

Fiscal Year 2021 Community Report



In the last year, we experienced an


 **89%**
increase in housing assistance.

 **84,111**
nutritious meals and snacks served at childcare centers, after-school care and the **Kids Summer Food Program**.

 **250,597**
times that **food assistance, clothing, and hygiene supplies**, including diapers, were provided to those in need.

 **7,829**
times that the Resource Bus provided basic necessities, case management and more to our neighbors in **15 rural counties**.

 **181 refugees**, including new arrivals and resettled families, received ongoing support and education through **9,082 case management hours**.

 **27 enrollees** obtained employment after participating in the St. Rita Program, which provides educational opportunities to help unemployed and under-employed individuals earn a living wage.

 **Nearly 98,000 customers** received an affordable, dignified shopping experience through our TurnStyles Thrift stores, eBay online sales, and antique mall booth.

Family Financial Transformations Celebrates \$1 Million Milestone

Although Laurie had a full-time job and was earning a livable wage, she had a lot of debt. That debt put the single mother of two at risk of eviction. Needing some financial guidance, she enrolled in Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Family Financial Transformations (FFT) Program.

The FFT Program has been successfully helping families, like Laurie's, learn the skills they need to better manage their finances and decrease debt. Since its inception in 2015, the cumulative amount of debt reduced by the 316 families who completed the program is \$1 million!

The FFT Program's year-long curriculum offers one-on-one

meetings with the Catholic Charities' team along with three sets of class sessions which include basic budgeting; how to save based on spending categories; understanding and improving the score of a credit report; and more. The classes are now held online, which has allowed the program to expand beyond Johnson and Wyandotte counties.

Each family who comes to FFT has a unique set of circumstances and goals. Goals could include increasing savings, decreasing debt, building credit or managing money. "Some families are able to take the skills learned and resources given to immediately make changes," explained

Suzanne Evans, AFC, Director of Asset Development. "For others, their challenges are greater and we may be planting seeds for future growth."

Classes geared for kids and young adults are available to participants' children. "It is important for kids to learn the value of money and how to set goals for financial wants. It is also helpful for kids to be more aware that their family makes choices everyday about how and where to spend their money," said Evans.

Laurie shared that her main goal for participating in the FFT program was to improve her credit score and to one day

buy a house for her and her family. Over the next two years, she tracked expenses, cut out impulse spending, contributed to her savings and became debt free. She is working with a realtor to find a house.

"It was exciting to hear that the skills she learned in our program really had transformed her future and that of her children," added Kimberly Burau, LMSW, Financial Empowerment Specialist. "I'd like to think that FFT is impacting generations to come, making them more budget savvy, and better preparing them financially."



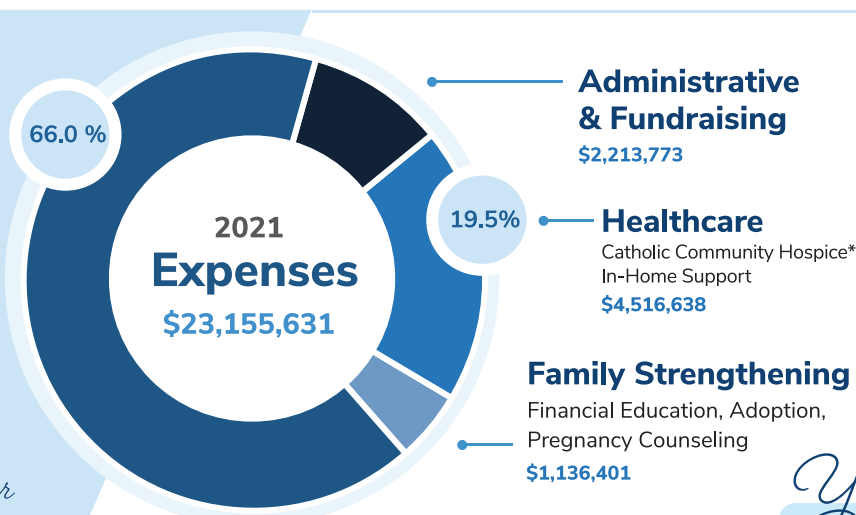
The Family Financial Transformations team celebrates their achievement. This program is one of 20+ ministries offered by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

Get involved! Due to COVID-19, the need for volunteers is greater than ever. Visit: catholiccharitiesks.org/volunteer

Family Stabilization

Food, Shelter, Clothing, Refugee Resettlement
\$15,288,819

*Feed the hungry
Shelter the homeless
Clothe the naked
Welcome the stranger*



Your Impact

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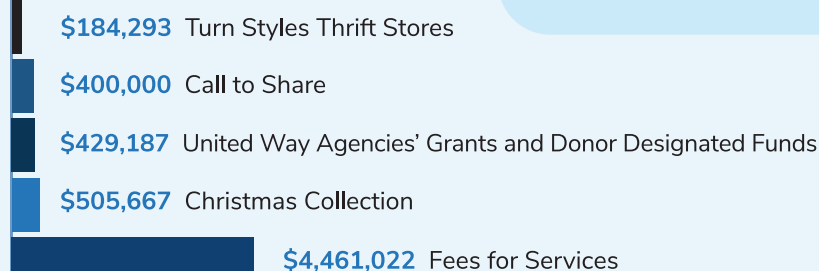


See more of our 2021 numbers:
catholiccharitiesks.org/2021-impact



2021 Revenue

\$23,509,688



74.6%

Collections, Grants & Contributed Goods
\$17,529,519

*Catholic Community Hospice is now part of Northeast Kansas Catholic Healthcare Services, Inc. **The annual Community Report reflects the previous fiscal year, from July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021.