Dear Friends in Christ:

One of the signs of the Church’s vitality has always been her compassionate and effective care of the poor and disadvantaged. The outstanding work of our agencies, leadership and staff members at Catholic Charities shows how alive the Church of Paterson is. I am not only deeply appreciative but also proud of the manner in which the presence of Christ is made clearly visible in our Diocese through Catholic Charities. I thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I wish to thank also our priests and religious, parishes and individual benefactors for helping us maintain important programs and avenues of support for those who rely on us. The tireless commitment, too, of the many volunteers who give generously of their personal resources, reflects a Church alive with true Christian values giving comfort to the suffering in a heartfelt and helpful manner.

Psalm 82 asks us to: "defend the cause of the weak . . . maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy . . ." It is a mandate. It is a privilege. And, because of the extensive network of Catholic Charities programs, we have many opportunities to serve. The pages of this annual report testify to the extensive nature of Catholic Charities efforts. I commend it to you with pride.

I bless you and all the good work which your faith has inspired.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers (and sisters) and toward the poor and needy in your life” Deuteronomy 15:11. Growing up in Catholic school I learned that the words of the Bible are for all ages. These words from Deuteronomy are not only very real today, they are more real today than when I came to Catholic Charities back in 1997.

The perception of poverty in 1997 was certainly that there were many poor people around the world, scattered around the country, and locally in urban areas of our Diocese. Today we see poverty all around touching us in a very personal way. While everyone knows someone, perhaps a family member, parishioner(s) or neighbor(s) at the parish level, while continuing to support the work of Catholic Charities, and other good causes more and more parishes are helping to support their own parish families who are unemployed or underemployed.

Sad and scary as these times are, they are also hopeful times for us, very much so, because we are people of faith. As this report details Catholic Charities continues to serve record numbers of people. Those increases are highest in those areas which we label emergency assistance, such as providing help with food, housing assistance, clothing, utilities payments. We are also experiencing increased requests for help in such areas as substance abuse counseling, general counseling and job training and development.

We have kept pace with the increased demand for service with the cooperation, support and help of all of our staff and volunteers. Staff and volunteers continue to be resilient and find ways to do more with less. And they are helped by our supporters in the community and very especially in our parishes. We restructured Catholic Charities this year as I became its full time President and became charged with a review of our agencies/structures and operations that will result in benefitting from economies of scale and efficiencies. In my new capacity I will oversee the process of seeking accreditation from the Council On Accreditation for our four agencies who currently are not accredited by COA.

I thank you for your support, your interest and your prayers. I invite you to call me or any of the Executive Directors whose contact information appears in this report, to visit any of our agencies and see first-hand the good accomplished with your help. I close as I started with a quotation from Deuteronomy 15:7 “If there is a poor man (or woman) among your brothers (and sisters) in any of the towns in the land that the Lord has given you, do not be hard hearted or tight fisted toward your poor brother (or sister)”. Thank you for helping us care for the poor in our land.

Peace.

Joseph F. Duffy, President
Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson

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In a word, 2010 was overwhelming. Across all program areas, service volume increased while the economy continued to challenge us. With creative and steadfast approaches, CFCS helped 3,500 seniors, 5,500 vulnerable families, 7,500 adults and 3,300 children at risk. We enhanced our basic needs programs like senior nutrition and blizzard boxes, food pantry, housing and flooding assistance and also we addressed “spirit” needs with programs like Latin rhythms music program, senior recreation activities and youth “career day”.

It was a year of change. Special Child Health Services relocated to 775 Valley Road in Clifton. Sussex Adult Day Center and Mount St. Joseph Children’s Center renovated. Friendship Corner II received its National Accreditation for the Education of Young Children status. Friendship Corner I was freshly painted due to the efforts of energetic teens through the Summer Catholic Heart Work Camp. Our Friendship Corner preschools often are the “point of entry” for families to access much needed assistance including clothing, information and referral. As a participant with the Paterson Full Service Community School Initiative Project we helped improve the quality of life for low income families. Meeting families where they are at has always been a hallmark of CFCS services.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus Marquette Council #588, the Partnership for Social Services in Franklin was again able to distribute wood for home heating. Also in Sussex County, due to the service of ninety-four Meals-on-Wheels volunteers and many generous donors, pet food was distributed to low-income homebound seniors.

Funding from the City of Paterson and Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders enabled Catholic Family & Community Services to provide transportation assistance for seniors with the purchase of a bus for the Paterson Adult Center and a new car for Project LINC Senior Transportation.

Long time staff members Elaine Hennion and Phyllis Anderson began a new chapter in their lives, retirement. Joe Duffy left CFCS to become full-time President of Catholic Charities and I succeeded Joe as Executive Director of CFCS. New staff and volunteers joined us to continue the work of helping people in need.

We are energized, encouraged and empowered by all of you to welcome 2011 with cautious optimism and hope of a better life for those we serve.

Below please find program specific service statistics for 2010. For additional information about the work of CFCS, please contact me at 973 279 7100, extension 38.

**2010 Service Impact:**

Our mission compels us to serve the poor and vulnerable from the very young to the very old. The Adoption and Counseling Program assisted 540 individuals providing home and family assessments, information searches, birthparent counseling, and nine adoptions, international and domestic. Families who struggle following the birth of a special-needs child depend upon the expertise of our Special Child Health Services Program. Providing 24/7 care to children with medical and physical needs is overwhelming. Staff provided 4,220 families with resources, information and support to provide for a special needs child. Every child has an advocate that works diligently to help parents enable their child to...
have the best quality of life possible. SCHS completed 4,755 evaluations, assessments, and individual family service plans.

Education success begins with early childhood. Friendship Corner I and II Pre-Schools, located in struggling neighborhoods are a source of hope for the 346 (580 children) Paterson families served. Friendship Corner II was accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in 2010 and Friendship Corner I anticipates accreditation this spring. FC I & II provided 580 children 142,100 days of care; 11,700 days of after-school care for 65 children; and 2,000 days of service to 50 children in our summer program. The outreach and caring interventions of our Youth Services and Family Counseling Programs staff provided a critical human link to society for Paterson’s poorest. 341 at-risk individuals received Family Counseling services in a manner that fostered their dignity and self-respect and 79 children received Youth Services.

Boys ages 6 – 16 who need intensive Behavioral Health Services and have limited family or other support, thrive thanks to the caring staff of Mount St. Joseph Children’s Center. The many months the 48 boys either attended the MSJ day school or resided at the center in 2010 changed their lives. During their time at MSJ, they gain skills, respect for self and others and a “family’s love”. The MSJ staff model respect, compassion, love and faith in a better future for these boys who are often forgotten and like the “orphans” of our day.

Young Latino adults with developmental disabilities who attend the Multilingual Center/Club De Padres learn job skills and benefit from enrichment activities like music and art. The respite support and advocacy services provided to 771 families strengthened those families and helped to build local community with events like the Valentine’s Dance and Latin Rhythms student concert. Overall, the MLC served over 5,000 children, adults and seniors in 2010.

Sometimes adults who are struggling for self-sufficiency need a lot of help for a little time or a little help for a long time. Either way the programs of Catholic Family & Community Services restore personal dignity to marginalized adults. Whether it was due to the temporary loss of a job or home or it was the result of a long term medical disability, over 7,500 adults received assistance from any one of our safety-net programs: Emergency Services, Legal Services, Italian Catholic Center, Marian AIDS Ministry or Partnership for Social Services Family Center.

Emergency Services and Disaster Response provided 154 families help during such crises as fire, flood, food insecurity or foreclosure. Our food pantries assisted 14,398 people and distributed 65,222 meals; 333 people received rent/mortgage assistance; 1,211 people received help with utility bills. Legal Services provided direct legal representation for 732 families and 338 additional people were provided with consultation. The Italian Catholic Center with its caseload of 2,135 opened 78 new cases. ICC assisted 585 individuals (including 405 seniors and 65 children), 60% of which live below poverty level. ICC clients were provided 25 family Thanksgiving baskets; 25 children received Christmas gifts. The Marian AIDS Ministry outreached to women incarcerated in the Passaic County jail waiting to reenter society, assisting 261 individuals in 2010. We know families are challenged not only in urban areas but also in the rural parts of our Diocese where in 2010, at our Partnership for Social Services, 3,743 unduplicated clients received direct
and outreach services. Behavioral Health and Addiction programs conducted 1,541 therapy sessions and emergency services served 2,246 people.

Both Sussex and Passaic County Aging Services found innovative ways to assist the rapidly growing need among seniors. Seven hundred Sussex County seniors were served in 2010 through programs like Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Center or one of the senior lunch nutrition sites in Sussex. In Passaic County, 1,644 seniors received assistance from case management services, transportation, outreach and advocacy or social day care. For many of these seniors, Catholic Family & Community Services is truly their family.

Throughout all of our program areas, the staff and volunteers of Catholic Family & Community Services live out our values with “hearts that see”. We see the saddest of situations and we see the goodness of the Lord and it is overwhelming.

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The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) believes that all life is sacred and every person is a gift from God. The DPD serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an environment where each person can live a full and happy life; work productively; enjoy a healthy self-esteem; experience acceptance; and live in a place where all people are valued.

All DPD services are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), an international accrediting organization. The COA evaluated all of DPD’s services according to national “best practice” standards for not-for-profit management and developmental disabilities programs. These are the highest standards in the field. In September of 2010, the DPD was reaccredited. During this evaluation, the reviewers stated that “some visits are good…some are memorable…but the review of the DPD was inspirational!” The DPD has been continually accredited by COA since 1986.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers work to make the agency’s mission a reality. We rely heavily on government funding to support our services and this funding has remained flat over the last several years. The need for our services is tremendous. There are over 9,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the state of NJ who are waiting for services.

Abel from Murray House accepting his 2010 Community Star Award
The past few years have been difficult for many of the residents in our homes because of significant health issues. Many of our residents have lived in our group homes for over 35 years, and are experiencing dramatic loss of functioning, serious illnesses and worsening of life-long disabling conditions. In order to manage these complex medical changes, we have a registered nurse on staff. We also added additional direct care staff to help provide the one-to-one assistance that is needed for their personal care. We have made modifications to our homes to make them more accessible so that the people we serve can “age in place” for as long as possible. We also provide 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.

In addition to medical issues, 40% of our clients are dually-diagnosed with developmental disabilities and mental illness. In order to better meet the needs of these individuals we added a Behavior Analyst to our DPD staff. This person works with the people we serve and with the staff to develop behavior plans or to recommend strategies to manage challenging behaviors. Our Behavior Analyst has also implemented a resident support group, art therapy program and a community service group which have been very effective in helping our residents deal with life-issues, manage stress and become more active within the community.

The DPD’s residential programs include nine group homes and two supervised apartment programs. These homes operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The DPD also operates a vocational day program, the Gruenert Center. The Gruenert Center is a one-of-a-kind facility where 50 adults with developmental disabilities attend 5 days a week for work activities. Participants are paid for the work they do, which includes packaging, mailings, ceramics, crafts, and going out on work crews to perform cleaning at local businesses. This state-of-the-art facility provides a very positive atmosphere of comfort and welcome for clients, staff and volunteers.

**Residential Services:**

**Alexander House** is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 3,154 days of care to 5 men and 4 women with developmental and physical disabilities and autism.

**Barnet House** is a large two story home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 2,811 days of care to 3 men and 5 women with multiple developmental and physical disabilities.

**Calabrese House** is a ranch style home in Parsippany. DPD provided 1,803 days of care to 1 man and 4 women with developmental and physical disabilities.

**Columbus House** is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,031 days of care to 6 men with significant developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and autism.

**Finnegan House** is a large two story home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,833 days of care to 5 men and 3 women with developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

**Fitzpatrick House** is a ranch style home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 1,807 days of care to 5 men with developmental disabilities and autism.

**Murray House** is a split level style home in Clifton. It is the longest existing group home in the state of New Jersey. DPD provided 2,092 days of care to 3 men and 3 women.

**Wallace House** is a large ranch style home in Sparta. It is home to 3 women and 3 men with disabilities. DPD provided 2,094 days of care to 3 men and 3 women.

**Wehrlen House** is a bi-level home in West Milford and is named in honor of the founder of DPD, Msgr. John Wehrlen. DPD provided 1,917 days of care to 6 women with developmental disabilities.
Vocational Services:

**Gruenert Center**, an Adult Training Center for 50 men and women with developmental disabilities provides opportunities for work at the Center and in the community. DPD provided 9,623 days of work for 49 individuals.

Volunteer Program:

The Volunteer Program at the DPD, “People Need Friends”, continues to thrive with new recruits and trains and supervises over 70 volunteers from around the Diocese. This year they accounted for 1325 hours in service to the residents.

Family Support Services:

DPD provided 115 hours of family support working with families to plan for and access services needed for their children with developmental disabilities.

The Director of Pastoral Care provided 220 hours of visitation and advocacy for former residents who are in nursing homes or hospitals.

**Basile Apartments** is a supervised apartment program located in three condominium units in Wayne. DPD provided 2,085 days of care to 6 men with developmental disabilities and autism.

**Kelleher Apartments** is a supervised apartment program located in four condominium units in Butler. DPD provided 2,906 days of care to 3 men and 6 women with developmental disabilities and autism.

The spirit of Father Francis English, Pastor of St. Boniface Parish until his death in 1974, lives on at the Father English Community Center. Father English dreamed of a complex of buildings that would be a center for youth and families living in Paterson. For 37 years, the dream continues to be lived daily by the people of the community who use one or more of the Center’s programs 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 Community Center continues to provide quality, compassionate care, always striving to “make a difference” in the lives of the people we serve.

**A Child’s World/El Mundo Del Nino**: Since 1974 we have provided quality education to Paterson children. Staff works with 105 children without regard to their race, creed, color, gender, national origin, or religion. Staff also worked with our students’ families to give our students a safe place to grow and learn while preparing them for success in Kindergarten and beyond.

**A World of Colors/El Mundo De Colores**: Since 1992, the child care center has provided full-time educational, social and wraparound (after-school and summer care) services to hundreds of children year-round. This year 105 multi-ethnic Paterson children were served.

**After Care & Summer Camp Child Care Program**: Since 1974, the After Care/Summer Camp Program has offered a quality After care and summer camp program for school-age children of working or in-school
Parents. Services include providing meals, academic tutoring and enrichment programs. Having expanded in 2009, the program served over 150 “children at risk” (ages 5-13 years) in 2010.

T.A.P. After School and Summer Camp Child Care Program: This program was conceived as a safe, supervised environment where teens from 12-15 years old are trained to act as peer counselors with a goal toward becoming productive citizens. Services include group counseling, behavior modification, peer mentoring, digital storytelling, recreational trips, gang awareness, sports activities, homework assistance and educational supervision. We served 43 youth this year.

Child Care Food Program: The Child Care Food Program, funded by the State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture, provides meal service “in-house” to all children enrolled in the agency’s preschool and school-aged child care programs. This Program provided 167,580 meals including breakfast, lunch, dinner and afternoon snacks to over 350 children ages 3 to 13.

Project Youth Haven Group Home and Emergency Shelter: Project Youth Haven is a home for girls ages 13-17, who have experienced abuse, neglect or homelessness. We provided 24-hour shelter, food, clothing, referrals, counseling, crisis intervention, medical intervention, educational support and recreation to 32 residents this year.

Passaic Teen Center Group Home and Emergency Shelter: The Passaic Teen Center opened its doors in 2000 to provide services for males age 13-17. This year 25 youth were provided a variety of treatment services including shelter, clothing, food, individual rapport counseling, individual therapy, group therapy, recreation, case management, and educational assistance. The program is designed to assist children who are involved with DYFS and/or the Division of Child and Behavioral Health Services, due to a situation of homelessness or abuse and neglect.

Outreach to At-Risk Youth: Since 2008 this program has provided at-risk youth ages 11-18 an alternative to the negative influences that surround them. Consisting primarily of recreation activities (e.g. basketball, performing arts etc.), life-skills training, group counseling and gang prevention workshops, the program runs during hours that most agencies are closed: late night weekdays and Saturday morning/afternoons. In 2010 the program served 152 youth, more than double what we were required to serve.

Bob and Carol’s Food Pantry and Clothing Boutique: Since it opened in 1988 when about 60 clients were being served monthly, the pantry has continually expanded in its mission to meet the needs in food, clothing and furniture assistance among the working poor families and individuals from this community. At present, the program is serving over 3,800 individuals or over 79,800 meals.

Senior and Disabled Transportation Program: Established in 1978, this program provided an invaluable service to seniors and disabled persons in Paterson. This year the fleet of seven vehicles transported approximately 2,700 clients per month and a total of approximately 32,400 for the year to doctor’s appointments, hospital visits, nutrition sites, and recreation sites for the disabled, sheltered workshops, adult day centers and non-competitive employment. Unfortunately, the City of Paterson has decided to terminate our contract and lose over 30 years of expertise effective January 1, 2011.

Case Management Program: Working in conjunction with our pantries, this program provides an avenue for clients seeking additional services, such as employment, referrals to detox programs, immigration assistance, and a host of other crisis-centered needs. A total of 744 adults have been served through this program in 2010.
Work Assistance/Computer Training Program: Our Work Assistance/Computer Training Program provides beginner and advanced computer training courses for persons seeking to improve their skills/employment opportunities. This year, 254 students attended our computer training courses. We continue to provide bus tickets to assist clients in traveling to interviews and jobs.

English as a Second Language: English classes are taught in three 10-week sessions each academic year (September through June), with basic, intermediate and advanced classes offered in both the morning and evening. In 2010, the program served over 750 adults from Paterson and surrounding areas, helping them overcome the challenges and fears they face in everyday living, working and interacting in another language and culture.

Basketball Tournament VS Staff

Neighborhood Connections: This new program helps those looking for employment and other residents of Northern New Jersey find assistance that will give them hope and help them move toward employment and self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through the development and maintenance of a comprehensive database of 1,001 support agencies offering a broad array of services that anyone can access via the internet. Since its inception in April 2010, there have been over 5,700 hits on the web site: www.thewaytohelp.com. We served 1,393 clients this year.

Hispanic Information Center of Passaic, Inc. (HIC)

For 38 years, HIC has advocated for the disadvantaged and the victims of unfortunate circumstances; and empowered those we serve. This has been an especially challenging year as the government funding on which we rely heavily was eliminated for one program and severely cut in another. Despite these cuts we remain true to our mission assisting the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. We provide seniors with hope; leadership training to the youth; serve at risk populations; contribute to social stability through job placement services, and support to families via crisis intervention.

Community Services: The goal of this program is to provide clients of low to moderate means with information and resources that will enhance their economic self-sufficiency. Our dedicated team of community workers accomplish their goals by providing services such as case management, job placement, apartment search, emergency shelter, emergency assistance to persons facing eviction or utility shut-offs, and emergency food and clothing, etc. The Center reaches its
offer their homes as a haven for children suffering from a history of abuse or neglect. In July, the program celebrated 25 years as the only Hispanic organization to operate and maintain its own Foster Care Program in Passaic County and Hudson County. From January to December 2010, the Foster Care Program served 99 unduplicated cases and 478 duplicated cases in the County.

**Youth Services Program:** Since 1975, HIC has offered assistance to local youth with behavior and learning difficulties in school, and social adjustment in the street. In 2010, The Youth Services Program served 18 youths ages 9-12 in the areas of tutoring, drop-out prevention, recreation, counseling and other supportive services that increase academic grades, promote learning skills, and teach behavior modification. This year the summer program carried out character building and self-esteem workshops, gang prevention presentations by the local community police, and drug and alcohol awareness presentations by the Passaic County Council on Alcoholism. The Youth Services Program also serviced an additional 39 cases with the following services: tutoring, mentoring, counseling, advocacy, college preparedness counseling, and other services; of these cases 15 were duplicated.

**Health Outreach:** HIC in affiliation with St. Mary’s Hospital and the Commission for the Blind have continually afforded vital services to the underprivileged residents of Passaic. St. Mary’s provides screenings for high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, eye screenings, and a range of other services that are typically difficult for people with limited income or lack of medical insurance to attain. With the aid of St. Mary’s staff, our clients are provided with the knowledge to make healthy lifestyle changes in order to improve their quality of life. This year 1,173 people were served.

**Homebound Program:** The goal of the program is to assist seniors in maintaining their autonomy, improve their quality of life, and prevent institutionalization. The seniors feel at home with a culturally sensitive staff that ensures that seniors feel comfortable in calling and visiting the Center. Services provided to seniors through this program 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 organizes a special luncheon for Mother’s Day and for Christmas. At these events, Seniors are catered to by the staff of the Center, and are treated with respect and dignity. This year the program served 273 unduplicated clients and 1,291 duplicated clients.

**Foster Care Program:** In operation since 1985, the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services has entrusted the Hispanic Information Center with the mission of recruiting and training resource families to

\[\text{Young people at HIC performing community service at the Center by helping to maintain the grounds.}\]

\[\text{Youth listening attentively to a presentation regarding gang awareness hosted by the City of Passaic policing unit.}\]
The Teen Mentoring Program served 10 at risk youth ages 13 to 18 that were failing in school, truant, had mild to severe depression, and were engaging in other risky behaviors such as gang activities, teenage pregnancy, and drugs and alcohol experimentation. We have been successful in helping adolescents change their behaviors and make better choices for themselves.

This year the Center collaborated with Family Intervention Services to provide a free parenting program geared towards parents of adolescents. The program’s goals and objectives were for parents to learn new techniques to manage their children’s behavior and improve their relationship and communication with their children. We had eight parents attend the 13 week sessions.

The year concluded with our annual Christmas party, and thanks to the generosity of United Way, Toys R Us, and Diane Silbernagel from Catholic Family and Community Services, our youth clients and their siblings all received Christmas gifts.

2010 was a year of growth, innovation and success at Hope House especially for those who are oppressed, powerless or otherwise disenfranchised. Hope House is a licensed accredited provider of Behavioral Health and supportive human services assisting individuals residing primarily in Morris, Warren and Sussex Counties.

As we enter our 40th year at Hope House, we have much to be both thankful and hopeful for. While 2010 has been challenging for all, we look back with pride and look forward with cautious optimism.

We are so proud of all the good works and good people who enable all that happens at Hope House. In 2010, special recognition of Ray Suttles a 20 year Hope House volunteer, occurred both here in NJ with the Governor’s Jefferson Award and also in Washington D.C with the National Jefferson Award for his outstanding service and commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Food Pantry: In 2010, the community rallied to support Hope House Food Pantry and all the services provided here. Overall we benefited from over 7,700 hours of volunteer services, received and distributed
Volunteers at Hope House also grew to a new record. In 2010 the volunteer hours exceeded over 7,700 hours. This service was the equivalent of $158,000.

Hope House Behavioral Health Clinical Services provided services to 568 individuals in 2010. Our Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health services continue to serve new populations with additional funding from United Way, the NJ Office of Faith Based Initiatives, the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and the County of Morris, Board of Chosen Freeholders. In 2010 we expanded substance abuse services to include an Intensive Outpatient Program and we increased outreach efforts for depression. In addition Hope House has an affiliation agreement with New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP). This project teaches children, through workshops, to prevent verbal, physical and sexual assault. For more information on NJCAP, please visit their website, www.njcap.org or contact them at 856-582-8282.

World AIDS Day 2010 celebration at Hope House was funded in part by the Horizon Foundation for NJ and the Morris County Freeholders. 69 people attended the various events throughout the day. All in attendance joined with people in 100 cities throughout the world in the Light for Rights AIDS Awareness.

Senior Services: Hope House community-based Senior Services (Hope Connection, Operation Fix-It, and Chore Program) designed to assist seniors safely age-in-place in an adapted environment, served 498 Morris County residents. New senior programs like the “A Place Called Home” dementia home adaptation program and the “Take Control of Your Health” chronic disease management program enabled us to reach more Morris County seniors and their caregivers this year. We are thankful for the funding from the Grotta Foundation and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services that enabled those programs.

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Latina Women’s Drop-In Center: In spite of the State of NJ funding cuts for the La Cocina Latina Drop-In Center, we continued to provide the services with innovative strategies. Through the generous support of Assumption Parish in Morristown and community volunteers, Tim and Eve Shea, a “children’s reading room” for the La Cocina consumers was added. Also offered for the first time in 2010 by volunteer, Amanda Keller, was the LEAP program, an afterschool dance program that will again be offered to low-income children in the winter of 2011.
HIV/AIDS Services: Budget cuts for HIV/AIDS services significantly reduced our Mobile Testing services which tested 500 individuals in the last funded year, ending June 2010. Hope House HIV/AIDS programs include comprehensive support services and served 193 unduplicated clients and their families in Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties. For the third year, our HIV/AIDS consumers had a successful experience participating in AIDS Watch. Thanks to photographer, Joel Aaronson and support from the Sisters of Charity, Convent Station, Mission Fund, consumers participated in photography classes and held their first “show” here at Hope House. In addition consumers attended a performance of “Angels in America” at County College of Morris this fall and actively advocated for HIV awareness during intermission.

In 2010 the Hope House staff welcomed Julie Willis, LCSW, as Associate Director, who together with the clinical staff is implementing best practices in the Behavioral Health programs. We look forward to 2011 with excitement as we prepare for our Council on Accreditation site visit scheduled for March 21st. With grant support from The Sami Foundation, Inc. located in Unionville, CT, we will initiate a new innovative program for spiritual growth, called Wellspring that will be offered to the greater community.

The staff and volunteers of Hope House are very special people all with the gift of a “heart that sees”. We invite you to visit Hope House, meet the staff and volunteers and feel the spirit of hope.

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56 years and counting…

Straight & Narrow, the oldest community-based organization of its kind, completes another successful and productive year. Few businesses, individuals, families or human service agencies have escaped the effects of the economic “down-turn.” Austerity demands that all of us consider new ways to adapt and persevere.

With erosion in employment and personal income data, current conditions create greater demand for the services at Straight & Narrow and its colleagues. Decreased funding levels diminish our capacity to address demand. That said, we have retained all programs and we are busy planning to launch new services.

A loyal and gifted staff complement continues to demonstrate its dedication to the organization, its mission and its clients. Straight & Narrow applied for two staff development grants that address writing skills, leadership, health and safety, etc. Both applications were approved and activities will begin in 2011. Client satisfaction remains at approximately 95% - valued feedback from our valued “family.” Toward acknowledging the quality that exists within our ranks, ten staff were promoted in 2010.
Although some of our facilities were built at the turn of the 20th century, we endeavor to maintain environments that are functional, humane and conducive to the program goals. Accordingly, we remain in repair and renovation mode. The second floor of our 396 Straight Street building has been fully remodeled in preparation for a short term residential program to be launched this year.

La Vida Child Care Center has been renovated to better serve our kids and help prepare us to pursue national accreditation. Our residential women’s program in that same building has been refurbished and new bathrooms have been installed. The sidewalks in front of our properties on Straight Street, with kind and generous foundation support, have been replaced. The admissions and outpatient areas at 508 Straight Street have been reconfigured and furnished, lending greater efficiency and professionalism. The outpatient programs served over 480 clients in 2010.

Some 300 guests attended our seventh annual auction which doubled that which was netted the previous year. We look forward to the 2011 event with great anticipation.

The Monsignor Wall facility was awarded its third consecutive three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities – the highest level that is conferred. Our experience at that program will inform the process of agency-wide accreditation to begin in 2011 through the Commission on Accreditation. Monsignor Wall sustained a daily census of 200 throughout 2010. It is the only state funded, medication assisted treatment resource in Bergen County.

In our last annual report, we stated that 2,600 offenders completed the Intoxicated Drivers’ Resource Centers’ programs. That number grew to 5,190 in 2010.

The Family Success Center, a short walk from our Paterson “campus,” assisted 221 parents and 418 children. Moreover, this important resource provided 560 individuals with referrals for social and legal services. This is a program that has been embraced by the community that continues to grow and develop new and effective techniques for parenting and family support. The Center enlarges our organizational footprint in an area of Paterson with greatest need. Within walking distance are our apartment buildings for people with HIV disease, our LaVida Child Care Center, our men’s, women’s, women with children and adolescent residential treatment programs, our outpatient department, admissions, detoxification and medical unit and pastoral care services.

In Passaic, we operate the state’s largest Intoxicated Drivers’ Resource Center and the Medical Day Care program which provides essential medical and casework services for people suffering from HIV disease.
Our Alpha II residential program for women has provided services since 1993.

Following Bishop Serratelli’s annual prayer service, he was presented with our newly released gospel choir CD, our third, by Monsignor Louis Bihr, our Director of Pastoral Care. With the leadership and guidance from Msgrs. Bihr and Naughton, the choir brought their message and inspiration to 50 parishes and 3 Catholic high schools. There were numerous speaking engagements by residents as well. Our seventh poetry book, featuring clients’ writing, will be released in 2011.

The tenure and success of this organization is built on the success of its clientele. Despite their challenges, our clients continue to reinforce our faith in their capacity to heal, to support others, while committing to a sober and productive lifestyle. They inspire each other and they inspire the staff. They are our principal “stakeholders” and their confidence in Straight & Narrow is humbling, indeed. Our team looks forward to 2011 and the challenges, both planned and unanticipated.

Congregational Health Ministry

Congregational Health Ministry’s (CHM) mission is to address the health needs of our communities through services that provide, restore and maintain well being. CHM is a collaborative effort among St. Clare’s Hospital, St. Mary’s Hospital, and St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center (Paterson). The term health ministry is used to include everyone who is called to work for the promotion of health and wellness; this includes a parish nurse and others. Health ministries at parishes in the Diocese provide outreach to members of their local faith community. Often the health ministry includes an outreach component where parish volunteers reach out to the homebound, sick, dying or bereaved. 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.

Our CHM program exists as a support and resource to the members of the faith community interested in implementing a parish-based health ministry. My role as the liaison is to meet with the pastors, speak with the pastoral staff or interested parishioners and assist with the formation of a health ministry program, or offer support to existing programs. Assistance may include program development, mentoring of health ministry leaders, volunteer training, networking other parish nurses and community resources.
Each parish creates a ministry that is unique to its needs and resources. The presence of a health ministry builds community while bridging the gap between professional health care providers and local community resources.

Most health ministries provide regular blood pressure screenings throughout the year, identifying many individuals with hypertension in need of medical follow-up. As a parish nurse, the liaison for Congregational Health established both a monthly free Blood Pressure Program at CFCS and a Health Education Bulletin Board to provide ongoing screening and education to both staff and the community. In 2010, 91 participated in the monthly blood pressure screening and approximately 12% were identified as hypertensive and encouraged to seek medical treatment.

As a parish nurse, the liaison for Congregational Health also sees those from the community, at the office at 24 DeGrasse Street, who have now become uninsured or under insured and are in need of assistance in locating the resources and referrals necessary to access medical care and continue much needed medications and health related treatment options. 30% of those who attend the blood pressure screening are among those who are now uninsured and represent a good percentage of those who are hypertensive.

William Paterson University nursing students, in collaboration with the liaison, offered an exercise program for the seniors at the Governor Paterson Towers, a nutrition program for the parents and staff at Friendship Corner and a memory program for the clients of the Paterson Adult Day Center. More than 85 clients and staff attended these health education programs. This collaboration will continue in 2011.
Disaster Response Program
Catholic Charities plays a key role in disaster and are there to assist those affected by disaster.

March 2010 Floods: March again saw major flooding in our diocese. Catholic Charities assisted in the coordination of the cleanup efforts and assisted with the immediate needs of the residents hardest hit by the storm. More than 100 families were served by this program, with referrals and resources, such as food and clothing, advocacy and support. As greater needs were identified a long term case management program was then established. This program, through the guidance of a disaster case manager, was able to guide these clients through the FEMA system, help them to relocate, find much needed resources and begin to pick up the pieces again and begin to move forward. As the goals were met the program was then closed in early October.

Road to Recovery Program
After the tragic and violent death of Father Hinds, pastor of St. Patrick Church in Chatham, a program was established to address the needs of the children and teachers, the parish staff and the faith community. The Road to Recovery program provided group counseling and psycho-educational programs for individuals and subgroups including children—at-risk, teachers, clergy, parents and staff of St. Patrick’s. The program offered support through the one year anniversary of the death of Father Hinds at which time the program was transitioned to the faith community for long term recovery.

THE MIGRANT MINISTRY COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (MM)
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In 2010, the Migrant Ministry team experienced some changes, as Br. John Skrodinsky S.T. moved on to another assignment in his religious community. We thank Br. John for his three years of dedicated and loving service as Director of the Migrant Ministry. Fr. Rafael Pisso, ST took the position as the new Migrant Ministry Director.

As always, one of our primary concerns this past year was meeting the spiritual, pastoral and sacramental needs of individuals and families in our communities. We also continued to tackle prevalent issues in our communities such those dealing with: immigration status, landlord tenant problems, employment, medical needs, alcoholism, domestic violence, among many others.
None of our work is possible without the support and the generous involvement of priests, religious, and parishioners and volunteers from St. Joseph (Newton), St. Peter’s (Parsippany), St. Anthony’s (Butler), St. Mary’s (Pompton Lakes), Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (Sparta), and the Shrine of St. Joseph (Stirling). We are grateful to all!

A look at this year’s accomplishments and statistics:

1) 120 volunteers offering over 18,000 hours of mission work, including Kevin Wright, full-time volunteer with the Missionary Cenacle Volunteers program.

2) More than 275 Masses were celebrated including the beautiful celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, 2010 attended by over 600 persons. At this event, six migrants from Butler, Newton and Pompton Lakes completed the sacraments of initiation receiving First Communion and Confirmation. A special thanks to Fr. Patrick Rice and Fr. Joe Keenan S.T. for concelebrating this year’s Mass and to Deacon Glen Murphy for assisting at the Liturgy. We also want to thank Msgr. Kieran McHugh and the staff of Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta for hosting us. Guadalupe celebrations were also held in Pompton Lakes attended by over 250 people, Butler by 300 people, and Parsippany by 300 people. Holy week, Easter, and Christmas (including Posadas and “Adopt a Family” projects) were also special celebrations/events in various Migrant Communities.

3) Community-wide, 40 infants, youth and adults were baptized. 3 couples were married.

4) The ministry sponsored a Pre-Cana retreat for 7 couples in preparation for the holy sacrament of matrimony. One follow-up retreat was held with the same couples. A confirmation retreat was held in Stirling for those to receive the sacraments of initiation in December. Two retreats for men and two for women to reinforce faith and self-esteem were offered to all the communities. A Bible Study group meets in Newton and Sparta twice a month.

5) Catechists, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers and Altar Servers were formed and installed at St. Lawrence in Chester and St. Joseph in Newton.

6) Members from the migrant communities attended the celebration for Spanish Heritage with Bishop Soratelli at the Cathedral in Paterson on September 26th, 2010.

7) Nearly 5,000 meals were served after the celebrations throughout the year (These meals regularly take place after some of the masses at St. Joseph’s in Newton and Blessed Kateri). Meals are also served during special celebrations like Our Lady of Guadalupe. In all, we provided transportation for 2,000 persons in Sparta and Newton to Blessed Kateri and St. Joseph Church for Monday evening masses. 100 persons were provided with transportation for masses at St. Anthony in Butler.

8) During 2010 we continued to be in partnership with Christ Episcopal Church at the resource center, “El Refugio,” for the migrant community in Newton. Br. Gerardo Ramirez began providing more of a presence to the community of Newton by holding office hours at El Refugio’s office. The same can be said for Br. Raul, who established office hours at St. Anthony’s in Butler due to the generosity of Fr. Michael Ojones, OFM and his staff.

9) 180 ESL classes were held for 85 people, for a total of 360 hours in Newton, Butler, Parsippany and Pompton. 3 volunteers were needed to transport many
of the students to the classes and back home each evening. The volunteers put in 120 hours of driving this past year.

10) In 2010 we were able to provide one mobile clinic from St. Clare’s Hospital. The clients from St. Lawrence in Chester were screened for high blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol.

11) The Blessed Kateri Migrant Ministry has continued providing a variety of service through the Help-Line 1(877) 724-5112 for the area of Newton and Sparta. The Help-Line gives information on transportation, clothing, furniture, ESL, and Mass schedules. However, the most important use of the Help-Line is for requesting medical appointments and expressing medical needs. Again, this year 8 volunteers spent 1,247 hours attending the Hot Line. Around 637 people received medical or dental appointments. There were an additional 4,470 hours in transporting our clients and doing follow-up appointments. This year’s Blessed Kateri Migrant Ministry MOM’s group met once a month to support each other through the challenges of being a new mother in a new country and culture.

12) We provided several recreational activities: A summer basketball tournament was held in Pine Brook. This was followed by a 3-weekend tournament at the gym at St. Peter’s in Parsippany. Two soccer tournaments/leagues were organized by members of the Migrant Ministry community in Parsippany, with the assistance of the Parsippany Department of Recreation. There was a dinner/dance at the College of St. Elizabeth put on by the college students for the migrant community of Parsippany. Here, two Migrant Workers along with Mrs. Margarita Roman, were recognized for their hard volunteer work in the ministry for over ten years. Two annual outdoor picnics also took place, one at Lake Musconetcong, and one in Pompton Lakes. The Jornada Latina was celebrated monthly at St. Joseph’s Shrine, Stirling.

13) 2010 brought more uncertainty and often times fear to our migrant communities. Again we experienced the trauma of the treat and reality of immigration raids and detentions. Handing out educational pamphlets, informational workshops and the word in the pulpit, had been the prompt ways to respond to these events in all the communities. Also we have taken part at different state wide prayer vigils and national campaigns to promote and advocate to the reform of the immigration law and the DREAM Act.

14) On numerous occasions we have been called to visit migrants in jail and offer assistance obtaining legal counselors.
Catholic Family & Community Services $17,670,743
Department for Persons with Disabilities $6,848,000
Father English Center $7,454,000
Hispanic Information Center of Passaic $1,608,663
Hope House $2,293,592
Straight & Narrow, Inc. $18,905,057
The Secretariat for Catholic Charities $197,633

Combined Operating Budget for 2010 = $54,977,864
Catholic Charities Food Pantries Are Desperate and so are the People we Serve

We need your help more than ever!

The Gospel writer Luke (9:16-17) records of the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes “…taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he (Jesus) said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied”. Guided by another Gospel passage (Matthew 7:7) “ask and you will receive” the miracle of loaves and fishes repeats itself every day in our Catholic Charities food pantries and in parish and other pantries too.

As has been the trend in recent years the number of persons coming to our doors asking for food increased significantly. And so we asked. And we received. This year 66 parishes schools and other faith groups provided food to one or more of our pantries up from 64 last year. And many of those donors increased the frequency and amount of their donations. 24 other groups, companies, public schools, and other nonprofits also donated food to us one or more times.

We began to partner with a new group of volunteers which call themselves “Coupons for the Community”. These volunteers collect food store coupons, reach out to local pantries including two of ours and then shop for needed food with money they raise or our donors give them. This group purchased many tens of thousands of dollars of food for us for only 10 cents on the dollar.

This year at Catholic Family and Community Services we were asked and fed over 14,000 people, providing them over 65,000 meals almost a 25% increase over 2009. Our Father English Community Center is feeding over 3,800 people monthly now from its pantry an 8% increase. Hope House in Dover provided people who were hungry 110,000 pounds of food, an increase of 47%. Our Hispanic Information Center in Passaic fed 426 people in 2010 up 19% over 2009.

Those who were hungry asked of us for food and they received. We asked of you for food to feed them or money to buy that food and we received. And just like in the gospel story, after the miracle, after the feeding there was food left. And just like in the story, often, not a lot is left which is why we continue to ask. God is good. You are good. Many thanks.

We are hopeful that the need for food in 2011 will not grow as much as it did in 2010. Yet we do expect it to grow. So, we again ask your help. We welcome any food donations especially recurring ones. If you are already one of our food supporters and can increase your support call any of the contacts at the end of this article. If you are not currently one of our food supporters but would like to be, then call any of those contacts listed at the end of this article. Below is a suggested list of items we have prepared for those interested in conducting food drives.

**FOOD DRIVE ITEMS**

- Cash - Supermarket gift cards - Canned meats - Canned fish - Canned soups - Canned stews - Canned fruit -
- Canned vegetables - Canned spaghetti sauce - Canned spaghetti - Various pasta products -
- Boxed macaroni and cheese - Hot and cold cereals - Powdered milk - Parmalat - Peanut butter -
- Jelly - Canned juices - Healthy snack foods - Crackers - Manual can openers - Canned milk -
- Powdered drink mix - Instant cocoa - Boxed rice products - Baby formula - Diapers -
- Hygiene products - Granola bars - Breakfast bars
WHERE TO GIVE FOOD FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRIES

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Call one of our individual agencies and programs to deliver food directly to their pantries

Catholic Family & Community Services
Emergency Services
24 DeGrasse Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Rosita Kardashan • (973) 279-7100, x 41

Catholic Family & Community Services
Partnership for Social Services Family Center
48 Wyker Road, Franklin, NJ 07416
Sister Thomasina Gebhard • (973) 827-4702

Hispanic Information Center
186 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055
Delia Rosario • (973) 779-7022

Catholic Family & Community Services
Parents Place
26 DeGrasse Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Rose Kardashan • (973) 279-7100, x41

Father English Community Center
435 Main Street, Paterson, NJ 07501
Carlos Roldan • (973) 881-0280

Hope House
19-21 Belmont Avenue, Dover, NJ 07802
Maria Thorne • (973) 361-5555, x158

II
Organize a food collection
at your parish
at your school
at work
among your neighbors

III
Donate funds directly to Catholic Charities Emergency Food Fund
by check or at our website for secure donations
www.catholiccharities.org
and send to
Catholic Charities Emergency Food Fund
c/o The Office of Development
777 Valley Road
Clifton NJ 07013

When the day’s supply of filled bags are given out, these shelves will again be empty.

Maria Thorne thanks Morris Catholic for a food donation that will fill the half empty shelves.

The food pantry at the Hispanic Information Center of Passaic - an important charity work.
The Secretariat for Catholic Charities
Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson
Paterson Diocesan Center
777 Valley Road - Clifton, NJ 07013
Phone: 973-777-8818 ex 278

1-800-494-3292
Email: jduffy@patersondiocese.org
Website: www.catholiccharities.org

Catholic Family & Community Services
Comprehensive Human Services Programs
24 DeGrasse Street - Paterson, NJ 07505-2001
Phone: 973-279-7100
Email: info@catholiccharities.org

Department for Persons with Disabilities
Group Residences/Employment, Spiritual & Volunteer Programs
1 Catholic Charities Way- PO Box 2539 - Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
Phone: 973-406-1100
Email: info@dpd.org

Hope House - Catholic Social Services of Morris County
Community Social Services / Outpatient Substance Abuse Programs
19-21 Belmont Avenue - Dover, NJ 07802-0851
Phone: 973-361-5555
Email: information@hopehousenj.org

Father English Multi-Purpose Center
Community Center & Human Services Programs
435 Main Street - Paterson, NJ 07501-2817
Phone: 973-881-0280
Email: admin@fatherenglish.org

Straight & Narrow, Inc.
Comprehensive Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
508 Straight Street - Paterson, NJ 07503-2004
Phone: 973-345-6000
Email: info@straightandnarrowinc.org

Hispanic Information Center of Passaic
Community & Human Services Programs
186 Gregory Avenue - Passaic, NJ 07055
Phone: 973-779-7022
Email: hicpassaicinc@aol.com

Congregational Health Ministry & Disaster Response
Health and Wellness Programs, Parish Nurses, Continuing Education
24 DeGrasse Street - Paterson, NJ 07505
Phone: 973-279-7100 x33
Email: rkelly@catholiccharities.org

The Migrant Ministry
Advocacy for Human Rights - Spiritual and Day to Day Living Needs
12 Columba Street - Morristown, NJ 07960
Phone: 973-896-0444 or 973-818-0075
Email: themigrantministry@hotmail.com

Office of Public Relations & Development
Public Awareness and Responsible Stewardship Programs
777 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013
973-523-4456
Email: email@catholiccharities.org

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CONSIDER CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN YOUR WILL
As you plan for the future, consider Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson in your estate plans. You can establish a legacy gift by simply naming Catholic Charities in your will as a beneficiary. Consult your estate advisor.

To include Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson, please use the following language:

I give, devise or bequeath to Catholic Charities, a charitable organization located at 777 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013
$__________ for the general charitable and educational purposes in carrying out its mission.

Thank you for considering Catholic Charities in your estate plans.
For more information, please call
Father Edward Lambro in our planned giving/development office at 973-523-4456