

## CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

( aka CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES )

**MISSION:** To help those in need, reaching out and healing lives to those facing socio-economic, cultural and racial barriers that preclude their engagement in mainstream services.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) provides services to individual/families and targets discrepancies, thereby fulfilling our mission to address immediate and structural problems encountered by the disadvantaged. CSS formally links and collaborates with local parishes, agencies and systems to create and strengthen community services.

**LOCATION:** Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Fall River is a multi-service, multi-sited not-for profit organization serving Southeastern Massachusetts. The central office is in Fall River with offices in New Bedford and Hyannis on Cape Cod. The Hyannis office located on 261 South Street in Hyannis.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Tuesday's - 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Friday – Closed

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### Program/Services:

1. **Adoption by Choice.** pregnancy counseling, adoption placement, adoption parent home studies, search reunion, adoption training and support. # served 18 families and 13 expectant parents.
2. **Office for Persons with Disabilities:** Contacts include phone, meetings and appointments. # contacts 1289 - # open cases 267.
3. **House Counseling:** Helps keep people their homes that would be foreclosed on. Assists with first, last and security deposits; moving people into apartments after losing their homes to foreclosure. # served 142.
4. **Immigration Law Program:** Provides immigration legal services and community legal education to low-income immigrants. # served 631.
5. **Immigration Needs/Advocacy:** Assists clients find resources, translation services and advocacy such as adoption; financial resources; food pantry; housing; job/education; health services; language interpretation/translation; immigration issues; and notarization/obtaining legal documents. # served 384.
6. **English Language Learning (ELL) School.** Located in Hyannis. # served 309.
7. **Christmas Gift of Giving Program:** Donates toys and clothing to low-income families. # of families served 612. # of children served 1,362

8. **Emergency Solution Grants (ESG).** Rehousing for homeless households, and homeless prevention services. This includes: rental assistance, housing search, utility assistance, financial education and literacy. **# people served 203 in 102 households.**
9. **Permanent Supportive Housing.** Provides decent, safe, affordable, community - based housing that provides tenants with the rights of tenancy and links to voluntary and flexible supports and services for people with very low incomes and chronic disabling health conditions. **# people served 330 in 156 households.**
10. **Transition to Stability.** This is a 2year rapid rehousing program that connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. **# people served 17 households, 21 adults and 36 children.**
11. **Coordinated Access to Local Links (the CALL).** Coordinated access to all homeless and prevention under HUD funded grants. **# people served 8714.**
12. **H.O.U.S.E. Program.** Helps others until self-empowered. Emergency assistance shelter for families with children, funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development. **# served. 376 adults and 630 children.**
13. **Killian's Home.** Provides shelter and case management services to youth between the ages of 18-24 who are homeless. **# people served 32.**
14. **St. Clare's House.** A re-entry program for women returning to the community from incarceration. It helps women learn the necessary tools for continued sobriety; fulfill probation, parole and drug court compliance; obtain employment or volunteer experience within the community; receive education on the disease of addiction; receive encouragement on their spiritual journey; build a savings account; acquire future sober, safe living arrangements; and address their health needs. This is a 6 - 8month program. Located in Hyannis. **# people served 18.**
15. **Samaritan House.** Homeless shelter for men and women in Taunton. **# people served 165.**
16. **Grace House.** Homeless shelter in the New Bedford area. **# people served 105 women.**
17. **St. Rose House.** Homeless shelter in the New Bedford area. Runs from November to April. **# people served 166 men.**
18. **St. Rose Soup Kitchen.** **# people served 1015 providing 21,954 meals.**
19. **Solanus Casey Food Pantry.** **# people served 8352.**
20. **St. Joseph's Shelter.** It also has a Day Program. Located in Hyannis. **# served 206 men and 108 females.**

CSS's total operating budget is 11.1 million with 80% going to expenses. Revenue and support come from donations, Catholic Charity Appeal (CSS) 50.8%, grant income, rental fees and service fees. **We need your continued financial support to provide these services.**

Data from Catholic Social Services.