

Catholic Health Care Services

Archdiocesan Catholic Health Care Services (CHCS) operates six skilled nursing homes, two independent living facilities and other retirement and health treatment facilities, plus a parish nurse program and Catholic Care Option and Programs for the Elderly, a no-fee service that helps any elderly person or family seeking placement in a Catholic nursing facility in the Archdiocese.

In the fiscal year 2009-2010, CHCS advanced several initiatives:

- It purchased the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and began a \$17.1 million renovation of St. Monica Manor, both located in the same South Philadelphia neighborhood. The renovation was to include conversion of the school gym into a chapel, creation of a 24-bed sub-acute unit and elimination of all four-bed rooms.
- CHCS was awarded a \$10.4 million U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant to convert the former Nativity B.V.M. School in Port Richmond into 63 affordable senior apartments. This competitive grant was the only one awarded by HUD in the Philadelphia area.
- With St. John Vianney Center and Guest House Institute, CHCS jointly sponsored a regional conference commemorating Cardinal Justin Rigali's book on addictions titled, "Let the Oppressed Go Free." Many religious and priests were among the 375 attendees.
- CHCS successfully absorbed a \$3.8 million reduction in Medicaid revenues related to a restructuring of the Long Term Care reimbursement system by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, using enhanced operational efficiencies and creative staff reorganization to maintain the highest levels of quality care.



Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese (CSS) offers a wide array of social services to all people in the southeastern Pennsylvania region through five service divisions and 62 sites.

They include community-based services to families and seniors; after-school programs in Philadelphia's neighborhoods; services to homeless men, women and children; programs for developmentally delayed or disabled children and adults; foster care and adoption services and programs for at-risk boys and girls both in institutional and group home settings.

During 2010 several highlights showed how CSS provides hope and creates hope for more than 3,500 people every day in the region:

- More than 47,400 clients and over 114,000 family members comprised the 162,000 beneficiaries of CSS.
- St. John's Hospice benefitted from 1,476 individuals who provided a record 20,272 hours of volunteer service. This included over 6,000 hours from individuals or couples, more than 13,000 hours from school, church, or business groups, and over 700 hours of individuals fulfilling court-ordered community service.
- St. Gabriel's System received national recognition for its residential and day-treatment programs for delinquent youths.
- The Northeast Family Service Center's Healthy Family Program received the Real Alternatives Service Provider of the Year Award for 2010, in recognition of outstanding life-affirming services delivered to 701 clients facing crisis pregnancies. The Northeast Center was also named a finalist in the 2010 Catholic Charities USA-Annie E. Casey Family Strengthening Award competition, in recognition of its innovative service delivery to meet the needs of vulnerable low-income families.
- The Adult Training Facility (ATF) at the Cardinal Krol Center in Springfield, Delaware County, achieved full licensure in 2010 from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to operate dually as an older adult daily living center for clients who are 60 years of age and older. The ATF provides occupational support and social interaction opportunities for developmentally disabled adults.

Nutritional Development Services

Nutritional Development Services, another division of Catholic Human Services, helps feed hungry people in the region. It does so by providing government-supported meals to schools, childcare centers and other organizations serving children. It also collects and provides food to organizations serving the poor. During 2010 NDS:

- provided more than 9.7 million meals through all its programs, with children as beneficiaries of 7.6 million of these meals. The NDS After School Program grew significantly, with more children served a cold supper rather than a snack at the end of the school day.
- added more childcare centers to its program, providing preschool children with the nutrition they need during their formative years. Initial steps were taken toward providing baby food, in addition to formula and cereal, to infant care centers to facilitate babies eating healthfully.
- provided, through the NDS Community Food Program, the equivalent of 2.1 million meals to households by supplying community food cupboards throughout the region, about a 5 percent increase over the previous year. The difficult economic climate means more people rely on the food cupboards. The need is matched by increased partnerships with parishes, schools and other community programs that help NDS meet this growing demand.

Catholic Education

Last year the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) helped prepare several major initiatives concerning Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. They included preparations for the opening of the new archdiocesan high school, Pope John Paul II, in Royersford, Montgomery County in September 2010.

The office assisted with studies for combining local Catholic parish schools into regional Catholic grade schools. In Levittown, Immaculate Conception and Queen of the Universe parishes, along with St. Frances Cabrini in Fairless Hills and St. Joseph the Worker in Fallsington, planned for the opening of Holy Family Regional Catholic School in September 2010. In Ardsley, Montgomery County, Queen of Peace and St. John of the Cross in Roslyn planned for the new Good Shepherd Regional Catholic School, which also opened last September.

Catholic elementary schools continued their partnership with the Churchill Institute to receive training on the formation of advisory boards at the parish level.

Professional development opportunities abounded for the elementary, secondary and special education teachers as the Office of Catholic Education works with the schools toward a 21st century transformation of the learning environment.

The Archdiocesan Board of Education continues to offer its vision as it plans for the future of the 20 archdiocesan secondary schools.

Three Catholic schools were among the 13 in Pennsylvania that have been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as Blue Ribbon Schools. All three are in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting; Waldron Mercy Academy, Merion Station; and the Grey Nun Academy, Yardley.

The Connelly and Sullivan Technology Grant installations were completed in the elementary schools. Technology grants included items such as wireless computer labs, wireless laptop carts, ceiling-mounted projectors, Smart Boards and teacher laptops to support learning.

