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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

"Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life" ... (John 14:6)

I have referred to this bible verse often in the past year when Catholic Charities was challenged in one way or another with the services and programs we provide. There is a fine balance in making decisions for the organization between relative or subjective truth based on emotions, and the objective truth. The mission of Catholic Charities has, and will continue to be, that of offering help and hope to the most vulnerable. I am always mindful that truth is not an emotion or feeling, but rather a person, and that person is Jesus.

Reflecting on the challenges and accomplishments of Catholic Charities in 2024, I cannot help but remember where we were 20 years ago when I came to Catholic Charities. Lenawee and Jackson Counties at that time had two separate agencies, and the involvement of Catholic Charities in Hillsdale County was almost nonexistent. As friends and donors of our organization, I hope you can feel proud of Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties with the abundance of programs and services now being offered in keeping with our mission. It is evident how blessed we are with a dedicated board of directors, staff, and volunteers, all committed to our mission.

Catholic Charities would not be where we are today without your support. Thank you for your generosity and partnering with us in our mission!

May God bless this organization as we continue to seek the truth, and bear witness to it in our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Lewis".

Sue Lewis, Executive Director

A Note from the Board President

Catholic Charities is all about helping people. Providing a healthy home for kids needing foster care. Getting seniors in Jackson County to medical appointments. Counseling prisoners and those suffering from addiction. Ensuring that abused children have a safe place to tell their story. All of this is only possible because of you, our supporters, benefactors and co-disciples. In my (now ending) five years as your board president, my goals have been to grow our financial, community and volunteer support. With gratitude to God, we have seen growth in all areas.

We invoke the help of Mary, Mother of the Church for our clients and all supporters.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel C. Bishop".

Daniel C. Bishop
2024 Board of Directors President



Creating Hope...

For Children

We integrate the work of multiple services across programs to ensure the best and most comprehensive care is provided to children for help and healing from trauma.

The number of children assessed by our Children's Trauma Assessment Center has continued to grow by about 10% annually since the CTAC opened in 2022. The CTAC provides in-depth neurodevelopmental screenings for children who have endured trauma; identifying resources, connecting them with professionals, and offering hope for a brighter future.

Our Foster Care and Adoption program participated yet again in Operation Good Cheer, ensuring the kids in our care had a joyful Christmas holiday. Additionally, local news station WLNS partnered with us in 2024 in providing backpacks for foster kids.

We are proud of our Child Advocacy Centers, which operate in all three counties providing comprehensive support, therapy, and advocacy for children who are victims of abuse. CACs work collaboratively with law enforcement, medical professionals, and county and state agencies and officials to ensure children can ultimately receive healing.

These and many other programs and services at Catholic Charities continue to provide care and hope for children in our communities.

For Seniors

Our amazing and dedicated volunteer drivers of our Senior Transportation Program work hard to make sure local seniors get to and from their critical medical appointments in a timely manner.

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Years ago I stumbled upon Catholic Charities not fully realizing their mission. Once understanding what they did and the capacity in which they were helping our community, I felt it difficult to ignore their needs even if only able to assist in small ways. Helping to do God's work on Earth is a good feeling and hopefully will assist in getting me through the "Pearly Gates."

– Jo Hooper, Catholic Charities Volunteer



Volunteers sort items for backpacks for foster children



WLNS interviews Foster Care staff



Our generous community continues to step up and make a difference. Here, representatives from Brazeway Believes present a gift to our Executive Director.



Adrian Morning Rotary volunteers help keep our CAC and CTAC environments beautiful



Our ADAM program hosts its annual Butterfly Memorial Event

For Families

Our St. Patrick's Day box lunch event is always a team effort. We rely on the dedication of our volunteers and the support of local sponsors and partners to make this event a success, helping raise money for our various programs and services that support the families of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale Counties.

For Our Community

Our **Faith in Action** event is always a highlight of the year at Catholic Charities. As our largest fundraising event of the year, **Faith in Action** is vital to our mission of supporting the children, adults, and families in our communities who come to us every week for the many services we provide at Catholic Charities.

2024 was our most successful year in terms of attendance and funds raised and pledged. Our keynote speaker, Pete Burak, of Renewal Ministries, underscored the value and importance of generosity in his address.

As always, we are grateful for the strong support of the clergy from the local parishes who attend our **Faith in Action** event and concelebrated mass to start the festive evening.

Catholic Charities staff thanks our donors, volunteers, and supporters. We could not do all we do without the help of our community.

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Catholic Charities provides multiple services to the whole community. The staff is amazing, and very easy to work with. They are always appreciative of any volunteer assistance they receive.

– Catholic Charities Volunteer

St. Patrick's Day Box Lunch Event



Volunteers and Staff assemble, package, and deliver our delicious box lunches

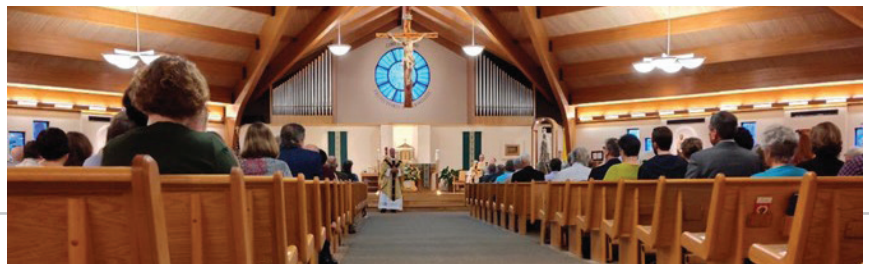
Faith in Action Fundraising Event



Area clergy sing for our attendees



Guest Speaker Pete Burak



Holy Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church to start the evening



Our therapy dog Shayne is a hit with the children at our CAC



Student volunteers helped with landscaping at our Jackson office

2024

By The Numbers

45

CTAC
Assessments



1,019

Senior Medical
Appointment Rides



2

Roadmap to
Graduation



373

CAC Forensic
Interviews



35

Foster Care
Children



29

Adoptions



10

Volunteer
Transportation Drivers



6,504

Mental Services



6,504 units of mental health and substance use disorder services were provided to clients across our three counties.

Combined, our Child Advocacy Centers provided 373 forensic interviews for abused children.

- Our Jackson CAC provided 166 forensic interviews.
- Our Lenawee CAC provided 125 forensic interviews.
- Our Hillsdale CAC provided 82 forensic interviews.

Throughout the year, we served 35 children in our foster care program at any given time.

Our Senior Transportation program engaged 10 volunteer drivers who provided rides to 1,019 medical appointments.

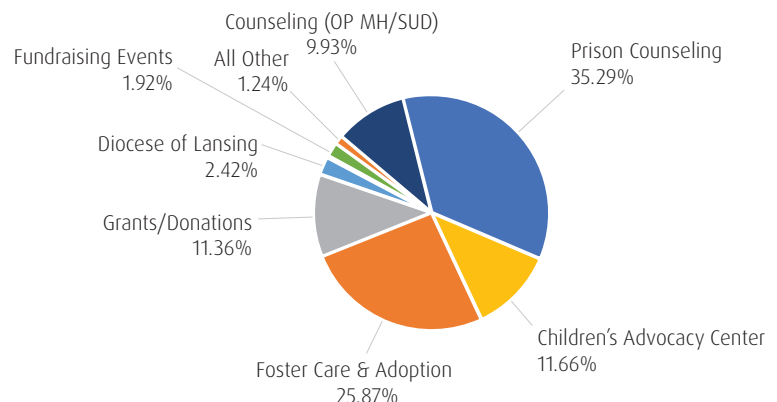
We helped create a clear roadmap to graduation for 2 students who successfully graduated.

2024 INCOME

Prison Counseling	\$1,820,800
Foster Care & Adoption	\$1,334,547
Children's Advocacy Center	\$601,300
Grants/Donations	\$586,243
Counseling (OP MH/SUD)	\$512,168
Diocese of Lansing	\$124,800
Fundraising Events	\$99,122
All Other	\$63,921
United Way & Lenawee Cares	\$16,082

TOTAL \$5,158,983

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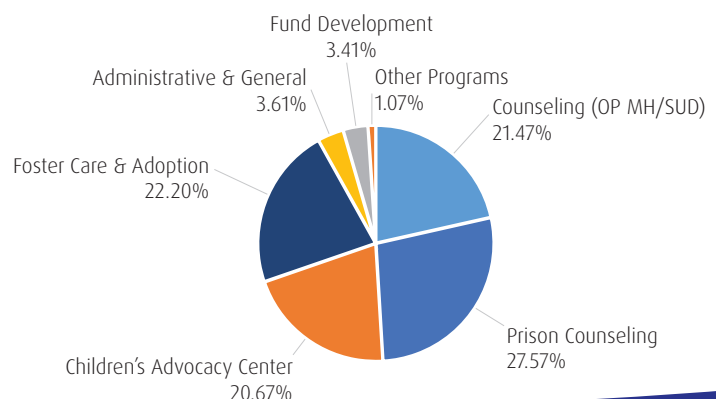


2024 EXPENSES

Prison Counseling	\$1,394,784
Foster Care & Adoption	\$1,123,110
Counseling (OP MH/SUD)	\$1,085,966
Children's Advocacy Center	\$1,045,845
Administrative & General	\$182,874
Fund Development	\$172,397
Other Programs	\$54,167

TOTAL \$5,059,143

2024 EXPENSES



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– Mother Teresa

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During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.

– Pope Francis, from Spes Non Confundit

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At Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties, our goal is to make our communities healthier and more compassionate by empowering individuals to improve their quality of life.

- Counseling (individual, group, marriage, family)
- Foster care & Adoption
- Outpatient substance use disorder treatment
- Prison-based substance use disorder counseling
- Sexual abuse treatment
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