The Homelessness Crisis

Amid months and months of unrelenting stresses, growing numbers of individuals and families across Oregon are living on the streets, in cars or in ragged tents. Today, in fact, our state has one of the highest rates of homelessness in the nation, with more than 14,000 men, women, and children living without safe shelter. Thanks to you, our innovative housing programs are giving hope, help, and a home to more people, helping them pave a way out of poverty.

- 815 units of affordable housing, with another 331 units in our development pipeline
- 25 properties across Oregon
- 1,747 individuals and families housed

55% are female-headed households
30% are children
20% have a disability
13% are seniors

We can’t thank you enough for your generous commitment to keeping hope and faith alive through the most difficult times—and helping our struggling neighbors move beyond crisis to stability.

Reaching Across Oregon

Your generosity touches the lives of struggling Oregonians in counties around the state. You’ve helped us reach nearly 30,000 people in greatest need during the past year alone. We couldn’t do this life-saving work without you!

Migration Services

Refugee and farm working communities have been some of the hardest hit during these tremendously tough times. Your support helps put them on a path to recovery and self-sufficiency, enabling Catholic Charities to meet their basic needs and provide critical services and resources once they reach the U.S. We open our arms and welcome anyone who needs a safe place to call home.

- 1,000+ open immigration legal cases, including DACA renewals, and applications for asylum from survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault
- 10,500+ refugees fleeing persecution and war have been resettled in Oregon by Catholic Charities since the 1980s
Save First Financial Wellness
In partnership with local businesses, volunteers, and donors like you, Save First provides financial empowerment services to help Oregonians create a solid financial foundation and ensure a better quality of life for themselves and for those who depend on them. Participants receive financial coaching and learn to create savings, track expenses, reduce debt, and manage credit—and can also receive financial assistance in times of urgent need.

- 41 women total have moved into permanent housing
- 100% are connected with health insurance and a primary care provider

Feeding the Hungry
Over the past year, your generosity has helped expand Catholic Charities’ food distribution network to serve the rising number of hungry individuals and families in our community who don’t know where their next meal is coming from.

- 4,000% growth in our food response efforts!
- 1,000 free meals served each week to people living on the street
- Up to 1,000 food boxes delivered each week to farmworker housing communities

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- 2,649 clients served this year
- 234% increase in the number of households receiving financial assistance

Disaster Relief
Your wonderful support has helped Catholic Charities respond immediately to emergency calls from hundreds of individuals affected by crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, and staggering unemployment. Many have lost everything. Our desperately needed disaster relief funds cover everything from hotel vouchers and help with housing, to food and clothing, to health and hygiene items, and more.

- More than $5 million distributed directly to individuals and families in crisis

A Long Road to Recovery
Through some of the most challenging times in recent history, your generosity has been a true inspiration. From the sweeping COVID-19 pandemic, to the devastating wildfires that caused record displacement, to a crippling economic downturn, more people than ever are suffering. Your compassionate giving to Catholic Charities of Oregon does so much to help ease their way, turning despair into hope for the poor, hungry, and houseless.

- Nearly 30,000 Oregonians in need served last year

Repayment
In recent years, Oregonians have repaid just under $1 million. This repayment is used to help others in need. 

Efficient use of financial resources allows Catholic Charities to deliver life-changing housing and supportive services to the most vulnerable Oregonians. Thank you for making this work possible.