





The way you see people is the way you treat them, and the way you treat them is what they become.



JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

At Catholic Charities, we see the face of God in the people we serve.

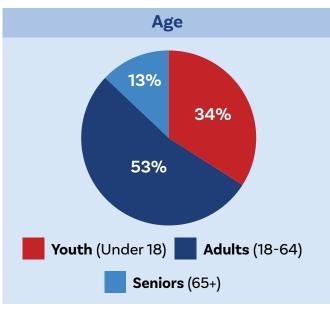




# **Those We Serve**

# 100,035 Including

**Veterans Served** 











#### 34 Parishes in the Diocese Partner With Us

#### **77,238** Served

Meet basic needs and close emergency financial gaps.

#### **97,152** Served

Increase access to nutritious food.

#### **7,830** Served

Increase access to stable, affordable housing.

#### **6,323** Served

Prevent/end homelessness or reduce harm for people experiencing homelessness.

#### **9,167** Served

Increase access to healthcare and improve physical and mental well-being.

#### **5,227** Served

Welcome and intergrate immigrants, refugees, and asylees.

#### **7,329** Served

Facilitate recovery or reduce harm from addiction and serious mental illness.

#### **2,402** Served

Cultivate children's emotional and intellectual development.

#### **4,407** Served

Promote strong family functioning.

#### **3,137** Served

Improve quality of life for individuals with physical and neurodevelopmental disabilities.



# Bishop Lucia's Message



Dear Friends in Ministry,

As we look back on the year and the wonderful works that have been accomplished, it brings me great comfort to know that Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Syracuse is meeting the needs of so many each day. Through food pantries, warming centers, refugee services, emergency assistance, elderly programming and services, parent education, family services, and so many other programs, Catholic Charities is serving the needs of the most vulnerable, and for that we are incredibly grateful.

All of this is made possible by the remarkable kindness of the benefactors that contribute so generously to Catholic Charites throughout our seven counties that make up the Diocese of Syracuse. Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support this important work with your time, talent and treasure. It is through you and these good works that we see Jesus in our midst each day.

Be assured of my prayers and please pray for me in my service to the Diocese of Syracuse. May God's grace and peace be with you.

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In the Name of Jesus,

**Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia**Bishop of Syracuse



# **Chief Executive Officer's Message**



Dear Friend,

The year 2023 can be summed up in one word: Centennial!

Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2023, which was a year filled with social media posts, videos, interviews, and tributes to the excellent work Catholic Charities has done over the last century. From the moment Bishop Curley conceived of an organization to perform the charitable works of the church to today, Catholic Charities has answered the call to serve those members of our community who are most vulnerable and in

greatest need. However, it is much more than just providing services. It is also extending compassion, care, and love in a manner that unequivocally conveys the dignity and respect we have for every person we encounter at Catholic Charities.

Human suffering, in all of its forms, is a constant in our world. The past ten decades have offered their own versions of this suffering, from the impact of the Great Depression where unidentified infants were left at the doorstep of Catholic Charities' House of Providence and cared for by the Sisters of Mercy, to the most recent war in the Ukraine where hundreds of Ukrainians made their way to Syracuse and found help at Catholic Charities. Where you find suffering, you will also find Catholic Charities, working with community partners, to ease that suffering.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our Catholic Charities leadership and staff across the Diocese of Syracuse, our local Area Boards of Directors, our Trustees, and Bishop Lucia for their support of our mission while providing exemplary governance. I also want to thank our volunteers and donors who invest their time and resources in advancing the common good for all citizens and especially those in need. Finally, I want to thank the 100,000 people we serve every year at Catholic Charities for their willingness to allow us into their lives. Their journey becomes our journey and we are all better for it.

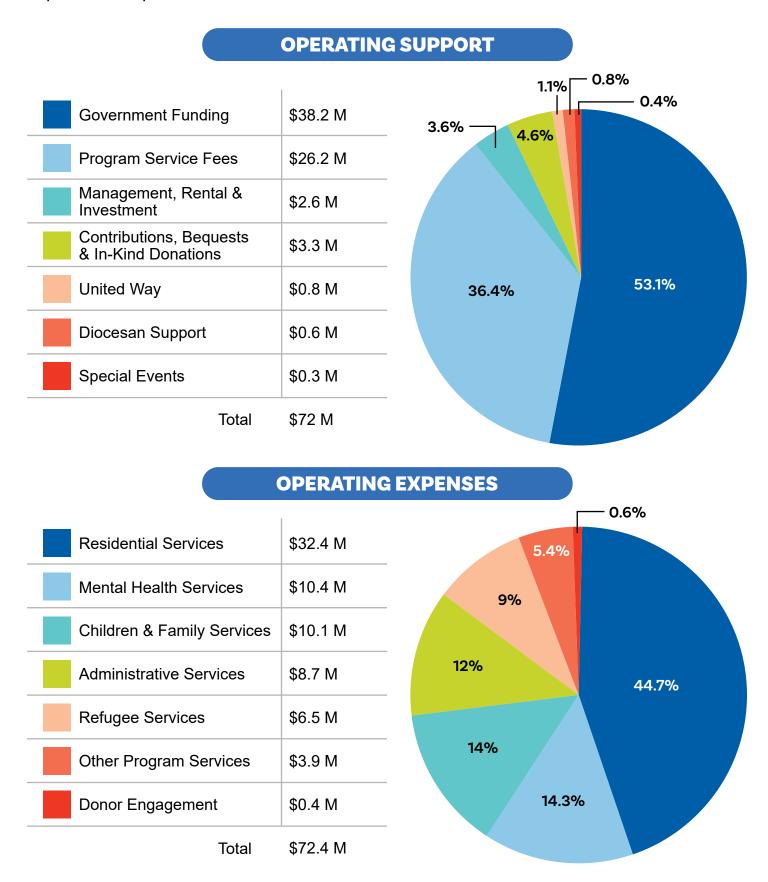
Sincerely,

Michael F. Melara

**Chief Executive Officer** 

# **2023 Financial Summary**

From audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, excluding non-cash depreciation expense (in millions).



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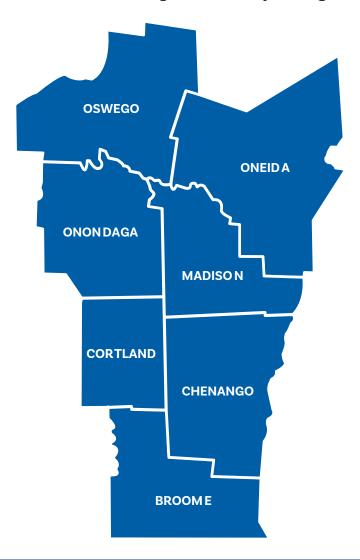


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Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse is dedicated to caring for those in need while promoting human development, collaboration, and the elimination of poverty and injustice. We strive to empower those served to transform their lives in the spirit of God's love and compassion.