



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay

2024 -
2025

COMMUNITY REPORT

13,259
Served



Putting Our Faith Into Action

Serving people of all faiths in the
16 counties of the Diocese of Green Bay



OUR MISSION

We put our faith into action by strengthening individuals, families, and communities while reflecting the love of God through His Son, Jesus Christ.



OUR VISION

We will be known as a trusted, faith-based social services partner providing hope to those in need in the 16 counties of the Diocese of Green Bay.



OUR VALUES

- Connect to Inspire
- Embrace People's Hearts
- Explore Potential
- Empower to Act
- Nurture Abundant Life & Growth



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Front Cover:

Matthew and Kelly Klika family

Back Cover:

Paul Krause and Leila Mousai family

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are deeply grateful for your steadfast generosity and support of Catholic Charities. You make our mission possible, and we're honored to share this year's *Community Report* with you.

Thanks to your partnership, we served over 13,000 individuals through adoption and pregnancy support, mental health and financial wellness services, refugee and immigrant support, and outreach ministries.

We expanded our rural outreach in Manitowoc and Waupaca, raised awareness of human trafficking with Awaken Wisconsin during the NFL Draft, and responded to the pause in refugee resettlement by strengthening our integration services, including English and citizenship classes.

New wellness initiatives, like peer support and family resource coordination, helped address the rise in crisis calls and provide a bridge to long-term healing. In collaboration with the McGrath Institute for Church Life, 85 parish leaders completed the Fiat program on Faith and Mental Health and are better equipped to create communities of hope and belonging.

We've also launched a new three-year strategic plan, guiding us toward a future where we are seen as a compassionate, trusted leader in meeting urgent community needs.

At Catholic Charities, we are there in moments of crisis, in times of transition, and in the everyday challenges families face. Every number in this report reflects a life touched, a burden lifted, and a family strengthened. Our programs work together to create stability and hope for those we serve by offering a holistic approach to care. The report highlights the breadth of our impact across the 16 counties of the Diocese of Green Bay — evidence that when our community needs us most, we are there.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your families abundantly!

With heartfelt gratitude,



The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay and Chairman
of the Catholic Charities Board



Karmen M. Lemke

Executive Director, Mission Team Leader,
and President of the Catholic Charities Board



REFUGEE INTEGRATION SERVICES

54 new refugees
welcomed
to Green Bay

100+ received housing, employment,
& healthcare services

NEW! English language and
citizenship preparation tutoring!



REVITALIZED VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

41 new or newly returned volunteers

490 donated volunteer hours

\$11,491 worth of donated time



To learn more about volunteer
opportunities, visit us online at:
catholiccharitiesgb.org/volunteer

Volunteers Welcome!



INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Volunteering can help you:

- Boost your mood
- Make social connections
- Develop skills
- Make a difference in someone's life!

We are currently seeking:

- Front desk receptionist - Green Bay
- Citizenship and English learner tutors for newly welcomed refugees
- Catholic Charities ambassadors, helping to communicate our mission and organize volunteers or events



ADOPTION & PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

120 individuals &
families served

SOCIAL MINISTRY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

156 outreach events reaching
7,315 individuals

new!

WELLNESS & SUPPORT SERVICES



DIRECT ASSISTANCE OVERALL

\$197,399



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

362
clients

2,431
sessions

FINANCIAL HEALTH SERVICES

338
clients



IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

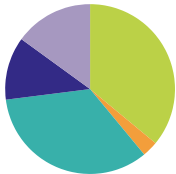
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clients/processes



2024-25 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

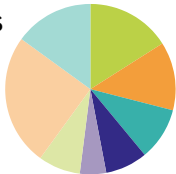
REVENUE

Bishop's Appeal	\$1,315,034
United Way	\$120,956
Donations and Investment Income	\$1,222,219
Fees for Services	\$421,406
State and Federal Contracts	\$550,736
Per Audit	\$3,630,351
2025-26 Budget	\$4,233,355
Total Assets	\$6,288,412
Total Net Assets	\$6,102,122



PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Administration/Support (Misc.)	\$594,959
Adoption & Pregnancy Support Services	\$463,395
Social Ministry & Community Outreach	\$372,011
Immigration Legal Services	\$302,579
Refugee Integration Services	\$199,831
Financial Health Services	\$313,036
Mental Health Services	\$920,493
Government Contracts	\$550,736
Per Audit	\$3,717,040



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Client hearing voices finds listening ears in Peer Support Services

Sam first came to Catholic Charities while helping a family member with mental health, but he stayed because he found the staff supportive and understanding of his own struggles.

Despite seeing doctors and counselors, Sam, who was hearing voices, hadn't found the help he needed until he connected with Peer Support Services. There, he was heard and treated with compassion.

Now, Sam regularly meets with a peer support specialist as he continues his journey toward recovery. He's also reconnected with his faith, attending Mass, confession, and following daily Scripture readings. He is grateful to have found a place of acceptance and understanding at Catholic Charities.

WE ARE THERE.

We serve our neighbors in need.

Family that fled war in Syria finds home in Green Bay



One refugee family fled civil war in Syria, spending years waiting in Turkey before they arrived in Green Bay in January 2025, just before the U.S. Resettlement Program ended. Shortly after their arrival, they faced serious health issues due to the stress of relocation, but Catholic Charities quickly connected them with emergency care. Despite funding cuts from terminated foreign aid programs, the family was housed thanks to generous donors and our team's resourcefulness. Though initially trained as mechanics in Turkey, the sons were placed in jobs in the meat industry, but as they improved their English, they were able to transition into their preferred field. A local business shortage also opened doors for the mother and oldest daughter to find meaningful work. Now, nearly a year later, the entire family is working, attending school, and settling into their new life. With support from Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services team, they're beginning the process of securing green cards and taking the first steps toward U.S. citizenship.



Parents welcome new life via adoption

Michael and Emily Jerger began their adoption journey later in life, hoping to become parents by age 40. Just two months before Michael's 40th birthday, their dream came true with the birth of their son. Through Catholic Charities, they gained insight into adoption from the perspectives of adoptive parents, birth parents, and adoptees, helping them navigate challenges with confidence and clarity. The day they brought their son home was one of the happiest of their lives.

Now experiencing the joys of parenthood, Michael shares that his heart has grown not only for his son but also for the birth family, whom they pray for daily and see on occasion. With Catholic Charities' support, the Jergers welcomed not just a child, but a deeper understanding of love, family, and connection.

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Catholic Charities' Ruth Mettner Award created
to recognize outstanding character and service



For the first time, the Inspired to Act gala honored a supporter of Catholic Charities for charitable outreach and efforts to inspire others to join the mission. Ruth Bruha-Mettner received the inaugural *Finding the Face of Jesus* award for her impactful service as the first female director of Catholic Charities (1959–1984), where she worked in adoptions, child placements, and community outreach. In recognition of her legacy, the award has been renamed the *Ruth Mettner Award* and will annually honor individuals who embody the mission of Catholic Charities and help bring the Church's services to the diocese.

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Stadium View - Green Bay

Join us for an evening of hope,
inspiration, stories, and auctions
to help uplift our communities.

MAY 7,
2026



Fr. Leo Patalinghug

GUEST SPEAKER | FOUNDER OF PLATING GRACE
Cooking demonstration & talk on the importance of family meals

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Be the light for families in need.
Together we can make a change!

DECEMBER 2, 2025

GIVING TUESDAY

- Double your donation thanks to two generous donors.
- Your gifts of time, talent and treasure help us serve the poor and marginalized.
- We invite you to team up at your workplace or in your community and hold a collection for items on our wish list for families in need.



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