

## HUNGRY & HOMELESS: MAKING AN IMPACT



**Thousands of people** rely on Catholic Charities each year for basic necessities such as food + warmth.

**28 + 17 = 273,449**

**Food Banks**

**Hot Meal Programs**

The number of individuals seeking assistance from food banks + hot meal programs continues to grow.



St. Martin de Porres Family Center serves nearly **6,000 meals** per month to seniors. **This has tripled since the pandemic began.**

*"I'm thankful to Catholic Charities for giving me hope when I was in need."*

- Wilma

Catholic Charities provides **shelter** to those who are seeking warmth + comfort at night.

**7**

**Shelter Sites**



**73,544**

**Nights of Shelter**

## FAMILY CENTERS: IMPACTING YOUR NEIGHBORS

Family Centers are neighborhood gathering places serving seniors, children and teens, families; those who are isolated, hungry, unemployed, or in need of emergency and medical services find help and hope through our children and family services.



**4,946**

Individuals are served at **THREE** Family Centers in Greater Cleveland

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Different programs focus on teen leadership & mentoring, early childhood education, after-school programs, summer camps, family-focused counseling & mental health, parenting, and programs for seniors.

**Fatima Family Center** serves Cleveland's Hough community by providing events, recreational and educational opportunities, and supportive services for youth, families, adults and seniors.



### 5 Learning Pods

Due to the pandemic, Fatima Family Center had to cancel their in-person programming but were able to offer five classrooms where students could come to daily for internet access to remote learning

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES: BECAUSE OF YOU – OUR IMPACT

Catholic Charities' mission, for over 100 years, has been to provide help, create hope, and serve all people of every race and religion throughout the eight counties in the Diocese of Cleveland.

**209 + 150 + 60**  
programs different sites  
activities



**672 + 15,612**  
staff volunteers

**= 439,383**

individuals served annually



As one of the **largest comprehensive health and human services organizations** in the region, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland continues the work of Jesus by serving the least among us.

### Please Give Generously!

With Your Support, Catholic Charities Will Continue to Serve our Neighbors in Need Throughout Northeast Ohio and Transform the Lives of More Than 400,000 People Annually.

Your financial gift will make a lasting difference in the life of another, bringing help and hope to those who are in need. Your generosity will provide life-saving programs and services to people throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland – our neighbors near and far. On behalf of those who will benefit from your gift...

**THANK YOU** for recognizing the greatest commandments: Love God & Love Your Neighbor.

### WAYS TO GIVE:



#### Text to GIVE

Text CCHOPE to 41444



#### Donate Online

[www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate)



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# Love your NEIGHBOR

*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

- MATTHEW 22:37-39



Providing help. Creating hope. Serving all.

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This simple message, which was commanded by Jesus, is appropriate for our time – when society is experiencing an awakening as to who is their neighbor. The work of Catholic Charities continues to be important as the Church serves those in need. Jesus told us that we would find Him among people who are in need – the hungry, lonely, and disabled. By sharing the blessings we have received, we answer the Lord's call to love one another, to love our neighbors, whoever they are.

*“As Christians, we must be generous. That is the Lord's call to us, and I would suggest that Catholic Charities is the best way we can be generous with the blessings the Lord has given to us.”*

– BISHOP EDWARD MALESIC

...who is eager to learn.

Twins Genice and GeNiah have participated in programs at Fatima Family Center since they were very young. Now, as their school has shifted to online classes, Fatima has shifted their services to provide the twins and their peers a safe, quiet place with fast Internet to learn during the school day. Helpful staff members supervise five classrooms and offer assistance as students adapt to this new style of remote learning; and parents can be assured that their kids are receiving help.

*“When the pandemic hit, everything was upside down. I was grateful that the Fatima Family Center was still open to offer resources for us, especially having my twins in the learning pod to offer instruction and computer help with their school work.”*

– SONYA, MOTHER OF GENICE AND GENIAH

...who is hungry and isolated.

St. Martin de Porres Family Center has been an important part of Wilma's life since moving to the Glenville neighborhood over 18 years ago. Before the pandemic, Wilma regularly participated in many events for seniors. But when the Center had to close during the pandemic, Wilma's life became isolated. Luckily, the Center continued to provide meals to those in need, and Wilma was thankful to have healthy meals delivered to her home by the staff at the Center.

*“Loving your neighbor means looking out for your neighbor, so thank you Catholic Charities for serving us during this pandemic. The work you have done for us has not gone unnoticed.”*

– WILMA

...who needs companionship.

Paul and Lamar enjoy participating in Catholic Charities Disability Services, especially Saturday School. The staff members knew that a virtual platform would be important to keep everyone engaged and connected when the pandemic started, and Paul and Lamar are glad they can still keep in touch with their friends, too. Each week they have something to look forward to, whether it be sharing with their friends, learning new things, or dancing.

*“I appreciate all the people at Catholic Charities who help us. It makes me feel good.”*

– PAUL

## DISABILITIES SERVICES: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Disability Services is dedicated to meeting both the educational and social needs of children & adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Camp Happiness campers with special needs are able to participate in traditional camp activities. Camp went virtual in 2020.



Saturday School

55 Adults meet weekly to learn social skills, math & money skills; discuss current events and get some exercise.

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Dancers who annually join a monthly Dance & Social Party for great music and dancing. They learn social skills and form new friendships. Dances moved to Zoom in 2020 and dancers adapted well.

Parish-based Ministries offer programs to provide accessibility in the Church to persons with developmental disabilities and for those who are deaf, blind and/or mentally ill so that they may participate fully in all aspects of parish life.