



Your Support Saves Lives

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Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Dear Neighbors,

Since the founding of Catholic Charities New York more than 100 years ago, our goal has been to alleviate people's suffering throughout New York — non-Catholics and Catholics alike.

Following the example of Jesus, we help our neighbors as we would like to be helped — providing food to the hungry, sheltering the homeless, assisting the disabled, supporting families in crisis, nurturing children, welcoming the stranger, and so much more.

In 2022 alone, Catholic Charities served over 400,000 people throughout New York City and the Lower Hudson Valley. From providing meals through our network of community kitchens and food pantries to advocating for asylum seekers in the courtroom, our staff has provided comprehensive and integrated support services to New Yorkers in desperate need.

You, our donors and partners, make this work possible through your generous support for Catholic Charities and the people we serve.

Without your help, our neighbors would not have access to the care they urgently need. Your support saves lives.

In carrying out our work, we have kept clients at the center of our focus. Their resilience and individual stories inspire our mission and ground our work.

Every day, I am heartened by the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers to serve clients. Day in and day out, they serve the basic needs of our neighbors with compassion, dignity, and — most important of all — love. Our staff are leaders within their communities, working to strengthen and support families.

Additionally, Catholic Charities is rising to meet new challenges, like responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, resettling refugees displaced by the war in Ukraine, and feeding the poor who have been the hardest hit by rising inflation rates.

Despite all the progress we have made over the past 100 years,



millions of people in New York are still living in poverty. Our mission — to provide help and to create hope — is not over yet.

Together, with your support by working in partnership, we will continue to invest in the lives of more families in New York. We are grateful for you in sharing in our mission and continuing your steadfast support.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Monsignor Kevin Sullivan
Executive Director



Your Generosity in Action

Your support saves lives. We are providing food to the hungry, sheltering the homeless, assisting the disabled, supporting families in crisis, nurturing children, and welcoming the stranger — with compassion and respect.

Your love and generosity made a lifesaving impact in 2022.

Because of you:



8,029,885

meals served by
our ongoing
food programs.



4,710

people served
with specialized disability
support services.



91,697

families, youth,
and children supported
through programs.



15,007

people prevented from
homelessness and given
housing services.



18,194

immigrants and refugees
provided legal and other
support services.

Feeding Our Neighbors: Hunger Crisis in New York

New York is facing a hunger crisis. Families are struggling with the increased costs for food, rent, and other basic necessities. Rising inflation rates have only exacerbated food insecurity. In New York City, approximately 1.5 million people are facing hunger. That's 1 in 4 children.

"No child should go hungry," said Beatriz Diaz Taveras, Executive Director of Catholic Charities Community Services. "No parent should have to choose between feeding themselves and feeding their children. No New Yorker should have to worry about where their next meal will come from."

Feeding Our Neighbors is our lifesaving program that addresses hunger in New York. Its sole mission: to ensure that no hungry neighbor is turned away.

"With your critical support, our emergency food sites provide food for 50,000 New Yorkers every month through our large network of food pantries, soup kitchens, mobile pantries, and a food distribution hub," said Ms. Taveras.

"We help families enroll in government nutrition assistance programs like SNAP and WIC for mothers — to ensure pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and children get the nutrition they need to grow," she said.



The effects of hunger are especially dangerous for children.

Young children who don't get enough food to eat begin life at a serious disadvantage. Children facing hunger are more likely to be hospitalized and suffer from health conditions like anemia and asthma. In addition, children starved of vital nutrients cannot concentrate in

school, setting them up for failure.

Hunger is a fundamental threat to human life and dignity. It demands our immediate attention.

Last year alone, Catholic Charities provided over 8 million meals through community kitchens and food pantries.

In 2022, Catholic Charities delivered 27,466 meals to homebound New Yorkers. Additionally, we enrolled 7,763 people in government nutritional assistance programs.

Meet Kevin J. Conway: Catholic Charities Champion

Kevin J. Conway has been a longtime supporter of Catholic Charities, and advocate for our Feeding Our Neighbors program. In recognition for his outstanding leadership and dedication to helping a wide variety of charitable causes, including Catholic Charities, Kevin will lead the 262nd New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade as Grand Marshal.

We recently had the chance to speak with Kevin about his personal connection with Catholic Charities and what he finds most inspiring.



Catholic Charities provides critical support and care for New Yorkers most in need and serves as a lifeline to countless individuals and families. It is a trustworthy and efficient organization that has a proven track record and makes the most of every dollar contributed. I am impressed by the dedicated leadership of Monsignor Kevin Sullivan and the staff — from the caseworkers securing emergency housing for families to the volunteers distributing groceries at local food pantries. They are tireless in their work to aid those who need our help. Catholic Charities always serves New Yorkers with compassion and dignity. I am inspired by their steadfast commitment, and the genuine love they express for their neighbors in their many good works and critical programs.

I am honored to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 262nd New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade is Food Insecurity, a somewhat overly polite way of saying we need to feed the hungry and take care of those who don't have food on their tables. Hunger is often an invisible problem — especially in young children who need proper nutrition to thrive.

This year's St. Patrick's Day Foundation Gala is committed to both raising awareness and critical funds to support soup kitchens and pantries, and organizations that feed the poor and neediest in New York, people who are not very different than many of the Irish Americans who arrived in the coffin ships of the middle 19th century wave of Irish immigrants, fleeing the Great Famine of their homeland.

For a country of great wealth, it is startling to see the hunger statistics in this amazing country. In New York City, visits to food pantries are up 70% compared to

2019, and up another 20% in the last six months, as food prices began to increase dramatically with inflation. Roughly 1.5 million New Yorkers — and 1 in 4 children — do not get enough to eat.

These statistics are staggering and reflect real people who don't always know where their next meal will come from. As a result, I am especially thankful for the Catholic Charities Feeding Our Neighbors program. Catholic Charities is leading the effort to fight hunger here in New York City. This lifesaving program is attacking hunger in New York through their large network of food pantries, soup kitchens, mobile pantries, grocery delivery service to the homebound, and much more. I am honored to support Catholic Charities and thank my fellow New Yorkers for your continued support and commitment to serving our neighbors in need.

As a Catholic organization, I believe Catholic Charities has a deeper mission. Catholic Charities not only serves the basic needs of New Yorkers of all religions, but they also support people as equals in the eyes of God to make their lives more healthy, more hopeful, and more happy.

Kevin exemplifies a caring, dedicated New Yorker. His leadership, generosity and commitment to the poor have been critical to advancing Catholic Charities' mission helping our neighbors in need.

—Monsignor Kevin Sullivan

A Heartfelt Thank You

We are grateful to Kevin and his wife Dee for their sustained generosity and commitment to Catholic Charities and are honored to be chosen as a beneficiary of this year's St. Patrick's Day Foundation Gala. Learn more: **StPatricksDayFoundation.org**



Sasha Arutyunova for The New York Times

Her Prayers Answered: Affordable Housing in the Bronx

Nearly 1 in every 120 New Yorkers is homeless. This includes approximately 70,000 men, women and children. In recent years, homelessness in New York City has reached the highest levels since the Great Depression.

For Tameca, finding stable housing for her family was a struggle. A dangerous homelife situation forced Tameca and her children into a shelter.

"I sat there and cried with my kids," she said, "because I didn't want to start all over again."

Unfortunately, Tameca's story is all too common.

The lingering effects of COVID-19 and the rampant unemployment it caused has made high rents even worse. In New York State, approximately 1.2 million households are at risk of eviction.

Supported by Catholic Charities, Tameca now has a home for her and her three children in an affordable housing development in the Bronx.

She calls it an answer to her prayers. "I had been praying so hard because I was in the shelter system for 3 years," she said. "I prayed, and I swear God answered my prayers."

"I love my apartment. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world," said Tameca. "It's the home that I cried for."

Now, she can do laundry, take her children to daycare, and even go to the supermarket — all within her new housing complex.

Last year alone, Catholic Charities prevented homelessness and provided housing support services for 15,007 people.

With your support, we can help more families like Tameca's secure safe housing.

In 2022, Catholic Charities supported 4,677 households with rental assistance. Additionally, we prevented 3,412 evictions and provided emergency shelter for 1,704 people.

KPMG: Making a Difference

For over 36 years, KPMG has helped provide help and hope to New Yorkers in need, non-Catholics and Catholics alike, by championing the work of Catholic Charities through steadfast financial commitments, employment engagement and event sponsorship opportunities.

As a company, KPMG strongly believes that improving the lives of our most vulnerable and disenfranchised citizens is a crucial part of making our city and nation a better place.

KPMG's corporate citizenship initiatives comprise volunteerism, philanthropy, corporate giving through the KPMG Foundation, and strategic relationships with non-profits, like Catholic Charities.



At an event last fall, His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan and Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director of Catholic Charities New York, presented KPMG with a recognition gift.

The special award commemorated KPMG's commitment to the mission of Catholic Charities to

uphold the dignity of each person. Catholic Charities is one of KPMG's longest sustained relationships with a charitable organization.

Thanks to KPMG, Catholic Charities and its affiliated agencies continue to serve those in need throughout the New York Archdiocese.



(L-R) Robert Garrett, KPMG Partner (Retired) Board Member, Catholic Charities of NY, Co-Chair, Cardinal's Golf Open, Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of New York, Yesenia Schecker Izquierdo, New York Office, Managing Partner, and New York Market Hub Leader, His Eminence, Cardinal Timothy Michael Dolan, Sean Egan, KPMG Partner, Co-Chair, Cardinal's Golf Open

Leave a Legacy of Help and Hope

Your legacy commitment helps us to continue our lifesaving work and carry out our mission of providing help and creating hope.

A planned gift is a wonderful way to support Catholic Charities while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs.

For more information, please visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/GiftPlans.org



Get Involved Through Planned Giving

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable annuity is a simple agreement between you and Catholic Charities. In exchange for your gift of cash, stock, or mutual funds, Catholic Charities will pay you (and, if desired, another beneficiary) a fixed income for life. After your lifetime(s), proceeds remaining from your gift support our lifesaving work. For more information, please visit:

CatholicCharitiesNY.org/CGA

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If you're 70½ or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 per tax year directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to Catholic Charities without reporting the withdrawal as taxable income. To calculate your required minimum distribution (RMD) and make a tax-free gift to Catholic Charities, please visit:

CatholicCharitiesNY.org/IRA

Questions?

If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Chau in our Planned Giving office at Emily.Chau@CatholicCharitiesNY.org or **646-794-2018**.

Thank You for Your Support

Together in faith, we are advancing our shared mission to provide help and create hope for New Yorkers in need, non-Catholics and Catholics alike. Your generosity makes our work possible. Thank you for your support. As we carry out our mission, we pray that you will continue to partner with us.

For more information, please contact us at: **646-784-2411** or ccinfo@CatholicCharitiesNY.org

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