Catholic Charities
Diocese of Paterson

Annual Report
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Dear Friends in Christ:

Starting with the devastating tsunami in December 2004 to the hurricanes that ravaged the Gulf Coast in the fall of 2005, we have all been asked to help victims of these natural disasters. The outpouring of support from our own parishes has been remarkable. Our parishioners are great at rallying to help others in their time of need. It was difficult not to help when the news continually showed how people’s lives were being impacted.

Although it will probably not be seen on any all news cable network, there are people here in our own Diocese who look to the Church for help in their lives. While the scale and the scope is certainly different than that of a natural disaster, the needs are genuine and real to the people being impacted.

We are blessed in the Paterson Diocese to have Catholic Charities agencies that respond so effectively to people and families throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. Inside this Annual Report you will see all of the wide-ranging services available to people. What makes our Catholic Charities agencies unique is that the love of God is present in both the clients being served and in the Catholic Charities workers offering both compassion and solutions.

I am grateful to our Catholic Charities staff and volunteers and all who offer their time, talent and treasure to God and His people. They are a wonderful blessing to the Church of Paterson.

With every best wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
In the book of Genesis, Cain asks God if he is his brother’s keeper. The answer of course is “yes.” It is an important lesson introduced there for the second time in the Book of Genesis (the first time being that part of the creation story in which God charges Adam to care for all of the Garden and the creatures in it). It is expounded upon in other books of the old and new testament, and more recently in Catholic Social Teaching. We are all neighbors. We are all brothers and sisters.

We have a responsibility for each other.

Bishop Serratelli in his message to us on the left reminds us of that lesson. He speaks of disturbances in the garden, the tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. He speaks to our learning that lesson, our ‘getting it’ as evidenced by our generous response in terms of time, talent and money. Over two million dollars combined were sent from parishioners of the Diocese of Paterson to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) to assist in their relief and rebuilding efforts. In addition many from our Diocese have collected needed materials for those impacted areas and/or volunteered their time to go and serve persons in need in those impacted areas.

At the same time as people have given to support these major disasters, something else has happened. Bishop Serratelli in his message also speaks of people here in our own Diocese who look to Catholic Charities for help in their lives. While newspapers write stories about “donor fatigue” fearing diminished support for local nonprofits serving the poor and marginalized as a result of such generous donations to Katrina and the tsunami, that has not been our experience at Catholic Charities in our Diocese. This year we will raise more money through donations and serve more people locally than last year. While caring for persons in need across the United States and the world, we continue to care for those in need in our own backyard of Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties.

We learned the lesson that Cain failed to learn. We learned the lesson of the Good Samaritan. We are all brothers and sisters here on earth. We are all of us, neighbors. We are responsible for our brothers and sisters in need and we continue to accept our responsibility. The report that follows is our accounting of how we currently are applying this lesson to our work.

Thank you sister, thank you brother!
Statistical information provided by the United States government throughout 2005 documents that poverty in our country increased during the year. A sluggish economy increased the unemployment rate. More people than ever have no health insurance. Food pantries across the State report record numbers of requests for services and increased shortages of food. Increasingly affordable housing is a stay in a homeless shelter, SRO hotels or under an overpass.

Catholic Family & Community Services works through these experiences. Being such a large multi-service agency, CFCS has seen across the board not just the statistics but the faces of people coming to us because they are hungry, because they are sick, because they have no place to stay. This year we were challenged like no other year in trying to meet ever-increasing demands for service in an environment in which government funding remained mostly flat and where we had to resist and continue to resist cuts in government-funded programs. We supplemented our services with our own fundraising efforts and depended very much on the generosity of others.

Our Emergency Services Department continues to be a life-saving service for thousands of desperate people each year. While the number of people we provided with food assistance remained essentially unchanged over 2004, the number of people that came to us for rental assistance (persons who without such help would have been homeless) more than doubled while the number of persons in need of emergency shelter grew five times over the number of persons served in 2004. To help meet this heavy demand for service we sought and obtained a grant from the Women Infant and Children’s program to participate in a “farmers’ market project” that provided fresh produce for persons in need throughout the summer months and the early fall. We were able to bring in an additional $100,000 in funding from several government sources to help fund the emergency sheltering and rental assistance programs.

Our Migration and Refugee Department saw a significant increase in the number of refugees resettled this year up to 76 over a figure of 59 from the prior year. This number is still less than half of what it was in the years immediately before September 11. Catholic Family & Community Services along with all the Catholic Charities agencies continues to actively advocate for immigration reform that provides for secure borders while welcoming our brothers and sisters from across the world seeking refuge from oppression and desirous of a better life for themselves and their families.

Poverty and need is not just an urban phenomena. Each year our Partnership for Social Services Family Center in Sussex County sees increased numbers of persons coming to our family center in Franklin with concrete needs such as food, shelter assistance, and utility assistance, but also in increasing numbers, with emotional problems, crying out for
help. Sister Thomasina, the founding Director of our Partnership office, is a beacon of hope for persons in need in those communities.

Our Mount St. Joseph Children’s Center continues to make great strides in its educational program as well as in its residential services and physical plant. We welcomed a new principal, Phyllis Magiros, in June of 2005. Under her leadership we have expanded our school-wide behavior modification program, purchased science equipment for all our classrooms, introduced a new reading program and new texts, and began the process of reviewing our curriculum. With assistance from the Diocese and the State of New Jersey, we removed an underground oil tank and converted to gas heat. New furniture was purchased for our TV/recreation rooms and our reception room. Painting and spackling continues to be an annual event. The last of our aging storm windows were replaced during the year. We are once again at full staffing in our clinical department at MSJ having recruited two new therapists to work with the children in our care. The child care program has increased the opportunities for the boys to go on field trips. This year they went to dozens of fun and educational places such as the Newark and Paterson Museums, the American Labor Museum, the New Jersey State House, and various lakes and parks.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Aging Services: Our senior residence provided 2,868 days of service for 11 clients; transport services for 340 persons totaling 7,057 trips; 141 adult day care clients received 8,963 days of service; 24,664 congregate meals provided to 480 persons; 40,970 meals on wheels delivered to 358 persons; 475 elderly residents in Passaic County received 6,465 visits as part of our outreach and case management service.

Legal Services: 591 families were provided with direct legal representation. Consultations were provided to an additional 1,052 people.

Emergency Services: 4,612 people received 26,460 meals; 479 persons received rental assistance; 1,306 people received assistance with utility bills (over 100% increase); 246 families were provided emergency shelter; 450% increase.

Marian AIDS Ministry: 822 residential days of care provided to 4 women.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES

Counseling Services: 2,362 counseling sessions were provided to 215 clients.

Adoption Services: 33 adoptions completed; 1,196 individuals assisted with adoption, counseling information and/or referral services.

Mount St. Joseph Children’s Center: 10,342 days of care and schooling provided to 48 residential/day students.

Friendship Corner: 577 children received 141,942 days of day care service; 177 children received 34,338 days of service in our after-school programs; 99 children received 3,861 days of service in our summer program.

Multi-Lingual Center: 41 clients received 2,424 hours of vocational services; 3,568 families received parent training and individual advocacy; 48 families received 10,881 episodes of out-of-home respite services; 846 families received case management services.
Special Programs

Child Health Services/Early Intervention Program (SCHS/EIP) provided case management and other services to 3,183 families. Our SPAN Family Resource Specialist provided consultations at the State, County and local levels for 750 families. Our Northeast Regional Early Intervention Evaluation Team completed 2,374 evaluations and Individual Family Service Plans. Our Community Outreach served 510 people. Our Teen Counseling Program provided services to 59 teenagers at risk.

Migration and Refugee Services

Italian Catholic Center: Served a total caseload of 1,816 including 89 new clients.

Migration & Refugee Department: 76 refugees were resettled; 68 refugee cases from 2004 continue to receive assistance. Services to these clients include housing, school enrollment, transportation, health care, job development, job placement, ESL, citizenship, driver’s license, furniture and clothing. Additionally 825 walk-in clients received help with various needs including green cards, asylum, citizenship and family reunification; assisted 129 persons with adjustment of status.

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The Department for Persons with Disabilities’ (DPD) philosophy is that all individuals are truly God’s gifts. Our foundation is that all human life is sacred. Maintaining the highest standards to provide the maximum quality of life possible for people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, is at the top of the DPD’s goals and objectives. The pride of the DPD is its love and care of the people we serve in exceptionally maintained facilities. The combination of incredibly compassionate and talented staff operate with the highest professional standards.

The DPD is internationally accredited by the New York City based Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA). The COA compared the DPD according to national “best practice” standards for not-for-profit management and developmental disabilities programs. These are the highest standards in the field. The DPD has been continually accredited since 1986.

For every person served by the DPD, a comprehensive individualized service and habilitation plan (IHP), with measurable goals and objectives, is developed. These individual plans provide a mechanism where our work is accountable and measured, which ensures the DPD produces appropriate outcomes to each of the clients while keeping in concert with their families, values and standards of Catholic Social Teaching and Traditions, accreditation and governmental agencies. We make every effort to foster a collaborative work environment, use the many gifts

Residents having fun at the Murray House Beefsteak Dinner
and expertise of staff, volunteers, and stakeholders, and operate in an open and positive environment.

Utilizing the values and principles of our Catholic traditions as its foundation, the Department for Persons with Disabilities has put into practice an environment that excels in enabling spiritual and emotional growth, which permits the preferences of each person to be respected while sharing their gifts and talents with others, thus incorporating the highest quality of services in the field of developmental disabilities and the highest quality of life with dignity and independence for the people we serve.

The DPD is committed to continuous quality improvement, with an environment where everyone takes ownership of the services and where high value is placed on teamwork, collaboration, and communication. Additionally a committee of stakeholders meets on a regular basis to continually review, evaluate and make recommendations for the improvement and upgrading of the DPD programs. Our program has been presented as a model for other agencies in the field. This state-of-the-art Continuous Quality Improvement System (CQI) includes computerized tracking, reports and other pertinent data that are reviewed and audited by internal and external stakeholders with a constant cycle of improvement and openness to change.

The agency is a leader in the use of technology for managing information in the field of disabilities and has developed “The DPD System”, a copyrighted database which is currently being licensed to other non-profit organizations in New Jersey. The “DPD System” software that was developed by the agency has been completely redesigned and expanded this year. “DPD System Version 2” was developed and finalized during 2005.

The DPD was recently awarded the “IT Hero Award” for excellence in technology by the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies (N.J.A.M.H.A.) for its progressive approach to the utilization of technology in the field of disabilities.

Staff from DPD sits on and chairs the statewide NJACP-IT (New Jersey Association of Residential Providers Information Technology Committee), which works with all the community agencies associated with the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities on technology strategy and issues.

The Senior Care Committee has been actively planning for the care of our aging residents in specialized group homes. We have designed a model and have been working with architects, engineers and land use professionals to develop a future program at the agency headquarters in Oak Ridge. Additionally, a major project has been underway during 2005 to relocate the eight residents at the Wayne House group home to a much improved facility in Pompton Lakes. The new home has been purchased and major renovations and safety improvements are being completed for a planned January 2006 move.

Our residential programs include nine group homes: Alexander House, Columbus House and Finnegan House in Oak Ridge; Wehrlen House in West Milford; Fitzpatrick House in Pompton Lakes; Wayne House in Wayne; Calabrese House in Parsippany; Murray House in Clifton; Wallace House in Sparta; and two supervised apartment programs: Basile Apartments in Wayne and Kelleher Apartments in Butler.

The DPD has programs in Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties, the geographic area of the Diocese of Paterson, that provide many opportunities for fully integrated community living. With the guidance, supervision and the caring of the professional
staff twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, each individual is given the opportunity to participate in all aspects of home life including the preparation of meals, personal responsibilities and recreation. Additionally, an outreach program is accessible to people who are institutionalized, which also provides guidance and support for their families.

The DPD operates the Gruenert Center, a program that serves over 50 individuals with vocational training and employment as well as ancillary services. Once again, Dr. Diane Cavanagh, a volunteer and member of the Board of Trustees and Special Education Professor is leading a total reevaluation and reorganization of the operation. Staff training and an emphasis on meaningful work experiences and training for the clients is the main thrust of the continuing project. The Center is committed to implementing the latest best practices for vocational services.

The “People Need Friends” Volunteer Program continues to expand with new recruits and trains and supervises over 100 volunteers from around the Diocese. This year they have donated 2,343 hours in service to the DPD. These volunteers include individuals, families, teens and seniors from all backgrounds and walks of life who have one thing in common, valuing human life and dignity. They dedicate their time to share friendships with individuals with disabilities in small groups and on a one-to-one level. Among the many aspects of this program are a Music Program, Bible Study and Saint Thomas the Apostle parish in Oak Ridge co-sponsors a voluntary religious education, spirituality and recreational program that is held monthly for adults with disabilities from our programs and the community. The agency operates 12 programs that serve 52 individuals 5 days a week, 75 individuals 7 days a week, 24 hours a day as well as recreational, social, educational and religious activities throughout the year.

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The spirit of Father Francis English, who was pastor of St. Boniface Parish until his death in 1974, lives on at the Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center. Father English dreamed of a complex of buildings that would be a center for youth and families living in Paterson. That dream continues to be lived by the people of the community who use one or more of the Center’s programs as a resource and for those who are on the staff of the agency. As an agency committed to serving the marginalized in our society, the Father English Multi-Purpose Center continues to provide quality, compassionate care always striving to “make a difference” in the lives of the people we serve. This year our new Children’s Library and Literacy Center will provide our students with many educational and academic rewards. Instilling a life long love of learning will open the doors to our students’ futures. By helping them reach their fullest human potential we continue to realize our ongoing mission.

A Child’s World/El Mundo del Nino: Opening their doors in 1974, this preschool continues to meet the needs of the community of Paterson. The program which runs from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, year around, provides a quality education to 75 multi-ethnic children who reside in Paterson. Children are admitted regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or religion.

We believe that all children are entitled to a safe, healthy and culturally appropriate program. We strive to prepare them for later life and higher learning. It is crucial to the success these children will have in the future that we form a partnership with the community.

A World of Colors/El Mundo de Colores: Since first opening its doors in 1992, A World of Colors Child Care Center has provided full-time educational, social and wraparound (after-school and summer care) services to hundreds of children year around. In 1999 the Center first contracted with the Paterson School District to provide Supreme Court mandated Abbott preschool services. The result of our ongoing collaboration with the Paterson Board of Education has meant an increase of funding which has allowed an expansion of educational services provided by a bilingual teaching staff that is State licensed, and/or State certified. Current program enrollment is 105 multi-ethnic children.

A Child’s Time/El Tiempo del Nino: A Child’s Time/El Tiempo del Nino, located at 435 Main Street, in Paterson, New Jersey began operation in 1986. The program provides kindergarten curriculum and
quality childcare to 42 multi-ethnic children from primarily low-income families in Paterson and Passaic County. A Child’s Time is an all-day kindergarten. The program evolved in response to the needs of the working parents in our pre-school programs. Those children whose parents are working part/full time, or enrolled in school/training programs are eligible for priority placement at the kindergarten, which runs 7:00 am until 5:00 pm year around. Licensed through the New Jersey Department of Human Resources, the program’s kindergarten curriculum follows the same as the public schools.

After School and Summer Camp Child Care Program: Since the program’s inception in 1974, the After School/Summer Camp Child Care Program was designated to reach out to children at risk. The program combined to provide continuous service to approximately 160 children, ages 6 to 11 years old for 245 days of service.

The goal of the program is to provide an environment that is culturally, educationally, physically and socially beneficial. Services include meal provisions, academic tutoring, music and enrichment programs.

T.A.P. After School and Summer Camp Child Care Program: This quality after school program was conceived as a safe, supervised environment where teens are trained to act as peer counselors with a goal toward becoming productive citizens. Over the course of the past year, 44 teenagers participated in this program.

For the second year in a row, TAP participated in a project sponsored by the Paterson Community Technology Center located at the Passaic County Community College. This year, on June 28th several students of our program received awards at the college for their participation in the Hollywood High project. The primary goal of the project is for everyone to learn to create their own digital stories (movies). Using computers and movie editing software, the kids wrote their own stories, and then created their own voices.

Child Care Food Program: The Child Care Food Program, funded through the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture, provides meal service “in-house” to all children enrolled in the agency’s pre-school and school-age programs. For this fiscal year, this on-site Child Nutrition Program provided approximately 180,000 meals including breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon snack to over 325 children ranging in age from 3 to 12 years old. This year saw a complete renovation of our kitchen and storage area thanks to the Bishop of Paterson’s Annual Share His Vision Campaign.

Project Youth Haven Group Home and Runaway Shelter/St. Jude Residence: Begun in 1974, Project Youth Haven is a place for youth and their families to turn for help in times of crisis. It is a residential program for runaway, homeless and abused teenagers. We provide 24-hour shelter, food, clothing, referrals, counseling, crisis intervention, medical supervision, educational support, and recreation for a maximum of 15 youths at a time. Some teens are here on an emergency basis, for only a few days; others stay for several months, depending on the circumstances and the need. Staffed with counselors, case managers, a therapist and administrative personnel, Project Youth Haven offers the stability and support the teenagers need while they face the challenges of academic, social and psychological development. In this past year alone, we had over 60 residents.
Passaic Teen Center Emergency Shelter and Group Home: The Passaic Teen Center opened its doors in the year 2000 to provide services for young males ages 11-17. These services include clothing, food, shelter, therapy, and one-on-one counseling for children who are involved with DYFS due to being homeless, neglect or even abuse. The goal of this 24-hour program is to either reunite the children with a family member or have them placed in a foster home. The Passaic Teen Center is staffed with at least 13 members who provide the above services on a 24-hour basis. The staff encourages the residents to develop positive relationships with each other and provide life skills for the residents so they are better prepared for the future. The residents are involved in our school district sports and after school programs. They look forward to the summer season to enjoy days at the beach or even the rides at Great Adventure. This year the Passaic Teen Center provided services to 54 youth from all over New Jersey.

Senior and Disabled Transportation Program: Established in 1978, the Senior and Disabled Transportation Program provides an invaluable service to seniors and people with disabilities who reside in the City of Paterson. The program currently has a fleet of 10. This year the program transported approximately 3,229 clients for a total of 38,748 trips to doctor appointments, hospital visits, nutrition sites, recreation for the disabled, education, sheltered workshops, employment and adult day care services.

Emergency Food Pantry and Clothing “Boutique”: The Emergency Food Pantry was begun in 1988, originating in a small closet pantry at The Father English Center that serviced approximately 60 clients per month. Since then, the pantry has continually expanded in its mission to meet the need for assistance with food and clothing among the working poor families and individuals from this community. The pantry works in cooperation with the Emergency Food Coalition of Passaic County which refers potential clients to the pantry. Today at the end of 2005, the program is serving over 2,200 families per month. In 2005, it was completely remodeled based on the concept of a circular super market style pantry where clients can take a shopping cart to select their own food based on a point system. The pantry is now known as “The People’s Choice Food Pantry at Father English” and has been chosen as the model pantry for the State of New Jersey.

Case Management Program: Working in conjunction with our pantries, this program, also begun in 1988, provides an avenue for clients seeking employment and additional services including referrals to detox programs, immigration concerns and a host of other crisis-centered needs. A total of 606 adults have been served through this program during the past year.

Work Assistance/Computer Training Program: Our Work Assistance/Computer Training Program continued to provide beginners and advanced computer training courses for persons seeking these skills for employment opportunities. This year, 90 students completed our computer training courses. A transportation service is provided to assist clients with interviews and travel to jobs.

PTP (Parents Teaching Parents) Literacy Program: Our English Literacy Program is offered in conjunction with the United Way and provides three 10-week sessions of English classes per year. The program serves about 365 people from the community by helping them overcome the challenges and fears they face every day in living, working and interacting in another language and culture. The program also helps job performance and has led to promotions and higher pay.
The Hispanic Information Center in its 33rd year of service continues to be true to its mission to advocate and empower the Hispanic community in the City of Passaic. The agency continues to be the voice of the most at risk populations by contributing to social stability, job placement and support to families through crisis intervention. The HIC accomplishes all this with the assistance of a dedicated team of bilingual and bicultural skilled professionals who work tirelessly to meet the social needs of the most vulnerable of the City of Passaic.

The Community Services component strives to inform and assist low-to-moderate income clients with a variety of resources to help them develop and maintain economic self-sufficiency through job placement, apartment search, emergency assistance to persons facing eviction or utility shut-offs, emergency food and clothing, etc. Its open-door policy allows people to visit and bring to the Center situations that are beyond their control for which agency staff advocate on their behalf. This year 844 persons were assisted with job search, 370 with emergency food, 47 with rental assistance, 64 with utility assistance, 82 with emergency furniture, and 159 with clothing.

**Health Outreach:** In collaboration with St. Mary’s Hospital and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, the Center has provided the community of the City of Passaic with vital services such as screenings for high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, and eye screenings. This year a total of 1,767 were served. Additionally, HIV counseling and testing was offered to approximately 10-15 clients by an HIV counselor from St. Joseph’s Hospital from January through June.

**Homebound Program:** The goal of the program is to prevent institutionalization and improve the quality of life of our senior clientele. The cultural sensitivity of the staff ensures that seniors feel comfortable in calling and visiting the Center. The program provides seniors with services that preserve their autonomy. These services include transportation to clinics, hospitals, doctors, social security office, and interpreting and translation of documents. Seniors have come to see the staff as an extended family and feel at home with the services provided. Every year the Center staff organizes a special luncheon for Mother’s Day and for Christmas. At these events the seniors are catered to by the entire staff of the Center and are treated with love and care. The program served 298 seniors in 2005.

**Foster Care Program:** In operation since 1985, the agency was entrusted with the mission of structuring guidelines, recruiting, and training private families to offer their homes as a haven for children who have suffered a history of neglect, or are from families unable to properly care for their children. The program was implemented serving children in Passaic County. In 1998 due to its success, this program was extended to Hudson County with additional foster care families and children. Our foster care homes are approved and licensed by the N.J. Department of Human Services. In April of 2005 the program celebrated its 20th Anniversary. The Center is the only Hispanic organization to operate and maintain its own foster care program in Passaic County.

Since July 1, 2005, 55 unduplicated children in Passaic County and 15 in Hudson County were served. Children remain in foster care homes for six months to one year, longer if necessary. All children attend school in their respective foster family school district. Children who are unable to attend regular school schedules are encouraged to apply to alternative schooling. This year in Passaic County the program had one GED graduate and one is attending college.

We are proud to acknowledge the work of the foster care staff in accomplishing one of the main goals of the program by reunifying 15 children with
their parents or relatives, one adoption, and one reunification in Hudson County.

Youth Program: Since 1975 our agency has offered support and guidance to assist our local youth with behavior and learning difficulties in school, and social adjustment in the street. Services provided include tutoring, drop-out prevention, recreation and counseling, school and home visits, and networking with local agencies. This year the children participated in over 25 workshops covering a variety of educational topics. The program served 59 unduplicated children.

Teen Mentoring Program: As an addition to the youth counseling program, the Division of Youth and Family Services has entrusted the Center with a teen mentoring program that has been in operation since July 1, 2005. The program serves youth from the City of Passaic ages 13-20 from low-income families. The major goal of the program is to reach out for clients from TANF households. The overall criteria is to assist clients referred to the program who are struggling in school, experiencing gaps with family communication, low self-esteem, and at risk of anti-social environments. The program has a level of service of 10 clients. To date 12 clients have been served, with one participant successful in completing his GED program.

Alcohol Program: This program is in its 20th year of service. It provides a 16 week outpatient treatment service. It is the only Hispanic alcoholism treatment and referral service program in Passaic County which takes into consideration the cultural uniqueness of the Hispanic client. Clients are referred mainly by Straight & Narrow’s office of Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center, and Passaic County Parole and Probation Office, plus individual walk-ins. This year 55 unduplicated clients received treatment and counseling services and completed their 16 week session requirement.

Domestic Violence: In conjunction with the Passaic County Women’s Shelter, the Center provides an in-house counselor for domestic violence situations two days a week, Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. This year 75 clients were assisted with counseling and referrals.

Quality of Life Program: In collaboration with the Board of Education this program serves as a safety-net for school children ranging from elementary to high school students. The program encourages young students and their families to utilize the resources available to them such as tutoring, counseling and computer literacy classes. Computer classes are also available to the families of the students and to any local resident of the City of Passaic.
Established 35 years ago Hope House is a nonprofit, multi-service agency located in Dover, New Jersey. It serves individuals residing primarily in Morris, Warren and Sussex Counties, providing social and clinical services, especially for those who are oppressed, powerless or otherwise disenfranchised.

Hope House provides fair and just treatment for all individuals. Our services are delivered without regard to race, gender, personal belief or circumstances and are welcomed by the communities we serve.

Since 1971, our programs have evolved and responded to the changing community needs. More than 2,000 people were assisted by our various direct services and outreach programs in 2005.

**The AIDS Center:** Comprehensive services include a mobile testing and counseling van, case management, mental health therapy, substance abuse counseling, housing assistance, support groups, transportation, emergency food pantry, and the development of integrated service delivery plans by our bilingual staff. In 2005, centralized AIDS specific services served 190 unduplicated clients and their families in Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties. The Mobile Testing and Counseling van provides outreach to Morris, Sussex, and Warren Counties. The Mobile Van Unit is funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of AIDS Prevention and Control. In 2006, Hope House expects to be a testing site for the Oraquick HIV test.

**Behavioral Health Services (BHS):** Licensed and Certified Professional Counselors provide both mental health and substance abuse counseling offering comprehensive adult, family and adolescent therapeutic services; women’s and men’s anger management groups (the men’s group is facilitated in Spanish); prevention programs; substance abuse evaluations; Intoxicated Driver’s Resource Center (IDRC) programs; parenting education classes and Strengthening Families Program (SFP). SFP targets families at risk for substance abuse. Psychiatric consultations are provided by appointment. Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, in both English and Spanish, are held weekly at Hope House. BHS
served approximately 550 clients in 2005.

The Hope Connection: The Hope Connection provides peace of mind to frail, elderly clients (and their families) and/or to people with disabilities. The 24 hour personal, emergency response system allows at-risk clients to remain safely in their home. In 2005, 56 low income seniors received the service free and 69 seniors received services at a discounted rate of $30.00 per month, significantly less than assessed by other providers. The installation fee is $10.00.

Operation Fix-It: The primary goal of this program is to prevent premature institutionalization and help insure our clients live in a safe and healthy environment. Operation Fix-It provides minor safety and health repairs to low income seniors and younger disabled individuals. In 2005, 1,000 individuals received assistance in identifying and correcting potential hazards.

Chore: The Chore Program provides weekly or bi-weekly service to low income seniors and younger disabled individuals in Morris County, providing light housekeeping, laundry and shopping services, which helps prevent premature institutionalization. In addition, the Chore attendants are trained to perform ongoing safety assessments, watching for failing health or safety concerns. This is especially important for our clients that are homebound and often have no family. The Chore Program provided more than 7,000 service hours to over 223 individuals in 2005.

Home Sharing: Home Sharing is a creative housing alternative in Morris County focusing on establishing home share relationships. Individuals who wish to share their homes for economic, service or companionship reasons are matched with persons who are unable to sustain the financial burden of finding affordable housing. In 2005, 58 individuals were successfully matched.

Students from Center Grove School in Randolph donated over 30 bags of Thanksgiving food for Hope House clients

Throughout its 52 years of service to the community, Straight & Narrow, Inc. has strived to fulfill its commitment to the Catholic Charities mission of “. . . providing help – creating hope . . .” for those in need. Straight & Narrow is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, rebuilding the lives of those affected by addiction or HIV/AIDS, the provision of high-quality infant, toddler and preschool child care, and early intervention services for families.

This would not be possible were it not for the staff of caring and well-trained professionals who work year-round to meet the needs of the clients we serve. This year, the agency welcomed David J. Mactas to its leadership as its new Executive Director. Mr. Mactas brings with him the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to lead the agency in fulfilling the goals of its mission.
Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

Residential Treatment: Since 1954, Straight & Narrow has provided residential substance abuse treatment for people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. Currently, our long-term residential programs serve more than 100 men, 100 women and 40 adolescents daily, in addition to those served in the agency’s 20-bed State licensed detoxification hospital. Clients participating in these programs receive individual and group counseling, 12-Step and relapse prevention education, on-site AA and NA meetings, and didactic groups related to anger management, interpersonal relationships, and grieving and loss. Educational services are also offered to all clients, including GED classes, work readiness training and employment assistance.

Straight & Narrow provides specialized treatment programs for pregnant women and women with children, Drug Court and Mutual Agreement Program (MAP) clients, and clients who are on methadone.

Outpatient Treatment: On average, nearly 120 people were served at any given time through the agency’s Adult Outpatient Programs, including Re-entry housing and counseling programs for men and women who have successfully completed long-term residential treatment. Additionally, the Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program served 25 young adults from Paterson in a daily after-school program.

The Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center, located in Passaic, NJ, provided education, treatment and referral services for drunk-driving offenders. This weekend program offers 12-, 24- and 48-hour programs for up to 80 first-time and multiple-time offenders weekly.

The Monsignor Wall Social Service Center, located in Paramus, NJ, provided outpatient methadone treatment and maintenance services for up to 180 men and women who are opiate-addicted at any given time. The Center provides specialized services for women who are pregnant, individuals living with HIV/AIDS and those involved in the criminal justice system. The medically-monitored treatment regimen offered includes individual and group counseling, referrals for HIV testing and counseling, 12-step education and case management services.

Programs for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS: This year, the Medical Day Care Center (MDCC) program for persons with HIV/AIDS found its new home in Passaic, NJ. Participants in this program receive daily transportation to and from the Center, where they are able to access primary medical care, case management services, recreational activities, substance abuse counseling, nutritional services and peer support. The Center serves up to 75 clients at a time.

Straight & Narrow’s Housing Programs include two apartment buildings for persons living with AIDS, in addition to the administration of the local Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program. These programs enable the people served to maintain a sense of dignity and pride by assisting them in establishing a place to call home while simultaneously tending to their medical and social service needs.

Child Care Centers: Together, the agency’s two child care centers, La Vida and La Vida Too, provided early childhood educational services and day
Children from La Vida Child Care Center work together on an art project.

Care to more than 400 Paterson children, the majority of whom come from low-income or single-parent households.

With the support of Paterson Public Schools, La Vida was able to complete construction of an outdoor playground for the children at the Center. This playground is also used by the children who reside with their mothers in the residential treatment program.

**Prevention Programs**

This year, Straight & Narrow launched The Incredible Years primary prevention program for Passaic County families at the La Vida Child Care Center. Supported by funding from the Passaic County Division of Addiction Services, this program offered parent and child education services based on the Incredible Years curriculum, an empirically-based model program for the prevention of abuse, to nearly 25 families.

The FACES program continued to provide primary health care, mental health and early childhood educational services to Paterson children ages birth through five and their families, as it has for the past eight years. Hundreds of children from Paterson’s 42 Abbott child care centers participated in this program, helping them to access the necessary prevention services that will enable them to go on to kindergarten better prepared to learn. The FACES program also participated in the annual Family Outreach Day, providing valuable information to nearly 400 Paterson families about the program’s prevention services.

**Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Care office at Straight & Narrow adds an invaluable spiritual component to the agency’s other programs. The Gospel Choir, comprised of men and women from the residential treatment program, performed at multiple community agencies and churches throughout the year, and included a testimony from a Straight & Narrow client at each performance. The Choir was honored to have been invited to perform at multiple Drug Court graduation ceremonies, as well.

The monthly *Let Go, Let God* community service and AA meeting and the Just Faith program continued to bring awareness about recovery and the services provided at Straight & Narrow, as well as insight to the personal experiences of the clients served by the agency, to the community.

**Agency and Client Activities**

2005 included special events for the staff and clients of Straight & Narrow. An Evening of Jazz with the Rory Quince Trio was held in honor of former Executive Director Fr. Norman O’Connor, affectionately known as the “jazz priest.”

The Second Annual Auction, held in May, surpassed the success of the first auction in 2004. The same can be said for the Alumni Homecoming, which brought together nearly 200 recent and past program graduates for a celebration of recovery at the Brownstone in November. Through the efforts of the Client Activities Committee, clients were able to attend multiple sporting events, participate in the Paterson Village Initiative Basketball tournament and the Straight & Narrow softball team and Recovery Day tournament, attend cultural events, and participate in multiple on-site activities.

Additionally, the residential clients took part in such community service activities as Pride in Paterson, the Tie-A-Ribbon campaign for breast cancer awareness, and local Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

**New Programs**

Several new programs were initiated in 2005 in order to better meet the needs of the clients we serve.
The New Jersey Access Initiative addresses the needs of individuals affected by addiction to opiates by providing clinical assessment, detoxification services and linkages to recovery mentors for men and women.

The Protection & Prevention Initiative provided supplemental funding to the FACES program to expand the number of Paterson families able to access the prevention services provided by this program.

Through the leadership of the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, Straight & Narrow participated in the School Based Youth Services program at Passaic County Technical Institute, providing onsite substance abuse prevention and counseling services to the students at the school.

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In 2005 a significant change occurred in the Congregational Health Ministry Program with the addition of Rita Kelly, RN as the new Liaison. Rita brings to the program her experiences as hospice nurse and as a volunteer parish nurse at St. Mary’s Church in Pompton Lakes. The mission of the Congregational Health Ministry continues to be to address the health needs of our communities through services that promote, restore and maintain well being. The Congregational Health Ministry Program is a collaborative partnership of St. Clare’s Hospital, Dover, St. Mary’s Hospital, Passaic, and St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Paterson and St. Joseph’s, Wayne. During 2005, health and wellness ministries at 27 parishes in the Diocese provided outreach to members of the faith community through health and wellness programs. These ministries, led by volunteers, fill unmet needs within the faith community. Often the health ministry includes an outreach component where parish volunteers provide services such as visiting the homebound, running an errand or driving someone to Mass. In addition, health ministry volunteers often help families to navigate the health care system, access care, obtain accurate information for disease management and connect to services for the elderly, chronically ill and medically underserved.

The Liaison provides:

- On site consultation for program development
- Survey of health needs
- Volunteer training and continuing education
- Educational speakers
- Resources for special programs such as health fairs
- Networking opportunities

Each parish creates a ministry that is unique to its needs and resources. Overall, the presence of a health ministry builds community while bridging the gap between professional health care providers and local community resources. Recipients of these services often relate that the most important benefit is the sense of belonging to and being cared for by their faith community.

St. Joseph’s, Wayne, St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Paterson, St. Mary’s, Passaic and St. Clare’s, Dover bring their resources and staff to health fairs provided by health ministries in the Diocese. Health fairs are a great opportunity for parishioners to access health information, and have their cholesterol, glucose or blood pressure checked. Health fairs are an opportunity to build community as well as address health screening needs.
In addition, most health ministries provide regular blood pressure screenings throughout the year, identifying many individuals with hypertension in need of medical referral. Since the early stages of the parish nursing movement in our Diocese, preparing nurses for health ministries has been the cornerstone of outreach efforts. Beginning in 1998, St. Mary’s Hospital, Passaic and The College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, collaborated to develop “Parish Nursing, A Basic Preparation Course for Professional Nurses”. This course continues to be offered each fall through a partnership with The College of St. Elizabeth and the Congregational Health Ministry Program. Today, the curriculum has evolved to include parish nursing outcomes, grant writing and organizing a health fair. To date, over 221 participants have completed the certification course. This course also provides a venue for nurses to come together for continuing education programs throughout the year. In 2006, parish nurses will have the opportunity to attend a program on domestic violence and the role of the faith community.

Through Catholic Charities’ Congregational Health Ministry Program and the collaborating partners of St. Clare’s Hospital, St. Mary’s Hospital, St. Joseph’s, Wayne, St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Paterson and the College of St. Elizabeth, 2006 promises to be a year of continued support and outreach to the health ministry teams and to the members of the faith communities in our Diocese. If you are interested in starting a health ministry or would like to receive resources for an existing ministry, contact Rita Kelly, RN, the Liaison for Congregational Health Ministry Program, at 973-279-7100, x 33.

Parishes provide health information via popular Health Fairs

Over the past year the Migrant Ministry has actively expanded its programs and services through the Diocese of Paterson with its own Mission: “To help create communities of faith, welcome, and services adapted to the particular needs of sisters and brothers from other countries temporarily working and living in the Diocese of Paterson”.

As people of faith we feel it is our privilege and our responsibility to welcome brothers and sisters who come to our Diocese from other countries as temporary workers. They come, usually at immense personal sacrifice and risk, seeking work to support their families in their country of origin. Often these sisters and brothers arrive with little knowledge of this country and with few resources available to them here. They are what the Scriptures call “Strangers” (Ex. 23: 9)

They come to work on small farms, in restaurants, landscaping, and construction, and often they have to work 80 to 90 hours per week just to maintain themselves and be able to send money home to support their families. These migrant workers are very isolated, both from one another and from the normal civil and ecclesiastical structures. They form a type

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of hidden subculture and are often exploited, especially by employers and landlords.

During 2005, with the support and the generous involvement of priests, religious, and parishioners from St. Joseph (Newton), St. Ann’s and St. Peter’s (Parsippany), St. Anthony’s (Butler), St. Lawrence (Chester), Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (Sparta), and from The Shrine of St. Joseph (Stirling), the Ministry was able to expand its range of service with the community of migrant workers.

The Migrant Ministry would not exist without the selfless generosity of the 112 volunteers who provide incredible services to our migrant sisters and brothers, and who form together with them the community of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year there were 6,818 hours of service provided by these volunteers.

Since 1997 we have been working with the migrant worker population that has come to live in the Diocese of Paterson, bringing to them through the Catholic Church a range of services including: Eucharistic services, pastoral care, Spiritual Direction, catechesis, evangelization, advocacy, ESL classes, recreational programs, mobile clinic, and information on health and legal matters.

This year’s accomplishments and statistics included: 1) 153 Masses including the beautiful celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, 2005 attended by over 600 persons. Eight migrants completed the sacraments of initiation receiving First Communion and Confirmation. Holy week, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are also big celebrations among the Migrant Community. A special thanks to Msgr. Kieran McHugh and the staff of Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta for hosting us. 2) Nearly 2,800 meals were served after the celebrations throughout the year. We provided transportation for 800 persons in Sparta and Newton to Blessed Kateri and St. Joseph Church; 1,600 were brought from Pine Brook, West Caldwell, and Parsippany to St. Ann’s Church. 3) 382 ESL classes were held for 120 people, for a total of 764 hours in Newton, Sparta, Stirling, Chester, Butler, and Parsippany. 4) Our mobile clinic, sponsored by St. Clare’s Hospital, provided a certified nurse. Volunteers served as translators to provide services for 36 visits (a total of 72 hours) for 142 persons in St. Ann’s Church in Parsippany and St. Lawrence in Chester. Many clients were then referred to the clinic in Dover for further treatment. 5) We also have developed The Hot Line 1(877) 724-5112 for the area of Newton and Sparta, with information on transportation, clothing, furniture, ESL, and Mass schedules. The most important use of the hot line is for requesting medical appointments, or medical needs. This year 14 volunteers spent 2,279 hours attending the Hot Line. About 361 people were served; 249 received medical or dental appointments. There were an additional 1,983 hours in transporting our clients and doing follow-up appointments. 6) We provided several recreational activities: The first Migrant Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Evening was held this year to celebrate the kindness, generosity and love that all our volunteers have given to our brothers and sisters around our Diocese. Other recreational activities were the participation in a soccer league, 1 basketball tournament, 1 outdoor picnic, 1 trip to the shore, 2 dinner dances. We provided two retreats for spiritual development and leadership. The Jornada Latina was celebrated 12 times in St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling. The Jornada Latina consisted of prayer and reflection, personal, family and spiritual development. 7) Another part of our program’s goal is to assist our clients in all their social service needs with ongoing advocacy on behalf of their personal, medical and legal
situations. This service includes transportation to all of the activities and celebrations. We also provided transportation to hospital or doctor appointments. At times we assisted our clients in search of bilingual attorneys, and many times needed to appear with them in court as translators or companions. 8) On numerous occasions we have been called to visit migrants in jail and offer assistance obtaining legal counsel.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the communities of St. Joseph in Newton, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Sparta, The Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling, St. Anthony in Butler, St. Lawrence in Chester, and St. Ann in Parsippany for their warm reception and welcome to all the migrants who have come to their doors to worship God and receive assistance through our Ministry.

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Parish social ministry begins at the doorsteps of the 111 parishes within the Diocese of Paterson. Pastors, staff, and social concerns committee members are presented, each and every day, with the dire needs and wants of our neighbors and fellow citizens. Without discrimination, our parishes attempt to be the “Good Samaritan” that Jesus calls them to be. These individual parishes are the first line of defense in the war against the poverties of body, mind, and spirit. In conjunction with Catholic Charities and the other social institutions of the Diocese, the parishes bring glad tidings of faith, hope, charity, and love to those in need. The “tools” utilized by our first line to bring about these glad tidings, include direct service, advocacy and prayer. The parish walks hand in hand with those in need, because of our call to love one another.

The Parish Social Ministry office of Catholic Charities provides support and assistance to the parishes in their service, advocacy, and prayer efforts. During this past year, many “emergency” efforts developed along side our advocacy efforts in the legislative arena. The tsunami disaster, Hurricane Katrina, and local flooding presented many demands
to the pastors and parishioners of our parishes. Over $2 million was collected for relief efforts from our Catholic congregations. In addition to financial help, important relief supplies were sent to the devastated areas. St. Philip’s, Clifton collected and donated gallon bottles of drinking water for the victims. Other important resettlement supplies (including several tractor-trailers of furniture) were driven to the disaster area, through the organizing efforts of Catholic Charities aided by parish volunteers from St. John Vianney, Our Lady of the Lake, St. Mary’s (Pompton Lakes), Our Lady of the Magnificat, St. Joseph’s (Lincoln Park), Holy Cross, Our Lady of the Valley, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Immaculate Heart of Mary. All 111 parishes were surveyed by the PSM department and other Catholic Charities agencies to gather resources for the victims and lists of volunteers. Other parishes have also become very active in advocating for the rights of others, and upholding the dignities of those persons threatened in our Diocese and around the world.

Our parishes have been involved in a variety of social concern activities this year. Social concerns activities included: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger, and comforting those in sorrow. Many parishes continue to help with turkeys for Thanksgiving and presents for the poor at Christmas. Other parishes such as St. Mary’s, Pompton Lakes and St. Cecilia’s, Rockaway were involved in developing “JustFaith” groups within their parishes. These groups provide formation and training in Catholic Social Teaching and Action. These two groups of parishioners visited prisoners in the Passaic County jail, met with citizens of poor communities, studied and reflected on case studies of poverty and discrimination, and participated in the “Journey to Justice Day” facilitated by a representative of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. St. Patrick’s, Chatham continues to develop a strong Environmental Justice ministry. A parishioner from St. Patrick’s was a primary coordinator of the Catholic Environment Justice gathering held at Georgian Court University this past October. St. Therese’s, Paterson has been at the forefront of providing aid to the people of Kenya. A “twinning” relationship has developed between St. Therese and a parish in Kenya.

The mantra of the PSM office is the “two feet of social justice”. Those two feet are service and advocacy. Annually, the PSM office helps coordinate and support the Catholic Coalition for A Just (NJ - State) Budget. This past June we organized a prayer vigil on the steps of the State Capitol for the purpose of advocating for the needs of the poor as related to the inadequate funding of social service programs by the State. Approximately 40 Catholic advocates from around the Diocese gathered at St. Philip’s Church in Clifton to travel to Trenton for the prayer vigil. An interfaith prayer service was delivered by members of different faiths, but of one common vision, on the steps of the Capitol. We prayed that justice and concern for the poor be foremost in the minds of our legislators as they deliberate the New State budget. The national Catholic Social Justice Gathering was held in February in Washington, D.C. Catholics from our Diocese and dioceses around the country visited “Capitol Hill” to speak with our senators and congressman concerning issues affecting the poor, and issues of justice in the United States and around the world. Planning is continuing for a very important “Legislative Advocacy Evening” to be held in 2006 at St. Peter’s Parish, Parsippany. Our State legislators, covering the districts within our Diocese, are invited to a legislative dialogue with representatives from our 111 parishes to discuss timely legislative issues, including such concerns as housing, poverty, respect life, and educational choices. The evening will be moderated by Kent Monahan, from NJN News, and include a chance to rub elbows with the legislators.

Parish Social Ministry is an evolving ministry. Parishes continually see new needs among their people and try to make appropriate responses. Par-
ish Social Ministry exists as a support and liaison for social ministry evolution in the parishes. This office provides consultation, direction, education and facilitation concerning the development of social concerns ministries within a parish and outside a parish. These living “embodiments” of Christian Action may act alone, be part of a grouping of parishes, or be a combined effort of parishes and Catholic/Social institutions, such as Catholic Charities. One such embodiment of Catholic Social Action is the social concerns group at St. Ann’s, Parsippany. As Director of the PSM office, I am currently assisting St. Ann’s in the development of their social concerns efforts. They wish to expand their “love of neighbor” efforts and I am there to help them in their journey. I will visit parishes, attend Deanery meetings, and speak with pastoral staffs and interested parishioners concerning social ministry efforts in the local parish. If I can assist your parish in establishing a Parish Social Ministry committee or help an existing PSM committee further develop and/or connect to one of our Diocesan Catholic Charities agencies, please call me anytime.

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**DISASTER RESPONSE**

Through the generous support of our Diocese and through Catholic Charities USA, our Disaster Response program assisted families impacted by the September 11th terrorist attacks since 9/11/01. These services have included advocacy, case management, direct financial assistance, resource materials, counseling, job development and job placement. To date, our case management services have helped survivors and families of the deceased as well as displaced workers. These families have received direct financial assistance, counseling, resource referrals and access to job placement/development. In 2005, Our Disaster Response Program responded to local flood victims as well as assisting the Hurricane Katrina evacuees who came to New Jersey.

Through support from the American Red Cross, we are able to continue the GOALS program for 2005-2006. This program offers group counseling programs, memorial events, family gatherings and a very successful children’s bereavement program called GOALS (Going On After Loss) developed by Maureen Underwood and Associates. The Family GOALS Project is a family based art therapy group that meets for two six-week sessions (fall and spring). Groups are structured according to age and services are available for children ages 3-18, with babysitting provided for young children. The focus of the groups is on resiliency and coping skills. Through a variety of art-based activities, families receive the knowledge and understanding that they have the skills and abilities to heal themselves. Since the GOALS program began in the spring of 2003, more than 300 families have participated.

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**SAFE HAVEN UPDATE**

Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson in collaboration with the four other Dioceses in New Jersey formed the NJ Catholic Charities Consortium for Disaster Response. This network of agencies was instrumental in organizing a “Safe Haven East” project. The Safe Haven East project was a proposed hospitality center that would offer services for the families of 9/11 victims during the trial of the alleged 19th hijacker, Zacharias Moussaoui. Mr. Moussaoui has pleaded guilty and a date to begin the sentencing phase of the process has yet to be determined. The sentencing phase is expected to occur in the spring of 2006 and will be similar to a trial in that evidence is presented and the process is a timely one. Should the victims’ families be invited to a closed circuit telecast of this process, the consortium of Catholic Charities agencies, working together with other human services providers, will pursue providing supportive assistance to the families while they attend the telecast.
January
- Attended New Jersey Family Advocate Program networking meeting
- Organized and attended Safe Haven East project planning meeting

February
- Organizing Safe Haven East project, ongoing meetings in progress

March
- Continued participation in NJ Family Advocate Program
- Held support group luncheon for parents of adult WTC victims
- Provided education to teachers in Morris and Passaic Counties on Children and Grief
- International speaker, John O Donohue, gave presentation on “Community of Understanding”

April
- Notified clients of NJ Family Advocate Program closure
- Distribute Disaster Newsletter to 9/11 families
- Organizing 9/11 Memorial event
- Held GOALS family activity day
- Author, Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes, presented “The River Beneath The River” to 9/11 families

May
- NJ Family Advocate Program terminated, 10 clients to continue with CFCS case management services
- Organizing caregivers program for July

June
- Planning meetings held for Safe Haven East Project
- Held support group luncheon for parents of 9/11 victims
- Support groups continue to meet through GOALS program
- Held GOALS family activity day called “Buried Treasures”

July
- Providing case management through American Red Cross Client Service Network
- Held evening of renewal and prayer for 9/11 care providers at the Shrine of St. Joseph, in Stirling
- Participating in disaster response preparedness with the Passaic County VOAD committee

August
- Ongoing case management services
- Participating in local disaster response committees

September
- Initiated local response to Hurricane Katrina
- Held Memorial Mass for 9/11 families at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Wayne
- Provided family activity day called “The Amazing Race” attended by 30 GOALS families
- Providing case management through American Red Cross Client Service Network

October
- Held seminar for 9/11 widows on “traumatic reminders”
- GOALS project received grant for 2006 through American Red Cross
- Ongoing support groups meeting

November
- Held support group luncheon for parents of adult 9/11 victims
- Ongoing case management services through American Red Cross Client Service Network
- GOALS program support groups meeting

December
- Held GOALS family day for “Coping with Holidays”
- Participating in NJ Catholic Charities Consortium for disaster response and advocacy for Hurricane Katrina evacuees in New Jersey
Catholic Family & Community Services   $16,134,259
Department for Persons with Disabilities   5,395,125
Father English Center   6,282,293
Hispanic Information Center of Passaic   1,416,423
Hope House   2,199,597
Straight & Narrow, Inc.   16,500,000
Parish Social Ministry   146,219

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