THE TRUE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT
For all of us who work and support Catholic Charities Maine, the impact of what we do is what drives our passion to fulfill our mission:

To empower and strengthen individuals and families of all faiths, by providing innovative, community-based social services throughout Maine.

For our 2018 report, instead of just telling you what numbers we served, we’d like to show some examples of the true impact of our work — so you can see just how much your support means to those we serve — and to us!

Thank you, we couldn’t do it without you.

We love making an impact!

Like the clients we serve, we come from all backgrounds and all walks of life, but we all share a passion for making a difference:

How do you measure the impact of:

...the first day of sobriety
...an hour of companionship
...a filling meal
...a better start in life
...a healthy smile?

“I’m a refugee myself, so when I got out of school, I wanted to make a change in people’s lives, like Catholic Charities did for me.”
— Djordje Mandic
Refugee & Immigration Services

“I love the wonderful diversity of programs at Catholic Charities. I’ve worked here 39 years, I’ve had the opportunity to impact young children, seniors, people in recovery — where else could you do that?”
— Dan Harden
Director of Aging Services

“When I come every day into the office, I feel like I am helping to change something about the life of somebody...and that’s really very compelling and rewarding.”
— Baba Ly
Assistant Director of Refugee & Immigration Services

“There is something new and exciting every day... there are opportunities to help people in ways you never imagined.”
— Dixie Shaw
Director of Hunger & Relief Services

“I do think we make a difference in people’s lives, both in terms of meeting their immediate needs and demonstrating the dignity and compassion that really characterizes the care that we provide.”
— Jeff Tiner
Chief Clinical Officer

“I love to come to work each day, because I am able to watch children and families grow and learn together and I see the impact that my staff make every day.”
— Leslie Pierce
Director of St. Elizabeth’s Child Development Center

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2018 BY THE NUMBERS:
600+ employees and 700+ volunteers served nearly 50,000 Mainers at 23 sites all over Maine through more than 20 programs & services:

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK**
1,203 adults struggling with a mental illness or behavioral disorder received treatment, with 97% being treated for severe, persistent mental illness able to avoid a medical hospitalization.

**SEARCH (SEEK ELDERLY ALONE, RENEW COURAGE & HOPE)**
23,712 hours spent playing cards and in conversation with our SEARCH volunteers helped 228 seniors feel less isolated and alone.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN**
Ensuring every child has the tools they need to succeed, we helped 91% of the 334 students we served make progress toward their vision goals.

**REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION SERVICES**
174 new Mainers took their first steps to realizing their American dream, exceeding the goal of securing job placements by 39%.

**JESSIE ALBERT DENTAL & ORTHODONTIC CENTER**
MORE THAN 224,000 teeth were cleaned and cared for, as we brightened the smiles of 7,021 individuals of all ages.

**ST. FRANCIS RECOVERY CENTER AND COUNSELING SERVICES**
1,047 adults in treatment for substance use disorders found a fresh start, counting more than 81,630 days of sobriety on the way to long term recovery.

**INDEPENDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
228,280 hours making beds, running errands, and helping with other chores ensured 2,195 seniors enjoyed nights spent safe in their own homes.

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**
2,763 parishioners were inspired to fulfill their call to serve through training and volunteering, while Relief & Hope emergency services answered 1,751 calls for help with filled oil tanks, housing assistance, clothing for job interviews, transportation, and more.

**FOOD BANK AND FARM FOR ME**
In addition to putting food on the table for 20,574 individuals living with daily chronic hunger through our Food Bank, WE DISTRIBUTED 51,070 pounds OF LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE through our FARM for ME program, ensuring more nutritious and delicious meals all across Aroostook County.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**
10,000 books read helped instill a love of learning in 299 children enrolled at our nationally accredited St. Elizabeth’s and St. Louis Child Development Centers.

**CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM**
On the 50th anniversary of this Federal program, 5,223 children in Maine child care facilities enjoyed a healthier start in life through exercise and nutritious meals.

**CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOME AND FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY**
339 CHILDREN AND TEENS were empowered through our Children’s Behavioral Health Home service and Functional Family Therapy where 100% of students remained enrolled in school while in treatment.

**FOOD for Maine**
51,070 pounds of locally-grown produce through our Farm for ME program, ensuring more nutritious and delicious meals all across Aroostook County.

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Total clients served in 2018: 47,279
Thanks to all who gave so generously to January 31, 2018 – your immense support allows us to continue to fulfill our mission to provide help and create hope for individuals and families of all faiths, with innovation, community-based social services throughout Maine.
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