SERVING all those in need
To strengthen the lives of those in need by giving help that empowers and hope that lasts.

Cardinal Wuerl, thank you for your confidence and support which allowed us to do what we do, and be who we are.
Providing a place of Mercy and Hope

Last year, we worked with 142,949 men, women, and children. Some of those services come in the form of highly intensive, long-term care for a smaller number of people, like our work with individuals living with developmental disabilities. Other programs, such as our Southern Maryland Food Bank and low-barrier shelters see a high number of people over shorter periods of time. We do our best to capture an accurate picture of how many individual people we serve—sometimes it can be challenging, as many of our clients receive multiple services from more than one program, or are served repeatedly throughout the year.

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Enterprise, Education, and Employment

CUP OF JOE AND ST. MARIA’S MEALS
EMPLOYMENT & ABILITY ONE ENTERPRISE
FOOD SERVICES ENTERPRISE
IMMIGRATION SUPPORT SERVICES
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING EDUCATION PROGRAM
REFUGEE SERVICES CENTER EMPLOYMENT
SHARE FOOD NETWORK
SOUTHERN MARYLAND FOOD BANK
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Offering wide reaching food assistance and essential job training our Enterprise, Education, and Employment programs provide access to the skills and services needed to break free from poverty. From our Bank Teller training to ensuring seniors in Southern Maryland have access to healthy snacks, these programs meet the needs of a changing region.
TO MANY, BEVERLY AND LOIS SEEM LIKE ANY OTHER LONG-TIME FRIENDS. BUT FOR THEM THE FRIENDSHIP GOES MUCH DEEPER AND COMES FROM A PLACE OF COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP. Their friendship was forged through their weekly visits to the Southern Maryland Food Bank’s Meals & Hope Food Truck. The duo, like so many others in our region, work hard to ensure their families don’t struggle with food insecurity. Each week, they join a line of people from Charles County to greet the truck, which serves a regular dinner provided by the staff and volunteers of the Southern Maryland Food Bank.

The truck, which visits seven sites in Southern Maryland each month, provides many in the community who live on a limited income the ability to enjoy a delicious, nutritious, and warm meal at no cost. Lois, who is a teacher’s aide at a local school knows her salary doesn’t leave much wiggle room in her budget so knowing Catholic Charities is there has eased her mind. The program also allows her to help feed her elderly aunt and uncle. Beverly relies on the Meals & Hope Food Truck to feed six members of her family.

Each week, those in line are greeted with a warm welcome as well as a warm meal. Through the Meals & Hope Food Truck, Catholic Charities is able to grow its roots in Southern Maryland and inspire friendships like Lois and Beverly’s.
Lack of housing can be a barrier to achieving many other goals. Our Homeless and Housing Services are here to meet the needs of some of the region’s most vulnerable. Emergency low-barrier shelters meet the immediate need of a place to sleep, but many of our housing programs focus on the long-term goal of living independently. We continue to expand our services and programs to ensure those experiencing homelessness have a path to finding a place to call home.
Adult and Children Clinical Services

Poverty should not be a barrier to receiving high-quality care and services, and our Adult and Children Clinical Services programs bring the professional care so desperately needed to those most vulnerable. Whether it is pro bono legal assistance, lower-cost health and dental care for the uninsured, or emergency services for those in crisis, we are here to meet the needs of our community.

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WHEN HIS MOTHER LEFT HER SIX CHILDREN IN CAMEROON TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES, SHE ENVISIONED CREATING A BETTER LIFE FOR THEM ALL.

She had hoped all her children would soon follow her to her new country. Unfortunately, only one of her children was approved to come to the United States. Ludovick, a trained construction worker in his homeland, soon found himself in a new country where he didn't speak the language and his skills were no longer capable of landing him a job.

Without a resume, past experience, or a strong grasp on the language of his new country, Ludovick found every interview he went on ended with the same response—No. After struggling to make ends meet, a family friend suggested he reach out to Catholic Charities.

He was soon enrolled in various programs and services offered to help him assimilate. Catholic Charities staff took the time to learn about his needs and goals. He enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes, and as his language skills began improving so did his hopes for the future.

It wasn’t long before Catholic Charities staff learned that Ludovick had worked construction in Cameroon. They worked to enroll him in the Green Construction program. This nationally certified curriculum prepares graduates for a career in the construction industry as they receive a nationally accredited certificate in green construction.

This past spring, Ludovick used his English skills to share his story as part of his graduation ceremony, but his success hasn’t ended. He is currently working full-time in the construction and concrete industry. He is a member of the Carpenters Union in Upper Marlboro, and he plans to continue learning as much about the industry as he can. He sees his chosen career path as a way to build for the next generation and leave a legacy through his work.

Ludovick: Success in a New Country

"COMING TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES ALLOWED ME TO START HAVING HOPE AND EXPERIENCES."

Ludovick
Joining an impressive team of volunteers, parish ministries, and local organizations our Family, Parish, and Community Outreach programs are working towards transformational change. When individuals and families turn to the church we are there with social workers, food assistance, medical care, a place to stay, and much more. This work is primarily driven by our network of talented and skilled volunteers.

Last year our volunteer force of more than 7,000 contributed 123,207 hours.

1,845 people received coats distributed by our coat drives.

$767,855 during the Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic last fall.

More than 2,000 procedures were performed totaling $767,855 in free dental care.

Our Catholic Charities Center in Montgomery County served more than 16,000 to meet their most pressing needs.

More than 2,000 needy kids woke up to something special on Christmas morning thanks to our Angel Tree program.

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Ramona was living in a halfway house after being incarcerated for more than six years. She found herself facing many naysayers. She knew in order to get her life back she needed to stick to her goals.

Cami was like many young people living in DC, looking for a way to give back to her city. Several friends recommended she look into Catholic Charities, noting they helped many people and there would likely be a program that would interest her.

Ramona and Cami met through the Welcome Home Reentry Program, and what seemed like an unlikely duo has forged into a true friendship. Initially bonding over their shared interest in fitness, the two would take walks and talk. As a mentor in the Welcome Home Reentry Program, Cami introduced Ramona to many new possibilities and the two worked together to set and ultimately meet goals for Ramona.

While Ramona was working on meeting her goals—moving out of the halfway house and finding steady employment—Cami was setting and meeting her own goals. The two continued to meet at the gym and go for walks. A regular topic was the need for a women’s group for returning citizens. Where women can come to discuss the unique issues they face after incarceration. Too many women return to unsafe relationships or unsupported environments.

The two brought the idea to Catholic Charities, and now Ramona’s women’s group meets biweekly. The Welcome Home Reentry program allowed Ramona to see that her past doesn’t have to define her future. Cami and Ramona maintain a close bond and continue to support one another and share in each other’s successes.

Ramona and Cami: From Mentor to Friend

“THIS PROGRAM HELPED ME FIND MY FULFILLMENT FROM DIFFERENT THINGS.”

Ramona
We are committed to supporting people from all walks of life, and our Developmental Disabilities Services provide access and opportunity to those in need of specialized care. From our Community Companions, Maryland Personal Supports, Kennedy School, adult day programs, and specialized housing, our services offer the essential tools needed for future growth, development, and progress.

3,625

316 VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED 3,625 HOURS TO OUR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAMS LAST YEAR.

788

788 ADULTS AND CHILDREN ARE HELPED THROUGH OUR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAMS EACH YEAR.

120

LAST YEAR, OUR DC, SOUTHERN MARYLAND AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS SERVED 120 INDIVIDUALS.

Developmental Disabilities Services

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Our Leadership

A distinguished group of community leaders serve on the Board of Directors. Each member is recommended for election by the Archbishop of Washington for a three-year term of office.

Leadership and Executive Staff

Msgr. John J. Enzler
President & CEO

Joan Fowler Brown
Chief of Staff

Mary Jane Morrow
Chief Financial Officer

Patrick Dunne
Chief Operating Officer

Tara Arras
Chief Development Officer

Catholic Charities Foundation Board

Special thanks to the members of our Board of Directors for the Catholic Charities Foundation who oversee the Catholic Charities Endowment Funds:

J. Michael (Mike) Kelly
Brian McQuade
R. Scott Pastrick
At the heart of the Catholic faith is loving God and loving your neighbor, and that means having a certain responsibility to those who are poor, not in good health, or otherwise in need. It is this long-held belief that made it only natural for the Clancy family to get involved with Catholic Charities. The family knew several priests, who introduced Pat and Mary Anne to Catholic Charities. Their first touch point was attending a gala. And for a while that was their only connection, but then Mary Anne decided to take their participation up a notch. The couple chaired the 1993 Annual Gala. Next, Mary Anne served on the Board from 1995 to 2000 and was Chair for the last two years of her term. Pat was the founding Chairman of the Catholic Charities Foundation beginning in 2002 and remained on that Board or the Board of Catholic Charities until 2017.

In 2002 Mary Anne joined the advisory board of the SHARE Food Network and she soon began volunteering with the SHARE Food Network. For years, she and one or more of her grandchildren would routinely volunteer to help package food for distribution. Mrs. Clancy was leading by a hands-on example, but her grandchildren were not only influenced by her— their parents also give.

About a decade ago, Michael and Haven Clancy privately set up a foundation that collects blankets, socks, toiletries, and other necessities to deliver to the homeless in the District. They were so private about it, they had been doing it for several years before their parents even found out. Michael was inspired by his children going to SHARE with their grandmother and wanted to do something to continue this legacy.

For the Clancy family, giving back is simply a part of who they are. Passing along through generations the blessings that come from giving back, they are called by the teachings of Jesus to take care of people.

While their commitment to Catholic Charities is rooted in their faith, they have helped countless others see that a gift to Catholic Charities is not a gift to a religious organization, but rather a donation to a community endeavor.
This last year has been a time of incredible challenge and incredible growth for Catholic Charities. We have expanded our services in underserved communities through the opening of the Susan D. Mona Center in Prince George’s County and our new, larger Angel’s Watch facility in Southern Maryland. These new facilities allow us to provide care and compassion to even more people in need.

Sadly, as a community we face many unpleasant and unfathomable truths about some members of the Church. And as we all come to terms with what this means to our faith, we at Catholic Charities continue to serve. We served the young mother who came to us in need of food for her child, and we served the immigrants who was seeking a better future, we served the elderly man in need of medical care, in all nearly 145,000 men, women, and children came to us in need last year.

And whether it was your time, your treasure, or your talent you helped us meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. From housing to legal assistance, to nutrition, clothing, dental and medical care, and so much more, Catholic Charities actively lives out the word of the Gospel through our work. We know that without your compassion, commitment, and generosity we would not be able to say “yes” when someone comes to us in need.

As always, our deepest thanks and prayers are with you and those you hold most dear for including Catholic Charities in your life.