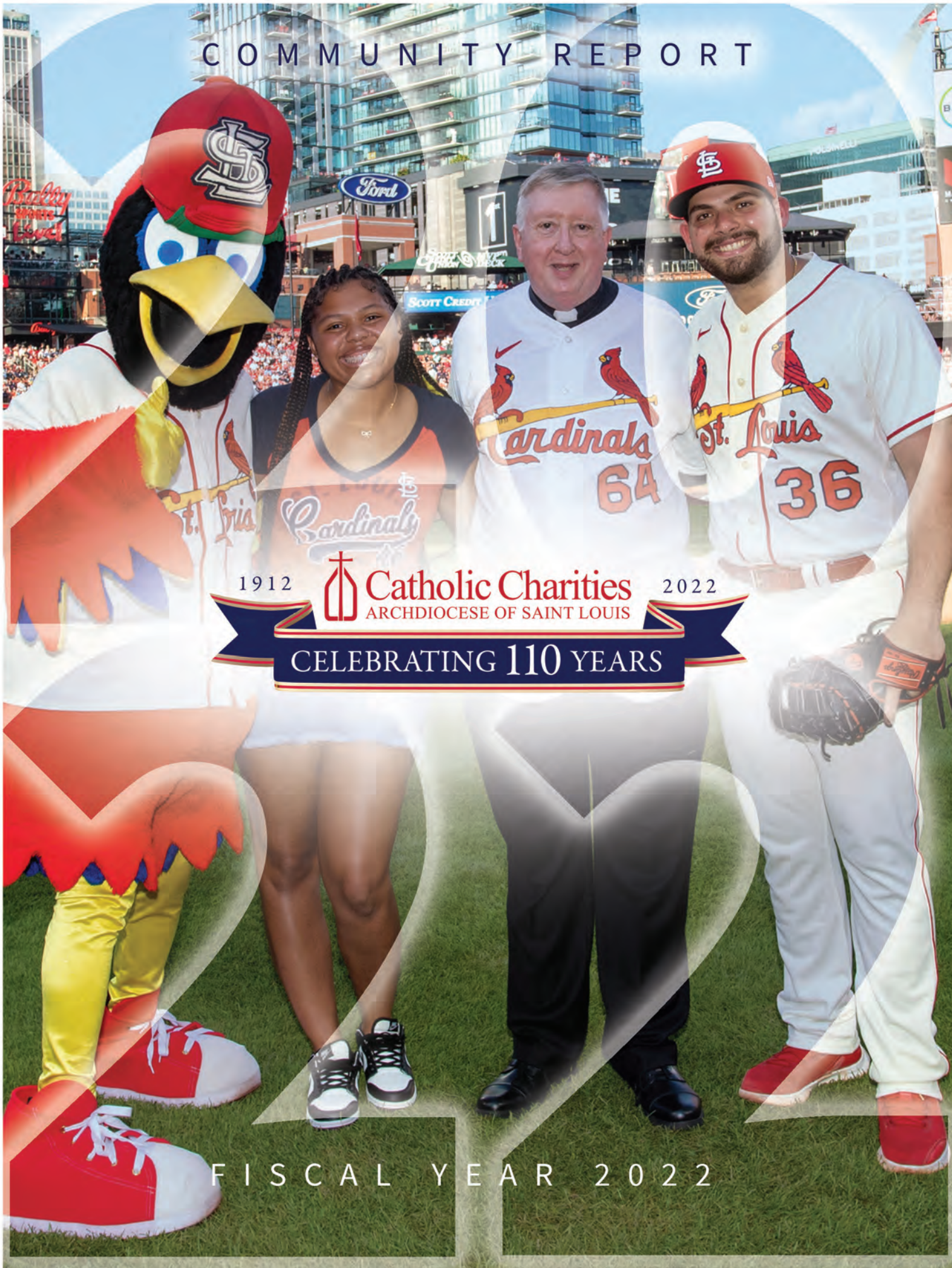


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2022

CELEBRATING 110 YEARS

FISCAL YEAR 2022

A Message From Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year, I was privileged to attend *Go to Bat for Kids*—one of the most significant annual events for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Thanks to your generous support, *Go to Bat for Kids* means that many of the children served by our vital and vibrant social ministries can experience the delightful sights and sounds of a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium.

Personally, the experience was special for me for several reasons:

- I was permitted to represent the Catholic Charities community by throwing out the first pitch at the game, which was a great thrill.
- *Go to Bat for Kids* happened to be on the same day as my birthday, and it was an honor to have “Happy Birthday to You” sung to me by our large group of guests.
- Most importantly, of course, it was a joy on this wonderful day to celebrate Mass with and for the Catholic Charities group in our ballpark suite.

My *Go to Bat for Kids* experience—as well as what I’ve seen and heard during my visits to our Catholic Charities ministries over my nearly three years as Archbishop of St. Louis—has convinced me that the senior leadership and dedicated co-workers of Catholic Charities live the call of Psalm 100, a portion of which happens to be my own episcopal motto: “Serve the Lord with gladness.”

Like so many others, I appreciate the robust and vibrant social ministry expressed in our Archdiocese, which demonstrates our profound understanding of the dignity of all human persons. In the people of Catholic

Charities—and in their faithful supporters for whom I am most grateful, like you—I see a passion and commitment to “serve the Lord with gladness” and a focus on what Pope Francis has termed the “culture of encounter.”

Today we recognize that the needs of people in our region continue to be so significant. For this reason, I envision Catholic Charities evolving and growing in the months and years ahead—into a parish-centric model that even more effectively serves every square mile of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I am confident that together, we are up for the challenge!

As you join me in reviewing and celebrating all the good work highlighted in this Catholic Charities annual community report, I humbly ask for your continued prayerful and financial support. Together, as one unified ministry, may Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis move forward seeing the face of Christ in our neighbors in need and serving the Lord with gladness in new and innovative ways.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

A Message From Dr. Jared H. Bryson

PRESIDENT



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Our most recently completed fiscal year was so impactful! I wish you could have witnessed firsthand with me all of the healing, help and hope—all of the faithful good work and assistance to our neighbors in need—that I saw and experienced last year as I began my service as president of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Know that our wonderful donors and supporters were and are with me in spirit each and every day!

I am grateful to Theresa Ruzicka for her kindness during our leadership transition several months ago. Catholic Charities' board and senior leadership team, too, have long demonstrated their commitment and passion in support of our myriad faith-inspired social outreach efforts for all those we are privileged to serve. It is an honor to collaborate with them in this important ministry.

Over these last months, I have been blessed to visit all our local Catholic Charities ministries. The tremendous efforts of each of our dedicated co-workers—made possible thanks to your continued prayers and financial support—are chronicled in these pages. I invite you to read about how Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis continues to be a compassionate, caring presence for so many people in the region—and about how the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters are changing for the better!

Catholic Charities' legacy of caring began locally in 1912—more than 110 years ago! And today, Archbishop Rozanski has prayerfully

challenged us to evolve and adapt our vital ministry to address the growing human needs we see around us.

In the near future, you will begin to see Catholic Charities refresh and rethink our unified ministry's efforts and structure to enable us to serve even more vibrantly within every square mile of our 11-county Archdiocese. One important way we will accomplish this is through our new Parish Ambassador program, which is designed to help connect parishioners with the social services offered by Catholic Charities. Be sure to read more about the Parish Ambassador program on page 9.

In closing, on behalf of our senior leadership team and co-workers, and all those we serve, please know of our profound gratitude for your support of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. May God bless you for your generosity of spirit.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jared H. Bryson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared H. Bryson, MDiv, DMin
President

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

A Message From Edward J. Puzzella

BOARD CHAIR



Dear Friends and Benefactors,

“Charity, patience and tenderness are very beautiful gifts. If you have them, you want to share them with others.” —Pope Francis

As my tenure as board chair of Catholic Charities of St. Louis has come to an end, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support and say what a privilege it has been to serve. Without your prayers and financial assistance, we would not be able to continue the important work Catholic Charities does each and every day.

With Theresa Ruzicka’s retirement, it was also my profound honor to work with Archbishop Rozanski and the entire board to bring a committed professional into the position of new president and CEO, Jared Bryson. Jared’s mission-focused leadership and his deep Catholic faith are going to bring Catholic Charities into the future and serve our neighbors in need and those throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis through our ministries.

In conclusion, I want to wish the new board chair, Deborah Vogt, and the entire board all the best and to let all know I will continue to pray for everyone at Catholic Charities, so this important ministry and the wonderful work we do for all can continue.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Puzzella".

Edward J. Puzzella
Board Chair

An Impact Snapshot

Thanks to you, Catholic Charities of St. Louis is one of the largest social services providers in the metro area and in Missouri, providing help and hope to people when they are most vulnerable and in need.

Catholic Charities of St. Louis has been helping people in need since 1912. Organized today as a federation of nine ministries, we serve the City of St. Louis and 11 counties within the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

This federation-wide impact snapshot, though by no means meant to reflect every service we provide, illustrates our two-pronged approach to care: first providing for urgent basic needs and then addressing longer-term barriers to economic stability.



96,310

people benefited from Catholic Charities federation services.



56.9%

of people we served live below the federal poverty line (\$26,500 for a family of four).



903

veterans received legal, counseling, housing and other supportive services.



667,829

meals were served.

24,963

individuals received interpretation or translation services.



13,292

children were served directly through foster care, residential placements, counseling, after-school programs and other services.



5,798

older adults were housed, fed or counseled, or received some other services.



671

clients were assisted with employment services, including job preparation, search and training.



967

volunteers shared their time and talent.

Impact figures are measured by calendar year. The above reflect the last calendar-year figures available, 2021.

Disaster Relief Aid

In November and December 2021, Catholic Charities of St. Louis (CCSTL) attended three Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC) for people affected by the tornadoes in Farmington, St. Mary and Defiance, Mo. CCSTL saw 51 families, connecting them to available resources. Of the 51 families, 18 lived outside of CCSTL's counties and were connected to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri for follow-up. CCSTL offered direct assistance to 24 families by distributing \$3,533 in gift cards to aid in their recovery.

In January 2022, CCSTL provided an additional \$2,500 in gift cards to four of the 51 families.

In April, CCSTL provided an additional \$3,512.50 to cover repairs sustained to a St. Mary, Mo., family's home during the 2021 tornado.

From June 14 to 15, at Catholic Charities Central Ministry Office with CCUSA and six other Catholic Charities organizations from across the Midwest, we gathered for the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation grant we received to build disaster preparedness and response in rural communities within the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



In May 2022, CCSTL traveled to Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer, Mo., to distribute 19 disaster preparedness bags to parishioners containing a weather radio, first-aid kit, flashlight and other items to help individuals better prepare for a disaster.

Catholic Charities and Foster Care

Foster care for our family has been a wild ride: six years and 16 kids—all of them blessings. On the hard days—the days when I am waiting outside the emergency room, the days when I am trying to track down one of my kids in a group home—on those hard days, I remember St. James' Epistle: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." I try to remember that the distress I feel on those days is a fraction of what my children and their families have experienced. I try to remember this is the daily cross Jesus has called me to bear.

What gives me hope on those hard days? Children rarely come into foster care alone. They have siblings or uncles or aunties or grandparents or friends that are important relationships in their lives. Our role as foster families is to maintain as many of these important relationships as we can. In the process, my family itself has expanded. I have new grandpas, grandmas, dads and moms that have become my family too. So Jesus' words in St. Matthew resonate



with me as my family has grown in these unexpected ways: Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

James Fowlkes-Comninellis
Coordinator, Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
Archdiocese of St. Louis

Opportunity Grants Fund Agency Improvements, Unexpected Needs

Catholic Charities Opportunity Grants help our ministries expand or enhance current programs, jump-start innovative ideas and address unanticipated, one-time expenses.

Here are some of the requests funded by fiscal 2022 Opportunity Grants:

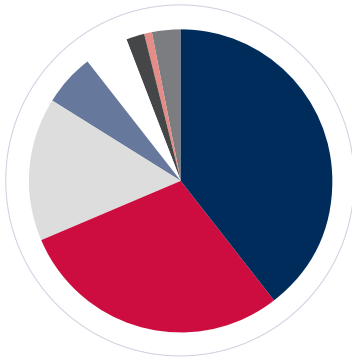
- **Cardinal Ritter Senior Services:** Campus safety for seniors (security cameras and emergency call system)
- **Queen of Peace Center:** Visitation recovery home security and furnishings

- **Marygrove:** Passenger van replacement
- **Saint Louis Counseling:** Electronic medical record and revenue cycle management systems
- **St. Patrick Center:** Security support project

Opportunity Grants are one example of how Catholic Charities supports the vital client-facing work our ministries do each day with excellence. We appreciate the generous benefactors who make this possible!

Federation Revenues and Expenses

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2022

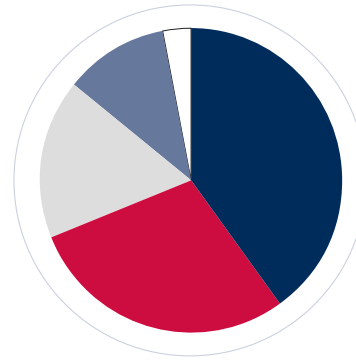


Federation-wide Revenues

- **42%** Government
- **31%** Program Service Fees and Private Contracts
- **16%** Contributions and Bequests
- **6%** Releases from Temporarily Restricted
- **5%** Other Income
- **2%** United Way
- **1%** Annual Catholic Appeal
- **-3%** Investment Income (Loss)

Total: \$103,387,042

Total Year Prior: \$105,302,612



Federation-wide Expenses

- **40%** Senior Adult Programs
- **29%** Family and Community Programs
- **17%** Children's Programs
- **11%** Management and General
- **3%** Fundraising

Total: \$101,298,859

Total Year Prior: \$96,825,079

Financial Snapshot

- Net assets of our federation totaled \$48,906,250 at June 30, 2022, compared to \$49,453,358 a year earlier.
- Revenue declined 1.8% from the prior year primarily due to lower income from COVID-19 government relief funding (\$8.1 million) and unfavorable investment results driven by difficult market conditions (\$6.9 million), partially offset by increases in other income (mainly from loan forgiveness) (\$4.4 million), contributions and bequests (\$3.5 million), non-COVID-19 government funding (\$2.9 million), and program service fees and private contracts (\$1.6 million).
- Proportions of revenue sources remained fairly consistent with the prior year's. The categories with the most significant changes, driven largely by the impacts of the variances noted above, were investment income (-3% versus 3%), government (42% versus 47%), other income (5% versus 0.2%), and program service fees and private contracts (31% versus 28%).
- Operating expenses increased 4.6% from the prior year primarily due to the impacts of high inflation and a tight labor market, which drove increases in internal and third-party personnel and other costs. Pension expense was another significant factor, with financial market conditions driving additional expense recognition in the current year versus an expense reduction in the prior year.
- Consistent with the prior year, 86% of expenses were dedicated to programs serving the community, with fundraising, and management and general costs remaining at 3% and 11%, respectively. A variety of factors, including the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the tight labor market, resulted in the following changes in proportions of costs compared to the prior year: senior adult costs (40% versus 37%), children's costs (17% versus 19%), and family and community costs (29% versus 30%).

Catholic Charities Young Professionals Service Day

As Catholics gifted with Faith, Hope, and Love, we foster an authentic community rooted in service and compassion through joyful and creative engagement with Catholic Charities of St. Louis.

—Catholic Charities Young Professionals mission statement

The Catholic Charities of St. Louis Young Professionals had a service day early in the summer of 2022 with the Women's Night program at St. Patrick Center. This event was led by Mauricio Suarez, one of our board VPs, and four other Young Professionals. The goal of the event was to get people involved with some of the ministries that make up Catholic Charities and serve them in whatever ways possible. We also wanted to evangelize if an opportunity to do so arose.

"A few of us were lucky enough to get some time to talk with the ladies who attended.

I was able to speak with one resident who shared her story with me about why she was in need of St. Patrick Center, and it really touched my heart and strengthened my faith," said Jessica Thomeczek.

Learn more at ccstl.org/get-involved/young-professionals-gro, or email youngprofessionals@ccstl.org.



Parish Ambassador Spotlight

Parish Ambassadors are generous volunteers who serve as the direct line of communication between Catholic Charities and their respective parishes. Ambassadors share their knowledge and passion for our mission by raising awareness of our family of ministries and how to access our services. Their work directly helps us serve those in need by facilitating service projects, organizing donation drives, scheduling speakers from the ministries, and more.

On April 26, we hosted a commissioning day on which many Ambassadors were given a special blessing at Mass as they embarked on their mission of service at their parishes.

We are extremely grateful to our Ambassadors who continually share their

gifts and talents as they live out Christ's message to help our neighbors in need.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Parish Ambassador, please contact Kristie Leritz at kleritz@ccstl.org or **314.256.5958**.



Our Ministries

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services was a blessing for resident Charlene. When Charlene realized her husband was struggling with memory loss, she needed to find a safe place for him and a new community for herself. As soon as Charlene stepped on the Cardinal Ritter Senior Services campus, she knew this was the right place for both of them. That also was true when it came time for her husband to need a higher level of care. Charlene was relieved to have him right across the campus in the assisted living memory care community so she could visit him every day. She has been impressed by how the ministry accommodates every kind of need on the same campus, plus she enjoys the homey and friendly feel of the community. Charlene's husband is gone now, but Charlene said, "When my husband died, I couldn't walk out the door



without someone hugging me or making me feel loved. Just loved."

Queen of Peace Center



Stacy courageously knocked on the doors of Queen of Peace Center in January, seeking hope and healing.

She received care and support services through a tailored treatment

program for her journey to healthy living.

After completing residential treatment, Stacy transitioned into a recovery home,

where she continued her recovery journey through on-site support services, including employment support and group counseling.

Stacy attended counseling daily until she was able to secure employment. She was overwhelmed with joy and graciousness. Finding a job further fueled her motivation to continue on her path to healing.

Her treatment team is elated to see her continued passion and proactiveness for building a life of recovery. "Stacy has been a joy throughout the entire process, and we are thrilled about her continued success."

Good Shepherd Children & Family Services and LAMP

The Good Shepherd team works to live our mission each day, but some days are especially meaningful. Katy Stern from our adoption team recently worked with a pregnant mother who chose to make an adoption plan for her baby, then needed additional support when it came time for delivery. Katy drove the mom to the hospital, stood by her side and even held her hand as the precious new baby arrived, staying beside her for more than 12 hours so she would feel loved and cared for. In addition to Katy's special care, through Good Shepherd's partnership with Catholic Charities ministry called Language. Access. Multicultural. People. (LAMP), this mother received language support from Spanish interpreter Tere Sanchez throughout her pregnancy, as well as at the hospital as she delivered. We are here to strengthen, heal and preserve families, no matter the cost.



Marygrove

After a childhood impacted by mental and sexual abuse, at the tender age of 9, Allison began to lose hope and contemplated ending her life. But all of that has changed! Since coming to Marygrove, Allison finally found a safe home and was surrounded with love and compassion that enabled her to find herself and push ahead to achieve a life much different from her past.

Allison is a testament to Marygrove's program; she is working while attending Ranken Technical College with a goal to graduate with a degree in electrical systems and become a line worker for a utility company. As she proudly shared with the



crowd at Marygrove's Bloom Gala earlier this year, "Some line workers do their jobs in a helicopter!" Allison has already achieved great heights thanks to your support!



St. Francis Community Services

The Catholic Charities initiative Pathways to Progress helped Bridget after the death of her father and a close cousin. Bridget's grief overwhelmed her spirit. She quit her job and uprooted her family for what she thought would be a bright, new beginning.

However, that one decision began a four-year stint of turmoil, instability and chronic homelessness. In those years, her son attended nine schools, and they were evicted twice from their home and

lived in four shelters across three states. After ending up in St. Louis, they were recommended to Pathways to Progress by a friend.

Through this initiative, Bridget attended workshops that taught budgeting, building credit, parenting tips, and more. And she found assistance in getting into phlebotomy school. She is now working in the lab of a local hospital.

St. Patrick Center

Maurice says he “lost it” after his mother passed away. He did all the wrong things—drugs, guns and prison time—and ended up homeless. He was also diagnosed with mental illness at age 25. “Living on the streets is treacherous. I used to go to the hospital just to get some sleep.” Maurice would go to an emergency department and tell doctors his medication wasn't working. They would send him to a clinic. “I would leave three days later, and the cycle would start all over again.” Maurice joined the Healthy Housing initiative and started working with case managers, doctors and nurses. “It's been a real wake-up call, and it's working. I want to take my meds and never be homeless again.”



Saint Louis Counseling

We know that there are about 65,000 children living with serious mental health conditions across Missouri. And according to the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, more than 37% of students with a mental health condition (14 and older), drop out of school. A variety of factors—COVID-19, social media, teen depression and suicide, substance abuse, bullying, anxiety, isolation, gun violence, body image—have especially hurt our kids.

Our School Partnership Program counselors address these issues with the school community. Embedded in the schools, the therapists give teachers and students the tools they need to establish strong social-emotional skills, which are essential for problem-solving and healthy relationship-

building. We identify mental health concerns and continue to help students who need support before they fall into depression or exhibit behaviors that are hurtful to themselves or others.

For nearly 35 years, School Partnership Program has provided vital mental health services to tens of thousands of youth throughout our Archdiocese. Our ministry is called to support the human dignity of every child entrusted to our care. We respond, with hope.



Saint Martha's



A memorial garden for women and children that have been murdered in domestic violence homicides.

Saint Martha's helps abused women and their children break the cycle of violence in their lives. Saint Martha's is guided by the social justice teachings of Jesus Christ.

In an attempt to accomplish its mission, Saint Martha's offers:

- An immediate, confidential, safe place for women who are abused and their children to live;
- A non-shelter drop-in center
- A supportive environment with a strong emphasis on peer support;
- A self-help philosophy to enhance self-esteem and decision-making skills;
- A 24- hour crisis line.

These are only some of the services Saint Martha's provides. Go to saintmarthas.org for more information.

Saint Martha's provides services for abused women and their children regardless of religion, race, residency, disability, marital status, color, national origin or ancestry.

Saint Lawrence Society

The Saint Lawrence Society (SLS) recognizes each contributor in our long-standing Good Samaritan Guild whose annual gift to Catholic Charities of St. Louis is \$10,000 or more, or who has pledged a \$10,000 annual gift through a graduated gift plan.

Why St. Lawrence? During his reign of Christian persecution, Roman Emperor Valerian ordered Archdeacon Lawrence to turn over the riches of the Church. Instead, Lawrence distributed church property among the poor and declared that the Church's true treasures were its poor, sick and disabled. For his defiance, Lawrence was martyred.

While named for this great saint, this giving society was inspired by Lawrence and Delores Beinecke, who in 2017 made an impactful estate gift to Catholic Charities. We still marvel at this generous gift. Truly the Beineckes also had great love for the "treasures of the Church."

In gratitude for their tremendous support, Saint Lawrence Society members are invited to special events

throughout the year—a mix of social, spiritual and educational opportunities to engage in our mission with other charitable-minded Catholics.

If you would like to learn more about the Saint Lawrence Society or other Good Samaritan Guild levels, please contact Alisa Goessling at **314.256.5904** or **agoessling@ccstl.org**.

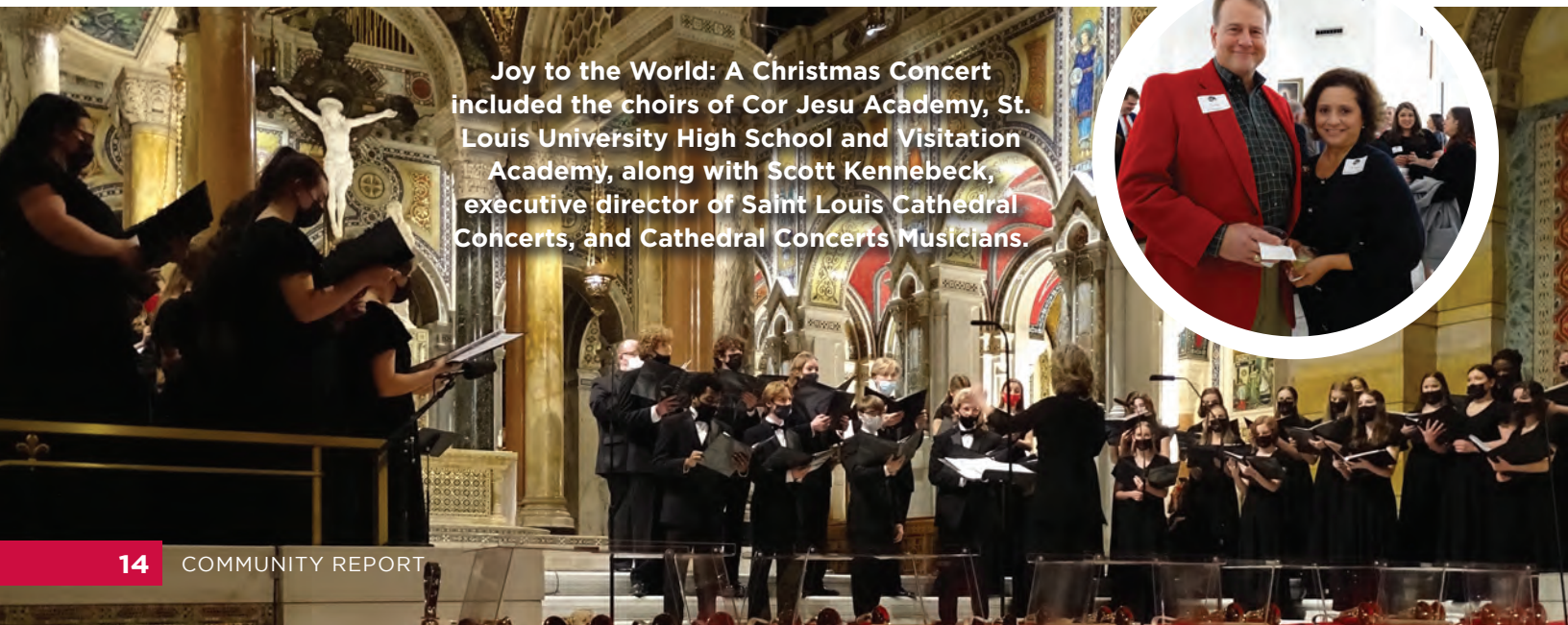


(Top) Father Bryan Y. Norton, SJ, led a day retreat and celebrated Holy Mass at the lakeside home of Anne and Chris Chivetta.



(Left) Sam Goodwin shared his story on faith, resilience and survival at the John M. Lally Lecture.

(Below) Catholic Charities board member and SLS member, Teresa Santiago Turner and her husband, Scott Turner, attended a reception prior to the concert.



Joy to the World: A Christmas Concert included the choirs of Cor Jesu Academy, St. Louis University High School and Visitation Academy, along with Scott Kennebeck, executive director of Saint Louis Cathedral Concerts, and Cathedral Concerts Musicians.



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Our ministry would not be possible without the generosity of donors. Thank you to these individuals and organizations, whose FY22 (7/1/21-6/30/22) gifts of \$500 or more to the Catholic Charities Central Office are recognized through our Good Samaritan Guild and Saint Lawrence Society.

Saint Lawrence Society \$10,000+

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Donor Spotlight: Mike and Andrea Ryan

Mike and Andrea Ryan will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this year. During Catholic marriage preparation, the most impactful words of wisdom they received from their Navy chaplain were to always live united as two points of a triangle with God at the summit. After decades of building their life and raising children, this continues to be their guiding compass.

Having grown up next door to a convent in Iowa, Andrea was influenced by the deep faith, love and kindness demonstrated through the charitable works of the religious sisters. For several years, Andrea helped one of the sisters in her joyful mission of helping refugees. After moving to St. Louis to attend St. Louis University, with great excitement Andrea discovered Catholic Charities for Refugees (now known as St. Francis Community Services). Volunteering with Catholic Charities felt like a perfect and unexpected ability to continue what she had been able to do with the Sisters of the Presentation in Iowa, only on a much larger scale. At the same time, Mike followed his calling to help others through becoming a physician.

Several military moves, three children and many years later, Mike and Andrea stumbled back upon Catholic Charities when deciding on their alms-giving charity during Lent. Through miscommunication, they each sent off the agreed amount to the great confusion (and gratitude) of Catholic Charities. It became a funny story and the beginning of a friendship with wonderful people who are doing the important and meaningful work of God.

Mike and Andrea feel blessed to be involved with a ministry whose ideals are rooted in the model set forth by Christ, Himself, in the parable of the good Samaritan. St. Lawrence was martyred for his unwavering belief that the Church's treasure, in God's eyes, are the poor and the vulnerable. Those who seek help through Catholic Charities come to realize that they are valued and that their lives matter, not only to those helping them but, more importantly, to Jesus Christ, who offers His healing compassion and love through its services. The Ryans are very grateful for the opportunity to support the great works of Catholic Charities. It has become an important influence in helping to keep God at the summit of their family.

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