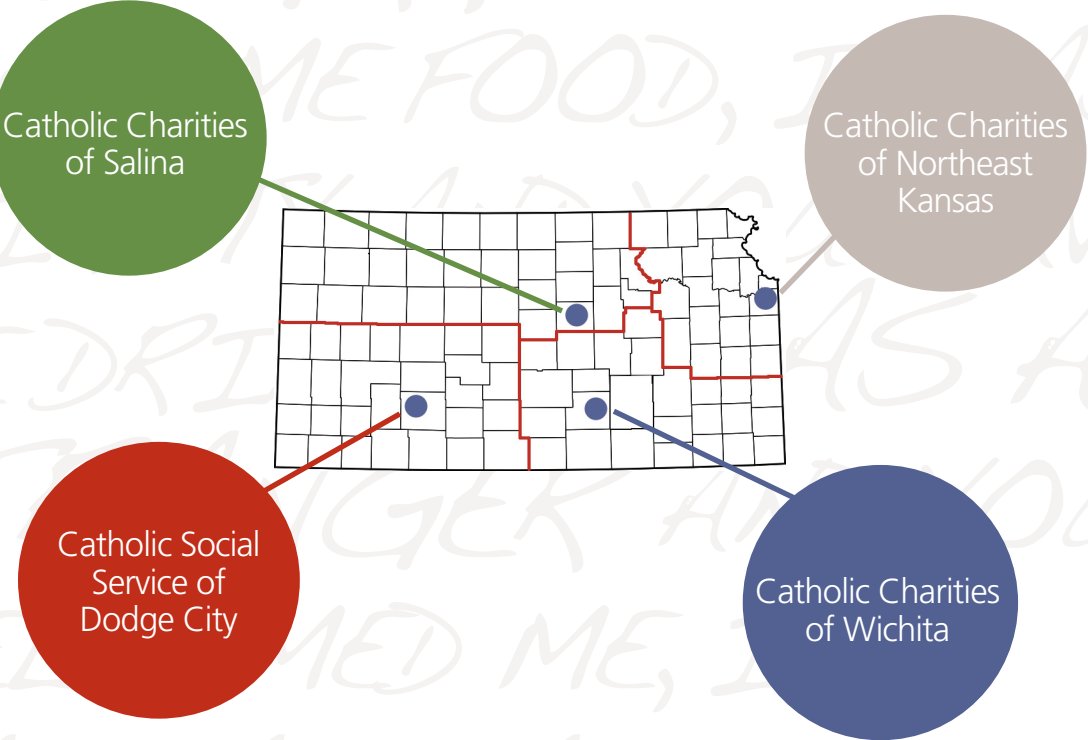


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“For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” GALATIANS 5:14

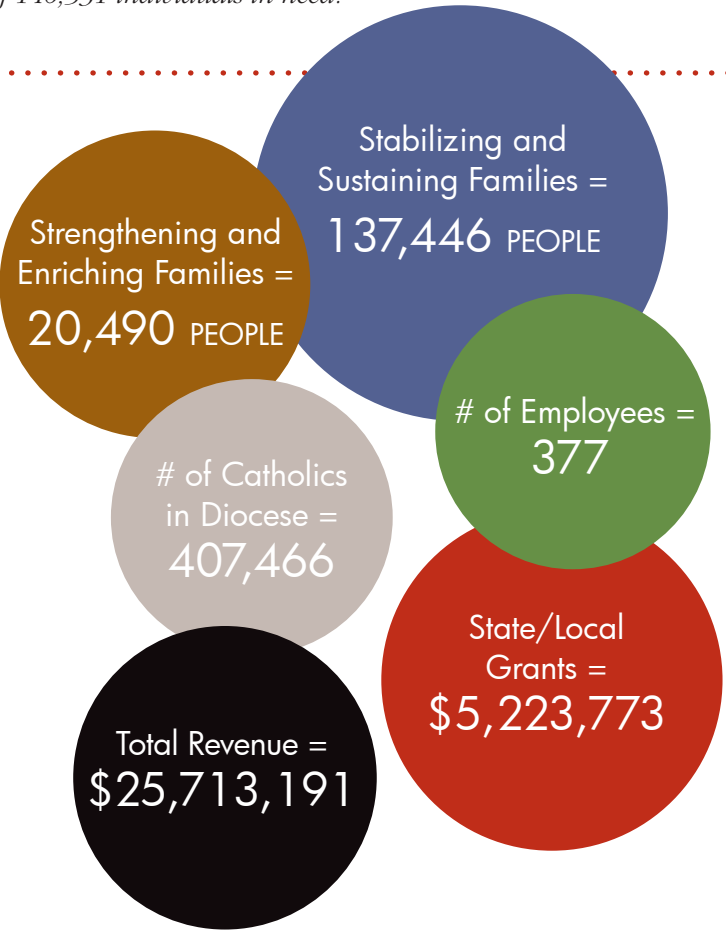
Joint Impact of Catholic Charities

Across the state of Kansas, Catholic Charities agencies—with headquarters in Dodge City, Overland Park, Salina, and Wichita—are supporting individuals in times of crisis, empowering them to become self-sufficient and creating a brighter future for the state of Kansas.

In the past five years, these Catholic Charities agencies have impacted hundreds of thousands of lives by providing help and creating hope. From 2005 - 2010, the four Catholic Charities combined brought in revenues close to \$200 million, employed an average of 377 people per year, and most importantly, impacted the lives of 140,531 individuals in need.

IMPACT ON KANSANS IN NEED

- In Calendar Year 2010:
- 137,446 individuals benefited from services that put food in their stomachs, roofs over their heads, heat in their homes and provided refuge in times of disaster and crisis
 - 20,490 individuals benefited from services that provided them with mental health counseling, helped them navigate through a crisis pregnancy, allowed couples to adopt a child they had long prayed for, supported refugees fleeing from violence and persecution, and enriched the lives of children and adults through education services
 - In total, 157,936 individuals were impacted by services provided by the four agencies



BELIEVING—AND VOTING—CONSTITUENTS

There are more than 407,000 Catholics throughout the state of Kansas who support Catholic Charities’ work and advocate for the individuals served by these agencies.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AGENCIES—EMPLOYING AND ENGAGING THE TALENTS OF KANSANS

- In Calendar Year 2010, average number of:
- Employees: 377
 - Volunteers per month: 1,123

LEVERAGING DOLLARS TO CHANGE LIVES

In Calendar Year 2010, Catholic Charities agencies received a combined \$5,223,773 in Kansas State and Local Grants. An additional \$20,489,418 was leveraged through contributions, in-kind donations, private and federal grants and program service fees to allow the organizations to touch the lives of close to 80,000 (unduplicated) individuals. In other words—for each dollar in grant funds provided by the State, four additional dollars were leveraged from other sources to fuel the agencies’ work.

Providing Hope, Changing Lives, Enriching Communities



Catholic Charities of Wichita

Taunya and her husband were struggling to make ends meet in California with five children for which to provide. Even though both were working, the cost of living was high. Taunya’s husband could not find a permanent, steady job in his field; even finding work at fast food restaurants had become difficult because of the unemployment rate. They decided they needed to move to an area where they could find jobs and a safe environment for their children. They chose to move to Wichita, where her husband had loved living before. Once her husband found a job, they filed the paperwork to get their Section 8 housing and moved their family to Wichita. When they arrived, they found that there had been a problem with the paperwork so they had no home to move to and would have to wait until their paperwork went through.

“We didn’t have any major tragedy like some of the families here,” explains Taunya. “My husband started working two jobs while I was trying to

find work; it was just the cost of the move and our housing paperwork not going through that got us caught in the gap. For a while, we were living in a hotel room but our money was running out. I was calling around everywhere for transitional housing.

“We were lucky that we only had to live in our car for two days, and then we found the St. Anthony Family Shelter. I don’t know what we would have done if we hadn’t found help here.”

Through the help of the staff at St. Anthony Family Shelter, Taunya and her husband were able to get the resources that they needed to find a job and a home. The classes offered at the shelter such as the money management class, empowered Taunya and her husband to not only stabilize their family living situation, but also put them on the path to fulfill their long-term goals of owning their own home and sending their children to college. •

Catholic Social Service of Dodge City

Megan was just 16 years old when she became pregnant. She felt vulnerable, socially isolated and scared. With her father’s encouragement, she began pregnancy counseling with Amy Falcon, a social worker at Catholic Social Service in Dodge City. At the time, Amy was just starting a Teen Mom program, and Megan began participating in the program after her baby was born. Today, at age 24, Megan is happily married, has her own business and credits much of her success to Amy and the Teen Mom program. “She’s my angel,” Megan says of Amy. “She didn’t judge. She’d come by the house or call. At a crazy time in my life, she was there.”

Megan’s success is just as satisfying for Amy. “I most appreciate the way the students transform as they go through the program,” said Amy. “When they first come in, they are scared and struggling with all of the different roles they are trying to fill. Then they start meeting their goals, spending time with their mentor and receiving support from the group. This slowly builds up their confidence and they become more independent and know what they want to do with their lives for their children. It’s amazing to watch!”

Megan’s story and Amy’s efforts lie at the heart of what Catholic Social Service of Dodge City does—be there for vulnerable individuals in times of great need. •

Catholic Charities of Salina

Mary Ann turned to Catholic Charities when, in her own words, she was “dancing with despair.” The 60 year-old was divorced from an abusive spouse that left her caring for four children ranging in age from 11 to 23. Her life was shattered by the divorce and other social factors. She has since received in-depth counseling from expert staff at Catholic Charities, to walk her through a process from “conditional acceptance” to “unconditional acceptance.”

She now understands food stamps and knows the reality of poor health with no medical insurance as well as the difference between seeking the care of free health clinics rather than the security of sitting in a doctor’s office.

According to her counselor, walking with Mary Ann through this process has been both painful and inspiring, observing her “intentional choice of patience and perseverance through life’s hurdles.”

Her counselor was able to “see inside out and outside in.” The counselor is “there to help you and not judge because you are poor.”

Mary Ann readily says the support and intervention of her therapist has been integral, helping her to see beyond the stigma of being poor. •

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

Rhonda, a single mother of three suffering from mental illness, approached the center with her children in tow, requesting assistance with her electricity bill. She indicated to her case manager that she paid “all she had available” toward the amount due on the bill. Rhonda’s \$20 contribution still left a considerable balance due; her case manager was able to utilize funds for direct financial assistance to pay the balance.

As her case manager dialogued with Rhonda on her situation, she asked Rhonda how she was affording to purchase groceries for her family. Rhonda responded that she was taking her kids to their local church for meals. It became very clear to the case manager that Rhonda was putting all of her energies into feeding her children—and meanwhile not feeding herself.

The case manager escorted Rhonda down to the food pantry where she selected food for her family that would sustain them for the next two weeks.

As she emerged from the food pantry, one of her children exclaimed “*Mama, we have food!*”—a clear indication of how long the family had gone without food.

The kids clamored to help their mother carry the bags of groceries out of the center. As Rhonda walked away from Catholic Charities’ Emergency Assistance Center, she turned to her case manager and repeated a poignant line from Matthew’s Gospel—“whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.” •