



Catholic Charities
of Southeast Texas
Central Services Facility

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Welcome Bishop Toups!

The Board of Directors and staff of Catholic Charities are excited to welcome Bishop David Toups to Southeast Texas! Bishop Toups was installed as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont on August 21, 2020. Within his first week as Bishop, Hurricane Laura devastated parts of Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana was one of the first groups to rush to our aide immediately after Hurricane Harvey and Tropical Storm Imelda, sending truckloads of disaster relief supplies and much needed equipment to set up our warehouses. It was only fitting that we responded quickly in their time of need after Hurricane Laura, with the delivery of food and water. Bishop Toups made the trip with our staff to Lake Charles and even learned how to operate the forklift to help unload the truck. Surely, we hope there will not be a frequent need for Bishop Toups to engage in disaster response, but we are glad to have him as part of our team!

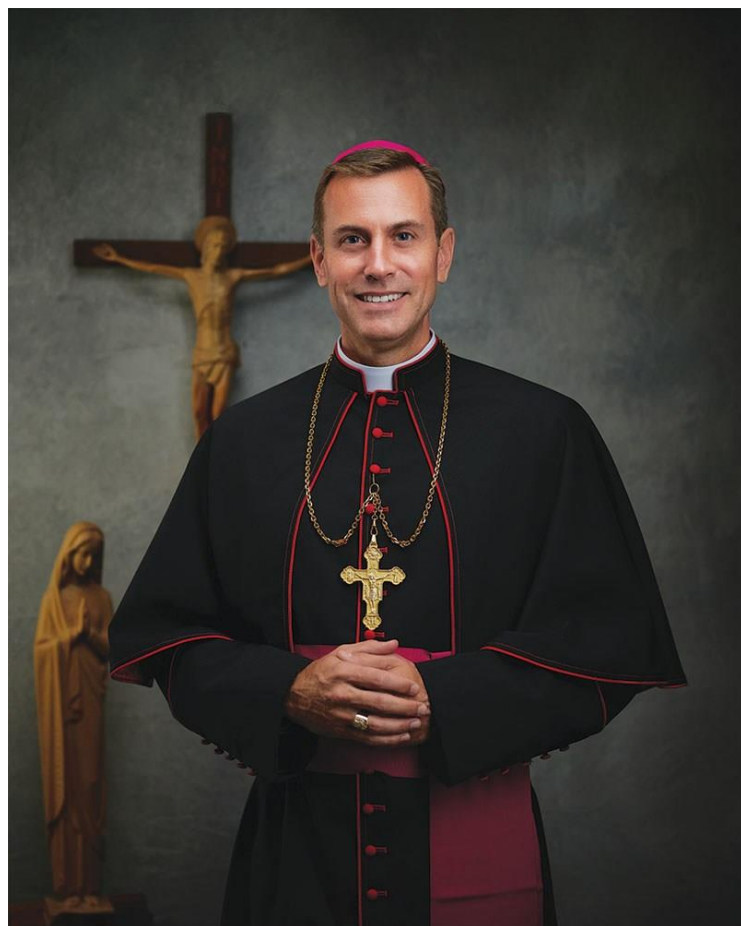
A Message from Bishop David L. Toups

The work of Catholic Charities in Southeast Texas has amazed me during my first six months as our new bishop. Carol Fernandez and her staff truly are the hands and feet of Christ to the poor and needy in our area. This past year of pandemic and hurricanes has made their work ever more relevant and necessary! I thank God for our Catholic Charities and all of you who support this essential work of the Lord who reminds us: "Whatever you did to the least of these, you did unto me." Thank you for partnering with us to build up the Body of Christ, and to assist His most vulnerable members in the Body.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,



Most Reverend David L. Toups
Bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont



Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas exists to help people in the communities we serve. We seek to encounter those in need where they are, and to walk with them as they move towards a better life. Our faith calls us to **Respond to the Needs of others by Serving, Teaching, Building Community, and Preserving the Dignity of Individuals and Families.**

In keeping with the mission of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas our services emphasize assistance to low-to-moderate income residents of a nine-county territory that includes Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler Counties.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas makes its services available to all without regard to race, gender, religion, age or national origin.

Through the generous support of donors who contribute their **time, talent, and treasure**, we are able to assist the poor and vulnerable with disaster response, financial and homebuyer education, food, emergency assistance, grief support, and immigration legal advocacy, and much more.

Mission Impact

16,557

total unduplicated individuals served by the agency during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020

206

tax returns filed with refunds totaling **\$205,602** for clients

609

families received Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery assistance

40,4019

meals served

\$1,491,036

Hurricane Harvey financial assistance

652

immigrants received legal assistance

10,511

individuals received supplemental food

46

children helped with grief support

15,315

hours served by **764** volunteers

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On February 23, 2020 staff, donors, volunteers, and parishioners of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church gathered for the Mass and Blessing celebrated by Bishop Curtis Guillory of the new program of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas. Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat) is a client choice food pantry where individuals and families who are seeking food assistance will be able to shop and select food items most appropriate for their ethnic and cultural preferences and dietary restrictions, thereby honoring each person's dignity.

Market to HOPE is housed in the old school gymnasium at Our Mother of Mercy. The gymnasium was built in 2009 with donations from the parish, most notably from Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Mays. Since Our Mother of Mercy School is closed, Father Samuel Igbafe, Pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Church, welcomed the opportunity to repurpose the building for the grocery store model food pantry and warehouse.

Some initial funding to support the conversion of the gymnasium to the grocery store and warehouse came from the proceeds of Catholic Charities' 2019 Harvest of Hope. Jimmy Duplissey decided to fund the shortfall and worked on behalf of the diocese to coordinate the project. Utilizing All Industries, Inc. and local subcontractors the conversion to the grocery store and warehouse was completed in twenty-eighty days.

The Market opened February 24, 2020 and through the end of March, served 285 individuals using the grocery-shopping model. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were quickly spreading across Southeast Texas and the food assistance needs skyrocketed. The increased demand and need for COVID safety precautions has warranted a temporary change from in-store grocery shopping to curbside distributions.



Market to HOPE in partnership with the Southeast Texas Food Bank hosted a special COVID food distribution on June 6, 2020 where 415 families received apples, watermelon, bread, frozen meats, milk, cheese, and other food items. The Market is open six days a week to help families from across Southeast Texas who need supplemental food assistance.

For more information about Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat) please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Contributions	\$846,968	\$260,500
Federal/State and Other Grant Financial Assistance	2,964,790	2,456,101
Diocesan Contribution	320,000	320,000
Fundraising	389,601	299,820
Program Service Fees	78,558	92,837
Investment Income	69,164	97,924
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	3,586	1,539

TOTAL REVENUE: **\$4,672,667** **\$3,528,721**

Market to HOPE	\$233,592	\$3,457
Parish Social Ministry	76,759	86,770
Hospitality Center	264,019	253,602
Counseling ¹	\$8,279	\$77,259
Elijah's Place	30,358	49,714
Disaster Response	3,488,244	2,166,316
Asset Building Case Management (ABC)	139,403	140,358
Immigration Services	274,976	258,271
Support Expenses	415,763	430,206

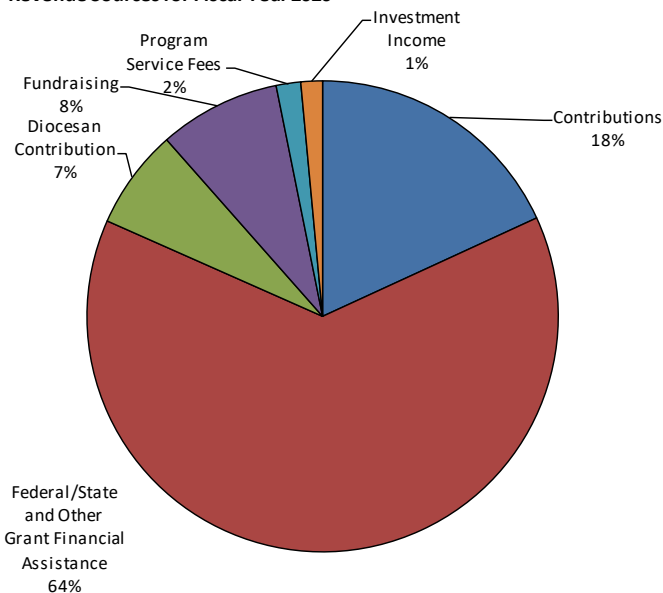
TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$4,931,393** **\$3,465,953**

INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS: **(\$258,726)** **\$62,768**

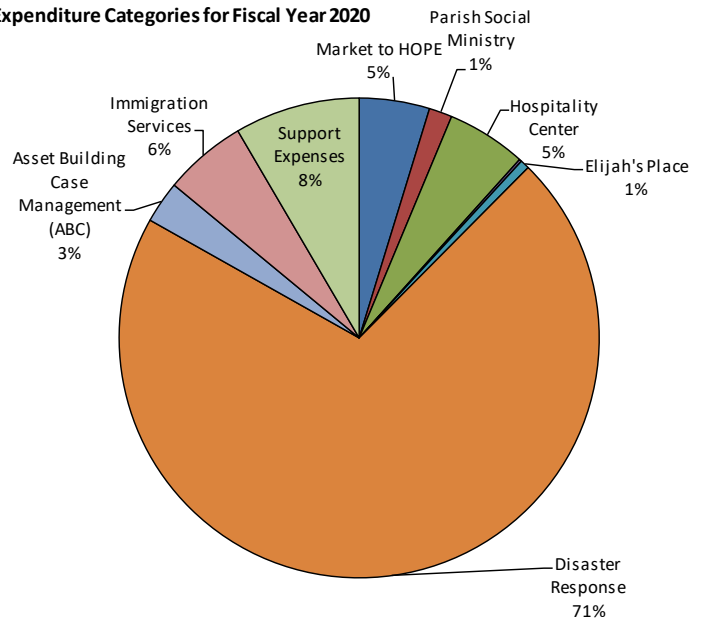
NET ASSETS at beginning of year **\$6,454,478** **\$6,391,710**

NET ASSETS at end of year **\$6,195,752** **\$6,454,478**

Revenue Sources for Fiscal Year 2020



Expenditure Categories for Fiscal Year 2020



¹Expenditures for Counseling represent less than 1% of total expenses.



Disaster Response Volunteers at Relief Distribution Following Tropical Storm Imelda

VOLUNTEER VIEWS

“We volunteer with Catholic Charities because it is who we are as Catholics and followers of Christ. It helps us to make a difference and to give back to our community.”

Bryan & Linda Reising

“I volunteer because it’s very rewarding to be a part of the wonderful work they do.”

Sandy Dupre

“I volunteer because it is a calling from God; actually it’s everyone’s calling to serve others. And it sure does make you feel good.”

Shelley Tortorice

“I volunteer because I enjoy being involved in helping people and Catholic Charities helps a lot of people in so many ways!”

Robbie Williford

DONOR VIEWS

“I contribute to Catholic Charities because it supports so many different initiatives in our nine county area. I like ‘making a difference’ with my donations, and I was particularly thrilled when Market to HOPE was opened. Since my mother was not a Catholic, I also like that Catholic Charities serves all religious denominations.”

Camille Mouton

“We donate to Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas because we want to support the mission and work of the agency to preserve human dignity. We donate because we want to help feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty 365 days a year through the Hospitality Center. We donate because we know they will use our donations to assist and be a blessing to individuals and families served by the agency.”

Linda & Joe Domino

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:35-36

HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY

A Success Story

Mr. William O. is a disabled, elderly, low-income resident of Beaumont, Texas who lost his mobile home to six feet of floodwater brought on during Hurricane Harvey. When the time came that Mr. O was eligible to purchase his FEMA Mobile Housing Unit (MHU), he did not have any funds remaining from his FEMA disaster assistance. Financial assistance to help with the purchase of this MHU was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Jefferson County Long Term Recovery Group, The Episcopal Diocese of Texas, and Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas. On June 29, 2020, Mr. O was presented with the deed to the unit.



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