REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR 2015

A ministry of the Archdiocese, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas dispenses help, hospitality and hope to people of all faiths throughout 21 counties. In addition to providing the necessities, programs and support are available for those at all stages of life beginning with pregnancy counseling and adoption to in-home support for seniors and hospice care. Since last year, the overall demand for services has increased 26 percent.

FEED THE POOR: OLIVIA’S STORY

Most of us can’t imagine what it’s like to have to send children to bed night after night without dinner. Olivia couldn’t either until she found herself unemployed and struggling to feed her family. She wasn’t used to asking others for help. The sadness in her children’s eyes told her that she needed to set her pride aside. After praying about it, she had the courage to contact a parish office that referred her to one of Catholic Charities’ Emergency Assistance Centers. She walked in unable to look the receptionist in the eye and asked for food for her family. It was one of the most difficult things that she had ever done, but she knew telling her children that there was nothing to eat again would be harder.

Unfortunately, Olivia’s story is not unique. Individuals and families who can’t afford groceries seek help from one of Catholic Charities’ nine food pantries. As the need continues to grow, so does Catholic Charities’ commitment to helping the poor and most vulnerable throughout the Archdiocese.

“Catholic Charities offers meaningful programs focused on helping individuals and families find a path out of poverty — permanently. Whether they serve children, the elderly, refugees or the disabled, their open doors offer hope.”

– Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, D.D., Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas