Every 30 seconds someone comes to us in need of assistance.

Catholic Charities serves someone in need regardless of faith. Here are more facts about Catholic Charities:

Who are we?
Helping people in need since 1917, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is one of the largest private, not-for-profit social service agencies in the Midwest. Annually we assist more than 1 million people in Cook and Lake counties without regard to religious, ethnic, or economic background. We strive to be efficient: 92 cents of every dollar we raise goes directly to our programs.

What do we do?
Catholic Charities fulfills the Church’s role in the mission of charity by providing compassionate, competent, professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities. By providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling, and other services to those in need, we bring hope to the hopeless. Our clients can access a comprehensive network of services that range from food pantries to mental health counseling, affordable housing, senior services, and everything in between. Our goal is to help each client become as self-sufficient as possible.

Where are we?
We operate 150 programs from 164 locations throughout Cook and Lake counties. We are headquartered in downtown Chicago, with additional regional offices on the Southwest Side of Chicago, in Des Plaines, South Holland, Worth, Waukegan, and Cicero, which serve as hubs for our operations in the greater metropolitan area.

How do we do it?
Our 3,000+ staff are well trained and dedicated to our mission. Catholic Charities also partners with 243 parishes in Cook and Lake counties to bring services into communities. Catholic Charities is aided in its mission by more than 15,000 volunteers.

Some of the ways Catholic Charities cared for the poor last year:
- More than a quarter of a million people received food, clothing, shelter, rent and utility assistance at our Emergency Assistance sites in Chicago, Cicero, Des Plaines, Worth, South Holland, Waukegan and Summit.
- Nearly 70,000 people were served a warm meal at our Evening Supper programs.
- We provided early care and education to more than 1,500 children ages six weeks to 12 years at our 7 Child Development Centers.

Catholic Charities is a member of Catholic Charities USA, the national office for 171 different Catholic Charities agencies in dioceses across the country. Catholic Charities is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.
All about help and just about everywhere.

Serving more than 1,000,000 persons in need in Cook and Lake counties each year.

BE PROTECTORS OF GOD’S GIFTS!

“The vocation of being a ‘protector’... means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about...It means building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it.”

Pope Francis’ message at his inauguration, March 19, 2013

OUR MISSION

Catholic Charities fulfills the Church’s role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life.

AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES...

92 cents of each dollar we raise goes directly to help people in need.

It costs $700,000 each day to run our more than 150 programs serving our clients.

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+ Archdiocese of Chicago Parish

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