



SAVE FIRST FINANCIAL WELLNESS

For our struggling neighbors on the path to a more stable life, financial empowerment is a critical part of the journey. Enter Save First Financial Wellness, a social enterprise of Catholic Charities of Oregon that partners with individuals and families to strengthen their financial security and expand their financial literacy.

Our Save First clients benefit from one-on-one financial coaching, credit building opportunities, matched savings programs, and emergency financial assistance in times of crisis. This innovative program would not be possible without your support, thank you!

- » **2,303** clients served this fiscal year
- » **21.8%** of client households receiving financial coaching – a **7.7% increase** from last fiscal year

THANK YOU for answering the call to help ease suffering in our community. For those facing extreme poverty and injustice, you make a powerful, life-changing difference.

AFFORDABLE & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Oregon is facing a homelessness crisis—with one of the nation's highest rates of families and individuals living without safe shelter. In Portland alone, the shortage of affordable housing units fueling this crisis has grown to more than 23,000 since 2010. Catholic Charities of Oregon continues to address the critical gaps in homeless and housing services to meet these critical needs.

Because of your essential support, our innovative housing programs bring hope, help and a home to more and more people in our community.

- » **810+** units of affordable housing, with another **382 units in our development pipeline**
- » **27** properties across Oregon
- » In the last fiscal year we've provided safe stable housing for **912** households – a total of **1,891** people. This includes **284** families with school-aged kids and **628** other households.
 - 25.67%** are female-headed households
 - 14%** are children
 - 20%** have a disability
 - 20%** are seniors

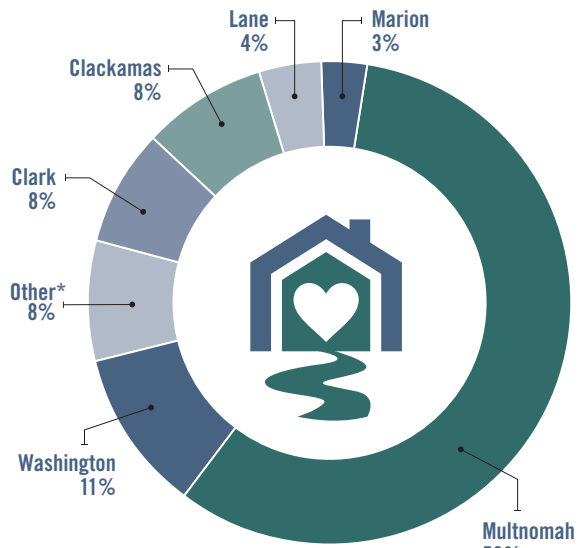
A place of hope and healing, The Annex is Oregon's first affordable, privately funded housing project to use environmentally conscious cross-laminated timber. It offers 27 apartments to clients who are houseless or at risk of losing shelter—serving as a springboard for people to move into more permanent housing, while offering access to our wrap-around services to support their long-term life success. You helped make it all happen!



YOUR IMPACT FELT ACROSS OREGON

You helped us reach nearly 30,000 people in greatest need during the past year alone. Together, we create pathways of hope and light for our most vulnerable neighbors so they can move from crisis to stability.

OUR STATEWIDE REACH BY COUNTY:




*Other counties include Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Grant, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Morrow, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Yamhill.

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AN EXCITING NEXT CHAPTER OF HOPE

As the new Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Oregon, I am honored to follow in leadership and carry forward the incredible work that retiring Deacon Birkel has led here for the past eight years. The impact of this organization, inspired by the transformative power of God's love and elevated by your compassionate support, can be felt all across Oregon. Where others see hopelessness, we see hope—and remain committed to strengthening essential services that alleviate trauma, suffering and poverty for our most vulnerable neighbors. Because our faith reminds us that no one is unworthy of receiving help when it's needed the most.

In these times of heartbreaking need, now more than ever, it is important for Catholic Charities of Oregon to build upon its many successes, from affordable housing programs that address the homelessness crisis, to food distribution efforts for those who are hungry, to disaster relief services in times of emergency, and so much more.

Over the past year, your much-appreciated generosity has helped create pathways to stability for 30,000 underserved community members facing some of life's most daunting challenges. With courage, love and hope, we look ahead to the next exciting chapter, dedicated to expanding our reach in faithful service to others. I am thrilled to be on this journey together.

God's blessings and peace,

Natalie M. Wood

Natalie Wood
Executive Director and Proud Supporter



DISASTER SERVICES

When disaster strikes, people go from security to vulnerability overnight. Even now, in the aftermath of the Oregon wildfires and the prolonged impact of the pandemic, many of our neighbors are still displaced without jobs or permanent housing, forced to live on the streets or in shelters. Others have lost their businesses and can barely make ends meet.

Our ability to respond in times of emergency relies heavily on your incredible generosity. Over the past year, we've greatly expanded our Disaster Services program to continue assisting more individuals and families in crisis—and it's largely because of you.



» **27,781** points of outreach ensuring access to COVID testing and vaccinations for refugees and other vulnerable populations.



» **582** households received case management support, including survivors of Oregon wildfires who continue to need help with housing, food and clothing.

GERMAINE'S KITCHEN AND CAFÉ

With the generosity of donors like you, Germaine's Kitchen and Café now stands out as one of the few culinary workforce development programs of its kind in Oregon designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This 16-week program has received statewide recognition for teaching students critical culinary and life skills so they can enter the workforce with confidence and secure gainful employment in the food industry.

» **11** students have graduated from the pilot program, some of whom have already started working.

Students of Germaine's Kitchen and Café prepare nutritious daily meals for many unhoused neighbors who would otherwise go hungry. This includes free, freshly packaged meals available in our food pantry (recently relaunched as Germaine's Marketplace).

- » Up to **2,500** free meals served monthly to food-insecure neighbors.
- » **46,320** total meals offered in the last fiscal year.
- » Germaine's Marketplace (food pantry program) currently provides food assistance to **~350** people monthly.
- » We have expanded to **3** marketplaces serving clients and residents of 4 low-income housing properties.

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

for the Year Ending June 30, 2021

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.

