

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES

TELL CITY



PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2008: JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

*“Your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”*

**Matthew 5:16**

## LEADERSHIP

Joan Hess, Agency Director

### Agency Council During Fiscal Year 2008

**President,** Marlene Kunkler, *St. Mark*

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*St. Paul*

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*St. Mark and St. Augustine*

#### Ex-officio

David Siler, *Executive Director,  
Secretariat for Catholic Charities  
and Family Ministries*

#### Program Volunteer Leadership

Leroy and Marlene Oser, *St. Martin of  
Tours, Martin's Cloak Food Pantry*

JoAnn Lutgring, *St. Mark,  
Matrix Lifeline*

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Catholic Charities Tell City is to work together as parish communities, fulfilling the call of the Gospel, and to help people improve their lives. We believe that through reaching out in service to those in need, by loving our neighbors as Christ loves us, we not only enrich their lives—but ours as well.



FROM THE AGENCY DIRECTOR

Fiscal Year 2008 was a time of tremendous growth in our agency. While growth is normally seen as a sign of progress, it can also be viewed as a sign of distress among the growing numbers of those needing our services.

While meeting those needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community, we are ever mindful of the tremendous support shown to us by our generous donors. All of us are currently experiencing higher prices for everything – food, utilities, gasoline, medications. Yet, we are ever reminded of our duty to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

In the past year this agency reached more people in need through the ministries of Martin's Cloak Food Pantry, Matrix Life-line, Emergency Assistance, and Bereavement Support Groups. These programs address the basic needs of life in food, shelter, caring for the unborn and newborn, and embracing the grieving process for those who are hurting.

In order to serve those in need better, we have begun working on a Community Resource Center, in conjunction with United Way and other community partners. The first step will be to create a centralized food pantry for Tell City. All food pantries who are members of the Perry County Food Coalition will benefit because of combined purchasing power and food storage. In turn, there will be more food to feed the hungry and a better selection to address that need. The second step will be to expand this resource center to include various charities' and social services' offices. This common meeting space will allow those with meager resources to have access to many services in one location. The third step would involve taking resources "on the road" to meet the needs of the entire area.

We are also working with the Division of Child Services to activate a Child Abuse Prevention Council in our area. This will be an educational council working through the schools, media, and churches to get the information out to all about the problem of child abuse and what we can do about this issue if we work together.

Without your continued support of Catholic Charities, none of this would be possible. Please remember Catholic Charities with your donations of time, money, and, most of all, prayers.

Together, we can carry out Christ's message of caring for the least among us.

Peacefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Hess".

Joan Hess



# PROVIDING

## **Matrix Lifeline: 159 Families assisted**

Matrix Lifeline advocates for the dignity of life in its most vulnerable state. It provides support and resources for local teenage and indigent pregnant women and mothers, alleviating many of the fears and uncertainties they may experience in providing for their infant child.

Pregnant women and babies require much support. Matrix Lifeline helps them by providing formula, diapers, clothing and furniture such as cribs and baby beds. Through caring, compassionate, practical support and problem-solving intervention, Matrix Lifeline offers mothers and their children the opportunity to find hope and overcome obstacles toward participating fully in the overall life of the community. This also bolsters the woman's sense of self, allowing her to become a better mother for her child.

Matrix Lifeline works closely with the Perry County Health Department and Healthy Families, a program of Lincoln Hills Development Corporation. Also in our future is a collaboration with other Catholic Charities agencies to bring pregnancy and adoption counseling to our deanery.

We are hoping to rename our ministry to better reflect its mission of helping pregnant women and those with small babies. This should be accomplished in the very near future.

## **Martin's Cloak Food Pantry: 3,717 Individuals Served in 1,176 Families 38,000 Pounds of Food Distributed**

Martin's Cloak Food Pantry is operated from St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Siberia, Indiana. It operates two Saturdays a month and is staffed by volunteers, mainly from its home parish. Leroy and Marlene Oser are the wonderful leaders of this ministry. They make sure there is plenty of volunteer help, go to Tri-State Food Bank in Evansville once or twice a month to purchase food, attend Perry County Food Coalition meetings, and work every time the pantry is open.

As prices continue to rise at the grocery store, at the gasoline pumps, for utilities, for medications, among other necessities, food pantries will play an even more important role in feeding the hungry of our area. The continued support of our generous donors will help us address this growing problem.

During Fiscal Year 2008, food drives were conducted to benefit the Perry County Food Coalition, of which this agency and agency director are members. Area organizations that conducted food drives were vacation bible schools and Tell City's Evangelical United Church of Christ. Other food drives culminated in the Castles of Cans contest, United Way Holiday Helpers Christmas program, and the National Letter Carriers' Food Drive.

This collaboration by five area food pantries, Catholic Charities, and the United Way of Perry County is an excellent example of organizations working together to stretch our resources in an effort to better serve the area's hungry.

## **Financial Assistance:**

### **863 Individuals Assisted in 315 Families**

Emergency or crisis assistance is one of the biggest programs for Catholic Charities. It is important that we help provide the necessities of life in a respectful and dignified manner. Financial assistance can be given for utilities, rent, prescriptions, emergency lodging and many of life's unexpected emergencies.

The need increases monthly. The number of families and individuals served during this past fiscal year tripled from the year before.



**Volunteers and donations make our programs possible.  
Donate online or contact the agency director for other ways you can help.**

# HELP.

## Financial Assistance Community Collaborations

- Catholic Charities continues to be the clearinghouse and distribution point for funds from our own Financial Assistance Program, Perry County Clergy Association Benevolent Fund and the Salvation Army Emergency Fund.
- Working closely with the United Way of Perry County, we have been working to find solutions to the homeless problem in our community.
- We help plan the annual Holiday Helpers Christmas Program and collect and distribute hundreds of winter coats.
- Financial assistance program is partially funded through fifth Sunday second collections in some of the Catholic parishes in our deanery.



## Referral Services

Because of our knowledge of resources available, we are asked for additional resources to help meet clients' physical, spiritual and emotional needs. We receive many calls from clients just needing information, help navigating government programs, encouragement, or a friendly and compassionate voice with which to share their story. We make numerous referrals to food pantries, transportation services, mental health counseling facilities, job possibilities, and other social service organizations.

## CREATING HOPE.

Margie has always worked, usually in the food service industry. She has always taken great pride in her work, but her employer abruptly decided to close his restaurant. She has been divorced for years and her only child was in prison.

She is without many resources: savings, education, and employment. She is alone and she is scared.

Margie came to Catholic Charities when she needed help paying her utilities. She had saved a little money when she was working, but an illness had pretty much taken all of that money. Catholic Charities helped pay her electric bill, but also took time talking, listening and connecting her with additional resources. We made sure she was signed up for unemployment and food stamps, but also steered her toward employment opportunities. When her son was released from prison we found him work boots for his new job.

Within a few months, Margie also found a job. She called saying she was finally working and thanked Catholic Charities. She was so grateful for the money, time and personal concern.

Patricia called our office nearly in tears. She lives alone in subsidized senior housing and is very proud that she can always pay her own bills. However, after cashing her Social Security check at the beginning of the month (her only income), she lost her wallet. Her needs are few and simple, but she has absolutely no money for the month – nothing for rent, nothing for food.

She was nearly in a state of panic and kept apologizing for asking for help. Catholic Charities Tell City, along with other agencies in our community, helped to pay her rent and made sure she had food from the food pantry. While it was a trying month for Patricia, we let her know that she was not alone.

*All information is for Fiscal Year 2008: July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.*

## OPERATING FUNDS DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING 06/30/2008

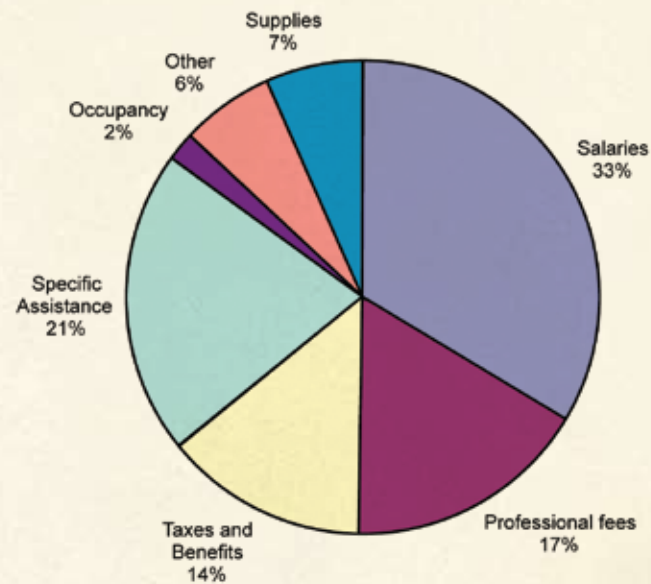
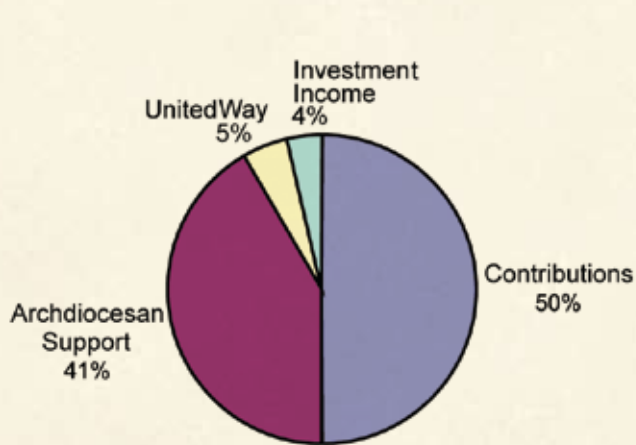
### Revenues

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|----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Contributions        | \$41,067        | 50.09% |
| Archdiocesan Support | 34,188          | 41.70% |
| United Way           | 3,708           | 4.52%  |
| Investment Income    | 3,024           | 3.69%  |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$81,987</b> |        |

### Expenses

|                       |                 |        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Salaries              | \$30,266        | 33.68% |
| Professional fees     | 14,942          | 16.63% |
| Taxes and Benefits    | 12,529          | 13.94% |
| Specific Assistance   | 18,670          | 20.77% |
| Occupancy             | 1,740           | 1.94%  |
| Other                 | 5,663           | 6.30%  |
| Supplies              | 6,059           | 6.74%  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$89,869</b> |        |

**Net Loss** **\$(7,882)**



*Catholic Charities serves any person in need of our services, regardless of their religious, social or economic backgrounds.*

A copy of the 2008 Audited Financial Statement for the Chancery and Certain Entities for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is available at [www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html).



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Catholic Charities Terre Haute  
Catholic Charities Tell City  
St. Elizabeth – Catholic Charities

Collectively last year all five agencies served more than 104,000 persons with the combined expenses of \$7.7 million and revenues of \$8.8 million. The total revenue amount includes a one million dollar capital grant from United Way of Central Indiana to help fund a new family homeless shelter in Indianapolis. (These figures are unaudited and a full audited statement is available at [www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html).)

Each agency serves any person in need. In addition we are licensed to complete adoptions throughout the States of Indiana and Kentucky. For a detailed look at each agency's services and operating funds, visit [CatholicCharitiesIndy.org](http://CatholicCharitiesIndy.org).

Effective July 1, 2008, St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services became part of Catholic Charities Indianapolis, with David Bethuram serving as the agency director of this expanded agency. We are combining the strengths of each agency to deliver innovative services to complete adoptions and provide professional support for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies in central Indiana. It also allows us to become better stewards of our resources, particularly in the areas of fundraising, accounting and administrative support.

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**Staff and Advisory Council**

**David Siler**, Secretariat Executive Director

**David J. Bethuram**, Secretariat Associate  
Executive Director

**Stefanie Anderson**, Communications and  
Marketing Coordinator

**William Spangler**, President of the Secretariat  
Advisory Council, *St. Luke, Indianapolis*

*(Parish and hometown listed.)*

**Members During Fiscal Year 2008**

Jake Asher, *St. John, Indianapolis*

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Deacon Mike East, *St. Ambrose, Seymour*

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Tom Hirschauer, *St. Luke, Carmel*

Deacon Bill Jones, *St. Bartholomew, Columbus*

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Sister Marlene Shapley, *St. Francis Hospital*

Deacon John Thompson, *St. Augustine, Clarksville*

Roberta Walton, *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sheridan*

*“The Church’s deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable.”*

**Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est**



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## YOU'RE INVITED TO SHINE!

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### A Social Ministry Renewal

Led by Catholic Charities and inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), this year-long social ministry renewal is an effort to celebrate and awaken the service element of the Catholic faith. Our ultimate goal is for more individuals and families in our communities who are suffering to be served by more Catholics and Catholic institutions. As a result of SHINE, we hope to witness more collaboration among various ministries, an increased involvement with Catholic Charities and parishes beginning or expanding their own parish social ministry.

**SHINE will be kicked off at a gathering of all pastoral leaders and social ministry leaders on October 1, 2009. This day will be designed to inspire, educate and equip us with tools to expand this ministry. This renewal effort will be an opportunity for the entire archdiocese to focus on the social mission of the Church for one full year "as we go forth to love and serve the Lord."**

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*"Love is the light—and in the end, the only light—that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. To experience love and in this way to cause the light of God to enter into the world—this is the invitation I would like to extend with the present Encyclical." Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est*