

BEING BOLD

*to Serve
Central Texas*



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear CC Family,

We have a culture of “yes” at Catholic Charities of Central Texas. When there’s a need in our community, we say yes to being part of the solution. But there’s more to it than saying yes. It takes dedicated and experienced staff, volunteers, supporters, and community partners to turn that yes into a positive result. Luckily, we have them in spades at Catholic Charities.

In our 2023 fiscal year, Catholic Charities proposed bold solutions to meet the growing needs of our community. We asked you to be bold with us, and you responded with a resounding yes. To me, that was the story of our 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Together, we launched a program to aid refugees fleeing war and persecution. We began walking alongside veterans to pull them out of homelessness and get them into a stable home. We opened a new office to expand our services in the Killeen area. All while continuing to deliver our other much-needed services throughout the 25 Central Texas counties in our Diocese.

If you are reading this letter, it means we relied on you to make our bold vision a reality. As we begin our next fiscal year, you have my commitment that Catholic Charities will continue saying yes and working to ensure every Central Texan can thrive in their God-given gifts and dignity.

Thank you for **BEING BOLD** with us!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Ramirez".

Sara Ramirez
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

People of faith serving anyone in need by strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life.

OUR VISION

A Central Texas in which every person thrives in their God-given gifts and dignity.

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BOLDLY SERVING CENTRAL TEXANS

In our 2023 fiscal year, we launched our Be Bold Campaign, one of our most ambitious campaigns to date. Gifts to our Be Bold Campaign helped us launch several new initiatives to help prevent homelessness, aid refugees, house veterans, improve mental health in children, and more.

BE BOLD CAMPAIGN

THE GOAL:

\$1,000,000

To match our bold work, we set a bold fundraising goal.

ACHIEVED:

\$1,018,420

Our community responded strongly, and together, we surpassed our goal!

THE RESULTS:

Thanks to the support of our community, our bold new initiatives are already making an impact to fight back against poverty and homelessness in Central Texas. Here are updates from two of our biggest new efforts of FY23.

HOUSING HOMELESS VETERANS

- 5 veterans housed
- 45 unhoused veterans in process since October 2022
- 4-6 months: Average time to provide an unhoused veteran with stable housing

"Not all Service Members are the same, and asking for help is hard for them. But as a Veteran myself, we were trained to never leave a fallen comrade behind. The most rewarding part of my job is being able to assist the Service Member not only with housing but with other aspects in their life, so that they can maintain a healthy and stable life."

– Andrew, Case Manager, St. Michael's Veteran Services



"I'm lucky. I know sometimes these things take months or years and years for some people. It was a Godsend."

– Jamie, formerly unhoused veteran and stable housing recipient



HELPING REFUGEES

In 2023, we launched our newest program—Refugee Resettlement Services. With an increase in refugees arriving in Central Texas from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Cuba, Catholic Charities was approached to help refugees socially adjust as they start their new life here in Central Texas.

"Being a refugee is not a choice. As human beings we all deserve to feel a sense of safety. Our Refugee Resettlement Services team is proud to protect and empower these families, and enrich our community at the same time."

– Jessica, Program Manager, Refugee Resettlement Services

AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

18,049

People served through
our programs

385,605

Basic needs items distributed
to Central Texas families

2,191

Hours of education
provided to our clients

OUR PROGRAMS IN ACTION



COUNSELING SERVICES

- 2,249 mental health counseling sessions conducted.
- 84% of clients experienced an overall improvement in their mental health.
- 93% of clients sought our mental health services due to our affordability and accessibility.



DISASTER RESPONSE

- Distributed \$33,000 in emergency funding for housing, utility, and gift card assistance.
- Provided support to 200 individuals impacted by 2022 tornadoes.



FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Distributed \$1,114,000 in financial assistance.
- Served 3,407 clients, a 13% increase over FY22.
- Provided financial education to 1,210 individuals.



IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- Assisted 889 clients from 56 countries.
- Represented 616 clients in over 25 different legal processes.



ST. MICHAEL'S VETERAN SERVICES

- Served 418 veterans and dependents.
- Distributed \$145,236 in aid to military families.



ST. GABRIEL'S PREGNANCY & PARENTING PROGRAM

- Provided a healthy start to 767 babies.
- Conducted 616 parenting and life skills classes.
- Distributed more than 234,142 diapers and other material items.



NEW! REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

- New program launched in February 2023 to help refugees socially adjust as they start their new life here in Central Texas.
- Assisted 172 refugees with resettlement services.
- Placed 25 clients in full-time employment and support services.

GABRIEL PROJECT MINISTRY

- Trained 71 new Gabriel Angels at 32 parishes to increase accessibility of pregnancy and parenting support at local parishes.

OUR DONORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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\$2,455,934

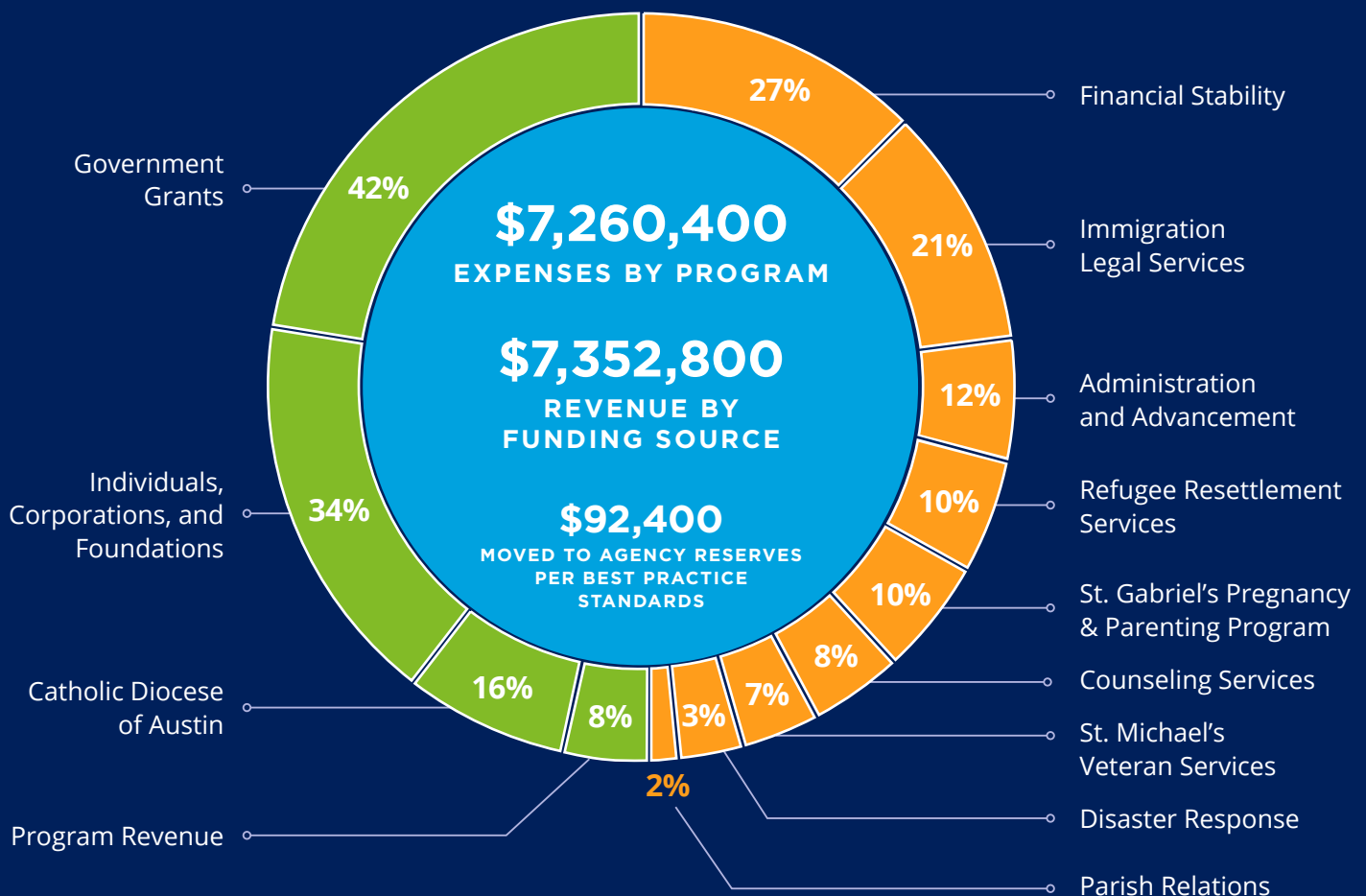
Amount raised from individuals, corporations, and foundations



88 CENTS

of every dollar goes toward helping a family in need

FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2022-2023



A HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Est. 1999



One of our biggest milestones in 2022 was the opening of our newest office in Killeen, TX. We continue to enhance our services across our entire 25-county Central Texas region, with a special emphasis on helping underserved communities.

2002



**Immigration
Legal
Services**

2004



**Disaster
Response**
activates for
Hurricane Katrina

2006



**Financial
Stability**

2007



**Inaugural
Creating Hope
Fundraiser**

2011



**St. Gabriel's Pregnancy
& Parenting Program**
(Formerly Gabriel Project
Life Center)

2012



**Austin Office on
Rutherford Lane Opens**

2013



**Brazos Valley Office on
Cavitt Avenue Opens**

2013



**Sara Ramirez
Named
Executive
Director**

2015



**Counseling
Services**

2017



**St. Michael's
Veterans
Services**

2021



Waco Office Established

2022



**Killeen Office on St. Joseph
School & Campus Opens**

2022



**Refugee
Resettlement
Services**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Cathedral School of St. Mary - Austin
Holy Family Catholic School - Austin
Sacred Heart Catholic School - La Grange
San Juan Diego Catholic High School - Austin

Santa Cruz Catholic School - Buda
St. Austin Catholic School - Austin
St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School - Austin

St. Gabriel's Catholic School - Austin*
St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic School - Austin
St. John Vianney Catholic Church - Round Rock

St. Joseph Catholic Academy - Killeen
St. Mary's Catholic School - Taylor
St. Michael's Catholic Academy - Austin*
St. Theresa's Catholic School - Austin*

**Catholic Charities Champions are schools in the Diocese of Austin with outstanding participation in each of our four areas of engagement: learn, serve, give, and share*

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Catholic Daughters of America - Court Annunciation #1962
The Church at Highland Park
Daughters of the King
Emmaus Catholic Church - Lakeway
Holy Family Catholic Church - Copperas Cove
Holy Rosary Women's ACTS
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church - Martindale

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St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Lockhart
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