

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Inc. **Annual Report 2022**

As we reflect over the past year, the Bible verse "Our Faith Can Move Mountains" Matthew 17:20, comes to mind. Just as Catholic Charities was overcoming the challenges of the pandemic in 2021, we headed into 2022, facing a very difficult economy. However, Catholic Charities demonstrated the faith and foresight to continue on our mission of "Providing Help and Creating Hope" through the kindness and generosity of our donors and grantors, the boundless dedication of our staff and the insight to generate new opportunities. All to ensure that we could accommodate the growing number of people, in need, in the communities that we serve.

Over the past year, Catholic Charities provided much needed assistance to 12,185 individuals and families in Tolland, Windham, New London and Middlesex counties. This represents an 18% increase in the number of individuals over the previous year. Through our Case Management/Basic Needs Program, Catholic Charities provided our clients with food, clothing, infant needs, rent, utility assistance and prescriptions. In addition, we were able to secure funding to provide programs that will assist our clients with long term solutions aimed at Financial Empowerment, Early Childhood Reading, Job Preparedness and Resume Preparation, SNAP Assistance, Parenting Classes and Adoption Searches.

Ultimately, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich's goal is to assist everyone who comes through our doors. Our Case Workers are on hand to listen to each individual situation and find the best possible solution, both in the short term to satisfy their immediate basic needs as well as provide guidance for long term success. Thus, moving mountains one client at a time.



Rent Due

Emergency Basic Needs Direct Relief Provided \$238,826 in financial assistance

Our three **Emergency Food Pantries** distributed over 71,299 meals to families in need throughout our communities.



248 Thanksgiving Baskets distributed to families in need



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63% of our clients were female; 37% of our clients were male; 31% of our clients were under the age of 18 63% of our clients are non-Catholic



466 Children were helped through "A Very Giving Christmas"



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