

ASSISTANCE TO Those in need GROWS 296%.*

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and funders, we have received \$463,500 in COVID-related funds. In turn, we have been able to assist 2,286 individuals, which represents a 296% increase over the same period last year. Our efforts have been widespread, providing assistance in all 14 counties of the diocese.

Overall our focus has been to stabilize households so they can avoid eviction and utility disconnects during the period they are out of work. The table below shows the COVID-impacted households and individuals served by our Resource & Referral Program from March 15 through August 31, 2020.

REGION	HOUSEHOLDS	INDIVIDUALS	DIRECT COVID ASSISTANCE
East	350	1094	\$100,000
West	144	429	\$65,000
North	74	286	\$35,425
COVID Total Assistance	568	1809	\$200,425

From 3/15/19- 8/30/19: In total, the Resource and Referral Program provided 1238 services to 262 households made up of 771 individuals.
 From 3/15/20- 8/30/20: In total, the Resource and Referral Program provided 2705 services to 766 households made up of 2286 individuals.

[*Footnote: this reflects an increase in entire number served by the Resource and Referral Program between March and August 2019 and March and August 2020.]

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WE SERVED 22,546.

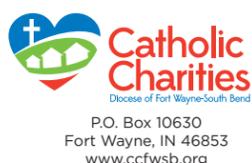
Now more than ever, we need your renewed support.
 Help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000 this month
 so we can help more families on their journey to self-sufficiency.



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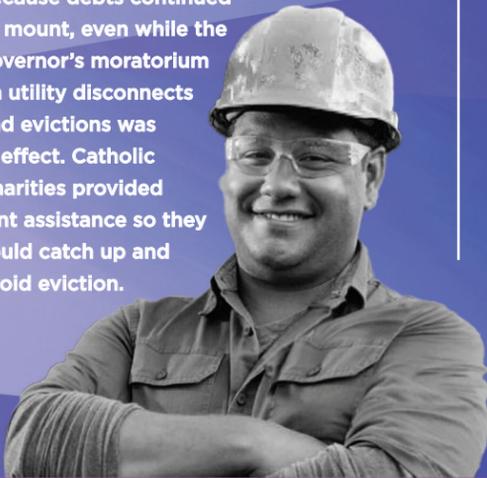
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BringingHOPE.

Our funders and donors have responded generously with additional support to allow us to expand our assistance in this time of great need. In turn, we are providing hope to an increasing level of need in our diocese.

A construction worker, Nick supports his wife and 3 children, including a newborn. When the COVID pandemic hit, his hours were cut and he had no income for several weeks. He attempted to file for unemployment, but got denied. When his family received their stimulus check, they paid as much as they could to rent and utility bill payments. However, as the months went on and his hours were only slowly coming back, Nick and his family were falling behind again because debts continued to mount, even while the governor's moratorium on utility disconnects and evictions was in effect. Catholic Charities provided rent assistance so they could catch up and avoid eviction.



Having been off work because of serious illness, Andrea finally started a new job in January so she could support herself and her daughter. Sadly, in March, her employer shut down because of COVID. Then her live-in mother was exposed to COVID so the entire family was quarantined for two weeks. Eventually Andrea went back to work only to be sent home due to illness. As a precaution, she was once again tested and quarantined. New to the job, Andrea had not earned sick pay to cover her time off from the layoff or the four weeks of quarantine. When she finally received her stimulus check, she put it all toward paying her bills and buying food. Unfortunately, she fell behind on her rent. She was finally able to get back to work, but her landlord was threatening eviction for back rent. Catholic Charities was able to assist Andrea so she could avoid eviction.



Derek, a single father of three, was working full-time to support his family. He was furloughed in March when the pandemic hit. He lacked savings to cover expenses and his unemployment insurance was held up due to processing issues. Derek began to feel hopeless, but then he found a flyer from Catholic Charities listing COVID-19 support services. With just one phone call, he spoke with a case manager who reviewed community resources and provided Derek with much needed financial support, including paying a full month's rent and giving him a much-needed food voucher. This assistance provided Derek with hope for the future and a plan moving forward that provided security for the family.



RESPONDING TO AN EPIDEMIC OF NEED

COLLABORATION YIELDS \$850,000 IN ASSISTANCE TO NORTHERN INDIANA.

Because of the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana and Brightpoint expanded on their existing collaborations to offer more comprehensive assistance solutions to residents of northern Indiana. Our goal was to get the economy moving again by stabilizing households financially during the period that they were out of work.

Together we are making assistance available for basic needs such as food, utilities, rent, car payments, mortgage payments and transportation for any household that has experienced the loss of a job or been furloughed due to the pandemic and stay-at-home orders. We are also making referrals for growing mental health needs we see throughout the diocese.



From left to right: Angie Moellering, CEO Lutheran Social Services of Indiana; Steve Hoffman, CEO of Brightpoint; Gloria Whitcraft, CEO of Catholic Charities

We were able to quickly establish our COVID collaboration because our three organizations have a long history of providing financial assistance. In turn, because of funder trust and confidence in us, it was easier for our group to secure additional dollars during the pandemic. For more information, visit: [COVIDassistance.site](https://www.catholiccharities.org/covidassistance)



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