

# 2024 Annual Report



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WEST MICHIGAN



# Dear Friends and Supporters

Looking back over the past year, I am amazed by the transformation we've seen in our community. When we come together to support those in need, we create lasting change and enduring hope in lives all across our community. Our 2024 Annual Report is just a snapshot of the incredible work that has occurred because of your support.

In 2024, Catholic Charities West Michigan worked to help strengthen families and individuals with 199 team members and over 50 compassionate, comprehensive services, touching over 25,000 lives across West Michigan. With God's grace, the diligent work of our team, and your dedicated support, we have provided help and created hope over the past year by:

- Finding loving and safe homes for 44 children through our adoption services
- Serving 52,663 meals to our hungry brothers and sisters
- Facilitating 16,589 behavioral health sessions
- Conducting 6,426 child visits to our new St. Gianna's No Cost Baby Boutique in Grand Rapids
- And so much more.

The year of 2024 was focused on fostering growth and change across our neighborhoods by strengthening the very roots of our community: families. We believe healthy families are the foundation of strong communities. Our programs are driven by this pursuit of creating whole, harmonious homes throughout West Michigan.

This involved connecting with families in need, listening to their needs, and strategizing how to best meet those needs. We bring hope to the forefront of the lives and stories we touch, a hope that overcomes challenges, fears, and uncertainties- a hope that restores dignity to those in need.

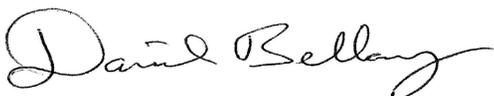
*"It's a wonderful place. Everybody here is like family." - God's Kitchen Patron*

You have created this very hope in our community, offering a sense of belonging and value to those who need it most in our neighborhoods. Programs like St. Gianna's, God's Kitchen, and many more simply would not exist without the care and dedication of supporters like you.

Together by building relationships, overcoming need, and giving back, we rewrite lives with hope as the narrative. This report is more than just a statement- it's West Michigan's stories of hope penned by your generosity.

Thank you for playing such a critical role in the strengthening of our community. It is a privilege and blessing to serve alongside you as we work to create a future of help and hope.

Many blessings,



David Bellamy, CEO  
Catholic Charities West Michigan



Jessica

Mom of two, St. Gianna's Shopper

# St. Gianna's No Cost Baby Boutiques



We served

# 2,313

families through our baby and toddler boutiques, providing diapers, clothing, and formula to hundreds of parents.

We conducted

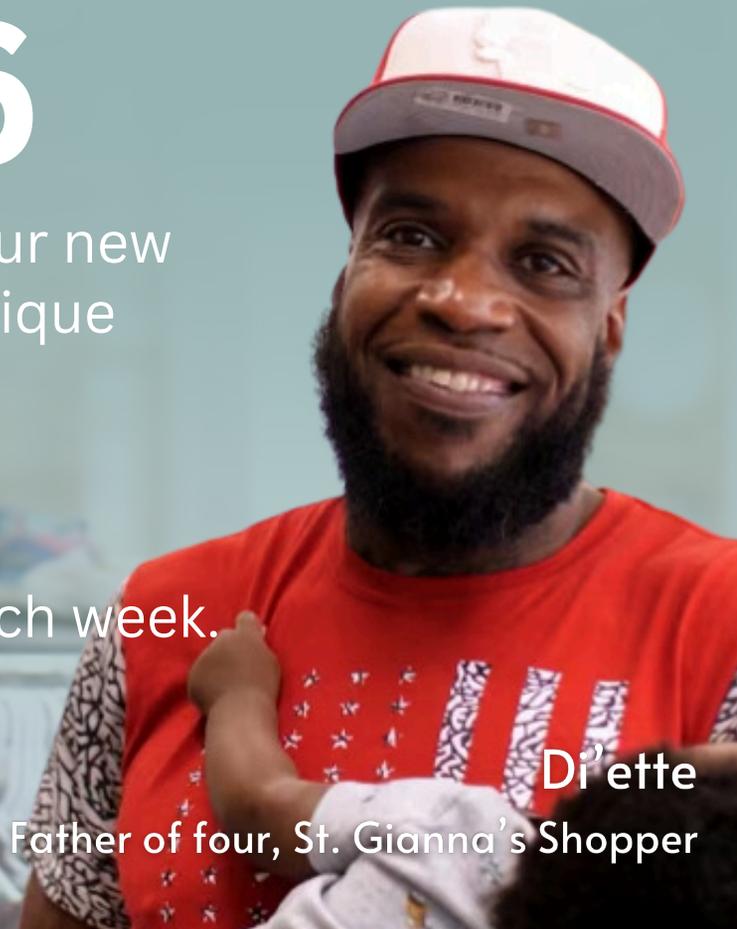
# 6,426

children visits to our new Grand Rapids boutique

with an average of

# 130-200

children served each week.



Di'ette

Father of four, St. Gianna's Shopper

# Behavioral Health Programs



- Outpatient Mental Health
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Groups
- Substance Use Disorder Therapy
- Sexual Abuse Prevention Treatment
- Batterers Intervention/Anger Management Counseling

We facilitated...

**16,589**

Behavioral Health services to...

**1,495**

individuals.

# Seeing the impact...

In our Substance Use Disorder program...

**92%**

of clients reported increased social support systems by the end of treatment.

of clients felt that our program helped them develop skills to help them better manage their relationships while in treatment.

**97%**

Similarly, in our Co-Occurring program (Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder)...

**83%**

of clients in our domestic violence/batterers intervention program shared that they learned new risk factors and triggers and how to address them appropriately.

**94%**

of clients in our co-occurring programming reported having an improved ability to meet and maintain their mental health needs during treatment.



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*"My worker was amazing. She was a professional and worked very cohesively with all my needs for my family and myself... My experience was positive, and I feel it was a huge benefit to my family." - Family Preservation Client*

# Family Preservation

We believe building strong families is crucial to creating strong communities. Our Family Preservation programs equip families with essential skills to build positive relationships and strong family foundations.

Through solution-focused training and education, families are equipped with skills like positive parenting, effective communication, age-appropriate discipline, self-sufficiency, and more. Walking alongside our supportive team, families are better able to create a safe and secure home environment, carving a path to a bright future.

In 2024, we offered

**29**

counseling, training, and  
support programs to

**720**

families.





# Child Welfare

300

foster children were  
cared for in 2024

44

children were placed in  
loving homes through adoption

57

total homes were licensed for  
foster care, with 19 new  
licensed in 2024

66

relative home studies  
were conducted

Our child welfare team is the heartbeat of our children services here at Catholic Charities West Michigan. They dedicate their lives to providing compassionate care, advocating for the most vulnerable and making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals. This year, our team ensured the safety and well-being of 300 children in foster care including 7 kids through the young adult voluntary program.

Our team worked with 57 licensed foster homes, 19 of which were newly licensed in 2024. We placed 44 children into safe, loving homes through adoption. Additionally, our team completed 66 relative home studies, ensuring children were able to find placements in safe, familiar homes.

# One Township At A Time

Our township-connection program served

# +200

residents, fostering connections among seniors, reducing isolation and creating long-lasting connections.

In 2024 alone,

# 14

different townships participated in a variety of events and activities with an average of

# 8-25

participants per event.

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*"Meeting neighbors I never knew has been beyond words! This program nourishes the soul and expands our circles. It's a space for connection and companionship, and I'm so grateful it exists." - Cathy, Ensley Township*

# AmeriCorps Senior Programs

We provided one-on-one mentorship to

**348 children**

facing academic or social challenges in Muskegon and Newaygo counties through our Foster Grandparent Program.

Through our Senior Companion Program, we provided social and emotional support to

**78**

older adults facing isolation with the help of

**21 volunteers.**

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*"I serve because I love to see the potential in every child, even when they don't see it in themselves yet."*

*- Foster Grandparent Program Volunteer*



Top Off the Truck Diaper Drive Event



# Top Off the Truck

This year, we introduced our first ever  
“Top Off the Truck” diaper drive event  
benefiting families in need at  
St. Gianna’s No Cost Baby Boutiques  
in Grand Rapids!

We collected over

# 37,000

diapers, saving families a  
collective total of over

# \$10,000

for this essential resource.





Raising Hope



*"It's a wonderful place. Everybody here is like family."  
- God's Kitchen Patron*

# God's Kitchen Food Programs

# 52,663

noon-time meals were served at God's Kitchen to our hungry neighbors with no questions, no qualifiers.

# 9,169

nutritious meals were delivered to the homebound in our community.

# 9,500

meals were given to those in need through God's Roamin' Kitchen in Newaygo, Muskegon, Kentwood and Wyoming.





**Gloria**  
Mom and Healthy Families Client

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**Karolina**  
Healthy Families Worker

# In 2024...

Fueled by faith, we helped write bright futures into the lives of the individuals, families, and children we serve through compassionate care and solution-oriented strategies

by offering

# 52

programs across

# 13

locations

# Top Off the Truck Diaper Drive Event



# One Township At A Time

Through...

**199**

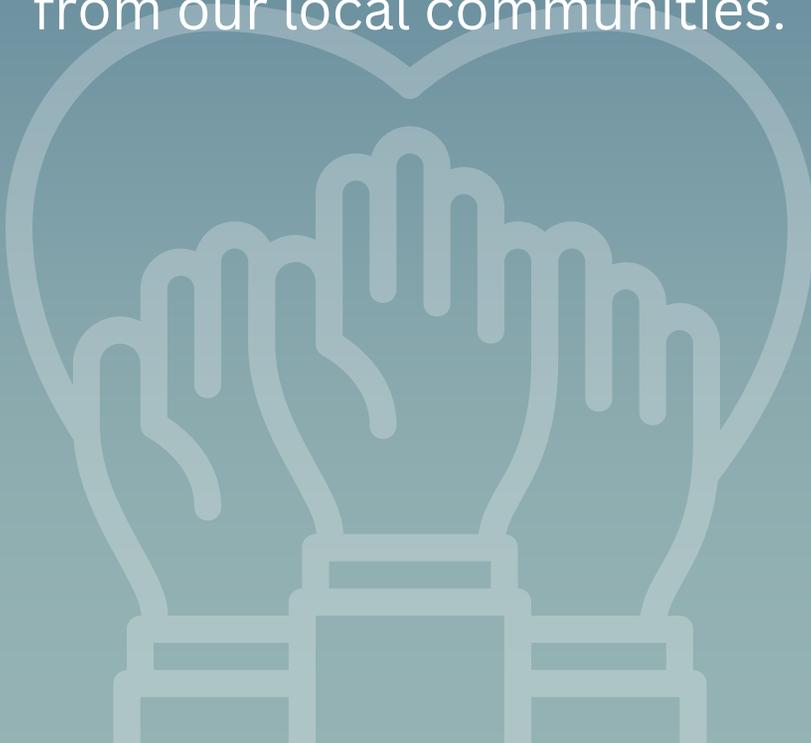
employees

**19**

board and committee  
members

**and hundreds**

of active volunteers  
from our local communities.





# Event Highlights...

## Soup's On For All

This year's Soup's On For All! was a hit, with 38 soups from local restaurants (including our very own God's Kitchen) and artisan breads from Panera delighting guests. Hand-painted commemorative bowls reminded everyone of the meals we serve each day at God's Kitchen. The evening featured lively local bands, a silent auction, and delicious desserts from Amway. Thanks to our supportive community of donors, we raised over \$124,000 for God's Kitchen and our food programs!

## Holy Smokes

Hosted at Pigeon Hill Brewing Company, Holy Smokes offered another fun night of savory BBQ and live music to raise funds for babies and toddlers in need. Nine local teams competed in a grill-out to see who would receive the Judge's Choice and People's Choice awards. Guests partook in delicious barbeque, competitive yard games, cold beer, and a fun raffle. Our afternoon gathered a total of over \$41,000 for our Muskegon St. Gianna No Cost Baby Boutique!

## Confident Kids

For our back-to-school hair care event, barbers, stylists, and braiders from all around our community gathered to give their time and skills to children in foster care. The evening buzzed with excitement as families filled their new backpacks with school essentials, partook in fun games and activities, and enjoyed delicious pizza and treats. Confident Kids 2024 was an incredible night of community – businesses, schools, churches, and volunteers generously serving, supporting, and encouraging families of West Michigan.

## Raising Hope

This year, we celebrated the faithful service of our volunteers and the impact of our supporters at our 2024 Raising Hope Dinner, focusing on the importance of community and gathering around the table. Fr. Leo Patalinghug, professional chef and speaker, inspired guests to build strong families and communities- as our programs do each day across West Michigan. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$240,000 for these vital programs!

# Finances

Transparency in financial reporting is very important to us at Catholic Charities West Michigan. On these two pages, you will find assets, liabilities, and net assets as well as the breakdown of our revenue and expenses.

## Assets

	2024	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,825,639	\$3,283,551
Restricted Cash Equivalents	1,156,274	-
Accounts Receivable	1,185,606	1,502,412
Promises to Give	901,542	1,030,582
Prepaid Expenses	219,255	221,178
Property & Equipment	6,493,510	6,712,333
Right-of-use Assets, Operating Leases	606,278	900,323
Beneficial Interest in Assets	1,244,243	1,107,162
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,632,347</b>	<b>\$14,757,541</b>

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$298,800	\$322,045
Accrued Liabilities	2,301,518	2,309,519
Proceeds from Conditional Grants	1,109,930	-
Leasing Liabilities	615,007	906,145
Long-Term Debt	3,160,717	3,283,477
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$7,485,972</b>	<b>\$6,821,186</b>

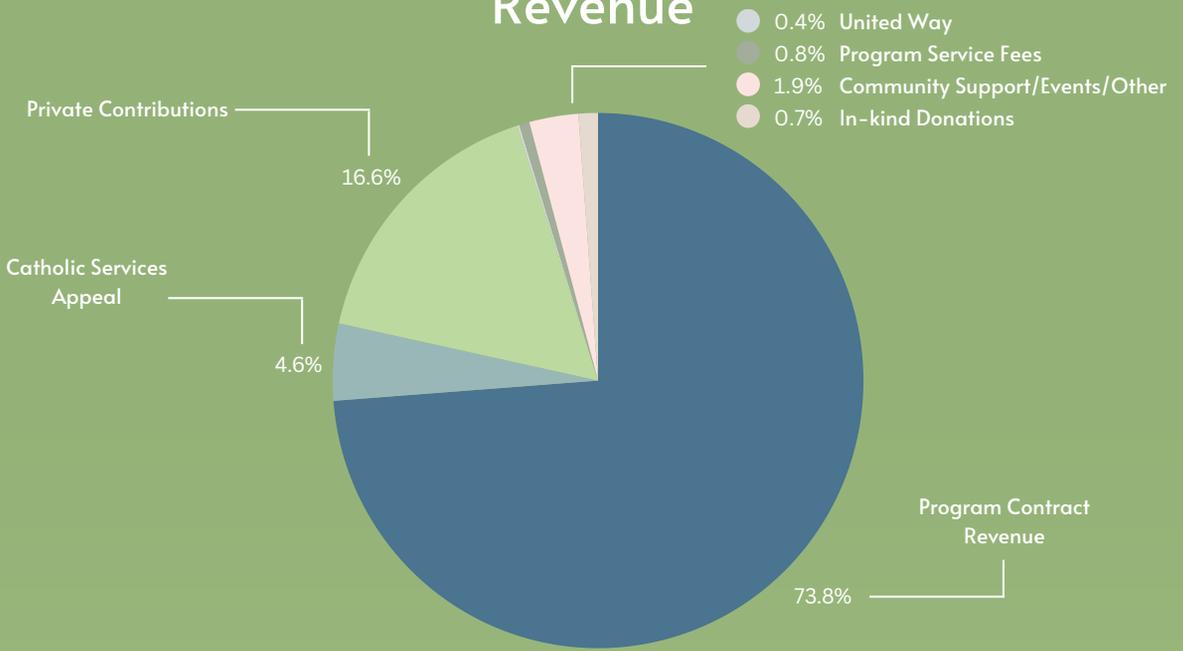
## Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	\$4,876,372	\$4,838,147
With Donor Restrictions	3,270,003	3,098,208
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$8,146,375</b>	<b>\$7,936,355</b>

## Liabilities & Net Assets

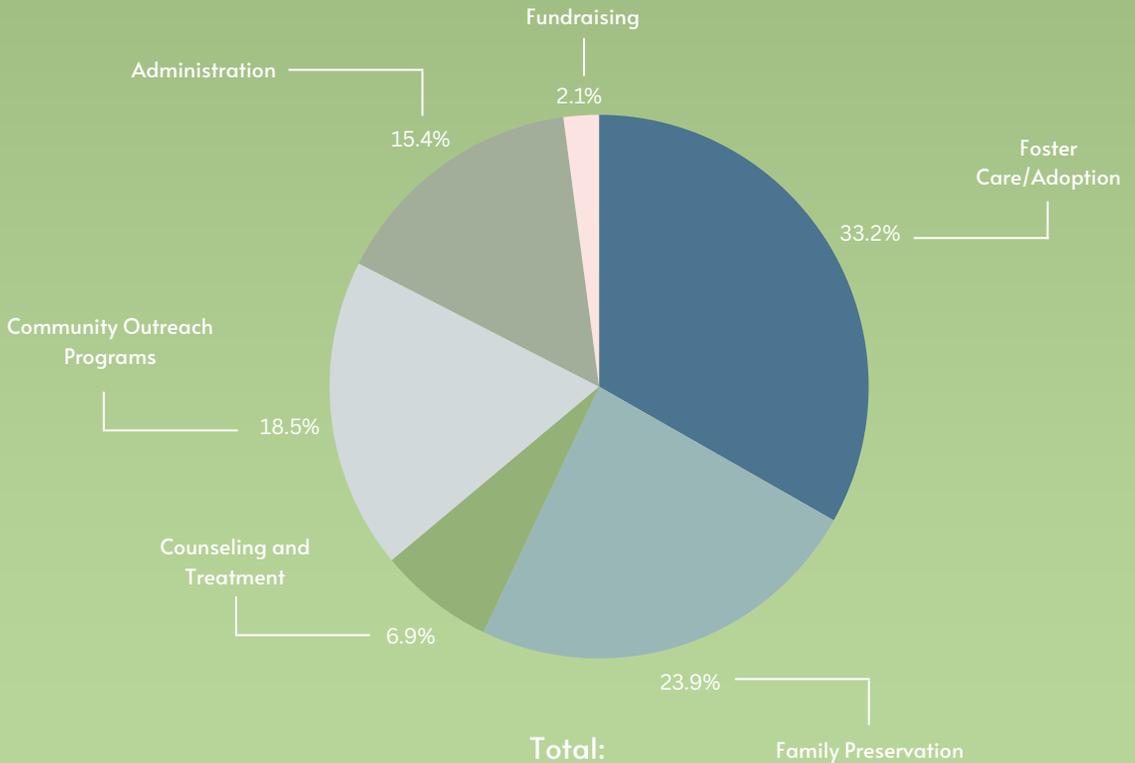
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,632,347</b>	<b>\$14,757,541</b>
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# Revenue



Total:  
\$18,413,191

# Expenses



Total:  
\$18,203,171



# In 2025...

## Year of Jubilee

2025 marks the sacred Year of Jubilee, a special year of remission and pardon that presents a unique opportunity for communities to come together and support one another. The 2025 Jubilee year theme of “Pilgrims of Hope” reflects the idea of seeking out ways to serve and providing hope for others.

Reflecting this theme of hope, Catholic Charities West Michigan recognizes the great opportunity to be a beacon of hope to those in our community. As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we will continue to serve those in need around us, giving our community opportunities to connect with us to provide help and create hope throughout West Michigan.

## Days of Hope

In the spirit of the Jubilee year, we hosted three "Days of Hope," volunteering opportunities for our communities to serve with St. Gianna's, God's Kitchen, and other programs at Catholic Charities West Michigan in a unique and impactful way.

From organizing our boutiques and packing meals to encouraging seniors in our community, our “Days of Hope” created hope by offering support in our neighborhoods and fostering a sense of connection, belonging, and care for all.

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