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# Your Support Saves Lives

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Impact Report | Fall 2025



# Providing Help. Creating Hope.

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Dear Neighbors,

Every day, hundreds of thousands of our fellow New Yorkers face the painful reality of not knowing where their next meal will come from. More than 2 million people across New York are currently experiencing food insecurity – and tragically, this includes one in four children.

As food prices continue to rise and government assistance programs are reduced, food pantries are experiencing record levels of demand. More families than ever are turning to trusted organizations like Catholic Charities of New York for help, hope, and a lifeline during uncertain times.

Thanks to your steadfast support, we are reaching more than 50,000 New Yorkers each month through our food assistance programs.

Our growing network includes food pantries, soup kitchens, mobile food distributions, and meal delivery services for the homebound. This allows us to serve individuals and families with fresh produce, protein, and non-perishable staples – ensuring not only sustenance but dignity and respect.

Each time a hot meal is served or a box of groceries is delivered, it's more than just food – it's a message that someone cares. It reminds a struggling parent, an isolated senior, or a hungry child that they are not alone. It affirms that they are truly seen, valued, and supported by a compassionate community.

This report highlights just a fraction of the work being done every day to fulfill our mission: providing help and creating hope. Your kindness makes this mission possible.



Because of your generosity, hope and nourishment continue to reach thousands of tables – turning moments of crisis into moments of comfort, one meal at a time. Thank you for your generosity and for being a critical part of our work of compassion and care.

With 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

With your critical support, Catholic Charities is leading the effort to fight hunger in New York. Each year, we provide millions of meals to New Yorkers facing hunger and food insecurity.

## Because of you:



**10+ Million**

meals served by  
our ongoing  
food programs.



**230,000+**

community kitchen  
meals served.



**108,000+**

home meals  
delivered.



**7,500+**

people enrolled  
in nutritional  
assistance programs.

# Feeding Our Neighbors: Nourishing Families and Uplifting Spirits

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**Destiny, a single mother in the Bronx, is one of many New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet. Despite working full-time and taking on overtime shifts, she often finds herself unable to fully provide for her growing son, whose needs are increasing. It's a familiar story, one that echoes the challenges many face in New York today.**

"I still need help," Destiny shared after visiting a Catholic Charities of New York pop-up food pantry at St. Philip Neri Church. "The food pantry helped me feed my household, especially when I'm struggling with other bills. Things have gone up in price." With the high cost of living, more and more families like Destiny's depend on support from organizations like Catholic Charities to make ends meet.

One of the highlights of the food pantry at St. Philip Neri is the diverse and healthy

selection of food available to clients. Marlyne, a formerly homeless individual now living in supportive housing, appreciated the variety, particularly the fresh produce. "We were able to get things like celery, apples, oranges," she said. "Sometimes when you go to smaller pantries, you get mostly canned goods, but this was very well-rounded." Our food programs prioritize providing nutritional food, including fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, and meats, to support the dignity and well-being of the people we serve.

Beyond food, our approach includes social workers at many of their pantries to help clients access other vital resources, such as government assistance programs like SNAP and WIC. Destiny, for example, was unaware of these programs until a social worker at the food pantry connected her to them. "I wasn't educated to know that programs were there for

younger parents," she explained. For Destiny, the support didn't stop with food. She's now hopeful and even looking ahead to ways she can give back. "I want to help with some of the charitable things that Catholic Charities does here. I think it's lovely," Destiny said.

As the demand for food assistance continues to rise, Catholic Charities remains a vital lifeline for many. Volunteers like Barbara, who has lived in the Bronx for 50 years, continue to make a difference by supporting their neighbors. "We live to serve – serve our neighbors, serve our family, and serve our community," Barbara shared.

Through the generosity of donors and volunteers, we are able to provide a helping hand to those in need, ensuring that every individual receives not only food, but hope for a brighter future.





# The Pinkerton Foundation: Partnering to Build Brighter Futures

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**A powerful partnership between a community-based youth development program and the Pinkerton Foundation is paving the way for underserved New York City teens to achieve their full potential. With their long-standing commitment to helping youth thrive in economically disadvantaged areas, the Pinkerton Foundation's support is making a tangible impact on the lives of hundreds of young people each year.**

The Hoop Haven program serves middle and high school students from under-resourced neighborhoods, many of whom are first-generation Americans and potential first-generation college students. Through a carefully structured multi-year model, participants receive intensive academic support, college access guidance, career readiness training, and culturally affirming mentorship. From freshman year through college and early career stages, the program builds a continuum of care that centers each student's growth.

The Pinkerton Foundation's investment bolsters vital components of the initiative,



including after-school enrichment, one-on-one counseling, college visits, summer bridge programming, and work-based learning experiences. In alignment with Pinkerton's mission, the partnership prioritizes direct services that actively engage youth beyond the classroom – after school, during weekends, and in the summer – to develop their academic and emotional capacity, professional aspirations, and leadership skills.

The program's impact is reflected in strong retention rates, successful college matriculation, and alumni who are returning as mentors and

professionals. With the Pinkerton Foundation's support, the program is expanding its reach and deepening its commitment to equity, opportunity, and access.

As the Hoop Haven program continues to grow, our partnership with the Pinkerton Foundation remains an example of how targeted, sustained investments in youth development can shape individual lives and, ultimately, entire communities. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and belief in the potential of the young people we serve.



## DTCC Cares: Strengthening Foster Youth Support

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**DTCC and Catholic Charities of New York came together for a meaningful volunteer event at DTCC's Jersey City office, where employees assembled 150 toiletry kits for children in foster care served by Cardinal McCloskey Community Services (CMCS).**

This hands-on initiative is part of a growing partnership between DTCC and Catholic Charities of New York, which has strengthened over the past two years. The kit-packing day marked another step in deepening DTCC's engagement with local communities in need.

The event began with a warm welcome from Frank La Salla,

President and CEO of DTCC, who also serves on the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of New York. Frank La Salla was joined by staff from Cardinal McCloskey Community Services (CMCS), who provided an informative overview of their mission to protect, empower, and support at-risk children, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities through vital, community-centered social services.

Each kit included essential hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, and lotion, along with notecards offering words of encouragement. These kits will directly support CMCS's Enhanced Family Foster Care

program, which provides critical services for youth facing significant challenges.

The event offered DTCC employees with a deeper understanding of the work Catholic Charities of New York does across its agencies and a hands-on opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the well-being of vulnerable youth.

We extend our deep gratitude to DTCC for its continued partnership, and to Frank La Salla for his leadership and commitment to service. Their example underscores how corporations and business leaders can play a meaningful role in strengthening communities and supporting those in need.



# You're Invited: The 80th Annual Cardinal's Christmas Luncheon

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**His Eminence Cardinal Dolan cordially invites you to the 80th Annual Cardinal's Christmas Luncheon. The Luncheon is widely regarded as the unofficial kickoff to the Christmas season in New York City – featuring music, prayer, and community celebration.**

Please join us on **Thursday, December 4th, 2025** from 11:30 AM at the New York Hilton Midtown for an unforgettable afternoon filled with Christmas joy and hope. The Luncheon is a beautiful opportunity to support Catholic Charities' mission to serve the poor, with a special focus on our community's most vulnerable women and children. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: [CatholicCharitiesNY.org/Luncheon](https://CatholicCharitiesNY.org/Luncheon)



## Annual Catholic Renewal St. Francis Reception at New York Athletic Club

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**Catholic Renewal is a philanthropic initiative established in 2010 by professionals in the corporate restructuring industry to support Catholic Charities of New York's Feeding Our Neighbors program. On September 17th, we celebrated the Annual Catholic Renewal St. Francis Reception, honoring three individuals for their outstanding service and leadership. Please join us in thanking Catholic Renewal for their unwavering commitment to our mission.**

**John Rapisardi**

Global Restructuring Practice Chair  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Mark A. McDermott**

Independent Fiduciary and Partner (Retired)  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**St. Francis Service Award**

**Christopher Greco**

Partner  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

**St. Francis Service Award**

# 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](https://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](https://CatholicCharitiesNY.org/CGA)

### Donor Advised Funds

A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a philanthropic giving vehicle like a charitable savings account. It provides an immediate tax benefit to you and allows you to easily support Catholic Charities. You can make a grant to Catholic Charities through our DAF Direct portal by visiting: [CatholicCharitiesNY.org/DAF](https://CatholicCharitiesNY.org/DAF)

### 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](https://CatholicCharitiesNY.org/FreeWill) or [CatholicCharitiesNY.org/MyCatholicWill](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://CatholicCharitiesNY.org/WaysToGive)

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Chau in our Planned Giving Office by phone at **646-794-2018** or [Emily.Chau@CatholicCharitiesNY.org](mailto:Emily.Chau@CatholicCharitiesNY.org) by email.

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