



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany

Providing Help – Creating Hope Since 1917

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Mission of Catholic Charities Ministry

Catholic Charities provides active witness on behalf of the Scriptural values of mercy and justice as it recognizes human need at all stages of life, responding to all persons regardless of race, creed or lifestyle, with special emphasis on the economically poor and vulnerable. Furthermore, Catholic Charities serves persons in need, advocates for a just society, calls forth and collaborates with women and men of good will in fulfillment of its mission.

Service levels – People Served in 2008

Albany	19,020
Chenango	2,922
Columbia	5,481
Greene	2,002
Delaware	1,046
Otsego	2,850
Herkimer	4,923
Fulton	11,755
Montgomery	9,199
Schenectady	4,519
Schoharie	1,179
Rensselaer	6,426
Saratoga	1,148
Warren	1,164
Washington	768

Total Served in the Diocese of Albany 74,402

Description of Ministry

In adhering to the social teachings of the Church, Catholic Charities responds to individuals, youth, families, and the elderly as the need arises in the local communities which comprise the Albany Diocese. In addition, our staff and volunteers further advance the mission of the Church beyond our own Diocese through its public policy and disaster/relief services – both nationally and internationally.



As a human services agency serving 14 counties of the Diocese, Catholic Charities provides a wide array of services in areas such as: developmental disabilities, caregiver support, kinship care, HIV/AIDS, outreach, adolescent pregnancy/parenting, foster care and adoption, housing, homeless shelters, long term care and senior housing, Single Room Occupancy residences, group homes, safe dwellings, family apartments, domestic violence, Hispanic outreach, immigration, summer camp, child and adult day care, after-school, family child care support, youth mentoring, mental health and addiction counseling, substance abuse prevention, case management, service coordination, habilitation, basic needs, dispute resolution, mediation, crime victims assistance, transportation, wheels-for-work, meals and food pantries, jail/prison support services, volunteer services, disaster/relief services, and emergency assistance in addition to other special programs and holiday assistance.

The staff of Catholic Charities provides a service ministry to others at a time when an individual or family may be experiencing a crisis, an unmet need, or just lacking a working knowledge on how to access a health or human service available to them. Catholic Charities brings together justice, charity and advocacy efforts so that our neighbors and parishioners who reside in our communities may improve their quality of life during unforeseen or difficult times.