

Dear Friend,

As I complete my first year as Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington, I am filled with deep gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose. It has been a year of tremendous growth, fueled by our shared commitment to serve.

Together, we have expanded our reach and impact. We opened Bethany House, a new shelter in Princess Anne, Maryland, extending refuge to women and children in desperate need. We launched a Diabetes Prevention Program, helping vulnerable individuals take charge of their health. We strengthened our wraparound services to walk more people toward stability and independence. These are not small steps; they are bold, faith-filled strides forward in our mission.

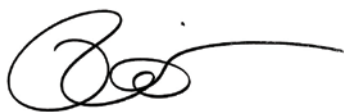
Please know: every dollar donated to Catholic Charities stays right here, in the Diocese of Wilmington—serving our brothers and sisters throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. We are rooted in this community, and your generosity stays local, reaching those who need it most.

In fiscal year 2025, public partnerships provided 88% of our funding, yet these sources are not guaranteed. We are also blessed to receive support from the Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal, but this special solicitation is separate and vital. It is your generosity that enables us to step up in real-time to meet the growing needs of today, to address the unexpected, and to seize opportunities that allow us to go further and do more. As public funding becomes less certain, your faithful support is more important than ever.

We invite you to join us today with a gift of \$50—or whatever amount you can give. Every gift matters. Every act of generosity becomes an act of hope.

Thank you for being part of this mission. With your help, Catholic Charities remains a beacon of compassion and a source of strength for many. We are the hands of Christ because of you.

With deepest gratitude,



Ruth Anne White, MSW  
Executive Director  
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington





## Together on the Journey: Caring for the Whole Person

Seton Center is our multi-purpose neighborhood community center located in Princess Anne, Maryland.

- Bethany House Emergency Homeless Shelter
- Three food distribution programs – a food cooperative, an emergency food pantry, and a CHOICE program
- Basic Needs program, supporting households at risk of becoming homeless
- Family strengthening services and case management
- Thrift center
- Health prevention advocacy
- Information and referral services
- Utility assistance

## From Care to Home: A New Beginning at Bethany House

In the late summer of 2024, a mother and her three children arrived at our Seton Center, desperate for shelter. They had been sleeping in their car after the summer heat made their tent unbearable. Within months, Bethany House became their refuge and the launchpad for a new life.

The family faced overwhelming challenges. The 10-year-old son, Matthew, who was nonverbal and autistic, needed urgent medical attention to receive a feeding tube. The teenage daughter, Isabel, had spent so long caring for her siblings that she'd forgotten how to be a kid. The youngest child, Margaret, age five, struggled with emotional and behavioral issues. The mother worked long hours, driving across counties, juggling jobs and childcare – until a Christmas night car accident cost her both her vehicle and her employment.

Despite the setbacks, this family transformed. With coaching from Catholic Charities staff, Melanie, the mom, embraced structure, learned to save, and prepared for independent living. Thanks to the support of Seton Center and Bethany House, she cleared her rental debts and moved into an income-based apartment – stronger, more confident, and filled with hope.

Melanie, Matthew, Isabel, and Margaret were our first residents at Bethany House. They remind us why Bethany House exists and why we do what we do.



## Turning the Tide: Health, Dignity, and Prevention Through Our Diabetes Program

At Catholic Charities, we know that hunger, poverty, and health are deeply connected. That's why, in 2024, we launched a new Diabetes Prevention Program to support at-risk families who often lack access to medical services.

Jaquelin, a 52-year-old mother of four, came to us overwhelmed after being told she was prediabetic. With limited income and high stress, she didn't know where to start.

Through our program, Jaqui received personalized coaching, nutrition guidance, and access to fresh food from our cooperative pantry. She began walking during her breaks and making small, lasting changes at home. As she says, "This program didn't just teach me how to eat—it showed me I still had a choice. That I could do something to be around longer for my kids."

Six months later, she's lost weight, lowered her blood sugar, and reclaimed her health. Catholic Charities is changing lives—meeting real needs with real results.

## A Future Full of Hope: Bayard House Helps Young Mothers Achieve Dreams

At Catholic Charities' Bayard House—Delaware's only licensed residential maternity program—transformation happens every day. It's a place where young mothers find not only shelter, but also strength, direction, and hope.

This year, two residents reached major milestones: one completed her GED, and the other, a 19-year-old mother of two, earned her high school diploma.

Balancing motherhood and education, she completed her high school diploma online while living at Bayard House. With the help of Catholic Charities' wraparound support services, she not only graduated, but also secured her very first home through a Foster Youth to Independence housing voucher.

Through coordinated care, including life skills training, counseling, and case management, Bayard House empowers young women to create brighter futures for their families. This is Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington in action. This is hope, delivered.



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COUNTY OFFICE**  
*(MAIN OFFICE)*  
2601 W 4th Street  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
302-655-9624

**KENT COUNTY OFFICE**  
2099 S Dupont Highway  
Dover, DE 19901  
302-674-1600

**EASTERN SHORE OFFICE**  
Seton Center  
30632 Hampden Ave  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
410-651-9608

**SUSSEX COUNTY OFFICE**  
404 S Bedford Street, Suite 9  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
302-856-9578

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

**BAYARD HOUSE RESIDENTIAL  
MATERNITY SERVICES**  
300 Bayard Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
302-654-1184

**CASA SAN FRANCISCO  
EMERGENCY ADULT SHELTER**  
127 Broad Street  
Milton, DE 19968  
302-684-8694

**MARYDALE  
RETIREMENT VILLAGE**  
135 Jeandell Drive  
Newark, DE 19713  
302-368-2784

**BETHANY HOUSE**  
12518 Somerset Ave.  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
410-621-5435

## HOPE DELIVERED: *SERVICES THAT CHANGE LIVES*

### BASIC NEEDS/ FAMILY SUPPORT

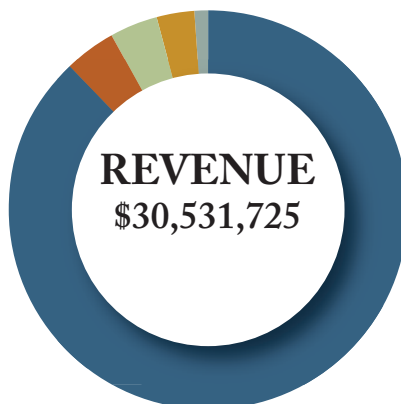
Homeless Prevention Services  
Shelter Services  
Emergency Food Pantries  
Monthly Food Assistance  
Thrift Shop  
Diaper Bank  
Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) & Counseling  
Utility Assistance  
Rent/Mortgage Assistance  
Child & Adult Care Food Program  
Financial Counseling  
Information & Referral Services  
Nutrition Education  
Diabetes Prevention Program

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

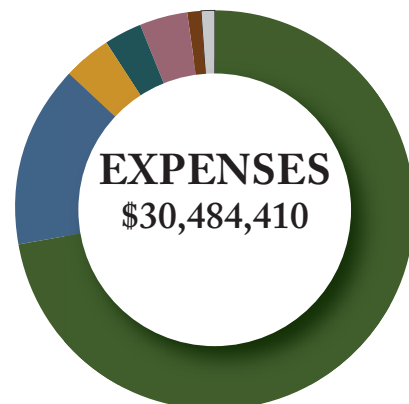
Addiction & Substance Abuse Recovery Support  
Behavioral Health Counseling  
Pregnancy Counseling  
Psychiatric Services

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

*(Fiscal Year 2025)*



- Contracts & Grants: 88%
- Donor Support & Events: 4%
- Other Income/Investments: 4%
- Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal: 3%
- United Way: 1%



- Energy Assistance: 72%
- Basic Needs: 15%
- Management/General: 4%
- Counseling/Family Services: 3%
- Shelter Services: 4%
- Other: 1%
- Fundraising: 1%

## YOUR GIFTS HELP US CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

Consider a financial gift, a monthly giving plan,  
or an increase in your giving this year.

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