



Your Support Saves Lives

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Providing Help. Creating Hope.

Dear Neighbors,

In our second century of service, Catholic Charities of New York has recommitted to a priority area of need – sheltering the homeless.

Every New Yorker deserves dignity and a home.

Homelessness is a growing crisis across New York. The number of New Yorkers sleeping in the city's main shelter system has increased nearly 40% in just one year. The vast majority are families.

Chances are you have seen this crisis yourself. You may have shared a subway car with someone who is homeless, or have walked by a homeless person, or know someone who is one paycheck away from the risk of entering a shelter.

Homelessness is a complicated problem, but one of the leading causes is straightforward: a lack of affordable housing.

In New York City, one of the most expensive housing cities on earth, rents have nearly doubled over the last decade – and since 2010, so has the total amount of New Yorkers experiencing homelessness.

Our dedication to helping our unhoused neighbors extends to a variety of services that offer safety and shelter to those who need it most:

- Preventing eviction
- Housing support services
- Providing emergency shelter
- Finding temporary and transitional residence
- Building and sustaining affordable housing

We develop safe housing for families, seniors, and individuals based on our belief that having a home is a sacred human right. We have 3,500 units of affordable housing – including family, senior, and supportive housing units.



You are the reason why we can deliver on our mission to shelter the homeless.

As you see the impact of your gifts and partnership shared in this report, I hope each story inspires you with the transformational change that you make possible.

Thank you for your compassion and generous support.

With gratitude,

Monsignor Kevin Sullivan
Executive Director



Your Generosity in Action

With your critical support, Catholic Charities of New York is leading the effort to offer safety and shelter to those who need it most. Your love and generosity make a lifesaving impact.

Because of you:



4,677

households supported
with rental assistance



3,412

evictions prevented
to keep families
in their homes



3,500

units of affordable
housing created



1,704

individuals received
emergency shelter



845

individuals received
supportive housing

"They Actually Care About You" – Providing Shelter to Mothers and Children

When we picture the face of New York City's unhoused population, we often overlook a large group: families with children.

Over the past 10 years, the number of homeless families staying in shelters has doubled. Families comprise the majority – 75% – of New York City's population in the shelter system. Children are the most vulnerable.

As part of our housing support services, Catholic Charities of New York provides residences dedicated to serving homeless mothers and their children.

"I was inside a family shelter," said Zipporah Ladson. "I didn't feel safe. It wasn't easy." Before entering the shelter system, Zipporah and her children were homeless – living from house-to-house with various friends.

Families not only comprise most of New York City's homeless population, but approximately 30% of families in the shelter system have a working adult. We work closely with families while they are living in shelters to address barriers to housing and prevent a return to homelessness.



"My son would always ask me: When are we going to move? When are we going to get our own place?" continued Zipporah. "I said: Mommy's working on it."

After living in the shelter system for nine months, Zipporah and her seven-year-old son and new born daughter moved into their apartment at St. Philip Neri, an affordable housing community in the Bronx developed by Catholic Charities of New York.

"Catholic Charities has provided me with a place that I can call home," said Zipporah. "I feel safe. It's very clean. The staff is very nice. They actually care about you."

"Living here enables me to better provide for my family," said Zipporah. "Catholic Charities helps me out a lot. There's a lot of support."

"I am so glad that I get to live here!" exclaimed Amir, Zipporah's son. "I've made a lot of new friends in the building."

Every family deserves a safe roof over their head.

This lifesaving work for our unhoused neighbors, like Zipporah and her children, is only possible because of your support. We cannot thank you enough for the help and hope you provide.

A Pioneer in Building Affordable Housing – St. Philip Neri Community in the Bronx

Catholic Charities is a pioneer in building scalable and replicable solutions to the affordable housing and homeless crisis.

For 50 years, we have built, sustained and upgraded affordable apartments for low-income individuals and families including formerly homeless, mentally ill, refugees and seniors with holistic wraparound services embedded on site to help them thrive and prevent homelessness.

Last year, we opened St. Philip Neri, an affordable housing community in the Bedford Park neighborhood of the Bronx. The building provides 186 new units of supportive housing for New Yorkers in need.

"There's been a need for affordable housing since I've been growing up as child in the Bronx," said Father Eric Cruz, Director of Bronx Services at Catholic Charities of New York. The Bronx is home to one of the poorest congressional districts in the entire country.

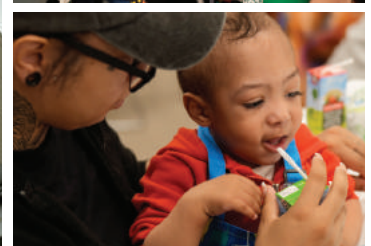
When Catholic Charities of New York develops affordable housing, we build not only families, but also entire neighborhoods.

"The need for affordable housing is about rebuilding our communities," said Father Cruz. "We are not just about building structures. We also bring families together. For those structures to endure, we have to build the structure and the very core of the family."

"Imagine if you were trying to raise your family without a place to live," said Monsignor Kevin Sullivan. "Imagine kids not having a place to do their homework. Imagine seniors not having a place where they can rest."

"St. Philip Neri is just one of a number of projects that Catholic Charities has developed. We are very proud of our residents because they are working people. There are people who are struggling, or may have a disability and need a helping hand," said Monsignor Sullivan.

By creating new affordable housing and preserving existing units, we continue decades of work building strong, sustainable communities.





TD Charitable Foundation: Housing for Everyone Grant

Catholic Charities Community Services was recently awarded a \$250,000 Housing for Everyone grant from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®.

Catholic Charities Community Services is one of 37 non-profit organizations selected from more than 450 applicants to receive a Housing for Everyone grant as part of the TD Charitable Foundation's annual grant program that has helped support organizations providing affordable housing

and affordable housing services since 2005.

The grant will expand our direct assistance to marginalized, low-income individuals susceptible to or currently experiencing homelessness, especially those who do not qualify for our government-funded programs.

"These organizations are making it their primary mission to help relieve some of the most vulnerable members of our community – those who are unsheltered or experiencing homelessness due to higher eviction rates as pandemic-era

programs have ended or financial insecurity grows through inflation or other factors," said Paige Carlson-Heim, Director of the TD Charitable Foundation.

"Housing for Everyone grant recipients are working closely with the TD Charitable Foundation to improve access by creating innovative solutions that are helping to create a more sustainable and inclusive future for everyone. It is a privilege to support our 2024 Housing for Everyone grant recipients and to continue to be a part of this imperative work," said Paige Carlson-Heim.

15th Annual Catholic Charities Gala: Celebrating Our Community of Support

More than 500 supporters joined His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan and all of us at Catholic Charities of New York to celebrate the 15th Annual Catholic Charities Gala at the American Museum of Natural History.

The special celebration brought together influential leaders from various sectors – business, arts, philanthropy, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations – all united by a common goal: to support Catholic Charities of New York in our mission to provide help and create hope. It was an unforgettable evening filled with joy – raising over \$2.9 million in support of our mission.

The emcee for the evening was award winning NBC 4 New York

Consumer Reporter, Lynda Baquero. To add an extra touch of magic, Lorna Courtney, a Tony Award nominated Broadway performer, offered a mesmerizing musical performance. Her soulful voice and captivating presence touched the hearts of all in attendance.

Cardinal Dolan and Monsignor Kevin Sullivan had the great privilege of honoring two exceptional individuals: Robert J. Giuffra, Jr., co-chair of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, and Richard J. Kramer, retired chairman and CEO of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The honorees received the Deus Caritas Est award in recognition and appreciation of their efforts providing help and creating hope for New Yorkers in need.

Delivering on our mission would not be possible without the dedicated team at Catholic Charities of New York. "Their unwavering commitment to helping those in need is truly commendable," said Monsignor Sullivan. "As we reflect on this memorable evening, we are filled with a renewed sense of purpose and determination."

"Together, we will continue to have a profound impact on the lives of New Yorkers and play a crucial role in a caring New York for all," said Monsignor Sullivan.

Thanks to the generous support of our honorees, trustees, sponsors, and supporters, the 15th Annual Gala was an incredible success.



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.GiftPlans.org](https://CatholicCharitiesNY.org/GiftPlans.org)



More Ways to Support Our Mission

Give

Your tax-deductible gift will enable us to continue to deliver programs and critical services to New Yorkers in need. Please visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/Donate

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

Donor Advised Funds

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Estate Planning with FreeWill and MyCatholicWill

Having an estate plan in place is a powerful way to protect the people you love, safeguard your assets, and create a legacy that sustains the causes you believe in. Visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/FreeWill or CatholicCharitiesNY.org/MyCatholicWill

Gifts of Stocks and Securities

You can easily donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds and support the lifesaving work of Catholic Charities. The total value of the stock upon transfer is tax-deductible and there is no obligation to pay any capital gains taxes on the appreciation. To learn more, please visit: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/Securities

IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions

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

Other Ways to Give

From rewards programs to donating real estate and vehicles, discover the many ways you can support our lifesaving work: CatholicCharitiesNY.org/WaysToGive

Questions?

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