"Catholic Social Services is a ministry of accompaniment to seniors, families, and persons living with a disability."

– Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching

At the heart of Catholic Social Services is Catholic Social Teaching — the Church's rich tradition of moral thought about human dignity and justice. Volunteering is a powerful way to live out these foundational principles:

- **LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:** Every person we serve is sacred and deserves to be treated with respect, love, and care.
- **OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE:** We are called to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable in our society — not out of pity, but out of solidarity.
- **CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION:** Volunteers help build a more just and compassionate society, where all have a voice and place.
- **SOLIDARITY:** We are one human family. Volunteering connects us across boundaries and reminds us that our well-being is bound up in the well-being of others.

Every act of service — whether it's sorting donated food, mentoring a child, or sitting with a lonely senior — is an encounter with Christ Himself.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Catholic Social Services. They make our mission possible — not just by what they do, but by who they are: people of compassion, conviction, and faith. Whether it's one hour a week or a year of dedicated service, your presence brings hope. It proclaims the Good News that love still lives, and that the Church is alive and active in the world.

Your Invitation to Serve

If your faith compels you to do more — if you long to make a difference, to connect, to love in concrete ways — consider this your invitation.

Come serve with us: ServeAsNeighbors.org

Let your hands reflect the compassion of Christ. Let your time bring dignity to those the world forgets. Let your faith become a movement of mercy.

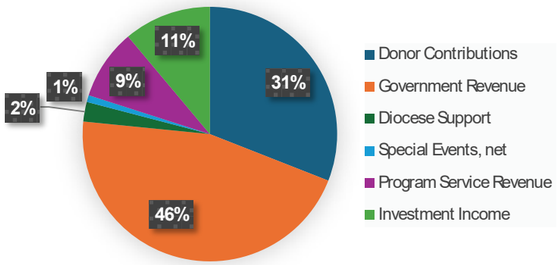
Faith in Action

Impact Report

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
Neighbors Serving Neighbors Since 1945

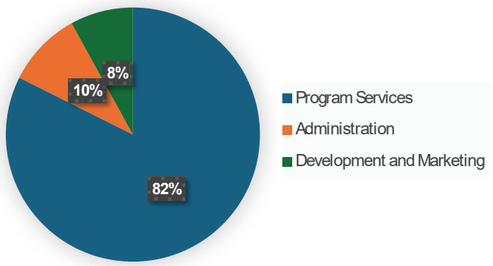
TOTAL Revenue and Support

Government Revenue	$3,621,136
Contributions	$2,343,216
United Way Support	$103,309
Diocese Support	$197,785
Special Events, net	$69,081
Program Service Revenue	$710,903
Investment Income	$881,421
Miscellaneous	$10,899
TOTAL	**$7,937,750**



Expenses

Program Services	$6,156,059
Administration	$717,413
Development and Marketing	$598,310
TOTAL	**$7,471,782**



The financial results are from the most recent audited financial statements for FY2024 and are available on our website.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

"Our faith is not meant to be private. Catholic Social Services is one ofthe ways we can publicly witness our faith through action."

- Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

Since 1945, Catholic Social Services has been a source of compassion, dignity, and hope for those Christ calls us to serve throughout our community. Serving over 11,000 individuals annually, our mission is supported by dedicated volunteers who help seniors find connection, guide families towards a brighter future, and assist persons with disabilities find new freedom. Rooted in the belief that every person reflects the image of God, we journey together as neighbors, empowering individuals to shape their own futures with our unwavering support.

Inspired By The Good Samaritan

"Because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,
'And who is my neighbor?...

'Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?'
He answered,
'The one who treated him with mercy.'

Jesus said to him,
'Go and do likewise.'"

Luke 10:29, 37

Our Impact

11,000+
people served annually across Central and Southern Ohio
- 7,082 Families
- 2,795 Seniors
- 1,480 Persons with Disabilities
- 408 are Veterans

160,620
meals provided to families facing food insecurity

44%
of family clients received case management care & education services

2,800
seniors struggling with isolation served in their homes

8,300
non-emergency medical trips for veterans & persons with disabilities

$13,500,000
manged to pay expenses on behalf of those with developmental disabilities

3,200
mentoring encounters for 780 students in 13 schools by Foster Grandparents

23
small businesses started through our workforce development programs

To read more about your impact visit:

colscss.org/annual-report

Restoring Independence: Angeline's Story of Resilience

Nestled in the heart of Licking County, our Catholic Social Services office is a beacon of hope for individuals facing unique challenges in rural communities. Among the many inspiring success stories from this location is Angeline's...

Living with a degenerative disease that severely impacted her vision, Angeline struggled to navigate everyday tasks. Reading became nearly impossible. As the unopened mail piled up, so did her feelings of frustration and depression. She found herself overwhelmed and isolated, unsure of how to move forward.

CSS stepped in with practical solutions. Since engaging with Catholic Social Services, Angeline's life has taken a transformative turn. Her renewed independence has brought a sense of control and optimism, improving both her mental and physical well-being. Angeline's story is a powerful reminder of how targeted, compassionate support can restore hope and dignity to those navigating life's challenges.

Read More of Angeline's Story:
colscss.org/client-stories/

María's Journey of Empowerment and Well-being

When María arrived in Columbus from El Salvador just two years ago, she carried the heavy weight of being a single mother raising two young children in a country where everything felt unfamiliar.

María came to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center seeking food assistance — but what she truly found was a community ready to embrace her and walk alongside her in rebuilding her life.

In those first conversations with our social worker, María bravely shared the challenges she faced—loneliness, overwhelming stress, and deep fears about how she would provide for her children.

From that moment forward, the Guadalupe Center became her anchor. She often tells our staff that the Guadalupe Center has been "a lifeline"— offering not just services, but compassion, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

Read More of María's Story:
colscss.org/client-stories/