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Catholic Charities
Diocese of Paterson
Annual Report
2016
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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2016 Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson Annual Report.

This document highlights the achievements of our Catholic Charities agencies and programs. The services outlined in the Annual Report are the result of the dedication and talent of our agency leaders, staff and volunteers, as well as the moral and financial support of Catholic Charities donors.

Those of us who are part of the Paterson Diocese will read this report with genuine pride for what Catholic Charities does. Knowing so many of our friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners have contributed to the Catholic Charities success story is a source of great encouragement. It is my hope others will read it as a source of inspiration to participate in the work of Christ among his beloved poor.

It is a personal joy to be able to so wholeheartedly salute Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson for all its fine work on behalf of the poor and disadvantages among us, and for being in the forefront of putting into practice Catholic Social teaching principles in the community.

Congratulations, Catholic Charities. I salute you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson

Combined Operating Budget for 2015 = $53,688,484
CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF PATERNON
“...providing help, creating hope...”

THE STRUGGLES OF THE NEEDY

• More than half the children in Passaic and Paterson live in poverty. One in five in Sussex County and one in six in Morris County live in poverty.

• In New Jersey, 21 percent of those who need food assistance do not receive it.

• The average family of four receiving food stamps cannot pay for all of the meals the family needs each month.

• Over 900,000 children in New Jersey experience hunger in any given year. There are over 8,000 adults with developmental disabilities in the State of New Jersey waiting for community placement in a residential group home.

• Drug addiction, once confined to the poorest neighborhoods, is spreading throughout the New Jersey suburbs. It is becoming a national crisis, affecting rich, poor and middle class alike.

STEPPING UP TO FILL THE NEED

Catholic Charities in the Paterson Diocese is the Catholic social services organization that provides help to the poor and the needy throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties in North Jersey. Through its 40-plus locations, Catholic Charities helps tens of thousands of people with ongoing services to help individuals raise themselves out of poverty, as well as providing the immediate relief of food and shelter in times of crisis. The organization provides food for the hungry, counseling for the addicted and health services and housing for the developmentally disabled, AIDS sufferers and others. Catholic Charities is one of the largest providers of social services in the region and often the only place where the most troubled members of society can turn for help.

Most of the funding for the organization’s activities comes from federal, state and government sources and grants from the Diocese of Paterson itself. Nonetheless, Catholic Charities is critically dependent on contributions of money from individual donors, the parishes in the diocese, businesses and corporations, as well as in-kind contributions such as food and clothing to continue to expand its services. Catholic Charities also depends on a network of volunteers throughout the region to maximize its reach to the needy. Catholic Charities in the Paterson Diocese is one of five Catholic Charities organizations in New Jersey and, as part of Catholic Charities USA, one of more than 160 throughout the United States. Catholic Charities throughout the United States is the single largest provider of social services with an annual budget exceeding $3 billion.

2016 Caritas Award Recipients

Patricia and Peter Muratore

INSPIRING — In word and deed, the recipient encourages, motivates and/or persuades others to provide needed services and to work with other people or groups of people to both directly provide service and to advocate for justice.

Andrea and Brian Beyerl

SERVICE — With love and a desire to serve as a witness to Christ’s love for all people, the recipient has by word and deed sought to be of service wherever there is need or pain. Such service should provide assistance to people of all socioeconomic groups, but especially for the needy and most vulnerable.

Rev. Msgr. John J. Carroll

ADVOCACY — In word and deed, the recipient seeks to foster a social order which is grounded in truth and functions according to the norms of justice, is inspired and perfected by mutual love and is realized in freedom. The recipient works towards a just social order.
The Caritas Awards

Given annually at the Catholic Charities Caritas Gala

The Catholic Charities Caritas Award is given annually to an individual, group or organization in recognition of outstanding service and love for humanity. The design of the Caritas Award, a heart-shaped glass column with a nesting pelican surrounded by her young atop the heart, reflects the purpose of the award and the recognition it seeks to give. It is Catholic Charities' witness to the worthiness of its recipients.

The word caritas is Latin and translates as love or charity. It was chosen to symbolize that the recipient is one who has demonstrated great love and caring for his or her brothers and sisters. The heart is a widely recognized sign of love, and as such is a further reinforcement of the choice of the word caritas. The pelican nesting with her young and providing them nourishment is also a symbol of love, demonstrating the unselfish love of a mother for her young and her willingness to give of herself for the survival and growth of her loved ones. The pelican is as well known a symbol of love in religious communities, as the heart is to lay persons.

The threefold reinforcement then of the word caritas along with the symbolism of the heart and the pelican form the triad or trinity of love, the Caritas Award.

The purpose of the Caritas Award is to recognize an individual and/or organization who has by example and deed served persons in need and/or advocated for justice and/or inspired other persons of good will to do the same, in a manner consistent with Catholic Social Teaching. The Catholic Charities Agencies of our Diocese are committed to a threefold mission of service, advocacy and inspiring.

In selecting the recipients for the annual Caritas Award, the Awards Committee seeks to identify persons and/or organizations who have made significant contributions and/or accomplishments in one or more of the these three areas of service, advocacy or inspiring.

KEY FACTS ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- Catholic Charities in the Paterson Diocese has a budget of over $50 million annually, almost half of which funds critical safety net activities through Catholic Charities - CFCS / Catholic Family and Community Services.
- Each year Catholic Charities provides food pantry assistance, case management, emergency assistance or shelter to over 30,000 people in the three counties it serves.
- The organization’s four food pantries distribute over 1.25 million pounds of food, 60 percent of which is contributed by parishes and private donors.
- To assist needy young families, Catholic Charities helps over 5,000 children annually in preschool programs, child nutrition summer programs and after school activities.
- Catholic Charities serves at-risk teens through three locations in the diocese: Hope House in Dover, the Hispanic Information Center in Passaic and the Father English Center in Paterson.
- Catholic Charities receives over [30,000 hours] of hours of service annually from volunteers.
- The Catholic Charities - DPD / Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) runs one of the largest programs for the developmentally disabled in the nation, operating 10 group homes and two supervised apartment programs. These homes are operated and staffed around the clock, seven days a week.
- Catholic Charities - S&N / Straight and Narrow Incorporated is one of the largest residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs in the nation. Straight and Narrow serves 250 residential clients in its treatment programs, typically providing six months of treatment and counseling.
- Straight and Narrow’s clients come from all over the state, from all walks of life and all income groups. They range in age from adolescents as young as 13 to people in middle age. Young mothers are often able to house their infant children with them in the sleeping quarters.
- Straight and Narrow continually upgrades its facilities and services to provide the best possible treatment outcomes. It also maintains an internship program for counsellors in training, serving graduate students from six colleges and universities in New Jersey and New York.
- Catholic Charities Migrant Ministry cares for the spiritual and human services needs of hundreds of immigrants to the region through parishes in Newton, Sparta, Lincoln Park and Boonton. The Ministry provides help with immigration status, employment, medical needs as well as organizing religious services in Spanish and celebrations around important religious holidays such as the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Three Kings.

Catholic Charities always needs your help.
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The After Care/Summer Camp Program at Father English Community Center offers a quality After Care and Summer Camp Program for School-age children of working or in-school parents. The primary objective of the program is to provide care in a safe environment by professional and caring staff. The target population for this program includes families who meet the eligibility requirements from the Division of Family Development child care; and the working poor who live or work in the City of Paterson who have documented need for child care services. The services provided are academic tutoring, enrichment, and meals and snacks. In 2016 the program served 202 unduplicated children ages 6-12.

The Teenage After School and Summer Camp Child Care Program (TAP) provides a safe, and supervised environment for teens from 12-15 years old. Participants are provided group counseling, behavior modification, peer mentoring, recreational trips, gang awareness, sports activities, homework assistance and educational supervision. Over the course of the past year, 15 unduplicated teenagers participated in the program.

Outreach to At-Risk Youth (OTARY) program started in January 2008 as part of NJ State's strategy for deterring crime and gang activity in urban areas, this program is designed to give at-risk youth ages 11-18 an alternative to the negative influences that surround them. The program consists of recreation activities such as basketball, life-skills training, group counseling, and gang prevention workshops. In 2016, the program provided services to 49 unduplicated members. In October 2016, a Gang Prevention Program provided by the Passaic County Sheriff’s Department proved to be very real and emotional for the OTARY and TAP participants, but especially for a 14-year-old male participant whose close friend was involved in gangs because of the gang involvement lost his life. The participant gave his friend a voice by demonstrating to the other members how much it hurts to lose someone to gangs and the violence the gang world brings.

The Psychological counseling program is a juvenile delinquency prevention program for Paterson youth between the ages of 8 – 17 years old whose family and community environment predisposes them to anti-social behaviors that may lead to involvement of juvenile justice system. Children are referred from the schools, guidance counselors, teachers, child study teams, parents, probation department, NJ Department of Child Protection and Permanency and other concerned adults. In 2016 a total of 30 unduplicated clients received individual and group counseling services, tutoring, and family counseling.

Adult Services:

Adult Services at CFCS include a wide variety of services that address the needs of adults and their families throughout Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties. There are five departments within service line including Basic Needs, Community & Emergency Support, Behavioral Health Services, Immigration Legal Services and English as a Second Language (ESL). In total, CFCS provided services to over 55,000 adults and their families in 2016.

CFCS provides Basic Needs assistance in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties throughout the year. CFCS provides Basic Needs assistance to an average of 1,000 adults and their families in Passaic County. In Morristown Office, the CFCS programs provides food services to an average of 1,000 clients per month. In Sussex County, the CFCS program provides food services to an average of 1,000 clients per month. In Sussex County, the CFCS program provides food services to an average of 1,000 clients per month.

The Straight and Narrow Choir performing a seasonal program at the St. Joseph Home for the Elderly in Totowa on the Feast of the Holy Family.
recovery. In addition, all of our staff received Narcan training and we have several kits on hand at the halfway house.

2016 was an active year in our Adolescent Program under the direction of Romano Petricelli. The program treated ninety-one youth and their families compared to eighty-five in 2015. There were several key staff members added over the year to aid and enhance the program. These enhancements included services, such as mindfulness meditation, yoga, and expressive art therapy. Also, we began offering a night school for those youth taking the GED, as well as financial assistance with the cost of the exam.

The summer can be a challenging time for our youth as the warmer weather is often a trigger to use substances. To help combat these triggers, this summer we offered a class in website design, which our youth thoroughly enjoyed. Also, over the summer we expanded clinical services, held holiday events to provide more consistency with client care. For example, on Friday nights we have Yoga and on Saturdays, Expressive Art Therapy.

Since October our adolescent staff has been working with behavioral experts from Rutgers University in the Promising Path to Success Program, which involves coaching on core strategies, such as youth voice and choice, and workforce development. As part of workforce development, in November we began training the adolescent staff in the Nurtured Heart Approach, which utilizes discipline specific ways to communicate with adolescents by energizing their strengths while allowing them to freely express themselves. This approach will allow for more positive interactions to take place not only with our youth but also between the youth and their families.

The holidays are another high-stress time for our youth, so we address this with engaging them in sober activities, such as door decorating contests and holiday parties with the staff where we all share food and encourage dancing to music they select. Each year during the holidays our youth receive gifts from donors, which are deeply appreciated by them.

Straight and Narrow Inc. sponsors three preschool early education centers in the City of Paterson under the leadership of Mrs. Anna DeMolli. The centers, La Vida Child Care Center I, La Vida Child Care Center II and the newly opened La Vida Child Care Center III are all located in the heart of the city. The centers serve three and four year old resident children under a contract agreement with the Paterson Public School District. Presently we are providing preschool education for older children. The centers are staffed with certified teachers , teacher assistants, family workers, custodial and food service workers. Each center has a full time Director.

The agency's Pastoral care department under the direction of Father Charles Waller continues to provide pastoral counseling for the residents of the S&N community. Along with the Straight and Narrow Choir Father Waller and Monsignor William Naughton visited over 35 churches within the Paterson Diocese to provide drug and alcohol education in addition to their spiritually uplifting singing. During the month of October they also provided educational and spiritual programs for three of our Diocese sponsored Catholic High Schools. The department staff along with Robert Bozzomo coordinated the Angel Project with over 30 parishes in the diocese, the gifts donated were given to the families within the S&N community. Pastoral care is also has relationships with the Hospital Art Foundation which provides art work for many of our facilities, Toy R Us for the provision of toys and games for our clients and their families. The department also worked with the Holiday Express organization to provide an evening of entertainment for over 400 people from the S&N community.

A large part of the department's mission is the introduction of the residents to the 12 step Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) fellowship. The department hosts several events a year which are deeply appreciated by them. 2016 was an active year in our Adolescent Program under the direction of Roman Petrocelli. The program treated ninety-one youths and their families compared to eighty-five in 2015.

In July, a group of about 50 volunteers from Cedar Lake Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ helped clean up the gardens at Hope house. CFCS-HH saved approximately $2,000 in landscaping costs.

at the Father English Community Center in Paterson, NJ. Morris County residents have access to a Food Pantry at the Hope House Location and Sussex County residents can access a food pantry at the Partnership, A, 57 State Street office. A Thrift Store is also available at the Partnership for Social Services location. Funding and supplies for all of the food pantry is provided by private donors, church food drives, the Community Food Bank, FEMA, and some county funding. The clothing boutiques receive donations from private donors, and clothing drives from churches and other groups such as the Knights of Columbus and parish youth groups. All of the CFCS basic needs programs are largely supported by community donations. The Food Pantry at Father English Community Center alone served nearly 50,000 people, representing over 12,000 families, and distributed well over one million pounds of food in 2016. In total, CFCS served over 51,000 people through our Basic Needs programs in 2016.

Community & Emergency Support Services at CFCS has been providing financial assistance to individuals and family facing homelessness or risk of homelessness, since 1984. The program provides direct financial assistance in the form of rental and utility payments to prevent an eviction or utility shut-off. The Emergency Services component provides emergency hotel/motel for homeless families, when no other resource can be secured. In 2016, the program provided 285 households with rental assistance; 43 households with utility relief; and 12 households, with 248 nights of emergency hotel placement. This year the CSS department expanded with two housing programs; Intensive Case Management (ICM) and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP-2).

In total, nearly 1300 clients and their families received assistance through these programs in 2016. Mrs. A, a 57 year old woman and her adult child with developmental disabilities, found themselves without a place to stay after they were evicted from their small 2 bedroom apartment. They went over to the local temporary assistance agency and were denied assistance. Mother and son walked-in to CSS and requested assistance with a place to stay. She met with a case manager that determined she would require an emergency hotel placement. During her stay at the hotel, the CSS team brought her food each week and assisted her in securing another affordable apartment for the two, a security deposit and first month’s rent to transition. She had no relatives to assist her, a fixed income and no where to turn, except CFCS.

CFCs’s small Immigration Legal Services department provides direct representation and advice on immigration matters to indigent and low income families and individuals. This mission continues in challenging times even with reductions in independent grant funding and staff. Despite the obstacles, the CFCS Legal Department is the face of immigration services for the Diocese of Paterson. Given the significant number of immigrants from many nationalities in Passaic and Morris counties, the need is dire for legal advice and representation. Although the majority of the Legal Services clients from the local community come from Central and South America, others are from across the globe, including: the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Canada. The program is currently subsidized by a ROLTA Fund grant and financial support from CFCS.

The Organization is exploring alternative grant funding and the possibility of using consultant assistance in addition to focusing on particular immigration matters (e.g., citizenship) to meet the ever-growing need in the community. Specific legal services provided on behalf of clients, include petitions and applications for: naturalization/citizenship, Green Cards, adjustments of status, removal of conditions, employment authorizations, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and others. In 2016, the Immigration Legal Services department assisted nearly 300 clients with direct representations, consultations, immigration court appearances and other services.

Behavioral Health Services are provided to adults in Morris, Sussex, and Passaic counties through various CFCS programs. The Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient substance abuse programs provide Substance Abuse counseling in both English and Spanish. These programs are funded by Medicaid, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Morris County. In addition, the Anger Management program provides services to English speaking males in Morris County.

This service is paid for on a fee-for-service basis using a sliding scale to determine the amount the client is responsible for. In total CFCS provided services to 370 unduplicated adult clients through our Behavioral Health Programs at Hope House in 2016. Some clients are duplicated across service lines.

Services for Seniors And Persons With Disabilities

Volunteers from the community and an intern from Rutgers were matched to the Senior Activities Program. The heart desserts were made by a mother and daughter volunteer team.
Within the Services For Seniors and Persons With Disabilities Division at CFCS are two types of programs: Day Programs and In-Community Support Programs. In total, CFCS provided services to over 1,100 Seniors and persons with disabilities in 2016.

Day Programs are congruent sites where residents from the community go to an established location to receive services for 5 or more hours each day. CFCS operates three day programs, the Paterson Adult Day Center and the Senior Activities Program. These programs are located in the senior housing units within the City of Paterson. In addition, the Multilingual Center provides a day treatment program for Spanish-speaking adults with developmental disabilities.

During the 2016 calendar year, the Paterson Adult Day Center provided socialization, a hot midday meal, social services support, transportation, and FUN to 29 older adults living in senior housing or elsewhere within the City of Paterson. At the same time, a social worker and the Center nurse visited each of the seven senior buildings of the Paterson Housing Authority each week, up to 200 tenants per month to support tenants’ efforts to live independently.

Senior Activities Program (SAP) is located on 20th Ave, Paterson, NJ where 295 seniors were served in 2016. The overall goal is to create a safe haven where seniors can enjoy social experiences while aging in place. Senior Activities Program is more than Bingo, Pizza Parties and trips. SAP provides the seniors the opportunity for physical and mental development, while creating new bonds for social support.

ATS-Adult Training Services Program a component of the March Center, provide a Day Habilitation Program funded by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to provide basic skills training, community integration and social development. The program is structured to teach participants the importance of basic skills that are essential in the home and the community. Participants receive group and one-one help to develop a basic understanding of topics such as: budgeting, safety, civic duty, empathy, leadership, and.Character education. ATS has provided services to 10 undisplaced participants in 2016.

The Respite Care Program, another program of the Multilingual Center, provides Agency Weekend Respite (AWR) as a family support service, funded by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and funded under Medicaid fee-for-service under the Children’s System of Care (CSC). The services are intended to provide families a weekly respite from the daily needs of caring for family with developmental disabilities. AWR services provide an opportunity to experience or structure group experience provided at our facility or experience community outings. The program organizes several community events to provide educational and cultural experiences. The Respite (AWR) program has provided services to 10 undisplaced participants in 2016.

In-Community Support programs at CFCS are designed to support seniors and persons with disabilities while they remain in their homes and apartments in the community. CFCS provides in community support to seniors and persons with disabilities through seven different programs throughout Morris, Sussex, and Passaic Counties.

The Meals on Wheels program in Sussex County provides a hot meal for seniors and disabled persons at least five days per week. The Adult Transportation program medical and other necessary local transportation needs within Sussex County for persons with disabilities and senior citizens. Project LINC, funded by Passaic County, provides a similar service for Passaic County residents. Morris County also funds the Chore and Fix It Programs, which provide in-home chore, laundry and shopping assistance to senior citizens and repair services for Seniors and persons with disabilities in Morris County. Morris County also supports a Life Pendant Program in seniors. In total, CFCS served 644 seniors and persons with disabilities throughout the Diocese of Paterson in 2016.

Veterans Services

The Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) Program provides supportive services to very low-income Veterans families who are homeless or immediately at risk of becoming homeless. The vision of SSVF is to end veteran homelessness. This grant provides a range of support services designed to promote housing stability through creative interventions that help families resolve the immediate crisis and then provide resources that support long-term stabil ity. In a collaborative effort with CCANNJ, low-income veterans and their families can have access to the S&N program. Our program provides assistance to unemployed or underemployed veterans to access job training and educational opportunities that range from college tuition to obtaining licenses. Our program not only addresses the immediate needs of housing households, but also the underlying issues that present risks to housing stability and independence. The SSVF program served 258 individuals and 182 families in 2016.

The women’s long-term residential treatment at S&N is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of professionals working together to provide comprehensive treatment for substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. Alpha II, located in Secaucus, NJ is equipped with forty-two units, eight units located in Paterson, NJ are equipped with sixty-six (66) beds including Drug Court and Department of Child Care Protection & Per manency (DCP&P) approved beds. Alpha III is a mother and child long-term residential program where mother’s can focus on their recovery and rebuilding their lives, while simultaneously working towards reunification with their children. Mothers who currently have legal and/or physical custody of their children are also eligible for the Alpha III program where they will receive individual, group, and family counseling sessions. Alpha III residents who arrive to treatment are offered nurturing and supportive assistance with their children as well as on-site childcare. In 2016, 40% of women admitted to Alpha III were reunified with their children within 6 months of admission to treatment. 80% of pregnant women who were admitted to residential treatment and remained through the duration of their pregnancy successfully delivered babies. 53 % of Drug Court clients admitted into residential treatment successfully completed the program within 6 months of arrival and transitioned to a lower level of care.

Residents who arrive to treatment without a GED or High School diploma are offered classes three times per week to work towards the goal of attaining a GED. They also learn parenting skills, receive anger management training, spiritual guidance, and work therapy through on-site vocational training. Residents are offered several time in treatment to address the social aspect of addiction recovery through attendance at plays, sporting events, BBQ’s, bowling and AA/NA sponsored events. In 2016, residents attended over 30 off-site events/outings free of charge. Family members are welcome to be active participants in the treatment and discharge planning process, in 2016 group and individual Family Therapy were implemented into the curriculum to support this initiative.

Professional growth and development continues to increase within the department. 47% of clinical staff within the department are currently Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC), or at minimum Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC). 130% of clinical staff are dually licensed with a specialty license in mental health.

The Father O’Connor Hallway House to support court male clients in July 2016. Under the direction of Roberta Braneck the program was able to meet capacity within a very short time, keeping the 50 beds nearly full. The aim of the halfway house is to seek to support the recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol by providing compassionate treatment services in partnership with the criminal justice and human service systems. Our goal is to help individuals gain long term recovery from their addiction, criminality and mental health.

Father O’Conner Hall offers a clinically indi cated variable length of stay. Individuals participate in a structured daily regimen with clearly stated behavioral expectations. The services are customized to fit the needs as the client develops the skills and resources to transition into long term recovery. This emphasizes involve ment in the community, in internship and employment and establishing a safe recovery oriented environment for themselves and their families following the comple tion of care. It is our goal to foster responsibility, the importance of work, respect and self reliance.

The halfway house recently employed a Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse to provide psychiatric and medication assisted therapies to our population. Clinical staff implemented an evidenced based relapse prevention track and we are currently working on the development of the use of social media to support taking ownership of the clients insurance needs, helping them apply for insurance; which lowers the cost of medicine for S&N.

The Respite Care Program schedules quarterly gatherings to celebrate birthdays. Our participants are special everyday but we take an opportunity to share in the celebration of birthdays.
is credited with a 35% reduction in highway fatalities and also is helpful in the intervention for individuals identified with a substance use disorder. Throughout the year the IDRC referred almost two thousand people into treatment to address their substance use behavior.

The Residential Life (RL) staff under the new leadership of Senior Director, Angelo Zecca implemented a new structure and cross training of all RL staff. In conjunction with the clerical, kitchen, medical unit and maintenance departments they expanded job readiness training and program workforce development for the residential clients.

A new Director of Admissions was appointed in 2016, Eden Nguyen-Tan. Eden and her team established a central intake service model that includes screening and admissions for adult residential programs, halfway house, intensive outpatient, outpatient and detoxification services. Screening can be completed in person, telephone or via online video session. The admissions waiting area for clients and visitors at the 508 location has also been enlarged. All admissions department staff participated in extensive training in anticipation of the July 2016 implementation of an EHR. Additional trainings related to the American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria, Diagnostic Statistical Manual 5, and the Level of Care Index for screening clients treatment needs. Much of the training was in anticipation of the implementation of the NJ Interim Managing Entity becoming the primary gatekeeper of state managed funding initiatives.

In 2016 the Detoxification Unit under the direction of Dr. Hayman Rambhan, Medical Director, Norma Feliciano, Director of Nursing and Ruth Jean-Marie, Clinical Director admitted and treated a total of 739 detoxification clients; the unit also provides services to the other S&N residential programs and medically admitted 781 into Long Term Residential treatment and 64 to Short Term Residential care. The medical unit also medically admits, and serves adolescent and pediatric (babies) clients. Medical admissions consist of, but not limited to, History and Physical, Nursing assessment, TB screening, lab screening to include communicable disease, medication reconciliation, and medication education. Our clients all receive HIV pre-counseling upon admission, and are given the opportunity to be tested if they choose. The nursing staff is responsible for all client medication and medical treatments as prescribed, which average over 200 clients daily.

The medical unit has three excellent, volunteer doctors, who provide medical services for our clients three times per week, attending to all of the clients’ minor, immediate needs, so that most of their medical needs are met by the agency.

The medical team also provides case management, scheduling appointments to any outside clinics or MD visits necessary to provide for the needs they may have that S&N is not equipped to provide. OB/ GYN, pre and post natal care, dental, GI, cardiac, eye, pediatricians, and more. Our Psychiatrist has a full schedule on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, where she cares for the psychiatric need of our clients. She evaluates them initially and follows up with medication monitoring as needed. All of this is accomplished under the watchful eye of our Medical Director, who is at the facility daily caring for the clients. The Medical Unit Staff are all very dedicated, and compassionate towards the clients; always creatively seeking ways to better serve the people who are placed in their care. The team created an electronic MAR (medication administration record) system, making the process more efficient. They have

Catholic Charities - DPD

The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) believes that all life is sacred and every person is a gift from God. DPD helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an environment where each person can live happily, work productively, experience acceptance; and be cherished and valued. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work to make the agency’s mission a reality. The need for our services is tremendous. There are over 8,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in NJ waiting to get into residential programs like ours.

In 2016, DPD celebrated our 51st year of service. Monsignor John Wehren founded our organization in 1965, starting as a small religious education program for children with special needs. Throughout the last 51 years, DPD has flourished to become one of the largest Catholic Agencies providing care for people with disabilities in the United States. We have made a difference in the lives of thousands of people and their families.

DPD’s residential programs serve 76 people in three counties and include ten group homes and two supervised apartment programs. These homes operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day with round the clock staffing. Though assistance with daily life tasks is provided, each person is encouraged to lead independent lives.

DPD also operates a vocational day program, Gruenert Center. 47 adults with developmental disabilities attend Gruenert Center 5 days a week for work.
activities. Jobs include packaging, collating, shredding, ceramics, life skill and job related training. This state-of-the-art facility provides a positive atmosphere of comfort and welcome for clients, staff and volunteers. Gruenert Center also offers special needs training for 13 adults at the same location providing care for those needing more specialized care.

Many of the people we serve have lived and worked in our programs for nearly 50 years, and experience dramatic loss of functioning, serious illnesses and worsening of life-long disabling conditions. DPD provides help to individuals with both medical and behavioral needs and 40% are dually-diagnosed, over 105 different diagnoses in all. We help our individuals “age in place” for as long as possible, our group homes are accessible for people of all needs and skill sets. Our dedicated Direct Care Service Professionals and Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and empower people with disabilities to be active, contributing, valued members of our community and to participate fully in life with dignity and respect. We serve a diverse group of people and we encourage them to be active and involved in the community. The people who live in our programs participate in support groups, art and music therapy programs, work independent jobs in the community, drive their own vehicles, and are members of the Boy Scouts of America, Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and other service and community organizations.

Several of the people who we serve give back to others in need by volunteering at nursing homes, nursery schools and at local community events. DPD has a “Fight for the Right” Community Service group which, in 2016, led law enforcement appreciation initiatives, held food drives, supported veterans and held drives for expectant mothers in shelters.

DPD also operates Saturdays at the Center (SATC). SATC provides recreational and educational activities for young adults with developmental disabilities residing in the community and provides respite for their caregivers. We help people who live in the community and educate them and their families on group home living.

In 2013, DPD began offering Support Coordination Services to residents of Sussex County, NJ who are eligible for the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) services. DPD’s Support Coordinators work with individuals and their families to help them reach their full potential and identify service providers and community supports. In 2016, we more than doubled our Support Coordination efforts, now providing help for 47 individuals and their families throughout Sussex County.

DPD has been fully accredited since 1986 by the Council on Accreditation (COA), a national and international accrediting organization. COA evaluates all of DPD’s services compared to national “best practice” standards in both Non-profit management and its developmental disabilities programs, considered to be the highest standards in the field.

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Elderly Services
Alexander House is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,604 days of care to 8 residents with developmental and physical disabilities and autism.

Barnet House is a large two story home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 4,800 days of care to 7 residents with multiple developmental and physical disabilities.

Calabrese House is a ranch style home in Parsippany. DPD provided 1,814 days of care to 5 residents with developmental and physical disabilities.

Columbus House is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,139 days of care to 6 residents with significant developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and autism.

Finnegan House is a large two story home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,879 days of care to 8 residents with developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

Fitzpatrick House is a ranch style home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 1,671 days of care to 5 residents with developmental disabilities and autism.

Giuliano House is a ranch style home in Clifton. DPD provided 2,063 days of care to 6 residents.

Wallace House is a large ranch style home in Sparta. It is home to 3 women and 3 men with disabilities. DPD provided 1,347 days of care to 6 residents.

Wehrlen House is a b-i level home in West Milford and is named in honor of the founder of DPD, Msgr. John Wehrlen. DPD provided 2,009 days of care to 6 residents with developmental disabilities.

Basile Apartments is a supervised apartment program located in three condominium units in Wayne. DPD provided 1,987 days of care to 6 residents with developmental disabilities and autism.

Kelleher Apartments is a supervised apartment program located in four condominium units in Butler. DPD provided 2,769 days of care to 9 residents with developmental disabilities and autism.

Vocational Services
Gruenert Center, an Adult Training Center for 75 men and women with significant developmental disabilities and autism. Individuals attending Gruenert Center Special Needs, receive a higher level of staff support, as a 3-1 staff to client ratio is provided. DPD provided 5,118 days of work/supports for 13 individuals.

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Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program at the DPD, “People Need Friends”, continues to thrive with new recruits and trains and supervises over 100 volunteers from around the Diocese including over 7 pet therapy friends. This year they accounted for 3,000 hours in direct service to the people we serve. One evening each month, a group of volunteers offer an outstanding Special Religious Education/Prayer Program known as C.A.R.E. (Catholic Adult Religious Education) at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oak Ridge. CARE provides 30 hours of Religious Education to 30 Adults.

Family Support Services and Support Coordination:

DPD provided 1,100 hours of support for individuals living in the community through the Saturdays at the Center Program, CARE and individual supports.

DPD provided 115 hours of family support working with families to plan for and access services needed for their children with developmental disabilities and 575 hours of service to 47 individuals and families through our Support Coordination Program in Sussex County.

Pastoral Care

In addition, we provide pastoral support for former residents who, because of serious medical conditions, have moved into nursing homes or hospitals. Helping our residents cope with serious illnesses and even death has become a significant part of our ministry.

The Director of Pastoral Care provided 250 hours of visitation and advocacy for former residents who are in nursing homes or hospitals.

Catholic Social Teaching

“Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or in other words, of the Church’s mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation.”

- Justice in the World

What is Catholic social teaching?

The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Where did Catholic social teaching come from?

Catholic Social Teaching comes out of the rich history of papal encyclicals, bishops’ letters and other official documents that focus on the economic, political and social concerns of humanity. This teaching is rooted in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as well as in traditional philosophical and theological teachings of the Church.

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical entitled “Rerum Novarum”, On the Condition of Labor. In the more than 100 years since then, many other documents have spoken to issues of vital concern of the time. In fairly recent history, common themes have been identified in this body of work and church leaders began to organize these ideas around main ideas—thus, the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

“Clearly, the expression Catholic Social Teaching is elastic, sometimes designating an expansive body of material and at other times used in a more constricted sense to identify a limited number of papal and episcopal writings dating from the papacy of Leo XIII. Perhaps we can understand the term Catholic Social Teaching as an effort by the pastoral teachers of the church to articulate what the broader social tradition means in the era of modern economics, politics and culture.”

What are the principles of Catholic social teaching?

The seven principles of Catholic social teaching are:

1. Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Preferential Option for and with People who are Poor
5. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God’s Creation

How is Catholic social teaching connected to social ministry?

Catholic Social Teaching is related to social ministry because it offers wisdom and guidance on dealing with the social issues of our day. It analyzes economic, political and societal influences and offers a synthesis of the issues with an eye towards creating a society that is more fair and equal. It calls us to build a society that most resembles God’s kingdom on earth.