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IMAGINE A GENERATION OF CHILDREN FREE FROM POVERTY. Because of you, we are able to form partnerships and create innovative programming to make this happen everyday in our diocese. And with your continued support, we can help many more children break the cycle of poverty and realize their God-given potential.

Ending poverty for today's children requires a two-generation approach, which means we must assist both parents and children. A child's success depends upon their family's ability to meet their needs. With our Bridge to Self-Sufficiency model (see below), you will see how your support provides families with children all they need to flourish. From basic support through degree completion, job retention and management of finances, you help individuals and families become independent members of our community.



THE BRIDGE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFER LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS.

ALLEVIATING POVERTY

- FOOD PANTRIES**
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
Resource & Referral
- MATERIAL ASSISTANCE**
Resource & Referral, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Christmas Program
- MOBILE UNIT**

HEALING MIND, BODY & SPIRIT

- PREGNANCY COUNSELING/ ADOPTION PLANNING**
- HEALTH ADVOCACY & SUPPORT**
Hispanic Health Advocate, Refugee Health, ECHO in the support for prenatal and well-baby care
- COUNSELING SERVICES**
(Please go to ccfwsb.org for more details.)
- CLINICAL LIAISON TO PARISHES**
- SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)**

BUILDING STRONG FUTURES

- HELPING TEEN PARENTS GRADUATE**
Education Creates Hope & Opportunity (ECHO)
- HELPING LOW-INCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS GRADUATE**
Stay the Course™
- SUPPORTING HEALTHY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS**
Your Journey Together, ECHO
- MENTORING YOUTH/HOMEWORK HELP**
Children of Refugees, National Youth Mentoring program
- LEGAL IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

DEVELOPING FINANCIAL SECURITY

- BUILDING SKILLS IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**
VITA Tax & Financial Literacy Classes
- TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT FOR SENIORS**
Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)
- REFUGEE JOB DEVELOPMENT**
- COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**
Broker system in collaboration with SCAN, Inc., Lutheran Social Services of IN and Brightpoint

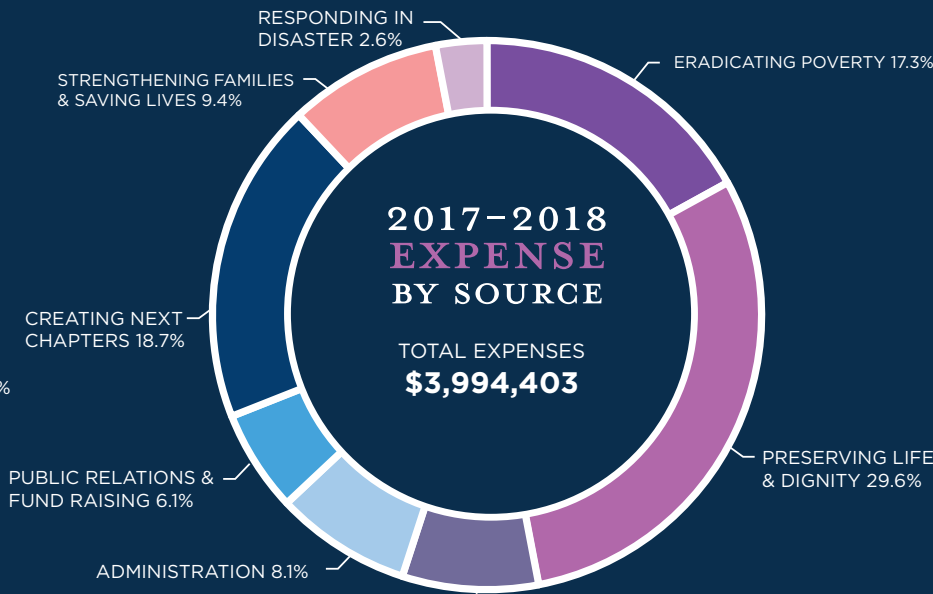
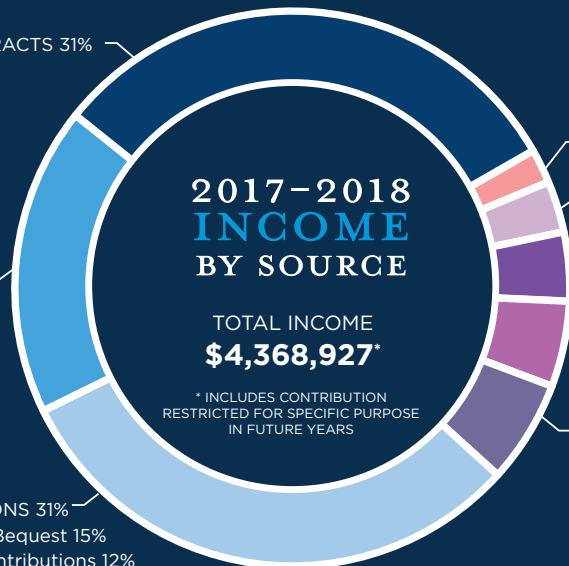


STAY THE COURSE™

Marcus (whose name is changed to maintain privacy) had a rough beginning. He dropped out of high school to support his pregnant girlfriend. Eventually they got married, but with no education, they could only find minimum-wage jobs that barely paid the bills and provided for their daughter. Tragedy struck when opioid addiction claimed the life of his young wife. Marcus and his daughter suddenly found themselves homeless with very poor prospects for improving their lives.

Then someone introduced them to Catholic Charities. First, we helped Marcus earn his GED. Then we connected him with *Stay the Course™*, our free program for low-income students designed to help them earn a community college degree and greatly enhance their earnings potential. He received case-management services from one of our navigators who helped him eliminate barriers, persist through hard times and graduate with a marketable degree. Now with a bright future ahead, Marcus's daughter has joined the ranks of Generation Zero.

YOUR GIFT HELPS US STRENGTHEN FAMILIES & ERADICATE POVERTY



9,111 PEOPLE SERVED	1,930 PEOPLE SERVED	261 PEOPLE SERVED	5,994 PEOPLE SERVED	105 PEOPLE SERVED	257 PEOPLE SERVED	143 PEOPLE SERVED
Eradicating Poverty	Preserving Life & Dignity	Building Strong Futures	Creating Next Chapters	Helping Save Lives	Strengthening Families	Responding in Disaster

17,801 FAMILIES SERVED

OUR GREATEST NEED

In a short video, Fr. Jacob Meyer explains, from a priest's perspective, the most pressing need of our diocesan parishes and schools — professional mental-health services delivered by Catholic Charities. The Hope to Healing initiative was established to raise awareness of and create funding for this vital service. To see Fr. Jacob's video and learn more, please visit: ccfwsb.org/hopetohealing. You may also call Nicole Kurut at 260-422-5625.

"Our greatest need is for mental-health services for parishioners and their families."

— Fr. Jacob Meyer, Pastor St. Monica's, Mishawaka

