



### 2014 Highlights

**Top Left:** New Supportive Services for Veteran Families program covers entire diocese

**Top Right:** One of 22 babies born in our LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home program

**Bottom Left:** New office opened in Cape Girardeau to expand our Developmental Disabilities program.

**Bottom Right:** GoodFinds Resale store Grand Opening in Joplin.

Served all 39 counties in the Catholic Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau.

Over 6,000  
Volunteer Hours

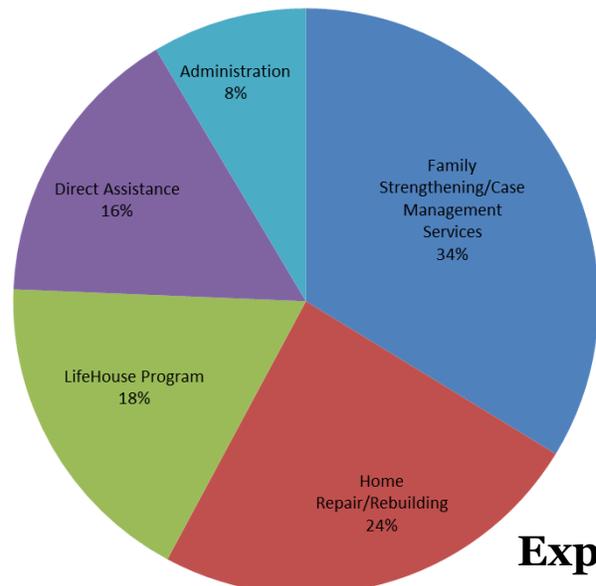
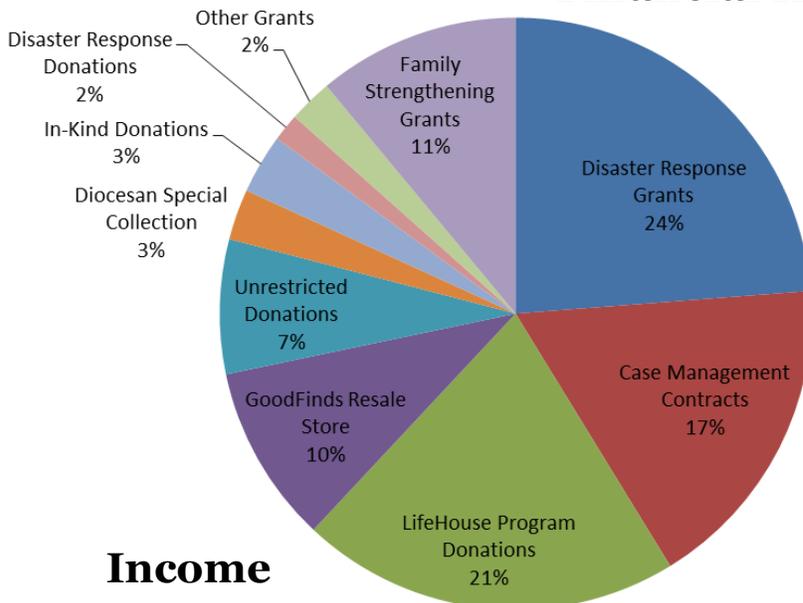
**2014** was an eventful year for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri. We greatly expanded several of our programs, hired many new staff members to work with clients, opened a resale store that helps to support our services, and launched a new program for Veterans. Through our thirteen programs we **served over 3,000 of our struggling neighbors** of all faiths throughout southern Missouri.

This work was made possible only through the support of **our generous donors**. In 2014, **725** individuals and families donated to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, and countless others supported us through prayer. Also joining in support were dozens of churches of various denominations, and numerous community groups and businesses. **Thank you!**

#### Our Mission

*Motivated by the love of Christ, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri seeks to improve the lives of the vulnerable by providing quality, compassionate social services which meet local needs.*

### Financial Highlights



**Income**

**Expenses**

### **Homelessness Prevention**

In 2014, this program was expanded to include even more counties. We helped 377 families who without our help would have become homeless by providing intensive case management services and temporary financial support to overcome their housing crises and work toward long-term financial stability.

### **Disaster Response & Long-term Recovery**

In addition to responding to flash flooding in Fremont, MO in 2014, we deployed our trained disaster responders to help tornado survivors in Arkansas.

### **LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home**

In its very first year of operation, we served 42 women and welcomed 22 babies. We provide safe shelter, food and clothing as well as comprehensive support services for homeless, pregnant women and their babies for up to a year following birth as the women work to achieve goals of permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

### **Developmentally Disabled Service Coordination**

In 2014, this program was expanded to include individuals with developmental disabilities living in Cape County as well as those in Scott County. We help them acquire the services and supports they need to maximize their potential and strengthen their level of independence.

### **Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Program**

In our southeastern and south central counties, we provided parenting and pregnancy support for 41 low-income families through pregnancy and up to one year following birth.

### **Home Repair & Rebuilding for Disaster Survivors and Low-Income Seniors**

With the help of volunteer labor, we repaired and rebuilt 46 homes damaged or destroyed by tornadoes and flooding, and we made needed home repairs for low-income seniors.

### **Support Services for Veterans and their Families**

Launched this year, we are honored to help those who have served our country. We serve veterans and their families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness through temporary financial assistance, intensive case management services, and connection to community resources.

### **Housing and Financial Counseling**

Our HUD-certified counselors assisted over 300 financially distressed households with education and guidance on budgeting and money management, and provide information needed to obtain and sustain housing.

### **Income Tax Preparation Assistance**

In 2014, our trained volunteers and staff members provided free assistance in preparing and filing tax returns for hundreds of lower-income individuals and families.

### **Mental Health & Family Counseling**

We provided professional counseling services for a wide range of behavioral, emotional and family issues in an atmosphere of caring and support.

### **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) Enrollment**

We helped 169 individuals and families determine their eligibility for and file for SNAP benefits, a program which fights hunger and improves the diet and health of children and families.

### **GoodFinds Resale Shop**

Opened in October, our Joplin store provides support for our programs, and helps to supply our clients in need with basic necessities. We also helped multiple families who lost their home to a fire.

### **Youth Mentoring/BUDS Program**

Our mentors provided guidance, support and encouragement to 25 at-risk youth to empower them to make better decisions for their futures.

