Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas:

**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.

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**Serving people of all faiths throughout 21 counties of Northeast Kansas**

- 1,166 volunteers per month contributed more than $288,621 hours valued at more than $4,974,890 by federal standards.

- Catholic Community Hospice, the region’s only Catholic hospice, provided compassionate, end-of-life care to 250 patients and their families.

- Our Refugee and Immigration Services welcomed and resettled 400 refugees who were forced to flee their homelands due to fear of persecution and death.

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**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.

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“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
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**2015 REVENUE**

- **Christmas Collection:** $50,957
- **Call to Share:** $400,000
- **TurnStyles:** $466,700
- **United Way:** $772,644
- **Fees for Services:** $4,612,855
- **Contributions, Grants, Other:** $10,860,327

**2015 EXPENSES**

- **Healthcare (Hospice, In-Home Support):** $2,273,320
- **Family Stabilization (Food, Shelter, Clothing, Refugee Resettlement):** $11,457,723
- **Family Strengthening (Adoption, Pregnancy Counseling, Financial Education, Healthy Relationships):** $1,422,293
- **Administrative and Fundraising:** $1,863,847
- **Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas Grant:** $1,619,377

**Board Leadership:**
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**TO DONATE OR LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

[catholiccharitiesks.org](http://catholiccharitiesks.org)
Healthcare
Offering compassionate care for families and patients needing support, regardless of faith.

Hospice
Provides care, comfort and support to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families faced with a life-limiting illness. It is available in private homes, assisted living communities, care facilities and hospitals.

“The nurses were as caring for her as we in the family were.” — Family Served Through Hospice Care

In-Home Support
Helps keep the elderly independent and in their own home for as long as it is safely possible. Services include personal care, homemaking activities, errands and respite care.

“This service helps me to stay in my own home. I feel safer and better organized.” — In-Home Support Recipient

Volunteers
Lends a helping hand at our food pantry, thrift store, men’s shelter and anyplace else assistance is needed. Volunteers are vital to the success of programs and services.

For volunteer opportunities contact:
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TurnStyles
Features new or gently used men’s, women’s and children’s clothing, furniture, appliances, toys, household items and more at a deeply discounted price. All proceeds go directly to assist others in need throughout 21 counties in northeast Kansas.

Help Local Families in Need.
Donate Your Vehicle.
If you have a vehicle that you don’t want — in any condition — donate it to Cars4KC.com.
For more information call: 866.430.9499

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Family Stabilization
Assisting individuals and families in crisis, addressing their immediate needs for food, shelter and clothing as well as helping them to create and execute plans for enhanced self-sufficiency.

Emergency Assistance
Ensures that the immediate, basic survival needs of those with low incomes are met. Services at the eight Emergency Assistance Centers focus on achieving self-sufficiency through financial literacy classes, nutrition information and referrals to other resources.

“I recently became employed and am so thankful for everything Catholic Charities has done for me and my daughter.” — Emergency Assistance Recipient

Shalom House
Offers shelter and hospitality to homeless men. Doors open each day to 25 men in need of shelter, food and support. Case managers work with the men to give them the guidance they need to become stable and transition to permanent housing.

“The Shalom House is a life saving organization.” — Shalom House Guest

Refugee & Immigration Services
Assists with the resettling of nearly 400 refugees each year who are forced to flee their homelands due to persecution. Services include English language, employment and citizenship classes. Legal services are also available for refugees and immigrants through the La Luz center.

“Without Catholic Charities, I don’t know if there would be another way to survive in this country.” — Family Member of a Refugee Family

Family Strengthening
Providing support and education to individuals and families, offering them the skills and opportunities to build stronger families and communities.

Pregnancy Counseling & Adoption
Provides caring and confidential counseling, information and referrals to those facing an unexpected pregnancy or married couples considering adoption. It is Catholic Charities’ founding program and has changed the lives of countless women, children and families.

“I have a wonderful life. My parents loved me with all they had. Thank you for giving me life.” — Child Adopted Through Catholic Charities

Friendly Visitors
Pairs compassionate volunteers with seniors who live alone and need caring and friendly people to visit, call or lend a helping hand. Volunteers enjoy the one-on-one relationships and knowing they are helping ease loneliness.

“The Mulcares began taking Bill to church, running errands and spending holidays with him. It was as if Bill was part of the family.” — Friendly Visitors Volunteer

Foster Grandparent Program
Engages older adults to mentor at-risk children in Wyandotte County schools, Headstarts and childcare centers. The program helps children succeed and gives purpose to older volunteers as they build positive relationships that truly make a difference.

95 Foster Grandparents mentor at-risk children in Wyandotte County each year.