



Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois

Strengthening Families - - Building Community

Annual Report for FY 2005-2006

Catholic Social Services, as an agency of the Diocese of Belleville, seeks to be a visible expression of God's love by responding to the needs of people of Southern Illinois, and by promoting a just and caring community for men, women, and children from all backgrounds.

March 9, 2007



Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to provide you with the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Annual Report for Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois. Catholic Social Services has continued to strengthen families and build community as it provides for those in need of assistance regardless of their faith, ethnicity or individual backgrounds. Our very dedicated staff and volunteers with the support of the Diocese of Belleville and the people of Southern Illinois continue to strive to be a “visible expression of God’s love.”

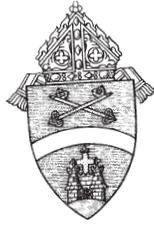
Pope Benedict XVI in his first papal encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) speaks wonderfully about the whole of the Church Community being actively involved in acts of “Charity”, and in fact he states it is “a responsibility of the Church”. The Holy Father explains how important and integral works of charity are to the mission of the Church and how caring for the “least of our brothers and sisters” is not just a good idea or a casual suggestion, but rather the responsibility of every human being. He states, “For the Church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally be left to others, but it is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her being.” He goes on to say “Love of neighbor, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility of each individual member of the faithful.”

Almost 60 years ago Catholic Social Services (CSS) began to meet the needs of men, woman and children of Southern Illinois. We are called to stay committed to those we currently serve and to develop programs to meet the needs of those underserved. In the early days of Catholic Charities (former name of Catholic Social Services) the primary focus was on helping families and children, we continue that focus. As we look to the future please be assured that Catholic Social Services will continue to be of service to and advocate for those without a strong political voice. We will continue our core service to children just as we did 60 years ago. We will look to the future to help those same “baby boomers” as they begin to retire and need services. We will continue to meet the challenges that come from serving Southern Illinois with the highest rate of poverty in the State.

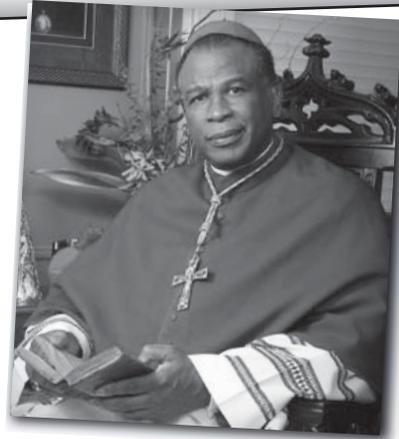
Every year, people come to Catholic Social Services and see the “love of God” as it is manifested through our compassionate and caring programs. I ask that you take the time to read our Annual Report and consider how you can, in any way possible, help Catholic Social Services serve our mission. This can be done for example, through prayer, volunteering, foster parenting, financial contribution or joining one of our Regional Advisory Councils throughout Southern Illinois. Thank you for being with us as we serve God’s people, your continued support to us is immensely important! God Bless.

Sincerely,

Gary Huelsmann, MSW, LCSW
Executive Director,
Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois



March 9, 2007



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my Pastoral Letter on the Meaning of Lent and Easter, "The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Source of our Hope," I wrote, "On Ash Wednesday, February 21, 2007, we will begin our Lenten days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are preparing to go up to Jerusalem with the Lord and to accompany our catechumens, our candidates for full communion with the Church, and our confirmandi to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We are looking forward with vibrant faith to celebrating the Paschal Mystery in the powerful liturgy of Holy Week. It is important for each of us to pause at the beginning of Lent to focus our awareness upon the Cross and the world-changing Christian mystery, which we are about to celebrate."

The work Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois is very consistent with this season of Lent because it is an extension of the compassion of Jesus Christ. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the good work of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois, our largest agency within the Catholic Charities family of ministries. Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois is entering its 60th year of service to others in the Diocese of Belleville, and I want to commend them for their excellence in service to others, their positive contributions to the community, and their earnest commitment to the people of Southern Illinois.

Catholic Social Services is truly fulfilling their mission, e.g., "to be the visible expression of God's love by responding to the human needs of people of Southern Illinois by promoting a just and caring community for men, women, and children from all backgrounds."

Every year Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois continues to serve more children whether in foster care or through adoptions. More individuals and families are assisted with a variety of social, emotional, or other clinical issues. Abused and neglected children are cared for, housed, and treated. Low income senior citizens are given an opportunity to learn new jobs and serve the community in which they live. Please review this report to learn more about all the ways Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois serves others in our diocese.

I draw your attention to these services because it provides a demonstration of how one of our agencies forwards the mission of the Diocese of Belleville by expressing it in service to others. I want to commend the staff and the volunteers who perform the daily tasks of this organization for a job well done. At the same time I would encourage the generous people of this diocese to continue to support the mission of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois.

May God continue to bless you and your good work as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord. The source of our hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Edward K. Braxton

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville

A Brief History of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois

Founded in 1947, Catholic Social Services (CSS), an agency of the Diocese of Belleville, provides comprehensive adoption services, traditional and treatment foster care, the Don Bosco Children's Center, individual, family and school counseling, senior employment services, and referral services throughout the 28 counties of Southern Illinois.

Since its establishment in 1887, the Diocese of Belleville has actively sought to meet the needs of the community. Initially, services consisted of family support for Catholic immigrants that settled in the diocese, particularly the Belleville area. In 1945, Monsignor Albert Zuroweste built upon these humble beginnings and established Catholic Charities. In 1968, Catholic Charities became incorporated as Catholic Social Services.

What began as a small organization with one office has grown to include 4 regional offices within the 28 counties of Southern Illinois. The initial office opened in East St. Louis and later moved to Belleville. In 1980, Catholic Social Services responded to an increasing need for family services and opened the Marion, Mt. Carmel and Breese offices. The Marion office later combined services with the Carbondale office when it opened in 1995. In continuing to meet community needs, Catholic Social Services began offering services for families and children at the Mt. Vernon office in 1989.

Also, in 1992, the Don Bosco Children's Center (in Belleville) opened its doors. The Children's Center serves 6 to 12 year old abused or neglected children, through a 24-hour emergency shelter and short term treatment program. Children placed at the Center are in the custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or are placed there at the direction of DCFS.

Catholic Social Services is currently financed by several income sources. The largest portion of the budget comes from state funds from the Department of Children and Family Services. The Catholic Diocese of Belleville provides the next largest amount of support from the Annual Bishop's Appeal and the Diocesan Children's Fund. United Way also provides a significant annual allocation. In addition, corporate and foundation grants, fundraising events, and individual contributions account for the remainder of our funding.

Highlights for FY 2005-2006

Below is a brief summary and update on the many activities that Catholic Social Services was involved in during the fiscal year. Many people both inside and outside the agency have been working very hard to not only sustain the agency, but to in fact grow and expand services to the people in Southern Illinois that are in need of some type of service. Some of the major activities include the following:

Catholic Social Services welcomed Gary Huelsmann, the new Executive Director, who arrived on December 1, 2005. Gary came to CSS by way of Magellan Health Services, the nation's largest behavioral health firm, where he worked in a variety of roles, including: therapist, account executive & project manager. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a Master of Social Work from St. Louis University. Gary, his wife Christine, and their twin daughters, Chloe and Mariah, reside in Alton, Illinois.

Fox River Apartment Initiative

During the Spring of 2006, CSS began negotiations with the Southeastern Illinois Residential Organization (SIRO) to take over the role as the service provider for the Fox River Apartment Community, a not-for-profit assisted living facility in Olney, Illinois, starting July 1st 2006. This is a 30 unit apartment community that provides meals, housekeeping, social services and other daily assistance to the frail elderly 60 years of age and older and low income people within this community through a contract with the Illinois Department on Aging. It is one of five such pilot programs in the state. CSS will become the Fox River Service Provider on July 1, 2006.

Christian Service Award Benefit Dinner and the Carbondale Charity Breakfast

Catholic Social Services concluded the 16th Annual Christian Service Award Benefit Dinner in Belleville in early May and raised in excess of \$22,000. CSS recognized three outstanding recipients of the Christian Service Award: Elsie Speck of Carbondale, Illinois, Marilyn Read of Belleville, and the Fisher family of Belleville. We want to once again thank our honorees and guests (all 225) who attended, and our generous sponsors who supported us, all of whom helped make this event

a great success. Thanks too to the Shrine Restaurant for an excellent meal and service. You have already read the wonderful accomplishments of our award recipients in the opening article.

The Carbondale Regional Office held their 2nd Annual Charity Breakfast on Saturday, February 18, 2006. The Althoff High School Gospel Choir welcomed an enthusiastic gathering of over 150 guests from neighboring towns and parishes. After testimonials from foster parents, adoptive parents, a school principal, and two CSS counselors speaking of the needs of the Latino community and of the re-entry needs of individuals returning from prison, the breakfast participants were invited to give financial support for these local programs. In addition to raising \$16,325, this event helped to spread the word about the wide range of services that are offered in the southernmost counties of the Diocese of Belleville. Participants indicated interest in serving on committees and other opportunities to share in the mission of the agency.

Don Bosco Children's Center

In late spring, CSS began searching for a new site for the *Don Bosco Children's Center*. The needs of the children and the program have out-grown its current building. Throughout 2006 we have looked of and found a new facility for the children's center. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has agreed to expand services and we plan to move in the Spring of 2007.

Expanded Senior Aides Program

The Senior Aides program, based in Mt. Carmel is in the process of changing. CSS explored an opportunity to double the size and scope of that program both in the number of counties and people serviced. In October 2006 this program was expanded and doubled in size.

Insurance Accreditation

CSS improved and expanded our "Clinical Services Department." We have credentialed with many insurance companies, improved tracking and billing of customers through a new electronic billing system and hired more counselors.

Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois Task Force

Finally, the structure of Catholic Charities is being studied by the Diocese of Belleville. Our Executive Director will serve as an Interim Administrator for Catholic Charities. The Diocese is considering the restructuring and possible realignment of the various agencies and ministries of the Catholic Charities system in Southern Illinois.

Descriptions of Programs and Services and Impact on the Community:

Adoption Services

Catholic Social Services has been building families through adoption for over 50 years. We have provided on-going support alternatives for women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. We offer counseling to help them through this process and assist them in making the decisions that are best for them and their baby, whether it be parenting or placing the child for adoption. We support whatever decision the birthmother may make. All birthparent services are free, and all counseling is confidential. The purpose of our program is to identify, prepare, and support adoptive applicants who will provide a safe, loving and stable environment in which a child may develop physically, emotionally, and spiritually to the best of his/her ability. The program provides services for prospective parents hoping to adopt a child of one of our birth-parent clients, those wishing to adopt available foster children, and those who will identify a child without our assistance (most often by working with international adoption agencies). We encourage on-going openness between biological and adoptive families. Catholic Social Services offers a variety of adoption programs.

Open Adoption is a life-long process, the loving act of a biological parent choosing a family to parent their child. An essential element of this program is assistance to pregnant couples and women uncertain about their ability or willingness to parent the expected child. We provide information and support for birthparents so that they may make informed decisions in the best interests of themselves and their children. If a birth-parent elects to place their child for adoption, we help them to select adoptive parents and guide them through the adoption, a process we call "Adoption from the Heart." It is a process where birth parents and adoptive parents come together to complete a plan that is in the best interest of the child, by establishing an on-going ex

change of information. Our program also includes international adoptions (referral services to placing agencies and facilitation of placement); and independent adoptions (services to families who have independently matched with a birthparent for the purpose of adoption).

Adoption services include adoptive parent home studies (a complete evaluation of the couple), background checks; adoption preparation training hours for licensure; marriage assessment; assistance at placement, and post-placement visits and monitoring. Except for adoptions facilitated under contract with the Department of Children and Family Services (for which there are no adoptive parent fees), adoption fees are determined by a rate scale based on family income.

Counseling Services

Catholic Social Services has a highly qualified and experienced staff of Behavioral Health counselors who have provided clinical services to clients. 98% of the CSS Behavioral Health Team is licensed at the highest clinical level, two of whom have PhD's, in addition; they have an average of 18+ years of counseling experience at CSS. Our counselors provide clinical services for depression, trauma recovery, sexual abuse recovery, anxiety disorders, self-injurious behaviors, marriage counseling, family counseling, secondary addictions, drug awareness, and offer a nationally renowned parenting curriculum.

Many of the issues of the clients we serve are severe and traumatic and they cross all ethnic and socioeconomic classifications. We provide services to any and all who have a need of these services. The impact of our counseling program is profound as 92% of clients served have met and/or achieved marked progress on their treatment plan (given the last fiscal year). This is evidenced by their Global Assessment Functioning (GAF) scores. Over 90% of clients served (couples/families) who received service remain in-tact. 95% of all clients served do not need to return for further counseling after goal attainment. Our organizational report card for counseling services suggests that we have a 98% positive image as recorded on our initial and closing client surveys.

The agency's licensed professional counselors provide counseling services to individual, couples, families, and school-based populations using a systemic, solution-focused, strength-oriented approach. Individual staff members are certified in a variety of specialized techniques which are utilized as indicated for certain diagnoses. Our counselors treat clients for wide variety of conditions, with a special emphasis on treatment of children's trauma-related issues. Counseling fees are based on an income-based rate scale.

With regard to collections for services given by our counseling program, 68-70% of all our clients utilize the adjusted fee scale for any of the following reasons: either underinsured or no insurance; disability; homeless; or are the working poor (make too much for public aid, not enough for insurance). Due to the aforementioned conditions, we may collect only a fraction of the cost to the agency. In some cases we provide the counseling pro-bono if needed. As a result, we are performing our mission, i.e., "serving the poor" as a Catholic entity representing the Diocese of Belleville.

For example, the Spanish-speaking community in Carbondale has a bilingual counselor who has addressed issues of grief, domestic violence, child abuse, secondary substance abuse, among other family and mental health issues. This service is often provided to low income people for free.

Due to state and federal cutbacks, many of the public mental health agencies have very long waiting lists and have narrowed the number of clients they will serve. In some emergency situations, individuals have to be admitted to the hospital before they can be seen by a public mental health professional. By hiring part-time therapists we have been able to assist individuals at the time of a crisis. Our School Counselor was available to a school community at a time during the year when two children and a parent were killed in a tragic highway accident. In addition, our counselors offer parenting and drug awareness education to various school communities.

We now have regularly-scheduled hours at twelve parochial schools where we collaborate with parents, teachers and administrators in a comprehensive approach (called "Family-School Connection") designed to decrease behaviors that interfere with success in school and increase positive functioning in their personal and family life. Our school-based counselors also bring valuable group programs (such as bullying prevention) to the client schools. In addition to client schools, CSS partners with a homeless shelter and a healthcare institution to provide on-site counseling to their clients (bi-lingual counseling for Hispanic clients in the latter case). In some of the centers we also provide sessions on parenting and drug awareness education. In addition, we have a program on "Awakenings" which offers group sessions for those who have been involved with the legal system, including ex-offenders.

Foster Care

Catholic Social Services provides foster care and related services under contract with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The Program directly funds 67 of the Agency's 123 full time employees and significantly contributes to the Administrative functions and Counseling services of the Agency. All caseworker, licensing, and supervisory staff are Licensed Direct Child Welfare Services Employees. During fiscal year 2006, the program served 597 children and generated approximately 5 million dollars in revenue for the Agency. The foster care program purchased approximately \$250,000 in counseling services from the Agency's counseling program. The contract for Traditional/Kinship care is performance based and outcomes are evaluated by DCFS staff. Including Catholic Social Services, 6 private agencies provide foster care services in the Belleville Dioceses. Based upon the high level of performance during fiscal 2006, the Catholic Social Services foster care program receives 27% of all traditional foster care referrals and 36% of all Kinship care referrals made to private agencies from the Department of Children & Family Services Southern Region.

The Foster Care program is committed to providing quality care and services to children and families when children cannot be assured safe, adequate care in their own homes. Placement decisions are made based on the need to provide for the safety, permanency, best interests and any special needs of the child. Prior to a child entering care all other possible, safe alternatives are considered including non-custodial parents. If the child was residing with relatives at the time of placement, those relatives as well as others, are considered as a primary placement choice except in an emergency or when contraindicated for the child's safety and/or well-being. Once the decision is made to place a child, the least restrictive setting which is most like a family is the first choice. Whenever possible, the staff places the child in an environment that supports the child's ethnic, cultural identity and linguistic needs.

The foster care program provides specific services to children, families and caregivers that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. Services are designed and implemented through a collaborative approach with the child, family and caregiver whenever possible. Foster Care staff secures, coordinates and supervises the provision of all necessary services and resources identified in the assessment and service planning processes.

The preferred outcome is to re-establish parental care as soon as possible. Towards this end, it is important to maintain parental ties; identify and address issues that lead to the placement of the child in out of home care; and participate in securing a safe, nurturing, and permanent placement for the child when reunification is not possible, through adoption and/or subsidized guardianship. During fiscal year 2006, 68 children were adopted or placed in subsidized guardianship with their current substitute caregiver.

Foster parents and kinship caregivers are the foundation of the foster care program. The Agency recruits foster parents, trains them, and guides them through the State licensing process.

Services are made available to children, families and caregivers with an array of social, educational, medical and/or rehabilitative needs. These services are individualized and incorporated into the service plan for the family and child. Foster Care services are provided in the framework of the following:

Foster Family Care/Formal Kinship Care: A placement that is the least restrictive setting with a relative whenever possible or a non relative who is capable of support and nurturing the child's racial, cultural, ethnic and religious identity. (Licensed foster parents or kinship caregivers provide care to the child.)

Foster Care of Medically Fragile Infants and Children: The Agency provides planned foster care to infants and children who have a physical disability, HIV/AIDS, life threatening illness, developmental delay, or otherwise compromising health conditions that require the routine use of a medical device and daily ongoing care and/or monitoring.

Foster Care for Special Needs Children: The Agency provides planned specialized foster care to children who have moderate developmental delay, and/or mental health/behavioral conditions.

During fiscal year 2006, 130 or 93% of foster parents or kinship caregivers responding to satisfaction surveys indicating that they were satisfied with their overall experience with CSS. 173 or 100% of children responding to satisfaction surveys indicated that the people they are staying with take good care of them.

Don Bosco Children's Center

At Don Bosco Children's Center in Belleville, IL, Catholic Social Services manages a six bed Shelter Program for boys and girls and a six bed Short Term Residential Treatment Program for boys. The children in both programs are between the ages of six and twelve. Both programs are funded by the Department of Children and Family Services and serve children under the guardianship of the State.

The shelter program provides temporary quarters for boys and girls transitioning between foster care or residential placements. The residential treatment program provides more intensive services, including counseling and group activities for boys with more severe behavioral and emotional issues, typically stemming from physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse.

Senior Employment Services

From our Mt. Carmel office, CSS administers the Department of Labor funded Senior Aides program for five counties in the Diocese of Belleville. Aides, which stands for **Alert, Industrious, Dedicated & Energetic Service**, is open to eligible seniors who are placed with host agencies committed to provide employment training in return for receiving the participant's part-time services at no cost. At the conclusion of their training assignments, "graduates" receive assistance in finding and maintaining unsubsidized employment.

Program management includes recruiting eligible seniors, host agencies, and employers, and facilitating the participant's progress. We currently have 62 eligible enrollees and 76 authorized enrollee slots in our twelve county project encompassing much of Southeastern Illinois. For the project fiscal year we are required to recruit, enroll and assist 128 program eligible persons. The two primary criteria for enrollment are age 55 and up, and income less than 125% of the poverty level, which is more than \$10,000 under the median individual annual income in the state. 70% of the persons we serve are required to meet the Department of Labor's "Most In Need" criteria, i.e. to have at least two major barriers to employment such as; over age 64, are geographically isolated, are deficient in literacy skills, use English as a second language, disabled, etc... The mandated unsubsidized job placement goal for the project is 37% of the authorized enrollees in the 1st eleven months of the project fiscal year.

The Seniors program has created a "spin-off" effect for the community since it provides workers for a variety of non-profit, or marginal businesses that would not ordinarily be available/affordable providing services/benefits to over 5,000 other persons on a daily basis. As a result the community as a whole receives a greater benefit through the services that are made available.

Other Services

In collaboration with Diocesan of Belleville schools and churches, CSS provides Child Protection Training to children in Diocesan primary schools and religious education programs. This training is intended help children identify appropriate and inappropriate contact initiated by adults (or other children) and provide them with strategies for self-protection,

We do provide some level of emergency financial assistance to help the needy throughout the diocese from our four main locations, i.e., Belleville, Carbondale, Mt. Carmel, and Mt. Vernon. We may provide assistance for food, clothing, shelter, medicines, and utility payments if required. In addition, we offer referral assistance to other agencies that have the available resources to assist those in need.

Project Rachel is a confidential process, for women suffering psychological trauma post-abortion. They receive help in moving toward reconciliation with self, with God, and with one's child. Project Rachel listens, evaluates one's needs, and helps one move toward healing and wholeness. Those needing these services can call a toll free phone number to speak with a representative who will listen to their story and connect them to a counselor who is specifically trained in post-abortion healing.

Finally, when resources allow, the Mt. Carmel Region CSS staff assist elderly and disadvantaged clients with complex bureaucratic processes by acting as Representative Payee, assisting with applications for disability benefits, or providing support during immigration-related proceedings.

Catholic Social Services Personnel by Location and Program

In FY 2005-2006, Catholic Social Services employed 123 staff members at our four regional offices. Senior staff members hold master's degrees in social work, counseling, and management. In all, our senior staff has over 130 years of experience in children and family services. The following chart gives a breakdown of our personnel at our regional locations. The numbers for the Metro East (Belleville) Region include the Don Bosco Children's Center.

Program	Metro East	Carbondale	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Carmel	Totals
Foster Care	30	20	17	0	67
Counseling	10	6	2	0	18
Don Bosco	20	0	0	0	20
Adoption	1	1	.25	0	2
Senior Aides	0	0	0	2	2
Administration	9	3	2	0	14
Totals	70	30	21	2	123*

*123 staff (both full-time & part-time) personnel are equal to: 114.75 Full-Time Employee's

Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Chairperson:	Raymond Heinen
Vice Chairperson:	Robert Mueller
Treasurer:	Mark Schafale
Secretary:	Joyce Ann Berkel, SSND
Past Chairperson:	Albert Miller
Executive Director:	Gary Huelsmann

Board Members

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Kevin McCarkel	Judy Phillips
Joseph McDonnell	JoAnn Pisel
Stephen McGlynn	Katharine Scates
Rev. Eugene Neff	Thomas Vernier
Mary Norbut	Nicole Younge

Primary CSS Staff Members

Executive Director:	Gary Huelsmann
Regional Director for Metro-East (Belleville):	Brad Beck
Regional Director for Carbondale:	Mary Lou Loos
Regional Director for Mt. Carmel:	Don Goff
Regional Director for Mt. Vernon:	Pam Flota
Director of Finance:	Gary Schmitt
Director of Human Resources:	Ronald Figura
Director of Foster Care:	Steve Steinhart
Director of Clinical Services:	Kim Anderson
Director of Quality Improvement:	Kelly Le Chien
Director of Adoption & Licensing Programs:	Denise Brown
Director of the Don Bosco Children's Center:	George Ferguson
Development Manager:	Ed Ackermann

Financial Data

Contributions and Revenue: (Per June 30, 2006 Audited Financial Statements)

	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004
United Way	\$ 81,568	\$ 89,938	\$ 94,355
Monitory Contributions			
Individual Donations	\$ 309,908	\$ 145,883	\$ 103,999
Diocesan Support	\$ 197,595	\$ 200,422	\$ 207,000
Program Service Fees	\$ 553,887	\$ 450,918	\$ 432,937
Interest and Dividends	\$ 12,671	\$ 4,869	\$ 5,920
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$ 6,090,770	\$ 5,906,283	\$ 5,420,490
Total Contributions and Revenue:	\$ 7,246,449	\$ 6,798,523	\$ 6,264,701

Expenditures:

	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004
Foster Care	\$ 4,501,239	\$ 4,141,225	\$ 3,799,030
Emergency Shelter	\$ 924,334	\$ 966,388	\$ 960,182
Emergency Assistance	\$ 12,898	\$ 8,549	\$ 9,905
Adoption	\$ 167,792	\$ 148,851	\$ 150,382
Senior Aides	\$ 264,034	\$ 285,595	\$ 272,165
Counseling	\$ 546,266	\$ 518,560	\$ 544,144
Fundraising	\$ 28,362	\$ 81,456	\$ 63,936
Management & General	\$ 619,369	\$ 551,558	\$ 446,869
Total Expenditures:	\$ 7,064,294	\$ 6,702,182	\$ 6,295,706

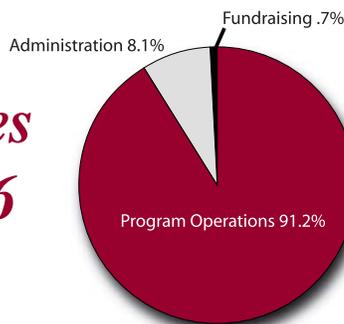
Statement of Financial Position — Assets:

Cash & Investments	\$ 284,529	\$ 140,387	\$ 120,621
Receivables	\$ 458,605	\$ 479,752	\$ 429,521
Property & Equity	\$ 284,177	\$ 302,017	\$ 270,060
Total Assets:	\$ 1,027,311	\$ 922,156	\$ 820,202

Statement of Financial Position — Liabilities and Net Assets:

Accounts Payable	\$ 235,895	\$ 254,457	\$ 215,757
Accrued Expenses and Other	\$ 323,267	\$ 381,705	\$ 414,792
Total Liabilities	\$ 559,162	\$ 636,162	\$ 630,549
Unrestricted Net Assts	\$ 445,227	\$ 285,994	\$ 189,653
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$ 22,922	\$ 0	\$ 0
Permanently Restricted Assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Liabilities and Net Assets:	\$ 1,027,311	\$ 922,156	\$ 820,202

**Total Expenses
FY 2005-2006**



Overview of Services Provided

	2005-2006	2005-2004	2003-2004
Adoption			
Full-service Adoptions Finalized of Foster Children	8 33	12 29	9 19
Adoptions Facilitated (placements)			
International	4	7	11
Domestic	5	13	10
Pregnancy Care Cases	19	17	18

	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2005-2004</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>
<u>Counseling</u>			
Family Counseling			
Clients Served	901	698	697
Counseling Hours	4,909	3,921	4,224
School Counseling			
Schools Served	12	15	18
* Students seen Individually	405	333	367
<u>Foster Care</u>			
Children Served	597	485	390
Resource Homes Utilized	349	289	286
Days of Care Delivered	128,570	130,418	106,349
<u>Children's Shelter</u>			
Children Served	34	33	28
Days of Care	2,933	3627	3984
<u>Employment Services</u>			
Participants Served	62	55	70
Host Agencies Served	29	20	24
Unsubsidized Placements	12	9	6
<u>Emergency Assistance</u>			
Families Served	225	210	220
Assistance Provided	\$12,898	\$10,000	\$10,000
<u>Child Protection Training</u>			
People Trained	1787	1868	552

* Reduced number from 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 is due to school consolidations/schools' lack of funding resulting in reduced services.

Conclusion

Collectively, these diverse programs demonstrate that we are performing our mission, i.e., **“to be a visible expression of God’s love by responding to the human needs of people of Southern Illinois by promoting a just and caring community for men, women, and children from all backgrounds.”** We are providing services for the poor and vulnerable that offer life-changing actions and go to the core of Catholic Social Teachings.

All of our programs are monitored closely because we do care so much for the vulnerable. We care for others with the help and assistance of many. On a daily basis our dedicated staff provide high quality care with the dedicated oversight of our Board of Directors. Our mission is also enhanced and improved by our involvement and connection to many other professional organizations.

CSS is licensed by the State of Illinois as child a welfare agency, and has been accredited by the Council on Accreditation for meeting the highest national standards of professional performance. Catholic Social Services is a member of Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois, Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Conference of Illinois, and the Illinois Catholic Health Association. In addition, the Don Bosco Children’s Center is a licensed child care facility. And, of course, Catholic Social Services benefits from the extraordinary assistance of many volunteers and other collaborative community organizations, businesses, and partners.

We will continue to strengthen families and build community. We thank the Catholic Diocese of Belleville for it’s continued support. We thank all those individuals and organizations that support Catholic Social Services and it’s mission whether in time, talent or treasure. Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) the source of all we do!

The Essence of Compassion

“Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak and wrong . . . because sometime in your life you will have been one of these.”



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