



# Catholic Charities



Chemung & Schuyler

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## Our Mission

*Inspired by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our mission is to help fulfill Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester's commitment to build a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people by reducing poverty, promoting healthy individual and family life, collaborating with faith communities and advocating for justice and peace.*

*We are committed to serving all individuals in need – regardless of racial, ethnic, cultural or religious origins, ability to pay, or mental, physical or developmental challenges.*

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# Dear Community Partners,

The work of Catholic Charities continues to change lives and we have you to thank. As part of the Catholic Charities Family – an alliance of Staff, Volunteers, Board Members, Businesses and Compassionate Community Members - you are the stewards of change. Your support reframes the destiny for so many that turn to us during their greatest struggles.

We help transform the lives of real people facing addiction, abuse and isolation...many plagued by the epidemic of poverty. These are the adults, children and elderly that we are committed to serving. By providing the gift of hope, even the most insurmountable adversity can be overcome.

It is my desire that as you read the following pages you will be inspired to continue to share your gifts of hope and compassion. Our commitment is to build a just and compassionate society rooted in the dignity of all people. And, as good stewards of this mission, we will continue our efforts to reduce poverty, promote healthy individual and family life, collaborate with faith communities and advocate for justice and peace.

With this commitment, I ask you for your continued support in changing lives. Thank you for all that you do to make our work possible. We are honored that you choose to give through us to impact our neighbors in need.

Respectfully,



Charles Nocera, Executive Director



# 2015 Financials

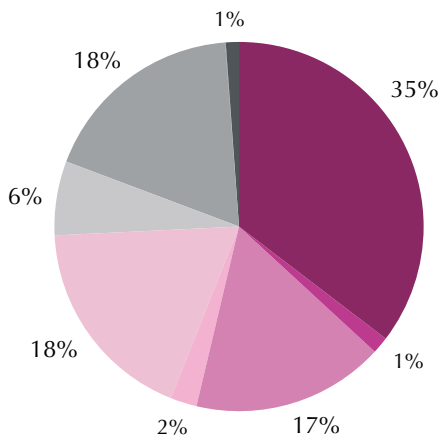
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers operating funds come from federal, state and local government grants and contracts, Medicaid, Program Income, United Way, Diocesan Support, Private Contributions and Investment Income. In 2015, our total operating revenues for the fiscal year were \$5,434,741, falling short of operating expenses resulting in a change to net assets of (\$11,130).

In keeping with our commitment to fulfill our mission, our expenditures – personnel, specific assistance, operating and administrative, stimulate our local economy through employment, renting from local landlords and purchasing from local vendors.

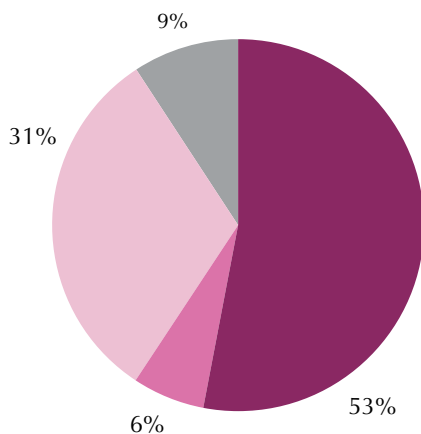
Our primary Program Expenses in 2015 were:

- Employee Salaries and Benefits of \$2,886,460
- Occupancy, Specific Assistance to Individuals (temporary rent, deposits and utility payments), and Food of \$342,551
- Operating Expenses of \$1,714,480
- General/Administrative of \$502,380

Our Fundraising Expenses were \$95,888; costing us 27 cents to raise each dollar. In addition, our general and administrative costs totaled \$502,380 or 9% of our 2015 operating expenses. Catholic Charities is proud to report that the majority of our operating revenue was spent on programs including direct client assistance.



Support & Revenues:	
Federal & State Awards	\$1,924,760
Diocesan Support	\$80,031
County/Other Awards	\$916,573
United Way	\$125,640
Medicaid	\$991,252
Contributions/ Fundraising	\$353,569
Program Income	\$982,989
Investment Return	(\$2,634)
Other Income	\$62,561
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$5,434,741</b>



Expenses:	
Personnel Costs	\$2,886,460
Specific Assistance	\$342,551
Operating	\$1,714,480
General/Administrative	\$502,380
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$5,445,871</b>

<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit):</b>	<b>(\$11,130)</b>
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# Our 2015 Impact

## CHEMUNG COUNTY:

**5,527 adults & children**

received emergency food.

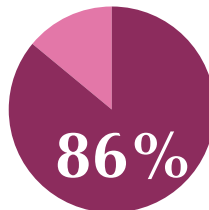
**470 individuals**

received assistance with life-sustaining medications through the Prescription Assistance Program.

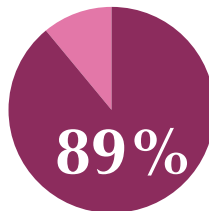
**392 individuals**

were provided with emergency shelter and received meals and support on their journey toward permanent housing.

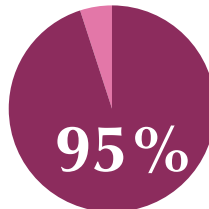
Of those housed,



**Were homeless for the first time**



**Were discharged to stable, permanent housing**



**Remained in stable housing 2 years after discharge**



## 459 individuals

received financial and/or case management assistance to prevent displacement from their homes.



Since 1994,

## 440 homes

have been purchased through the First Time Homebuyer Program, in partnership with the City of Elmira.



Each pin represents a home purchased through the First Time Homebuyer Program.

## 466 individuals & families

were provided long-term housing assistance and residential support services.

## 21 youth in Foster Care

were given the guidance and support to become healthy, independent adults.

## 145 individuals

were provided mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling.

### SCHUYLER COUNTY:

## 195 victims

of domestic violence received advocacy and support to develop healthier lives.



During an average month,

## 252 households

received emergency food from Schuyler Outreach Food Pantry.

## 164 individuals donated

## 16,813 hours

of their time through the RSVP of Schuyler & Yates Counties.



## *Cathy's Story:*

# *Beauty Didn't Make This Fighter; Conviction Did*

While planning her third wedding, Cathy thought she had finally found the man of her dreams. And after two extremely abusive prior marriages, she believed she knew the warning signs. Controlling, possessive...not words she would use to describe her soon to be husband. However, in the months leading up to her wedding, Cathy thought things were strange. She was aware that her fiancé had served in combat and had some of the tell-tale signs of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): agitation, anxiety and jumpiness. His previous wife had also passed away; another shock she would soon find had not healed. And once her fiancé stopped taking his medication, she soon learned the severity of the situation.

It all came to fruition on their wedding night. What should have been a blissful night, soon turned into a nightmare. Cathy recounts, "On my wedding night, we came home and he told me that I would have to leave because his (deceased) wife was back and she would hurt me. I felt destroyed." Her husband's psychotic state continued and forced her to leave their home.

In their last conversation, he requested a divorce as he couldn't stay married to two women... a situation that wasn't real. Cathy couldn't believe she had been blindsided again. She had no idea the severity of the situation, nor did she have any idea her husband had medication, let alone was refusing to take it.

With nowhere to turn, a friend told Cathy about Catholic Charities' First Step Victim Services. One of the Advocates met with Cathy. "Years of things that had happened came out when I was talking to the Advocate and she was just so supportive," states Cathy. "I explained what I was up against: the mortgage and taxes weren't paid and I was going to lose the car because the car payment wasn't paid. I got help with my taxes and Catholic Charities helped with my car payment... I couldn't live out here without a car." Cathy's home is a testament to her need for tranquility and peace. She recently built a fireplace by creating plaster stones by hand and her own beautiful paintings can be seen throughout her home. Staying in her home is imperative to Cathy. When Cathy needed hip replacement surgery recently, her Advocate was there to care for her two dogs and pick her up from the hospital.



*Main Photo Caption: "I paint from my heart."  
Cathy is a wonderful painter; she even donated  
a beautiful painting to Catholic Charities' Garden  
Soiree Silent Auction in June 2016 and another to  
the Schuyler Office for staff and guests to enjoy.*



*Cathy built this fireplace herself.*

When asked, where would you be without the assistance of Catholic Charities? Cathy replied, "Probably living in my car." Cathy's eyes welled with tears, "Emotionally...I think I just would have given up. I'm not there anymore, but I thought about it a lot. I would have gone to sleep and not gotten up. It upsets me to think I've been put in that position so many times. And thankful that I didn't do anything about it and without you guys (Catholic Charities), I probably would have this time. It was something that put me over the top. It was like enough is enough, I'm 62, it's time to rest."

We are so thankful that Cathy is here with us and grateful for the amazing work of our Staff. The First Step Victim Services program provides advocacy and referral services to all victims of crime in Chemung & Schuyler Counties, with a strong focus on victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse. You must be an innocent victim of a crime (i.e. domestic violence, sexual assault, robbery, assault, etc.). If you are a victim, or know someone that may be a victim, don't wait to get help. Call Catholic Charities today at 607.535.2050; Call or text our 24/7 Hotline: 607.742.9629.



*Cathy and her beloved dogs, Tinkerbell  
and Mambo.*



## *Rachel's Story: Building a Better Tomorrow*

Rachel could have fallen victim to the stereotype... teen mom who never finished high school, living in low income housing, unable to find work, barely making ends meet... essentially living off the system. But not this girl, she was destined for so much more. She'd be lying if she told you it was easy, but Rachel is a fighter and she was determined to change her and her son's lives. When asked, "What does it mean to have your son, Jayden?" Rachel immediately responded, "Everything. I don't think I'd be the person I am today if it wasn't for him. Don't even know what I'd be doing."

Rachel was just 15 years old when she found out she was pregnant. A scared teenage girl, she wasn't proud; she was embarrassed and ashamed. Rachel hid the truth for as long as she could, in many ways even from herself. "I think there might be two pictures of me when I was pregnant. I was in denial the whole time. I think it finally hit me two weeks after I had given birth that I actually had a child." But that's when Rachel's denial ended. She didn't bury her head in the sand. With a great deal of determination, Rachel finished high school one year early, while working and raising her son.

Rachel continued to advance her goals, completing her CNA and enrolling in the LPN program at GST BOCES. Now as a single mother of a 6 year old and college student, Rachel decided to buy her first home. After finding information on Catholic Charities' First Time Homebuyer Program, Rachel attended the necessary pre-purchase workshops, received her down payment assistance and became Catholic Charities' youngest homebuyer, at only 20 years old. When asked, "What does homeownership signify to you?" Rachel responded, "a lot, I feel like I worked really hard to get it. I plan on staying here forever. There's a lot of stuff I want to do with it eventually."

Rachel's story continues with aspirations of being an RN, buying and renting out a duplex by age 26 and continuing to raise her son in Elmira. "I want to be part of making Elmira a better place to live." A doting mother, Rachel continues, "I hope one day he'll look back and see everything that I went through. Hopefully he'll have even better circumstances to achieve what I did." Rachel is a testament to the power of inner strength and drive. She is an amazing role model to parents and even more importantly, to her son.



## *Edie's Story: Being Seen*

At Catholic Charities, Edie's laughter is a familiar sound. Her lighthearted, sweet personality is known by most of the Staff, including those that do not work directly with clients. She shares more than a smile and a giggle, creating art and kind notes for Staff. She is absolutely one of a kind.

After the passing of her mother in 2003, Edie began an extreme case of attention seeking behavior by repeatedly calling 911 for false ailments. She could not maintain employment, care for herself or her apartment. This behavior continued for approximately two years, before Edie entered the Catholic Charities' Gateways Community Residence, a transitional, rehabilitative group home for adults who have been diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI). Catholic Charities' Staff taught Edie tangible skills, provided her support, and helped her achieve her independence.

By 2007, Edie's attention seeking behavior stopped, she became employed at the ARC and she moved into her own apartment. Armed with a Gateways Case Manager, "(Catholic Charities) taught me a lot about the importance of a support system and guided me in the right way," states Edie. "I wish I knew what I know now back then."

Over that last five years, Edie has maintained her apartment, not missed a day of work and has not demonstrated attention seeking behavior. When asked, "What would your life be like if Catholic Charities hadn't come into your life?", Edie responds, "I'd probably be lost." She was then asked, "Is that how you felt before... lost?" Edie's eyes fill with tears and she nods her head yes. Every human being deserves to feel seen and heard. Edie is truly a beautiful person and with the assistance of Catholic Charities, she is able to live with dignity and respect.

**In deep appreciation of your support, Catholic Charities is pleased to acknowledge your gifts which include cumulative donations beginning January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.**

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