2020
St. Vincent Catholic Charities
Providing Help. Creating Hope.
Annual Report

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

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Financial Overview

Donations from individuals, groups, organizations, foundations and corporations offset operating costs. This support ensures St. Vincent Catholic Charities can continue serving the vulnerable children and families in our community.

REVENUE

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<td>Government Grants</td>
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<td>Fundraising &amp; Memorials</td>
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<td>Diocese of Lansing</td>
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<td>Investment Income</td>
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Total Revenue: $9,797,150

EXPENSES

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<td>International &amp; Refugee Services</td>
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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>346,241</td>
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Total Expenses: $9,413,901

Strength in Numbers

In 2020, St. Vincent Catholic Charities served over 1,700 of your friends and neighbors by providing help for today, creating hope for tomorrow, and cultivating caring communities that endure. We were only able to accomplish this with the help of amazing donors and volunteers. Thank you for your ongoing support as we seek to provide even more impact in 2021.

Adoption and Foster Care
- 85 children and 69 adults served

Children’s Home
- 55 children served

Counseling Services
- 390 clients served

Immigration Law Clinic
- 533 individuals served; 205 matters filed

Refugee Services
- 622 clients served

Volunteers
- 50 volunteers; 2,458 total volunteer hours

Total
- 1,754 clients served
WHY WE GIVE BACK
A GIVING STORY WRITTEN BY ALEXANDER COLLAR | STVCC FRIEND, GUARDIAN SOCIETY MEMBER AND NEW HUSBAND

Anyone that knows my parents recognize they are two opposing forces. My dad is more reserved and stoic. My mom ... well, you will know my mom the minute she walks into a room! She’ll be in your face, want to shake your hand and want to give you a hug. The balance of my parents’ personalities really resonates with people when they first meet them.

Each of my four siblings inherited different traits from each of them. I’m more like my mom – I’m a big hugger. The minute I walk into a room, I want to know and talk to everyone. My sisters are more like my dad. We have a brother, Anthony, who has autism and lives at home with my parents; Anthony plays the mediator between all of us.

My other brother, Alonso Jr., was the second oldest, and passed away from a brain tumor when he was 21 years old. Alonso was the perfect balance of both my mom and my dad – he embodied all their good. From a young age, Alonso had a passion for helping others. When my brother was sick, my dad would always say, “The only thing that’s going to get us through this is hope. If we don’t have hope – we don’t have anything.”

This was my realization, at just 12 years old, that our faith is the number one thing that we have. We must rely on our faith and prayer to carry us through the most difficult times.

Our lives have so much more purpose than we may even recognize.

My brother truly had a very profound impact on the lives of so many people. Losing him was absolutely the worst thing that could have happened – but it was also the number one thing that has molded me into the person I am today.

After Alonso passed, my parents were looking at burial sites at St. Joseph’s cemetery, which is right behind St. Vincent’s. There’s a cemetery lot right behind where the Children’s Home playground is; since Alonso’s passion was hoping to mentor the kids at STVCC, my parents immediately knew this is 100% the spot where Alonso needed to lay to rest.

Alongside my brother, my grandma, who helped to start the Refugee Services program, my grandpa and my aunt, both of whom were Cuban refugees, are buried overlooking the playground next to St. Vincent’s.

My mom became involved with St. Vincent’s book club right around the time Alonso passed away. We’re fortunate that book club offered her an opportunity to live out her passion, volunteering, mentoring, helping kids. Book club provided her this amazing outlet and it brings her pure joy.

Often, we think, when we’re volunteering, we’re bringing joy to other people – that’s ultimately our goal – but I don’t think we think very often of the joy it can bring us as well.

Because of my family’s intimate connection with St. Vincent’s, it was important to me and my new wife, Taylor, to give back to STVCC through a philanthropic arm. When we sat down to review our options, we were anticipating it would have been harder than it was to get involved! Originally, we were thinking we would have had to carve out a larger section of our budget in order to have an impact. We joined Guardian Society last year when we realized we could make a difference for only $84 a month – that’s money Taylor and I would spend on going out to dinner with friends monthly! We felt this was 100% completely attainable for us!

In our world today, we’re saturated with opportunities to give. Often, we don’t see the results of those dollars. It’s important for Taylor and I to be able to see the dollars we’re giving on a monthly basis to STVCC directly impacting the lives of so many people in our community.

STVCC does so much good for our youth in our community, whether through their Adoption/Foster Care programs or their Refugee Services program. Additionally, when Taylor and I learned more about STVCC’s counseling program, that was something where we had both turned to each other and said, ‘We’re absolutely hooked on giving back to STVCC.’

We remain passionate about giving back to an agency so worthy of our resources and time. It’s our duty and privilege that we’re able to share the gifts we have with St. Vincent’s. Blessings!!
In January of 2017, our family made the collective decision to become a licensed foster family and welcome children who couldn’t be with their own families into our home. Our friends fostered/adopted several children and that opened our eyes to the huge need for loving families for the thousands of children in foster care. At the time, we were contemplating downsizing our home as our children were growing and moving to college. Instead, we decided we’d use the extra rooms we have to give to others to home.

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Although our family has grown since we started, we have kids moving on to college. We have chosen to maintain our foster license to be able to continue to help provide a safe space for children in need.

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