



27,000 lives touched

With profound gratitude and a deep sense of purpose, we present this impact report highlighting the transformative work of Catholic Charities of Oregon in the past year.

In a world where disparities and injustices often cast long shadows over the lives of many, Catholic Charities, rooted in Catholic social teaching, stands as a symbol of help, hope and compassion. We see Christ in each individual we serve.

This report is not merely a summary of activities and achievements; it is a testament to the enduring impact of your support. Your generosity allows us to innovate our approaches and deepen our impact. Each dollar donated, each grant entrusted to us, each hour volunteered, and each prayer offered has made a difference.

We invite you to reflect on the impact detailed in this report and to join us in celebrating the lives touched and the progress made. With your ongoing commitment, Catholic Charities will continue.



Natalie Wood

Natalie Wood, Executive Director



With the support of her family, Kashindi mounts a new bicycle at Catholic Charities in March. The family are refugees from deadly strife in Democratic Republic of Congo.



Kler, who lives in Catholic Charities affordable housing, joyfully picks out groceries at an in-house food pantry in February.



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HOMELESS SERVICES

From sidewalk to doorstep: Paving paths to permanent addresses

- Outreach workers engaged **1,151** people who are homeless.
- **34 individuals entered intensive and personal case management** to exit homelessness and change their lives.
- A year after they left homelessness and entered housing, **45 clients are still in permanent housing.**
- 10 women who lived at Kenton Women's Village entered housing.



Two outreach workers walk into inner Southeast Portland to meet homeless campers, offer aid and encourage a transition to housing.



Good Shepherd Village in Happy Valley opened in November.

CARITAS HOUSING

Brick by brick, we're building dreams and dismantling borders

We opened Good Shepherd Village, our largest housing facility yet. **With trauma-informed design**, it's full of natural light, murals and other beauty, including a wooded outdoor spiritual path built by John Brockamp, the man who donated the land. On-site staff provide **wraparound services** to increase the chances that people will stay housed.

- **1,750 total residents** live in our buildings and come from dozens of cultures.
- 102 units are under construction and 123 units are under development.
- 188 units are being developed for people experiencing chronic homelessness.
- **300+ seniors** live in our housing.



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MIGRANT SERVICES

Crossing borders, bridging lives: A sanctuary of support for every journey

The **oldest refugee resettlement agency in Oregon**, serving migrants to our community since World War II, we worked with Catholic Charities USA and government partners to **resettle 350 refugees** who have escaped peril in war-torn places like Ukraine, Afghanistan, the Central African Republic and Haiti.

- We helped **52 Ukrainian refugee households** secure housing.
- On perhaps the most fun day in the last year, we distributed free bicycles and helmets to more than 50 refugees. Despite the hardships and trauma, they could all feel like kids again.
- As one of only five federally approved refugee resettlement agencies in Oregon, we have become recognized within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as a **preferred agency in resettling USCCB-sponsored refugees identifying as LGBTQ+**.
- The Immigration Legal Services program has provided **life-changing aid to 2,500 migrants** who are escaping gang warfare, instability, domestic abuse and human trafficking in nations like Mexico and Venezuela.



In April, refugees attend new classes on U.S. employment practices.

JOB HELP

Many refugee clients come with years of professional experience and skill. We helped scores of them learn U.S. customs for creating resumes, filling out job applications and acing interviews. Several of our clients have been so successful at work that they now are in charge of training new refugee employees.



***LEFT --**
Fiori Redie, employment support specialist at Catholic Charities of Oregon, leads a course on succeeding at job interviews in the U.S.*



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

More than a roof: We're raising the bar on resident well-being

- In partnership with Providence Health and Services, we hosted **10 health fairs at our affordable housing sites and reached 1,609 residents** through our vaccine education and outreach efforts. Some residents had their lives lengthened when health teams identified signs of diabetes and high blood pressure.
- Food insecurity in families is a major concern. It means there is not enough food for every member to lead a healthy life. Your support helps us address this. Our food pantries served **12,000 individuals, using more than 125,000 pounds of donated food.**



A resident of one of our senior housing sites gets a vaccination at a health fair in November.

VOLUNTEERS



Nancy, a resident of Catholic Charities affordable housing, gets a sack of brussels sprouts from Hannah Gustafson, a volunteer from St. Patrick Parish in Portland. In the past year, we had 598 volunteers offer 13,338 volunteer hours.

PARISH PARTNERS

More than 100 Catholic parishes were part of our team, taking up collections, sending Christmas toys, distributing newsletters, sending much-needed volunteers and hosting the Traveling Crib, which gets filled with diapers and other baby items that are vital for our families.



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GENEROUS SOULS

In the past fiscal year, many community partners stepped forward to help our clients.

- Anonymous
- Archbishop Edward Howard Trust
- Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
- B.P., Lester & Regina John Foundation
- Becker Capital Management, Inc.
- CareOregon
- Catholic Charities USA
- Chaney Foundation Charitable Foundation
- Chiles Foundation
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Clark Foundation
- Collins Foundation
- Dieringer's Properties, Inc.
- Edlen & Co.
- Goodwill Industries of Columbia Willamette



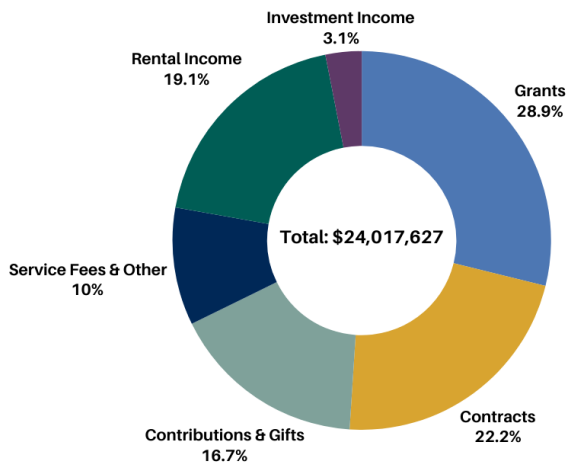
Fr. John Kerns, Steve Wood and Don and Sharon Claeys enjoy the Celebration of Hope gala in Portland May 18.

- Guardian Real Estate Services
- Henkels & McCoy
- Honzel Foundation
- Joint Office of Homeless Services
- JP Morgan Chase
- LMC Construction
- Moss Adams LLP
- Multnomah County

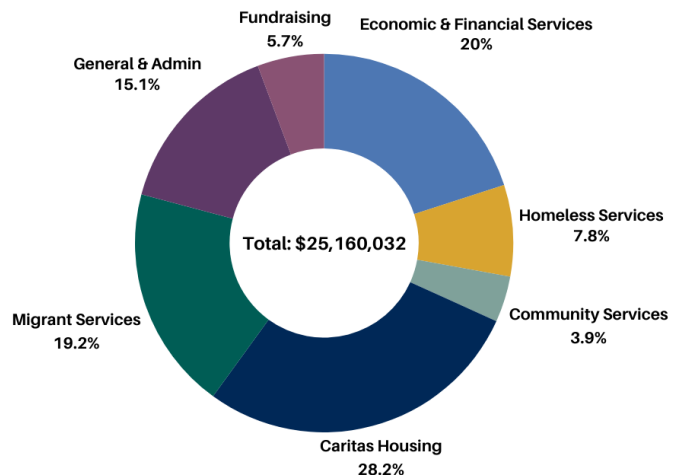
- National Coalition on Aging
- Oregon Catholic Press
- OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation
- Oregon Health Authority
- Oregon Law Foundation
- Oregonian Publishing Company
- PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement
- Palma A. Domenico Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation
- PeaceHealth
- Providence Health and Services
- Providence Health Plan
- Touchmark
- Trillium Community Health Plan
- Walsh Construction Charitable Fund
- Wheeler Foundation

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic Charities Revenue by Source FY23



Catholic Charities Expenses by Source FY23



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GETTING OUT THE GOOD WORD

In addition to serving those in need, we were honored to bring our community together to examine ways to address systems that keep people from reaching the highest levels of thriving. Catholic Charities sought to educate the public on poverty and social action with two lectures, one by Ed Langlois on the history of Catholic social action in Oregon, the other by Fr. Dan Groody on the theology of migration. The new CEO of Catholic Charities USA, Kerry Alys Robinson, came to town and spoke with donors about the essential nature of care for the needy.



Fr. Dan Groody



Kerry Alys Robinson, leader of Catholic Charities USA, speaks to Catholic Charities staff in Portland in May. She also met with donors.



We have expanded our reach and increased visibility for the challenges we are taking on with our twice monthly Stories of Hope digital newsletter and our monthly Matthew 25 parish newsletter. Meanwhile, more than 40 stories about refugees, housing and homelessness appeared in media outlets like the Oregonian, National Catholic Reporter, Willamette Week, KATU, KPTV, Mater Dei Radio, The Archdiocese of Portland Church Alive newsletter and even the magazine of the Archdiocese of Madrid, Spain.

- **65 articles published locally and nationally**
- **19 videos premiered**

IN-KIND GIFTS

People like the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon donated sturdy furniture for our newly arrived refugees. Some of these pieces will be in these families for generations.

The Sisters also bring a monthly lunch for women in our Housing Transitions program.



Volunteers hoist a donated table for a refugee household.



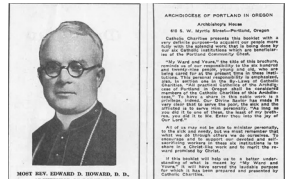
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OUR HISTORY

This past year, we marked the 90th anniversary of Catholic Charities of Oregon, making it clear that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before, possibly your parents and grandparents. Here's a bit of that story.

1933: Amid the Great Depression, Oregon Catholic leaders apply a coordinating principle to services for everyone down on their luck. **Father Lucian Lauerman** had evaluated the Catholic social work all around the archdiocese. On Sept. 12, 1933, he presented his report to a group that had been assembled by **Archbishop Edward Howard**. The result was the first Catholic Charities office, where Father Lucien employed four staff members whose principal task was to coordinate and support Catholic social service institutions and to act as case managers for needy children.



1938: Catholic Community Services of Salem is established.

1942: The new agency holds its **first annual fundraising campaign**, raising \$24,000.

1943: Employment is a focus, with hundreds of jobs listed each year. During World War II, the number goes up to 700 annually.

Catholic Charities Sunday



"I Need Your Help"

Dear Friends:
The time has come when the several communities of Sisters, who have been caring for unfortunate children during the past forty-five years in Oregon, need your help.
This is the first time in twenty-two years that a public appeal for funds has had to be made for Catholic Charities in this State. With each one doing a little, the emergency can easily be met.
We who are on the Board of Directors know the needs of the Sisters to enable them to provide adequate care for children entrusted to them. We are confident of your willingness to contribute to the support of both Sisters and children.

1945: Catholic Charities begins refugee resettlement after World War II, welcoming families displaced by years of battle in Europe.

1946: Catholic Charities founds the Catholic Youth Organization to provide recreation to youths.

1950: Outreach to elders becomes a focus.

1952: Catholic Charities of Lane County is founded in Eugene with Msgr. Edmund Murnane as leader.

1960: Refugee work and service to needy families is a mainstay.

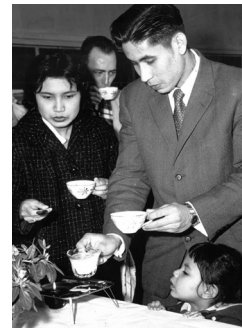
Indonesians and **Cubans** escaping peril are resettled in Oregon.

1975: Catholic Charities helps resettle thousands of **Vietnamese** refugees.

1990: Catholic Community Services of Southern Oregon is established, and assists families hit by the slowdown of the timber industry.

1992: Catholic Charities begins an AIDS ministry program.

1996: The agency recognizes that immigrants need lawyers as much as social workers



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and so establishes the **Immigration Legal Services** office.

1999: Realizing that **affordable housing** has become the most pressing social need in fast-growing Oregon, Catholic Charities completes its first housing project, Rondel Court in Molalla, providing 30 apartment units to individuals and families. Catholic Charities now offers about 1,200 affordable units.



2010: Donors fund a \$12.5 million capital campaign to construct a new headquarters.

2020: When wildfires and pandemic hit, Catholic Charities responds, beginning a **food program** and a **disaster relief effort**.

2023: Always paying attention to current need, Catholic Charities focuses on four areas: helping migrants and refugees through legal channels, combatting homelessness, supporting families, and developing affordable housing.



WAYS TO GIVE

Give Today

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/donate/>

Planned Giving

Maximize your impact and build a legacy that lasts by including Catholic Charities of Oregon in your planned giving arrangements: <https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/services/volunteer/ways-to-give/planned-giving/>

Miraculum Society

Join an elite group who have included the clients of Catholic Charities in their estate plans: <https://publuu.com/flip-book/482749/1095131>

Friends of Catholic Charities

A new team of steadfast donors give sustaining monthly contributions. Contact Laura Foley, lfoley@ccoregon.org or 503-602-6454.

Donate a Vehicle

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/services/volunteer/ways-to-give/>

Donate Goods

Catholic Charities of Oregon is not a donation center, but we do have a need for select donation items.

Volunteer

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/services/volunteer/>

THE LAST WORD

By supporting our clients, you have contributed to the overall betterment of the communities we serve, creating a ripple effect of positive change.



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