



Annual Report

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi — July 2011 to June 2012

Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities, Catholic Charities has been blessed in so many ways this past year.



First of all, we are blessed by you, our friends and supporters who help us to be a visible sign of Christ's love in the world. Your prayers and your gifts of time, talent and treasure are so important to us.

Secondly, we are blessed to be able to help so many of our brothers and sisters in their time of need. This past year, we touched the lives of more than 20,000 individuals across the diocese. We provided marriage preparation classes to young couples to give them a hopeful start to their lives together.

We reached out to families hoping to adopt and assisted them with the process. We provided shelter, childcare and vital services to women and their children who have survived domestic violence or sexual assault.

Hope Haven services helped children with serious emotional issues and their families find healing, respite and services to assist them in their journey. Immigrants and refugees were welcomed into our community through the Immigration Clinic, Unaccompanied Refugee Minors and Refugee Services programs.

Children and families suffering from trauma find hope at Solomon Counseling Center. Regardless of the circumstances of their lives, their color, race or religious background, Catholic Charities was there to help.

We also hosted the second annual Catholic Day at the Capitol offering Catholics the opportunity to advocate on issues important to the Church and our

communities.

We also provide many education and awareness activities to increase the knowledge in our communities about issues such as sexual assault, domestic abuse and the care of those suffering from trauma.

Catholic Charities is able to provide help and create hope in the lives of so many because of your generosity. We could not do this without you!

May God bless you abundantly,
Greg Patin
Executive Director



Journey of Hope needs captains

The staff at Catholic Charities Inc., needs you to come hear their message of hope and inspiration, and they want you to bring a few friends. The planning committee for the Journey of Hope luncheon **needs table captains to fill a banquet room at the Jackson Marriott on Tuesday, Feb., 5, 2013 from noon until 1 p.m.**

Each table captain brings 9 other people to the luncheon to hear about one program sponsored by Catholic Charities. The **lunch is free** and no one is required to make a donation. All Catholic Charities asks is that you listen with an open heart.

This year the featured program is Born Free, New Beginnings. This program helps pregnant and parenting women who have drug and

alcohol addictions.

Last year the program served 103 women and children. A hundred percent of the babies were born drug-free during that time. A staggering 85 percent of those who complete the program reported being drug free six months after treatment and 90 percent of the graduates say they have learned and understand that addiction is a disease and they can recognize self-defeating behavior.

Born Free, New Beginnings offers a chance to break a cycle of abuse and foster healthy family systems. It is just one of many programs offered by Catholic Charities.

If you would like to be a table captain or attend the luncheon, call Michael Thomas at (601) 326-3714.





Donate CARS for Charity

877-530-GIVE (4483)
Got a clunker, boat or RV?
We would love to take it off your hands.

Since the inception of the CARS program in November 2010, your generous vehicle donations have provided more than \$30,000 to support the programs that we offer to our community's most vulnerable people. A Catholic Charities car donation is free, tax deductible and you will feel great knowing that your donation will help Catholic Charities accomplish its mission: to be a visible sign of Christ's love and concern for all people. Schedule a delivery by calling 877-530-GIVE (4483)

Programs & Services

Almost 21,000 served last fiscal year; more than 75 percent were non-Catholic.

BORN FREE/NEW BEGINNINGS

- 113 individuals served
 - 85 percent reported drug free six months after treatment (graduating from Born Free)
 - 90 percent reported they have learned and understand the disease concept of addiction and their self-defeating behaviors
 - 95 percent of women graduating from Born Free/New Beginnings reported a decrease in symptoms

ADOPTION

- 167 individuals served men, women, & children
- 77 cases worked

TRY/SOLOMON COUNSELING CENTER

- 813 Workshop participants
- 170 individuals served
- 76 percent of clients reported a

decrease in symptoms at the end of treatment

OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY

- 346 individuals served

THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE provides community-based treatment services within a foster family environment to children ages birth to 21.

- 105 individuals served including 25 crisis calls and 53 workshop participants
 - 95 percent of youth served remained in their assigned foster home.
- PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** assists parishes in establishing their own health ministries through efforts of parish nurses and volunteers.
- 67 individuals served

IMMIGRATION CLINIC provides outreach services and education to immigrant and non-immigrant communities.

- 5,229 total number of people

served including 807 individuals and 4,422 workshop participants

NATCHEZ OFFICE assists poor and elderly with basic needs such as rent and utilities. Services include Guardian Sexual Assault Center and shelter, counseling, emergency assistance, supportive housing and a thrift store.

- 503 individuals served

URM (UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINORS)

- 66 individuals served including 15 crisis cases and 15 workshop participants

HOPE HAVEN HOME BASED

- 630 individuals served including 500 workshop participants
- 90 percent of youth reported living in a less restrictive home environment at discharge

HOPE HAVEN RESIDENTIAL

- 145 crisis hotline calls
- 242 individuals served
- 87 percent of youth demonstrated an improvement in symptoms at discharge

RAPE CRISIS CENTER

- 77 individuals served,
- 5,248 workshop participants (prevention education & trainings)
- 255 crisis calls
- 97 percent of survivors reported being able to deal with their situation better.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

offers educational workshops and advocacy assistance to parishes.

- 1,545 contacts made

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

- offered in disaster-affected communities based on needs. Services include psychological first aid and case management recovery if resources become available.
- 73 individuals served
 - 812 workshop participants

SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES

Shelters provide case management, counseling, daycare, emergency housing, and legal services to individuals and families fleeing domestic violence..

- 127 women & children served
- 1,365 crisis calls
- 1,739 workshop participants (prevention education & trainings)
 - 100 percent of the women reported feeling safe at the shelter

SECOND STAGE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- 37 women and children served
- 100 percent of the women who exited the program reported having permanent housing

KARITAS DAY CARE

- 113 children served (6 weeks to 12 years old)
- 80 percent of the school-aged children demonstrated an improvement in grades in school

VARDAMAN FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Close to 50 families received emergency assistance. Latino children are also able to attend 2-week summer reading program and teens can attend a 1-day session of "Looking Toward the Future."

GUARDIAN SHELTER

- 131 women and children served
- 2,273 nights of service
- 98 children in day care

OAK TOWERS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- 37 women and children served

NATCHEZ COUNSELING

- 348 men, women and children served including 129 crisis calls

GUARDIAN SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER

- 406 served
- 350 workshop participants (prevention education & trainings)
- 44 crisis calls



Giving new life a great start: Foster Care Program

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 new lives. 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 a Sister 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.

The best advice we were given is to not limit what we did 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 that many adoptive parents have stayed in touch with us over the years. We have been invited to baptisms, first birthday parties, high school and college graduation invitations and been asked to be god-parents.

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 handing 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.

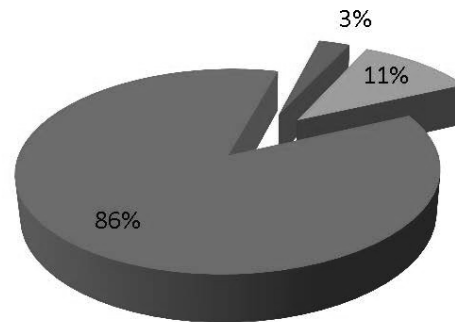
Many years ago when we opened our hearts, our home and our arms to the ministry of fostering, our hearts were turned in a new and unexpected way. We GET to do this—and for this we thank God.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an infant foster parent, please contact the Adoption / Maternity / Infant Foster Care Program at 601-960-8649.

(This is a letter from a very giving couple who fosters babies for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Jackson.)

2012 Functional Expense

■ Program Services ■ Fundraising ■ Management & General



Alternative sets life on right path: Born free / new beginnings

Nina is a 29-year-old woman who was addicted to crystal meth and benzodiazepines. Nina’s mother was in and out of her life so she was raised by her grandparents. She was also close to her great grandmother.

Life changed for 16-year-old Nina after the death of her great grandmother. Instead of being very involved with her church, she began to use pills to dull the pain of her loss. By the time she was 18 she had started to use crystal meth.

At the age of 19 she married a man who was also a meth user. After a while, they began manufacturing it. As a result of this illegal drug activity, they lost everything. After several months of incarceration, a judge signed a court order to send Nina to treatment at Born Free of Catholic Charities. At the time she was several months pregnant and was having difficulty with gestational diabetes.

Nina came to Born Free in February 2012 and in March delivered a healthy baby girl. She loves her baby and is a good mother.

Nina’s court order stated she was to return to jail 30 days after giving birth to her baby; however, her counselor at Born Free intervened on Nina’s behalf.

She encouraged the judge to allow Nina to remain in treatment instead of returning to jail.

When Nina returned to her home county for a hearing to determine her placement, her charges were temporarily set aside to allow her to enter and complete the transitional program.

Nina enrolled in Hinds Community College while she was in the Born Free program and began to take classes to become a paralegal. She is doing very well in her classes making mostly As. Last September she was transferred to the New Beginnings Transitional program and plans to begin her next semester in January 2013.

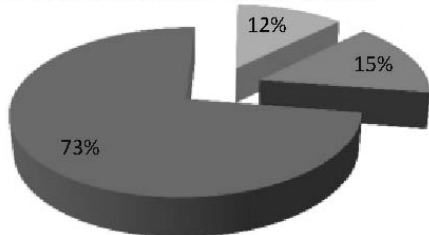
Nina says talking to God on a daily basis and trusting that God has a plan for her life has been very valuable in her recovery. She now realizes she must “let go and let God” direct her life.

She is glad the judge sent her to treatment and grateful she was accepted at Born Free. Nina had wanted to stop using drugs, but there was no way she could do it on her own.

The Born Free / New Beginnings program at Catholic Charities opened many new doors for Nina.

2012 Total Revenues

■ Contributions, Bequests & Donated Goods
■ Grants from Governmental & Private Agencies
■ Program Service Fees & Other Income





Daycare making a difference:

Karitas Day Care staff members approach each child's needs with a special love and determination. For example, when two-year-old Lillie and four-year-old Misty started, neither had age-appropriate language or learning skills. Lillie had never attended a day care before and would not speak. She experienced tremendous separation anxiety. Misty had come from a violent home and had never learned basics such as colors, numbers or letters.

Lillie's teachers began to notice she found comfort cuddling a stuffed bear. When Lillie wanted something she would merely point at it so her teacher would start each morning by telling Lillie the name of the teddy bear when she pointed to it.

As Lillie went through the day pointing to different things the teacher would tell her the name.

After several weeks of identifying by name the things that Lillie came in contact with each day, Lillie began to verbalize what she wanted until one day when she asked for her bear. Gradually, Lillie learned the name of the things

she saw each day and asked for them by name. Lillie even started bringing the objects to the teacher and would say the name (book, doll, hat, ball, etc.).

As teachers addressed Misty's challenges they were able to use her love of music as a tool for learning. Misty could not focus and had a short attention span in traditional learning settings, but when she was involved in self selected play or with music Misty could go on for hours.

Misty learned colors using the song "Color in a Box" (sung to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O") and she learned her shapes with a song. Misty was excited about learning with the use of music.

Throughout the day the day she asks the other children "Are you my friend?" and tells the teacher "I love you." She is especially helpful when new children come to day care. She is always ready to help and comfort them.

Now when Misty is dropped off at day care, she tells her mother, "Give me a hug and see you later." Lillie is also speaking more regularly thanks to the very gentle care at Karitas.

Groundwork for change: Shelter for battered families

Feeling hopeless, downtrodden and helpless, Natalie was discouraged about her future. Her mother is deceased, her father lives in a senior citizens home, and her only surviving sibling, a brother, abuses drugs. Natalie had no one she could depend on.

The Shelter for Battered Families referred Natalie for transitional services. She was two months pregnant and feared she could not take care of another child. She was admitted to the transitional program with her two children (ages 6 and 4) and her baby who is now six months old.

When she met the case manager, she identified several goals including obtaining permanent housing, employment and saving money.

Natalie's determination to work

hard for herself and her children helped her to achieve her goals. She obtained employment and enrolled her children in the Karitas Day Care program.

After several paychecks, she opened her first savings account and has managed to save regularly.

Natalie said she has always believed in the power of prayer. Recently she was blessed with a large sum of money from a deceased relative. She managed to remain focused and completed vocational school and purchased a vehicle.

Natalie and her family were able to move into permanent housing of their own. She is excited because now she and her family live in a safe place without violence. A new journey has begun for them.

Following are condensed financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011. Copies of Catholic Charities Form 990 and financial statements audited by Horne LLP are available upon request to Catholic Charities, Inc., 200 N. Congress St, Jackson, MS 39201.

Horne LLP

Statement of Financial Activities July 1, 2011 — June 30, 2012

INCOME	2012	2011
Catholic Service Appeal	\$ 354,528	\$ 448,613
Contributions, Bequests & Donated Goods	890,293	891,397
Grants from Governmental & Private Agencies	6,024,658	6,199,723
Program Service Fees & Other Income	998,919	1,191,711
TOTAL INCOME	8,268,398	8,731,444
EXPENSES		
Adoptions	96,927	124,343
Ministries for Parishes/ Counseling Center	639,196	572,881
Refugee Programs	1,007,793	955,776
Rape and Domestic Violence Programs	1,408,395	1,219,254
Natchez Programs*	1,099,339	1,737,680
Runaway Youth Services		65,616
Children's Mental Health Services	2,104,781	2,224,735
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs	567,044	594,515
Northeast Services	68,553	57,237
Disaster Preparedness	133,346	140,105
Support Services & Fundraising	1,166,038	1,096,534
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,291,412	8,788,676
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	(23,014)	(57,232)
ASSETS	2012	2011
Cash & Equivalents	28,113	27,067
Prepaid Expenses	65,706	32,788
Restricted Funds	576,304	816,377
Grants and Pledges Receivable	1,001,883	829,285
Total Current Assets	1,672,006	1,705,517
Non-Current Assets	174,449	126,709
Total Assets	1,846,455	1,832,226
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	236,142	202,329
Accrued Salaries	44,023	58,258
Excess of Outstanding Checks over Bank Balance	89,569	71,904
Total Current Liabilities	369,734	332,491
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	487,963	460,056
Temporarily Restricted	921,871	973,116
Permanently Restricted	66,887	66,563
Total Net Assets	1,476,721	1,499,735
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 1,846,455	\$ 1,832,226

* Natchez Programs include Domestic Violence Shelter, Rape Crisis, Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry, Counseling, Children's Mental Health Services