

# ANNUAL



# IMPACT



# REPORT

**CATHOLIC** | Eastern Oklahoma  
**CHARITIES** | Love  
Changing  
Lives.







*We  
couldn't  
do this  
without  
you!*

As we reflect on the past year, we are humbled and grateful for the unwavering support of our donors and the incredible dedication of our volunteers. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure have been nothing short of transformative, and they have propelled our mission to be Christ's merciful love to those who suffer.

In this annual impact report, we are excited to share some remarkable achievements from the past year that were made possible by your generosity. **Together we lift people up - we prevent homelessness - we chart a future full of hope.**

In the words of Pope Francis, "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve Him concretely."

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission and the essential role you play in our efforts to be a beacon of hope, compassion, and mercy in Eastern Oklahoma. We could not do it without you.

God bless you.

*Deacon Kevin M. Sartorius*

Dcn. Kevin M. Sartorius, CEO

**5,477**  
VOLUNTEERS

worked  
**112,142**  
HOURS

which is equal to  
**58**

full-time employees!

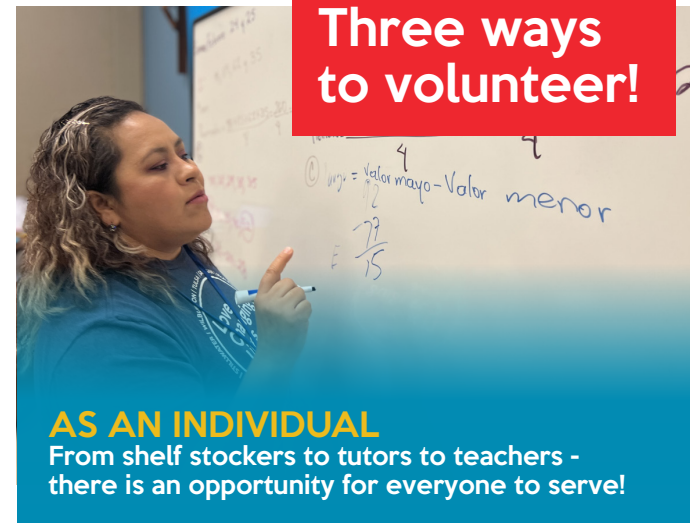
**262**  
people volunteered  
**100+ HOURS**

**Felix Cuellar, Kevin Legleiter &  
Donna Riddle each volunteered  
more than 1,000 hours!**

**111 FULL-TIME &  
42 PART-TIME**  
staff members &  
**5,477 VOLUNTEERS**  
worked together for the greatest  
impact on our community!

**THANK YOU!**

**Three ways  
to volunteer!**



**AS AN INDIVIDUAL**

From shelf stockers to tutors to teachers -  
there is an opportunity for everyone to serve!



**AS A GROUP**

Church groups, school groups, civic groups, friend  
groups - all groups are welcome!



**CORPORATE TEAM BUILDING**

Build your team by serving others. To bring  
your team, contact [bbird@cceok.org](mailto:bbird@cceok.org)



**Catholic Charities USA  
Volunteer of the Year**

The *Coulon Family*

Out of 300,000 volunteers from across the U.S.,  
Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma was excited  
to announce that Tulsa's Trang Coulon was selected as  
Catholic Charities USA 2023 Volunteer of the Year!

Trang has served at CCEOK since 2014 and  
maintains a lead role in The Market - volunteering  
more than 500 hours last year alone! Trang and her  
husband, Tim, along with their children, created the  
Matthew:25 Closet at Catholic Charities - providing  
socks, hats, gloves, small toiletries and other items  
to homeless people in need.

"Our mission at Catholic Charities is carried out  
by dedicated volunteers who seek Christ in the  
poor," said Deacon Kevin Sartorius, CEO of Catholic  
Charities of Eastern Oklahoma. "This is so evident  
in the humble service provided by  
Trang. It is a blessing that we are  
able to work alongside her."

Congratulations also to Mickey  
Butler, who was one of five  
Volunteer of the Year finalists!





## Your gift. Their *new life.*

In May 2023, Catholic Charities Pregnancy Care clinic formed a partnership with Ascension St. John to continue the quality service our clients deserve, including free pregnancy testing, prenatal appointments, ultrasounds and postnatal follow up. Our full-time case worker also ensures mothers are provided guidance and referrals to other necessary programs.

### PREGNANCY CARE

Delivering quality medical care to expectant mothers



Read more about this new partnership at [cceok.org/stjohn](https://cceok.org/stjohn)



## Your gift. Their *comfort.*

Catholic Charities offers counseling for families and individuals experiencing significant problems, especially relating to marital and family relations. Catholic counseling integrates a variety of clinical techniques and faith-based support, within the fullness of the teaching of the Catholic faith, in order to maximize psychological growth and wellness.

### COUNSELING

Emotional and psychological healing and support by licensed therapists

**190** MOTHERS  
received pregnancy care during  
**1,074** APPOINTMENTS  
& **126** BABIES were born!

The average age  
of Pregnancy  
Care patients is **29** YEARS OLD

**464** PEOPLE  
received counseling services,  
**198 APPOINTMENTS** were telehealth  
**189 APPOINTMENTS** were at no charge

## Your gift. Suprena's *smile.*

"It's my feeling that no one should ever have to be without medical care because of the dental care that they need." - Dr. Jennifer Cook

After struggling with lupus and kidney disease for 18 years, Suprena found herself in need of a kidney transplant. She had done everything possible to get on the kidney transplant donor list, including losing 80 pounds, but her doctors told her that unless she had extensive dental work, there was no way she would get on the list for a life-saving kidney transplant. She was already working two jobs to make ends meet for all her other medical and life expenses and paying for dental work was out of the question. Suprena's luck was about to change - and her faith was soon to be restored when she was referred to CCEOK's Dental Care program.

**DENTAL CARE**  
Restoring healthy smiles with  
comprehensive dental care

Read the rest of  
Suprena's story at  
[cceok.org/suprena](https://cceok.org/suprena)



**1,174** PATIENTS  
received dental care services  
worth **\$932,690**

**109** PATIENTS  
received a bright new smile  
with dentures



## Your gift. Their *future.*

Learning a new language is a challenge for anyone. Catholic Charities' Adult Education program is bringing real world situations into the ESL classroom. With the help of dedicated volunteers, students are learning English by shopping for groceries, eating in a restaurant, interviewing for jobs and more through mock scenarios set up in the classroom.

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
Creating hope for bright futures through adult basic education



Read more about this fun way to learn at [cceok.org/ESLclass](https://cceok.org/ESLclass)

**231 STUDENTS**

spent more than

**6,165 HOURS**

in the classroom learning English as a Second Language, studying for their GED, or gaining computer skills

**24 STUDENTS**

earned their high school equivalency

**84 VOLUNTEERS**

taught and assisted students

## Your gift. Their *opportunity.*

"By being present, by being accepting and open, and just treating them like normal people, we are allowing them to grow and to have opportunities."

- Sr. Catherine Martinez

Oklahoma State University and Catholic Charities are working together to help women inside the Payne County Jail get their high school diplomas.

Oklahoma State professors teach the courses and then Catholic Charities' Sr. Catherine Martinez goes into the jail to help with testing.



See news coverage on this story at [cceok.org/paynecountyjail](https://cceok.org/paynecountyjail)

## Giving hope through *job placement.*

After 800+ Afghan refugees were welcomed to Tulsa beginning in 2021, the task of helping them build successful lives as Americans continues. Through partnerships with local businesses, our placement specialist was able to help match 120 Afghan refugees with jobs in the Tulsa area.

**120 REFUGEES**  
received job placement assistance

## CCEOK celebrates the start of a new program this year!



## Your gift. Their *career.*

As part of a new Workforce Development program, Catholic Charities launched Good Shepherd Kitchen, a culinary training program aimed at helping students learn culinary skills that will help them be successful in the workplace. The twelve-week course provides classroom and hands-on training with a goal of helping them enter the workforce with marketable skills.

**CULINARY TRAINING**  
Teaching culinary and life skills to empower students in their career and personal lives



## Your gift. Their *stability.*

Addressing the most fundamental human needs, our Emergency Assistance program ensures that our clients have the support they require to overcome challenging circumstances and build a more secure future. More than just financial assistance, help is provided for everything from applying for rental assistance, SoonerCare and SNAP benefits to obtaining state-issued identification or copies of birth certificates.

### EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Connecting people with CCEOK programs and other available community resources

**9,127** HOUSEHOLDS

received assistance with utility bills, rent, prescription medications, and more through our Emergency Assistance program

**2,150** HOUSEHOLDS

received direct financial assistance totaling

**\$216,107**

**1,747** HOUSEHOLDS

received help with applying for other services available in the community, like rental assistance and SNAP benefits

## Your gift. Their *peace.*

“Gate of heaven” could not be a more appropriate meaning for a place that has been a final home for the more than 1,700 people since its opening in January of 2017. Porta Caeli House is a peaceful setting that provides a home to those under hospice care, welcoming spaces for families to be with their loved ones, meals in a shared dining room, and a caring staff who serve as family to many who have no one else to be with them in this time. There is no charge for care.

### PORTA CAELI HOUSE

Compassionate end-of-life care when dying at home is not an option

**279** GUESTS

received end-of-life care at Porta Caeli House



**21 MOMS & 14 BABIES**  
found shelter and hope for a brighter future at Madonna House

**25 MOMS & 30 CHILDREN**  
found a safe home at St. Elizabeth Lodge



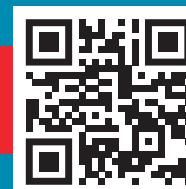
### MADONNA HOUSE

Encouraging independence for pregnant women and their babies

### ST. ELIZABETH LODGE

Stabilizing homeless mothers and their children

Read her story at  
[cceok.org/lakeisha](https://cceok.org/lakeisha)



## Your gift. Lakeisha's *path.*

“I love it here, The staff is loving and kind and is teaching me all kinds of new tools to live a new way of life.” - Lakeisha

Just months ago, Lakeisha was pregnant and living in a tent. Thankfully, she found her way to Madonna House. Now that her daughter, Journey, is here, Lakeisha is working toward a stable life for herself and her baby. She will begin a job as a parent mentor at DHS in January. With the guidance of the Transitional Living staff at Catholic Charities, she continues to work toward breaking the cycle of generational trauma.



**498 FAMILIES**

received disaster case management to recover from fires, freezes, floods, and tornadoes

**442 FAMILIES**

received disaster preparedness training



## Your gift. Gerald's *restoration.*

After a fire recently destroyed his home, Turley resident Gerald sought help. "Catholic Charities has pulled together resources to help us live more comfortably while we figure out our next steps in restoring our life."

Gerald's daughter, Lori, said, "We can't express enough how much it means. It definitely gives you hope to know that somebody out there is willing to not judge you at all and just say, 'hey, I think we can help you.'"



See Gerald & Lori's story on our video at [ccek.org/video](https://ccek.org/video)

### DISASTER OUTREACH

Providing a range of services for individuals and families struck by natural disasters and house fires

## Your gift. Their *healing.*

"I've struggled for years to deal with trauma from my childhood which has limited my life in many ways. Grief to Grace was a breakthrough for me in helping me move through these painful experiences and come out on the other side with a renewed relationship with God."

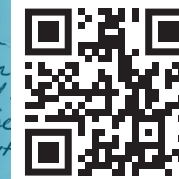
This is just one of many testimonies from the first five-day Grief to Grace retreat. The retreat helps restore hope to those suffering from abuse.

### HEALING MINISTRIES

Facilitating healing for those suffering from abuse or after an abortion

**27 PARTICIPANTS**

received support and healing after abortion through three Rachel's Vineyard retreats



Read more about this new program at [ccek.org/G2G](https://ccek.org/G2G)

### REFUGEES ARRIVED FROM

Afghanistan,  
Belarus, Burma,  
Columbia,  
Guatemala,  
Honduras, Iran,  
Kazakhstan Moldova, Syria and Venezuela



**493 IMMIGRANTS  
FROM 37 COUNTRIES**

were counseled by Immigration Legal Services

## Your gift. Their *welcome.*

### IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

Guiding immigrants through the path to citizenship with legal assistance

### REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Welcoming those who fled persecution with support and guidance



# Your gift. Their *community.*

As the need for food continues to grow, Catholic Charities is dedicated to expanding access to services across Eastern Oklahoma. In addition to six permanent Outreach locations, we are providing monthly mobile pantries in fifteen other communities.

## EASTERN OKLAHOMA OUTREACH

6 locations across Eastern Oklahoma providing food, clothing and other services to those in need

SERVING  
**29 OF 31**  
COUNTIES in Eastern Oklahoma

**13,140 PEOPLE**

received food, clothing and other services through our Outreach locations and

**10,005 PEOPLE**

received food through our  
15 MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

**28 PARISHES**

received outreach grants to provide help to those in need in their communities

# Your gift. Their *nourishment.*

In April 2022, The Market at Catholic Charities opened with a unique concept for food pantries. The grocery store setup allows for less food waste by allowing families to choose from shelf stable, refrigerated and frozen items, including produce, dairy, meat and prepared meals.

## THE MARKET AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

allows families to choose the healthy foods they will enjoy free of charge

Together, we are the  
**LARGEST PROVIDER OF FOOD**  
to individuals in need in the state of Oklahoma

**14,329 PEOPLE**

shopped for their own groceries at our client-choice food pantry, The Market at Catholic Charities

**6.6 MILLION POUNDS**

of food provided across Eastern Oklahoma in 2022

## THE KITCHEN

volunteers prepare hot lunches and nutritious takeaway meals for families shopping in The Market

## THE GARDEN

volunteers contribute fresh produce and herbs to The Kitchen and The Market





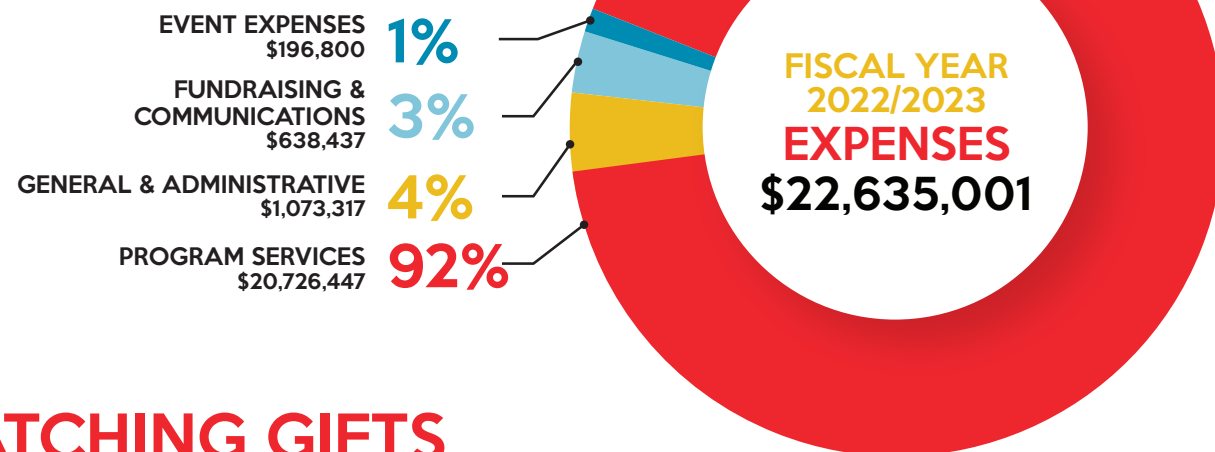
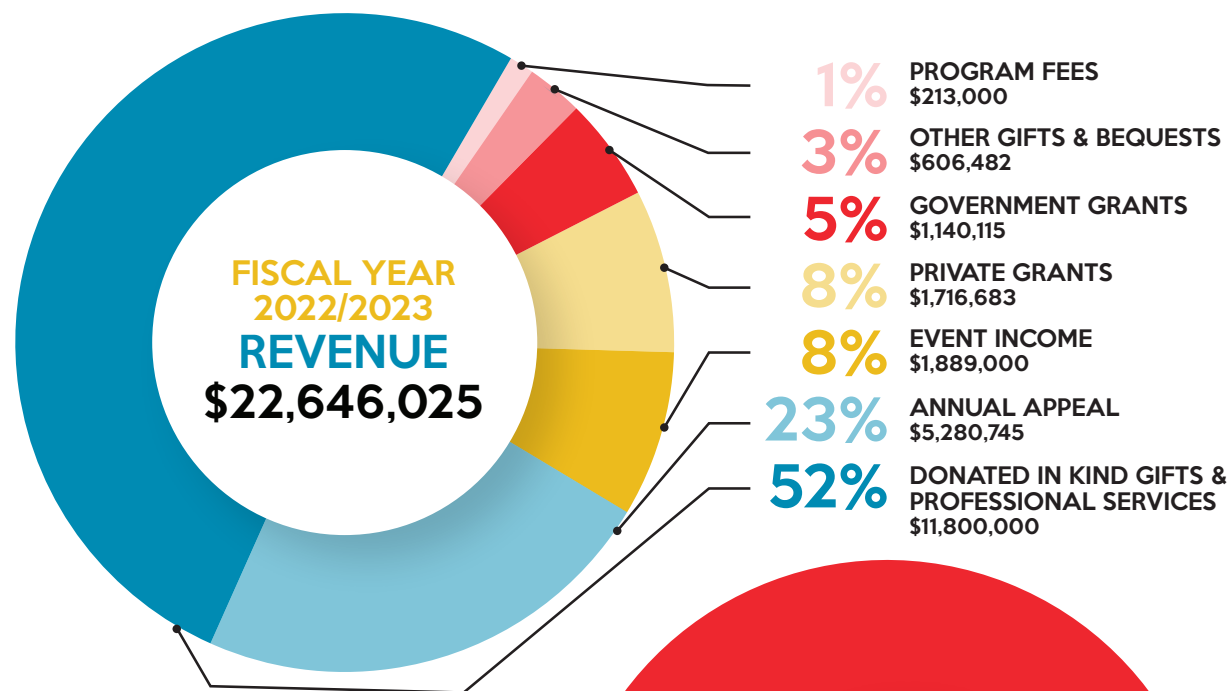
# Financials

Fiscal year 2022/2023

## ENDOWMENTS

**\$23,082,297**  
value of  
endowments

**\$1,421,944**  
endowment  
investment gain



## MATCHING GIFTS

**\$102,048**  
total giving matched  
from 81 donors

Does your employer  
match donations?  
[cceok.org/matchmygift](http://cceok.org/matchmygift)

Financial numbers are pre-audit and represent management's best estimate at this time for the fiscal year 7/1/22 to 6/30/23.



Having the opportunity to give a legacy gift to CCEOK allows us to be a part of the church's stewardship mission within our own community, living out the tenets of our faith through an organization we know and trust.

Over the years, we've seen how Catholic Charities makes a difference in the lives of both volunteers and the people they serve. We want to be a part of extending Christ's love to others through the works of mercy for years to come.

As a service for our donors, Catholic Charities provides complimentary and confidential charitable estate planning services.

Contact Laurie Gero at 918-508-7116 or [lgero@cceok.org](mailto:lgero@cceok.org) for more information.

Have you named Catholic Charities in your will or estate plan? Let us know so we can include you in our Caritas Christi Society.



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**Have you seen  
our new video?**

Learn more about the impact of your gift!  
Watch our video at [ccek.org/video](https://ccek.org/video)



Many are surprised to learn that Catholic Charities does not receive funds from the Diocese of Tulsa's Faith & Works Annual Appeal. The majority of our funding comes from gifts made directly to Catholic Charities by individuals and foundations.

Donate to our  
Annual Appeal  
at

[ccek.org/donate](https://ccek.org/donate)



**Your gift.**  
**Their *hope.***

Every day, our neighbors come to Catholic Charities in search of hope. Because of generous people like you, our staff and volunteers are able to give them a hand up. Your donation allows us to say "yes" to the needs of our community.