# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL PRAYER

God, our Father, we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you give out of your love for us all. You call us to open our hearts to share what we have been given. Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, we may bring joy, hope and strength to those most in need. Our charity towards those in need is a real way in which we show our gratitude and love for you. Through this year's Catholic Charities Appeal, may we help as many people as we can, including a young person striving to learn and grow in Faith; a deaf child receiving a quality Catholic Education; a veteran who is struggling with homelessness; a parish carrying out vital local missionary work; a retired priest who has dedicated his life to the needs of the faithful. Help us to do all we can to make sure the "poor have their fill" of your blessings. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Charity, pray for us. Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us. Saint John Neumann, pray for us.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal strives to ensure that those who are most in need emotionally, materially, and spiritually are supported. I am grateful that through our collective efforts, we have once again raised over \$10 million for the fourth consecutive year.

In 2016, there was a New Vision guiding the Catholic Charities Appeal, targeting virtually every aspect of Catholic life for enrichment and improvement. Gifts made to the Appeal, no matter how large or small, supported the nearly 180 ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese that help make a difference in the lives of so many in need. Together, we accomplished great things by extending our love, generosity, and concern, to those who need it most.

Take a moment to reflect on these labors, your labors, and rejoice. As a result of your Catholic Charities Appeal donations, Nutritional Development Services provided more than 2 million meals to those in need of food assistance. As a result of your donations, Operating Base Cecilia in Coatesville served the homeless and struggling Veterans and their families. As a result of your donations, Saint Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments has helped visually impaired children discover and understand their world.

I would like to thank you, your families and loved ones, for the sacrifices you have made in order to support the Catholic Charities Appeal. For all you do to change the lives of our neighbors and friends, take heart in the message of the Gospel, "Amen, I say to you." What you have done for the "least ones," you did for our Lord.

May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ chalm J. Eles, fr. 8.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. Archbishop of Philadelphia



IN 2016, THERE WAS A NEW VISION GUIDING THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL, TARGETING VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF CATHOLIC LIFE FOR ENRICHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT.



## HUNDREDS OF HOUSEHOLDS

Every day, hundreds of households receive food, rent and utility assistance, clothing, diapers and parenting support. Without the Catholic Charities Appeal donations this would not be possible.







AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN MY SUCCESSOR, MR. DAVID B. RIPSOM, TO ACHIEVE EVEN GREATER GOALS AND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, I HAVE FAITH THAT WE MAY LIVE THE WORDS OF ST. IGNATIUS AND "GO FURTHER STILL" FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

#### Dear Friends:

Over the past six years, I have had the pleasure of watching the Catholic Charities Appeal truly make an impact on the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. While the task of raising millions of dollars is always a challenging one, I have seen our Catholic community come together to share love, hope, and encouragement for the people who need it the most.

In 2016, the Catholic Charities Appeal took on its biggest challenge and I am pleased to report that we raised over \$10 million. Among the beneficiaries of your generosity were:

- The Nutritional Development Services mailing raised over \$380,000, serving more food pantries in some of the poorest neighborhoods throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- Over \$231,000 was raised by the Schools of Special Education mailing, supporting the families of special needs children in finding a Catholic school education they can trust.

• The "New Vision Partner" – newly introduced, dollar-a-day initiative raised over \$311,000, helping to fund nearly 180 wide-ranging ministries, programs, and supporting offices.

Serving as the Board President for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative has been nothing short of a blessing and a privilege for me. I have had the great opportunity to meet and work with some incredible individuals. I will always look back on my tenure as President with fond memories.

I thank all of you for your support, and for your dedication to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

In gratitude and prayers,

James P. Juinlan

Mr. James P. Quinlan President, Board of Directors

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE 4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE CATHOLIC CHARITIESAPPEAL HAS RAISEDMORE THAN \$10 MILLION!THE CCA ISPROUD TO ANNOUNCE THATIN 2016 \$10,126,472WAS RAISEDFOR 180 ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES WITHIN THEARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA.



CCA HAS SUPPORTED NUTRITIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL MAILING FOR THE 4TH YEAR IN A ROW: THIS SPECIAL MAILING RAISED MORE THAN \$380,000 FROM 5,384 GIFTS.

116 PARISHES EXCEEDED THEIR 2016 PARISH GOAL – THIS IS UP FROM 103 PARISHES IN 2015 - THE MOST THE APPEAL HAS EVER SEEN!



### 2016 SAW: 3,363 NEW DONORS & 6,140 DONORS WHO RETURNED AFTER NOT DONATING FOR 3 OR MORE YEARS

### **NEW FOR 2016**

- 492 GIFTS WERE RECEIVED AT THE GIVING SOCIETY LEVEL (\$2,500+) THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR GIVING SOCIETIES WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THE CCA AND WE ARE SO BLESSED THAT FROM THE 492 GIFTS, 10 DONORS GAVE MORE THAN \$50,000.
- BY DONATING JUST \$1 A DAY, 852 DONORS HELPED RAISE \$311,000 FOR THE APPEAL THROUGH THE NEWLY CREATED INITIATIVE, "NEW VISION PARTNERS."
- FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE CCA SENT OUT A SPECIAL MAILING HIGHLIGHTING THE **4 SCHOOLS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**. THIS MAILING **RAISED MORE THAN \$231,000 FROM 3,546 GIFTS**.
- ONE OF THE FOUR-DOOR FIATS THAT POPE FRANCIS CRUISED AROUND IN DURING HIS VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA WAS **AUCTIONED OFF FOR \$41,000** AND DONATED TO THE CCA BY MICHAEL CHAPMAN!

## **BENEFICIARY STORIES**

### CASA DEL CARMEN PREGNANCY AND PARENTING PROGRAMS

Casa del Carmen is always a flurry of activity, with a full schedule of daily programs and services that meet a variety of needs in the local area. For over 60 years, Casa has served the Latino community and those from the ethnically diverse North Philadelphia neighborhood where it is now located. One of seven Family Service Centers operated by Catholic Social Services, Casa provides individuals and families with food assistance, enrolls them in benefits programs for which they are eligible, provides quality preschool and afterschool programs, and hosts pregnancy and parenting groups. These classes are sponsored by the Real Alternatives program, which provides supportive services and life-affirming options to women in challenging situations.

Jenny and Rosemary are pregnancy and parenting educators who do a wonderful job of creating a community among the parents that makes Casa feel like "their second home." Appropriately, because the word "casa" in fact means "home."

Diana is 30 years old, and has 2 children; Santiago, who is 3 years old, and Brittany, who is 7. She is also 8 months pregnant, and came to Casa del Carmen just within the last few months. She met one of the pregnancy educators, Jenny and was told that she could attend

classes as well as receive services to assist her during and after her pregnancy. In just a few weeks, Diana learned new ways to relate to her children, and self-care strategies to help her better cope with stress and anxiety. She also received diapers, baby clothes and a crib for the baby. Diana says, "I've made a lot of friends here. We trust each other with our difficulties, and get good advice."

At Casa, Diana and her friends can bring their young children with them while they take classes. Casa offers supervised child care and play time for participating individuals and families. One of the many lessons parents learn is how to be patient with young children and appropriately address poor behavior.

Diana is grateful for all she has learned and received from Casa: "I have changed a lot. Before I was so insecure, but now I know that I have people who care enough to help me. At Casa del Carmen you just find very good people."

### 7 FAMILY SERVICE CENTERS

There are 7 Family Service Centers throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that provide core services that include: food and baby items, pregnancy and parenting classes, family strengthening programs, needs and referral/enrollment for public benefits and emergency rent and utility assistance. DOZENS OF PREGNANT WOMEN IN CRISIS BENEFIT FROM COUNSELING, PRENATAL CARE AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO DELIVER HEALTHY BABIES ON A DAILY BASIS.



### **BENEFICIARY STORIES**

**EDUCATION BEYOND SPECIAL** 



WITH A FOCUS ON LITERACY AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT, SAINT LUCY'S DAY SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 8 HELPS VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN DISCOVER AND UNDERSTAND THEIR WORLD. THESE STUDENTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND INCLUSION CLASSES AT OTHER ARCHDIOCESAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

"This school year has brought many blessings because of the generosity of the many people who give to Catholic Charities Appeal. Sophie, who is now in 8th grade at Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf, has had the benefit of having an interpreter go with her and the other students to their mainstream classes at Holy Innocents. She is one of the top students in her mainstream classes and is learning to participate in class discussions, projects, and contests with her hearing peers. This is a great preparation for her for high school next year. In addition, Sophie is learning to use technology provided by the school, and is able to develop power point presentations and her own videos. Just last week, Sophie won the contest for reciting the most digits in the annual "Pi" contest at Holy Innocents. Her experiences at ARAD have laid the foundation not only for excellent academic success but also her social experiences and self-confidence. Sophie will graduate from ARAD in June, and we will look back at her years as ones full of immeasurable blessings that have been made possible thanks to the generosity of Catholic Charities donors.

Vincent has taken another school year by storm. Because of the funds the school receives, Vincent was able to learn to use the Braille Note, which is an electronic Braille device. Vincent carries the Braille note with him, is able to do his homework on the device, can save files, download books, save his homework and send it to his teacher, and can read Braille on a refreshable display. This expensive technology would not be available for us as a family, but St. Lucy's is committed to providing state of the art technology to all of their students. Vincent attends three classes at Holy Innocents, and is one of the top students in those classes. He continues to excel in his academics and is developing a love for history. He wants to become an inventor for the military, and there is no doubt in my mind that his academic foundation at St. Lucy's will prepare him for that career or any other career he sets his mind to!

In the end, our family is richly blessed by the academic strength of the programs at St. Lucy's and Archbishop Ryan. We are grateful for the foundation of faith that is fostered in the loving environment where our children's "special needs" have nothing to do with their disabilities and everything to do with just how special they are."

- MaryAnne Roberto, parent of St. Lucy Day School for Children with Visual Impairments & Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf

### BENEFICIARY STORIES RECOVERING CHESTER

St. Katharine Drexel Parish, located in Chester, recognizes the importance of local outreach through their food pantry and clothing cupboard. The Parish has recently hired a new full time director tasked with improving their already worthy services and upgrading their facilities wherever possible. They continue to renew their focus on Jesus as the heart of their faith and community by training lay leaders and working to connect people to Jesus directly in their own homes through small groups sharing reflections on the gospels. As St. Katharine's looks forward to continued support from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through the Catholic Charities Appeal, they are committed to keeping Christ at the center of their Parish plans and work to serve their neighbors in need of spiritual or material support.

*"God bless you for your generosity to our parish and those we serve."* - Father Thomas Whittingham, Pastor



THERE ARE 16 MISSION PARISHES WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA. WITHOUT CCA DONATIONS, THESE PARISHES WOULD NOT SURVIVE. THESE PARISHES ARE ANCHORS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.



# CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL EVENTS

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE SIXERS** was held on February 6, 2016 at the Wells Fargo Center. The CCA was recognized as the nonprofit of the night during the Sixers' Nonprofit Three-Point Program. Donors and supporters of the CCA all enjoyed a night out with family to watch the Philadelphia 76ers take on the Brooklyn Nets. The event sold 120 tickets and raised \$1,550 for the Appeal.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL (CSS4CCA)** hosted a collection celebration at Cardinal O'Hara High School on May 4, 2016. CSS4CCA is a fundraising initiative that benefits the four Archdiocesan Catholic Schools of Special Education and encourages all students across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to engage in charity. Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, and Mrs. MaryAnne Roberto, a CCA beneficiary, spoke at the event and thanked the students for their participation in fundraising for the Appeal. The 2016 CSS4CCA raised a grant total of \$28,460.96, the most the initiative had ever raised.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES** was held on June 16, 2016 at Citizens Bank Park. The 2016 CCA participated in exciting game-day activities including the first pitch of the game, thrown by CCA beneficiary Sophie Roberto, and the National Anthem, sung by Catholic Social Services (CSS) Out of School Time (OST) Program Director, Kamal Bostic-Smith. 465 tickets were sold for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies, raising \$4,150.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NIGHT AT THE WALNUT STREET THEATER** brought music and fun to the CCA on July 13, 2016. The Walnut Street theater performed Sister Act, the Musical, and a portion of all tickets sold for show times that day directly benefitted the CCA. Sister Act is the story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look—a convent! Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.



### CARE FOR 40 BOYS & GIRLS

St. Edmond's Home for Children provides care for 40 boys and girls, ages 3-21, who suffer from physical disabilities and developmental deficiencies. St. Edmond's offers both residential and community services to their children that includes 24 hour nursing and direct care in a safe, loving environment.

Through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you truly change lives. The following Giving Societies were established to celebrate the generosity and loyalty of donors like you. Without you, the Catholic Charities Appeal would not have been able to embark on the new vision of service, helping virtually every aspect of Catholic life for enrichment and improvement. Thank you for your generosity and loyalty to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

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