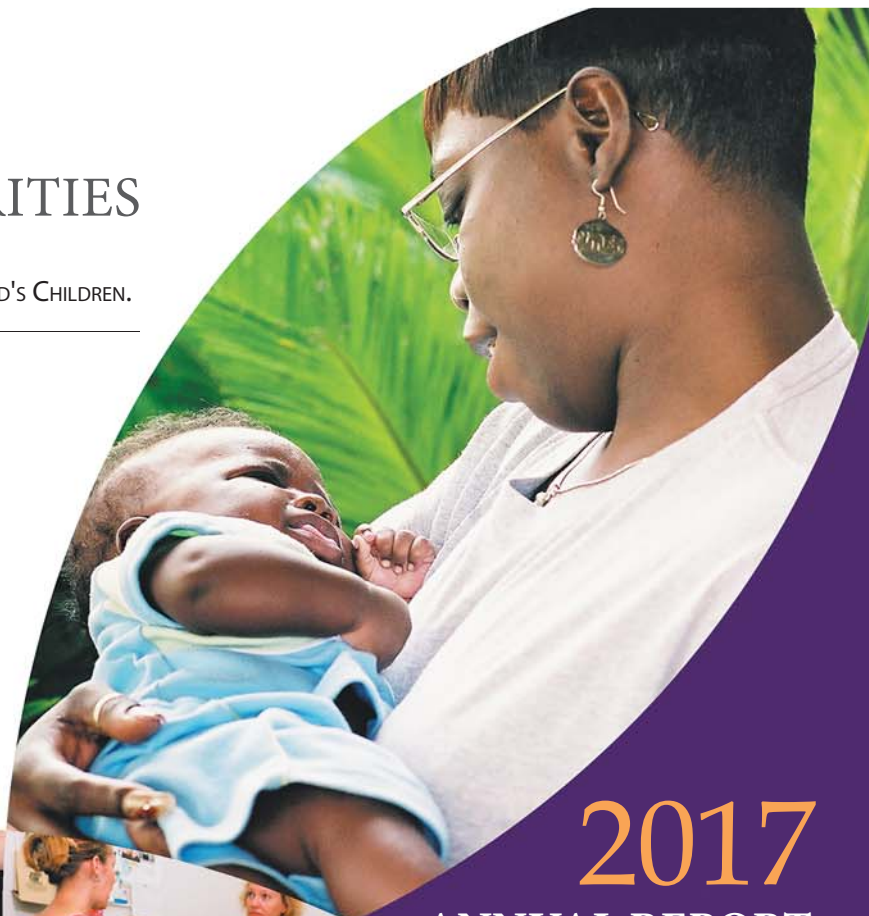


# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

DIOCESE of JACKSON

PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



*Dear Friends,*

Catholic Charities remains an essential ministry as a visible sign of Christ's love for the Diocese of Jackson. Perhaps, now more than ever the Board of Directors, the Governance Council and the staff of Catholic Charities are collaborating purposely to strengthen our programs and the scope of our services throughout the state. We are looking to collaborate wherever and whenever it is possible with other non-profits and organizations who are also committed to serving the state's vulnerable populations.

Also, we are resolved to strengthen the manner in which we manage our funding and deliver our services. In this vein, the Charities family is happy to welcome John Lunardini as the Chief Operating Officer. His leadership and experience will bring an added dimension to our management team as we seek to negotiate the ever changing world of federal and state funding while internally developing best practices with our staff. Programs will not survive without careful managing, as well as strong relationships with our federal and state funding agencies. We are also exploring all possible revenue streams through foundations and religious networks. Because there are many worthy causes we must be creative and convincing as we state our case.

We cannot thank our benefactors, donors and sponsors enough for your generosity in 2017. There is a steady flow of donations and contributions during the year that occur without fanfare. But we do like our fanfare at such events like the Bishop's Ball, the Tennis Tournament, the Journey of Hope, the Purple Dress and Run Foster Run, Squat and Gobble etc. At these gatherings we not only raise critical funds, but we also are able to showcase the broad range of our services.

We look forward to the challenges and opportunities in 2018. In particular, we are excited to say that our new family friendly shelter, a long time in the waiting, that can serve the victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other vulnerable populations, will be fully functional in April.

Once again, we thank you for your support over the past year and from across the miles. Let us pray for one another as we seek to serve the Lord Jesus faithfully, proclaiming the Gospel by way we live our lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph R. Kopacz*

Executive Director  
Bishop of Jackson



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES, JACKSON ADOPTION PROGRAM COVERING THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

### Babies Are Proof That God's Most Precious Angels Don't Always Live in Heaven

The last 25 years have been the most rewarding time in the life of our family. We thank God that we have been able to foster newborns and be interim parents to a new life. We began the journey of fostering when our own children were in elementary school. We discussed fostering as a family and decided it was a ministry we would try.

The ink was barely dry on our application when an Adoption Specialist from the Catholic Charities branch called us with our first baby. After a couple of days she called to see how we were doing. We told her we had a slight problem – with concern in her voice she asked what was wrong. We told her we were “fighting over who got to hold the baby!” She laughed and exclaimed what a wonderful “problem”.

Being interim parents was an enlightening experience for our children growing up. It taught them about sex, racial prejudice, love, and letting go. We have albums full of pictures of all of our babies with our children. Now we even have pictures of some of the foster babies with our grandchildren.

**Many years ago when we opened our hearts, our home and our arms to the ministry of fostering, our hearts were turned in a new and unexpected way.**

The best advice we were given is to not miss something with our children because of the babies. Therefore, the babies went with us on vacations, to swim meets, graduations and church, etc.

We have been blessed to have had many adoptive parents stay in touch with us over the years. We have been invited to baptisms, first birthday parties, asked to be godparents, and we have received high school and college graduation invitations.

When you become an interim parent you never know when you'll be called to meet the social

worker at the hospital to pick up a baby. You never know whether the baby will be with you for a day or several months. It is contingent

on the legal work being processed. No matter the length of stay we immediately start “bonding” with the baby. The bonding, nurturing, loving and the protecting comes easily. The letting go – whether back to the birth mom or to the adoptive family – is NEVER easy. If you can imagine placing your own child over to someone then you get a sense of the pain. How do you overcome the pain? You never really overcome the pain. But the pain is lessened when we place “our” baby in the new parent's arms and see the unbelievable joy in their eyes.



SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES  
OPENING APRIL 2018

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPS CREATE SMITHVILLE FARMER'S MARKET

In 2011, Smithville experienced the first EF-5 tornado to strike Mississippi since 1966. The tornado killed 17 people and injured 40 more. It destroyed most homes, city buildings, post office, grocery store, churches, the school and all but one of the local businesses. During the recovery Catholic Charities provided a wide range of assistance for medical care, food, shelter, clothing, clean-up and psychological counseling. Over time Smithville residents slowly began rebuilding their homes and lives.

In 2015, while it appeared the community had completely recovered, a deeper view revealed many unmet needs. The sole grocery still had no clear plans to rebuild. Health care workers were concerned about rising rates in diabetes, obesity and hypertension due to the lack of access to fresh produce and a higher consumption of processed foods from the local convenient store. The loss of the grocery store has also reduced available employment opportunities – exacerbating the problem of high poverty rates in the community.

Catholic Charities collaborated with ACCESS Family Health Services to start a community farmer's market. The vision created greater access to fresh produce, improving the quality of life for community members. The mission of Catholic Charities “to be a visible sign of Christ's love” – especially to the poor and vulnerable – and the mission of ACCESS Family Health Center “to provide affordable comprehensive health care and education for their communities” seemed to be a good match for this project.

Now in the third and final year of funding, Smithville celebrated a successful season of “The Pharmacy,” an indoor farmer's market in July 2017. The market was open every Saturday morning from July 1 through October 31 with at least 100 customers at each market – roughly one-third from low-income households. Support from Catholic Charities provided funding needed for The Pharmacy to continue on an annual basis using proceeds from market sales.

The market is expected to open again in April or May 2018.

## PROGRAMS

**MORE THAN 20,000 SERVED LAST FISCAL YEAR; MORE THAN 85% WERE NON-CATHOLIC**

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**Adoption/Maternity/Infant Foster Care Program (601.960.8469)** provides domestic and international adoption home studies, pre and post placement services for adoptive families. Overall counseling is available to the adopted child, adoptive parents, and birth parents before and after placement. Maternity services include confidential prenatal counseling, exploring parenting options, adoption planning and referrals for women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. **Total served 124**



**Hope Haven Residential (601.376.0500)** provides crisis stabilization services for adolescents in a therapeutic residential center. Services include short-term respite, individual, family, and group therapy, and referrals for ongoing outpatient stabilization. **Total served 52**

**Hope Haven Home-Based (601.376.0500)** provides intensive in-home counseling and service coordination to families whose children have a mental health diagnosis. **Total served 302**

**Crisis Response and Outreach (601.376.0500)** offers crisis intervention for adolescents including 24 hour telephone and mobile crisis response with on-site intervention at the convenience of the family in crisis.

**Solomon Counseling Center (601.326.3719)** services are available to any individual, couple or family needing support in dealing with issues that affect their quality of life. Specialized treatment is available for children and adolescents who have experienced trauma of any type. **Total served 316**

**Therapeutic Foster Care (601.326.3733)** offers intensive in-home services designed to help children in the Department of Human Services custody with serious emotional disorders develop the skills needed to function in home and community settings. **Total served 74**

**Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (601.981.6040)** is a long-term therapeutic foster care program including group homes for refugee children from war-torn countries and individuals seeking political asylum. **Total served 91**

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## PROGRAMS CONTINUED . . .

### ADULT SERVICES

**Alcohol and Drug Services (601.922.0026)** provides residential treatment for women who are at least 18 years old, identified as chemically dependent, abusing drugs and/or alcohol, and are pregnant and/or bringing a small child younger than the age of six with them. Services are provided through Born Free Residential Program for primary treatment. New Beginnings Transitional Program focuses on extended treatment services to pregnant and parenting women after completion of the treatment program.

**Total served 186** (includes women and children)

**Shelter for Battered Families (601.366.0222 or 1-800.273.9012)** is available to help victims of domestic violence and their children during a critical time in their lives. Services provided include temporary safe housing for up to 30 days, trauma-informed care, support/counseling, legal advocacy, and safety planning. Counties served include Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Copiah, Simpson, Sharkey, Issaquena, Warren, and Yazoo.

**Total served 7,488** (includes shelter clients, crisis calls and workshop participants)

**Second Stage Transitional Housing (601.366.0222)** provides safe, temporary housing for homeless women and children for up to one year with three month extensions available up to 24 months. Additional scattered site transitional housing is available for battered women and children fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence situations.

**Total served 510** (includes transitional clients and community education)

**Karitas Day Care (601.366.8281)** provides an atmosphere free of violence for children who have witnessed domestic violence where they are treated with respect.

**Total served 292**

**Rape Crisis Center (601.982.RAPE)** provides services to victims/survivors of rape and sexual assault 14 years of age and older. Services include crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, support groups, court resources, police/court escorts, human/sex trafficking resources, safety planning, prevention/community education, volunteer support and community outreach campaign to engage men and boys to work against sexual assault and violence.

**Total served 609** (includes individuals served, crisis calls and workshop participants)



**Natchez Office (601.442.4579)** offers emergency utilities and food assistance. Community referrals and resources are also provided for permanent housing placements and hotel assistance as needed.

**Total served 850**

**Guardian Shelter for Battered Families (601.442.0142 or 1.800.273.6938)** is available to help victims of domestic violence to recover from the trauma of their abuse. Services provided include emergency shelter up to 30 days, support/counseling, group support, case management, safety planning, advocacy and trauma-informed care. Counties served include Adams, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Wilkinson, Walthall counties and Concordia Parish, LA. **Total served 6,292** (includes shelter clients, crisis calls and workshop participants)

**Natchez Rapid Re-Housing Program (601.442.0142)** provides permanent housing and support to victims of domestic violence in Southwest Mississippi. Assistance is provided with locating safe affordable homes. The goal of the program is to ensure stability of the family by securing permanent housing, rent assistance, child care, counseling, case management, employment and moving assistance. **Total served 79**

**Children's Program (601.442.0142)** provides an atmosphere free of violence and positive reinforcement, a nurturing, secure, and developmentally appropriate environment for children, incorporating the needs of individual families. **Total served 47**

**Guardian Sexual Assault Center (601.446.8668 or 888.721.5460 hotline)** helps eliminate or reduce the incidence of rape and sexual assault. Services offered

include a 24 hour crisis line, mental health intervention, crisis intervention, counseling for victims, police/court escorts, the Guardian Thrift Store and prevention community education. **Total served 440** (includes individuals served, crisis calls and community prevention education)

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families (601.326.3738)** provides services aimed at developing housing stability for very low income veterans and their families who reside in or who are transitioning into permanent housing. Caseworkers are located in Greenwood and Jackson. **Total served 218**

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**Parish Social Ministry (601.383.3849 or 326.3725)** raises awareness of issues affecting the poor and vulnerable across Mississippi. With guidance from Catholic Social Teachings, Diocesan Catholics are empowered to live out their faith by confronting systems that perpetuate poverty and injustice through advocacy and charitable works. To help diocesan Catholics address social concerns such as limited access to resources for mental health, suitable education and affordable housing – and to raise awareness about crimes against the dignity of life such as human trafficking and the death penalty, the Parish Social Ministry program is available to provide guidance for developing a Faith in Action team (FIAT).

**Disaster Preparedness & Response (601.326.3785)** strives to prepare diocesan parishes to be prepared in the event of a disaster – both on behalf of the parish and the local community. Donations for disaster relief are used to assist people affected by natural disasters – with priority to individuals and families at or below the poverty level. **Total served 136**

**Parish Health Ministry (601.213.6378)** provides resources, education and program development assistance in health ministry to the Diocese of Jackson. Individual parishes are assisted with establishing their own parish-based health ministry through guidance, shared resources and specialized training of Faith Community Nurses and Lay Health Advocates. **Total served 56**

**Vardaman Family Life Center, Vardaman, MS (662.682.9992)** provides service to under-resourced individuals and families in Northeast Mississippi who seek hope and help as they struggle to navigate through life. With support through individual case management, immigration services, emergency assistance, educational classes and personal enrichment sessions, individuals and families are empowered to live healthy, self-fulfilled lives and to thrive in their communities. **Total served 355**

**The Migrant Support Center (601.948.2635)** offers affordable immigration legal services and support to individuals and families that struggle with a complex immigration system. Expanded education & outreach services are available to migrant ministries throughout the Jackson Diocese. The MSC also partners with the Mississippi College School of Law to run the state's first Immigration Law Clinic, which gives law students practical experience in immigration law. **Total served 1,096**

### VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

**601.326.3760.** Serving the Diocese of Jackson. **Total served 512**

**The mission of Catholic Charities is to be a visible sign of Christ's love by helping those who are unable to help themselves; the poor and vulnerable, especially children, women and families.**

## SAVE THE DATE

## Tennis Tournament April 1-8, 2018



The USTA \$25,000 Women's Challenger is scheduled for April 1-8, 2018, at River Hills Club and you don't want to miss out on Mississippi's only professional tennis tournament!

In addition to the fierce tennis competition, the week is filled with special events including the return of last year's highlight event, The Celebrity Chef cook-off, as well as the ladies health luncheon and tennis clinics.

All of the special events and tournament matches are open to the general public so make plans to come out.

All the proceeds from this year's tournament go directly to help run the programs of Catholic Charities. We hope you will join us for some great tennis and support Catholic Charities!

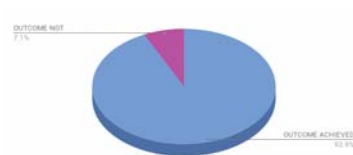
To gauge program effectiveness and the quality of client services, each program at Catholic Charities uses Quality Improvement Indicators and Outcomes, which are tracked quarterly and assessed on an ongoing basis. For Fiscal Year 2017, our adult programs met or exceeded 81% of their quality assurance indicators and 95% of their service delivery outcomes. Our children's programs met or exceeded 92.3% of their indicators and 77.3% of their outcomes.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE INDICATORS

#### Adult Programs

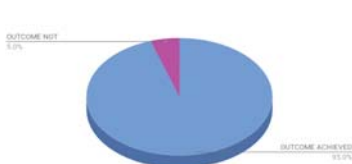


#### Children's Programs



### QUALITY ASSURANCE OUTCOMES

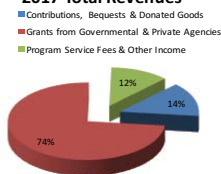
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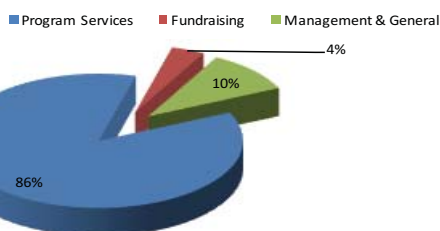


### 2017 Total Revenues



The following charts reflect the condensed financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. Copies of Catholic Charities Form 990 and financial statements audited by Grantham Poole are available upon request to: Catholic Charities, Inc., 850 East River Place, Jackson, MS 39202

### 2017 Functional Expense



## Statement of Financial Activities June 30, 2017 and 2016

INCOME	2017	2016
Catholic Service Appeal	\$380,000	\$380,000
Contributions, Bequests & Donated Goods	927,716	975,937
Grants from Governmental & Private Agencies	6,751,720	6,464,666
Program Service Fees & Other Income	1,106,013	1,109,019
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,165,449</b>	<b>8,929,622</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Community and Social Outreach	305,951	271,911
Adoptions	85,748	90,992
Solomon Counseling Center	459,828	422,839
Refugee Programs	1,727,088	1,594,283
Rape and Domestic Violence Programs	1,304,109	1,116,307
Natchez Programs*	1,035,199	892,784
Children's Mental Health Services	2,171,886	2,022,094
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs	505,153	493,934
Disaster Services	114,247	57,535
Northeast Services	57,566	43,883
Veterans Services	290,244	500,491
Support Services & Fundraising	1,304,263	1,132,544
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,361,282</b>	<b>8,639,597</b>
Income Over(Under) Expenses	(195,833)	290,025

## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash & Equivalents	3,936	4,466
Prepaid Expenses	47,266	56,057
Designated funds and Savings on deposit in CDJ Deposit & Loan Fund	30,305	29,707
Grants, Pledges and Accounts Receivable, Other	1,243,830	1,177,335
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,325,337</b>	<b>1,267,565</b>
Non-Current Assets	1,258,370	1,204,122
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,583,707</b>	<b>2,471,687</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	188,048	187,037
Accrued Salaries	51,792	37,764
Excess of Outstanding Checks over Bank Balance	236,638	203,657
Advance from CDJ D&L Fund	270,603	-
Deferred Revenue	-	10,770
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>747,081</b>	<b>439,228</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(95,094)	158,163
Unrestricted - Board designated	654,892	549,088
Total Unrestricted	559,798	707,251
Temporarily Restricted	689,654	752,008
Permanently Restricted	587,174	573,200
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,836,626</b>	<b>2,032,459</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,583,707</b>	<b>\$2,471,687</b>

\*Natchez Programs include Domestic Violence Shelter, Rape Crisis, Emergency Assistance, Counseling