Charities



Wendy Glick



Chris Goebel

For 80 years, the many ministries of Catholic Charities have addressed the most basic human needs within the Diocese of Wichita. Catholic Charities is truly where the love of the community comes together to give hope to those most in need.

During our most recent fiscal year, we encouraged members of the community to *Love Like Christ* by sharing in the work of Catholic Charities through financial support or volunteerism. Thousands in the community responded generously, allowing us to serve thousands more who live within the 25 counties in southcentral and southeast Kansas which comprise the Diocese of Wichita.

We are forever grateful to those who share in our mission. The charitable support of individuals, businesses and foundations allows our staff and volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and abused, and enriching the lives of the stranger, the lonely and the disabled in our Kansas communities. We see the face of Christ in each we serve; to each we offer love and hope.

The work of Catholic Charities is framed by Catholic values and social teaching. We rely greatly and gratefully on the generosity of individual donors who share our mission. Our charitable donors are the foundation on which Catholic Charities builds our ministries.

To continue the work of Catholic Charities in our 80th year and beyond, we will rely on the support of a generous community that walks alongside our staff and volunteers as they work to share God's love by caring for all people.

Gratefully,

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 Catholic Charities Wichita

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 Chair, Catholic Charities Board of Directors
 Chairman/CEO, Star Lumber

Sharing God's love by caring for all people.

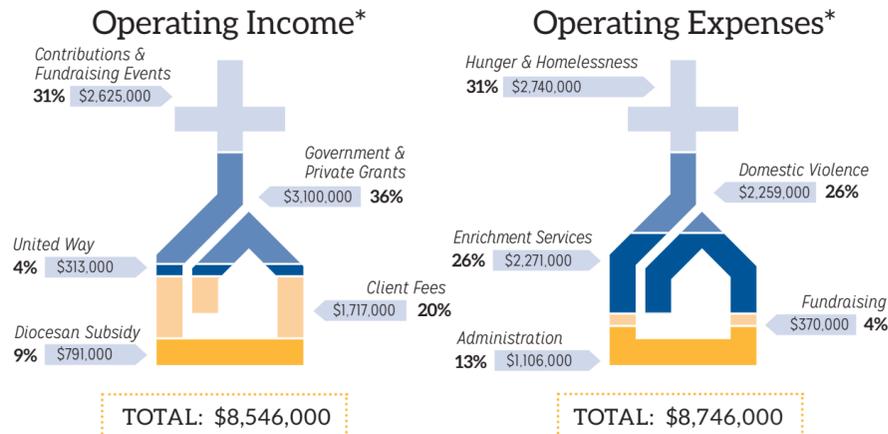
When LOVE gives HOPE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2022 COMMUNITY REPORT

Catholic Charities has been serving the needs of individuals and communities within the Diocese of Wichita for 80 years. Our many ministries meet people wherever they are in life, whether they are hungry, homeless, disabled, lonely or abused. Together, our ministries focus on a singular mission of sharing God's love by caring for all people.

Our staff and volunteers share God's love by serving all in need, regardless of faith, within the 25 counties in southcentral and southeast Kansas that comprise the Diocese of Wichita. We focus on three priority areas: hunger & homelessness, domestic violence and enrichment services.

Catholic Charities could not fulfill our mission without the generous support of our donors. One hundred percent of the financial support Catholic Charities Wichita receives stays in the local community to help neighbors in need.



*From unaudited financial reports. Figures have been rounded.

Called by God to help the mission

“How can you see suffering and poverty, and not want to help?”

For Steve and Karen Jones, the answer to Elder Jones' question is simple: they are called by God to help. Even if that call means living away from their home and family for two years.

“We have felt welcomed and the hand of friendship was immediately extended,” she says. “Catholic Charities does great work and the response has been very positive both ways.”

“We are all God's children,” Elder Jones says.

“All those we serve help us come closer to Christ and experience His love,” Sister Jones adds. “We are able to practice true discipleship. We need them as much as they need us.”

The couple, who are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and live near Salt Lake City, Utah, are among 30 senior missionaries in Kansas. They are serving the hungry at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry and teach English classes, including two classes for refugees served by International Rescue Committee (ICR).

Elder Jones' ability to speak fluent Spanish, a language he learned in two months of training before a mission to Bolivia as a young adult 50 years ago, has helped Our Daily Bread be more welcoming to clients who speak little or no English.

He has created information sheets in Spanish that explain the pantry's documentation requirements to help the check in process run smoother.

He also is available to speak one-one-one with any client during his Tuesday shift.

“We have realized how much alike each of us is,” Sister Jones says. “Those of us in service could be just one unfortunate circumstance away from needing help.”

“We all love it. The Lord knows where we need to go,” says Elder Jones. “We spend about two-thirds of our time in service to the community, and about one-third of our time in service to the church.”

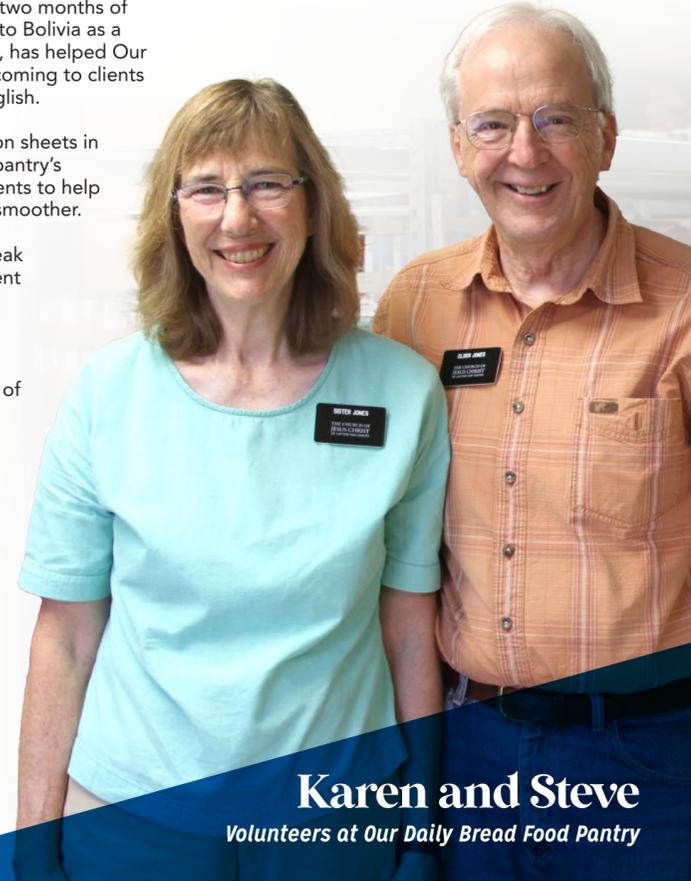
When looking for ways to serve the Wichita community, they searched the web for opportunities and discovered Our Daily Bread Food Pantry at Catholic Charities.

“It sounded like fun and a good way to help. We like the way Our Daily Bread gives food with a personal touch and with dignity,” Elder Jones says. The couple is now an integral part of the group of volunteers who serve every Tuesday.

“It is the highlight of our week. We left a family at home, but found family here.”

For Sister Jones, the opportunity has allowed them to establish friendship with peers their own age.

They agree that their first year in Wichita has been a wonderful experience, and they look forward to continuing as volunteers at Our Daily Bread until their mission ends in the fall of 2023.



Karen and Steve
Volunteers at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

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182,736 meals
distributed at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

8,110 calls
answered by the 24/7 crisis line at Harbor House



“They have accepted me, given me a positive experience and helped me become a better version of myself.”

HAILEY, SAFE PROJECT AND HARBOR HOUSE CLIENT

2,836 donors
financially supported Catholic Charities

68 veteran families
provided with case management at Supportive Services for Veteran Families

25,049 meals served to clients at Harbor House and St. Anthony Family Shelter



“I know that I'm leaving him in good hands and he will be taken care of. Knowing he is happy and okay, I can walk into work and do my job.”

TONY AND BARB, ADULT DAY SERVICES PARTICIPANT AND PARENT

Many Ministries. One Mission.

80 years

Hunger and Homelessness

- Our Daily Bread Food Pantry
- Rapid Rehousing
- Southeast Kansas Services
- St. Anthony Family Shelter
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Domestic Violence

- Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter
- OVV Transitional Housing
- SAFE Project

Enrichment Services

- Adult Day Services
- Cana Counseling
- Disaster Outreach Recovery
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Immigration Services

467 clients in Southeast Kansas

were provided household stabilization assistance, rent and utility vouchers and financial literacy through Southeast Kansas Services

\$604,088
value of items and services donated as in-kind gifts

262 volunteers
donated 8,756 hours of their time serving the ministries

“Having Marilyn as my case manager was a big comfort to me. She didn't judge me or treat me less than the person I was.”

KATHY, ST. ANTHONY FAMILY SHELTER AND RAPID REHOUSING CLIENT