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TO ALL

2024

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THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUPPORTS BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE ESSENTIAL, LIFE SUSTAINING SERVICES. YOUR GIFT WILL FEED THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, KEEP AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS OPEN, PROVIDE PREGNANCY SUPPORT FOR WOMEN, IMPACT PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, SUPPORT MISSION PARISHES, CARE FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY, AND SO MUCH MORE.





“Your generous response

to the Catholic Charities Appeal ensures that critical and life-sustaining works of charity throughout our local Church can serve the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on us for real help and hope each year.

Your gift uplifts the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. The Appeal is the largest annual fundraising initiative in our Archdiocese because it fuels our ability to share the love of Christ by imitating his example of service to those most in need.

Those needs are many and they grow constantly. Please join me in supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal so we can continue to serve all those who come to us.”

– Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez,
Archbishop of Philadelphia

Your Impact



DID YOU KNOW 1 IN 5 PEOPLE

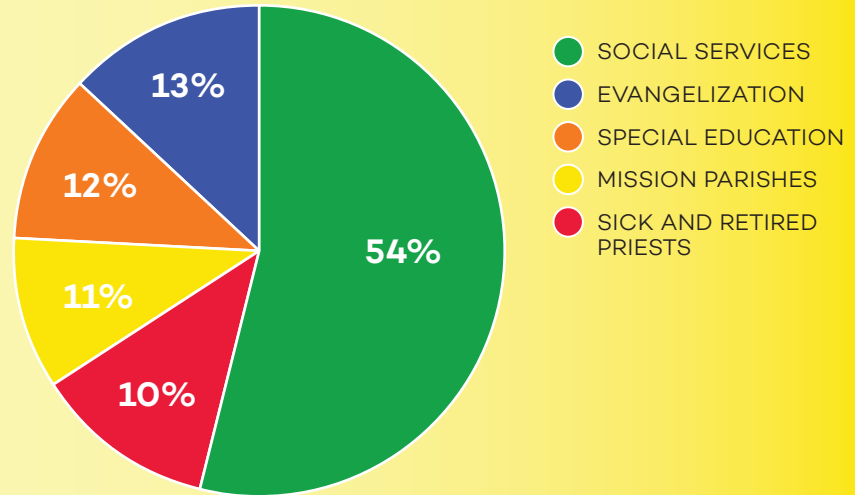
in the Greater Philadelphia area count on the Catholic Charities Appeal for help and hope? We may not notice them, but they are there in every county, town, parish, and neighborhood.

It's time we focus on the women and children looking for shelter, focus on those experiencing poverty and looking for a meal, and focus on individuals with special needs looking for opportunity.

Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal impacts nearly one million lives. But this is not possible without your help. Your gift matters more than you know.

PLEASE HELP US ACHIEVE OUR 2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL GOAL OF \$10 MILLION.

Available funds are distributed as follows:



SOCIAL SERVICES: 54%

Last year, nearly 610,000 people were positively impacted by the work of Catholic Social Services and Nutritional Development Services.

EVANGELIZATION: 13%

Countless lives are touched through support provided by various ministries within the Secretariat for Evangelization, including the Office for Life and Family, the Office for Cultural Ministries, and the Office for Persons with Disabilities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: 12%

More than 100 students in the Schools of Special Education within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia receive tuition assistance and support.

MISSION PARISHES: 11%

Mission Parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are revitalizing and sustaining their community, including ministering to over 50,000 parishioners.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS: 10%

There are currently 129 retired priests within the Archdiocese who count on the support of the CCA.



On the following pages, there are just a few examples of the impact your gift can make. Your generosity will provide vital support to almost a million people in need. These individuals are served by a range of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To see a full listing of beneficiaries, please visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org/beneficiaries.

Social Services:

MARTHA'S CHOICE MARKETPLACE AND COMMUNITY FARM

“The person who waited on you at breakfast. The nurse who took care of your elderly mother. Your neighbor. All these people are clients at Martha’s Choice Marketplace and Community Farm. These are people who are working every single day, but need to decide between paying their rent or putting healthy, nutritious food on the table. That is where Martha’s comes in. Martha’s Choice Marketplace and Community Farm is the largest food pantry in Montgomery County. Last year, we distributed 2.3 million pounds of food to 4,000 different families. This equates to approximately 17,000 people – half of which are children. We recently acquired a farm, and we are now able to grow fresh produce for our clients. We have so many amazing volunteers who help us at

the farm – growing food items we would normally not have available at the pantry. It’s a tremendous educational opportunity to make a connection with other people, and it brings our community together - to build something together that’s going to be paying off for generations in the future.

A significant portion of our funding comes from the Catholic Charities Appeal, and we are so grateful to all the donors who have supported us. You make this vital work possible.”

– Patrick Walsh, Director of Programs,
and Eli Wenger, Director of Operations,
Martha’s Choice Marketplace and
Community Farm





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Social Services:

ST. MARY'S RESIDENCE



“At the age of 77, I finally decided I didn’t like living alone. That brought me to St. Mary’s, one of the senior residences of Catholic Housing and Community Services. Thirty-seven women live here. We have meals together, pray the rosary, play games, watch movies and so much more - together. I have so many friends, and while independent, I still feel cared for. All the staff are so helpful and look after us ladies. Some of these women have nowhere else to go, no family to turn to. **When you give to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you are keeping places like St. Mary’s open so that people like me can have a safe place to call home.**”

– Barbara, Resident, St. Mary’s Residence



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THROUGH THE
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Special Education:

OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE



“My son Finn is 6 years old – he is a rambunctious, fun-loving little boy who also happens to have Down Syndrome. He has no idea that he’s disabled, and he wouldn’t want it any other way. He doesn’t let his disabilities hold him back. Finn attends Our Lady of Confidence School, one of the three Schools of Special Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I am a Catholic School teacher, so it was very important to my wife and I that Finn receives a Catholic education. Finn loves going to school every day. He and his classmates are treated with respect and dignity. It takes a special kind of person to dedicate their life to a mission, and that’s what the school

provides. This is a welcoming, safe place that values our children. **They deserve to have the best life possible because they are God’s creation. The Catholic Charities Appeal makes all this possible. Any donation will really help make a difference. These children are not always given a fair chance, and by supporting the Appeal, you are providing them with a safe place to learn and grow in their Catholic faith.”**

– Bill, Parent, Our Lady of Confidence School



OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE (OLC) PROVIDES A SMALL, STUDENT-CENTERED LIFE SKILLS CURRICULUM IN A CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT. 95% OF FAMILIES REQUIRE ASSISTANCE TO AFFORD TUITION AT OLC, AND THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL.



Sick and Retired Priests:

VILLA ST. JOSEPH

"I have been a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for 52 years and pastor at Saint Paul's Parish for 28 years. My parishioners mean so much to me; I consider them family. This is a vibrant parish where people live their sacraments every single day. Martha's Choice Marketplace and Farm is a great example: they are on our parish grounds, and I could not think of a better way to see people living out their faith and leading by example. I enjoy my active ministry, and as my retirement approaches, I am hoping to still be of assistance to any parish in need. If you ask any retired priest, the first thing they miss is the people. Many of my brother

priests live at Villa Saint Joseph. These are priests who have served you, the people of the Archdiocese, their whole lives. **The Catholic Charities Appeal helps support retired priests - a beautiful gift and heartfelt sign of our appreciation to God for the gift of His priesthood. The Appeal allows each one of us to honor God with our whole heart. The Appeal gives us the ability to live the Mass, to live our faith."**

– Father Harry McCreedy, Pastor,
St. Paul's Catholic Church





MANY ELDERLY PRIESTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA NOW HAVE HEALTH ISSUES, PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, AND NEED CARE AND SUPPORT. BOTH VILLA SAINT JOSEPH IN DARBY AND REGINA COELI RESIDENCE IN WARRINGTON PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN THE CONTINUUM OF CLERICAL LIFE.



Evangelization:

DEAF APOSTOLATE

“My parents brought me to Church every Sunday when I was growing up; my mom would interpret the Mass for me in American Sign Language (ASL). I knew as a kid that I could be a Deacon and give back to the Church and the Deaf community. I have met several Deaf men who showed interest in becoming a Deacon, but they did not have the support of their dioceses. Fortunately, with the support of the Deaf Apostolate, I was able to discern my calling to become an ordained Deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Deaf Apostolate provides pastoral care, sacramental preparation, religious education, and a regular schedule of Masses in ASL with the Catholic community who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Learning about your faith and not understanding what is being said is a challenge. Mass in ASL makes our faith visible in our own language – it gives our community access. **We can process information more clearly when it's in our language. When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, your donations help the Deaf community access their faith and participate in the Church.”**

– Deacon Billy Griffin, Coordinator,
Deaf Apostolate





THE DEAF APOSTOLATE
SERVES OVER 900
FAMILIES WITH DEAF
MEMBERS ACROSS
THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF PHILADELPHIA.



Ways to Give

PLEDGE GIFT – A gift to the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal may be paid over a period of months. You can set this up at catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate or by using a response card. Once established, we are happy to provide you with monthly installment reminders.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT) – This can be arranged through your bank or online through our website at catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES – A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift. Visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org/stock to learn more today.

MATCHING GIFTS – Would you like to double or even triple the impact of your gift? The wide array of Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries allows your donation to be eligible for most corporate matching gift programs.

Some programs may require that your gift be designated to a specific beneficiary, but we are happy to help guide you through the steps to secure a corporate match for your donation. Email matching@thecfgp.org for more information.

PLANNED GIFTS – By making a planned gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you are ensuring that you leave a lasting legacy of faith and charity. Gift planning allows individuals to incorporate estate and financial planning with their long-term philanthropic goals. Planned gifts include bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust instruments, and gifts of retirement or life insurance assets. These gifts offer many financial and tax benefits to you and your loved ones. Visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org/plannedgiving to learn more today.

Please consult with your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual.

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal, please email cca@thecfgp.org or call 215.587.5650.

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Create your legacy in 20 minutes
and ensure peace of mind and
security for you and your loved
ones for free by visiting
freewill.com/thecfcp.



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TO VIEW THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL AND TO READ OUR MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORT, VISIT CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG.





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THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL IS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA'S SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER. STARTED IN 1958 TO HELP FUND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS, THE APPEAL HAS GROWN TO BENEFIT COUNTLESS ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS HELPING CLOSE TO ONE MILLION PEOPLE IN NEED ACROSS THE REGION, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAITH.








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