



Christian Social Services of Illinois (CSS)



Formerly Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2011



From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Christian Social Services of Illinois (CSS),

The growth and evolution of CSS has been an extensive and challenging process. In 1947 our agency was incorporated as "Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Belleville" by Bishop Albert R. Zuroweste. Over the years our name has changed first to Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Belleville and then to "Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois." During these changes we remained connected to the Diocese. On February 1st 2012, our agency changed its name for the third time to "Christian Social Services of Illinois." This name change, however, is different than past name changes in that we are no longer affiliated with the Catholic Diocese of Belleville.

Why did this change occur? Like many things in life it is complicated to explain. In January 2011, the State of Illinois passed into law the "Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act." The Act was unclear in explaining if faith based social service agencies had a right to follow their religious beliefs. We attempted to get the State of Illinois to clarify the rights of faith based social service agencies but we were unable to do so. Once the law came into effect, we as a Catholic agency could not comply with all aspects of the new law as it related to Foster Care and Adoption policy. In July of 2011, our agency and three other Catholic Charities agencies filed a lawsuit against the state to allow us to keep our state contracts and our religious liberty. By November of 2011, it became apparent that we were fighting a losing battle in court, and after considerable discussions and soul-searching, we made the decision to become an independent, non-denominational agency in order to continue to serve our clients.

How did we decide to become an independent agency? It was a difficult process and one that took into consideration our many stakeholders including our clients, employees, the church, and many others. One consideration that was in the forefront of our thought process was how the forced transition of our foster children to other providers, due to the stipulations of the new law, would negatively impact the abused and neglected children in our care. We also considered the severe financial burden these changes would have on the agency and our programs. In the end, we concluded that the negative impact that would be incurred if the agency closed was not in the interest of our workers or the thousands of clients they care for. We decided to comply with the Illinois law and thus we could no longer affiliate ourselves with the Diocese.

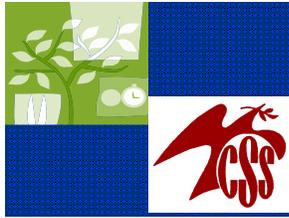
In the past 64 years the agency has grown from one location to nine locations with two new locations as of February 1, 2012. The additional locations in East Alton and Effingham will allow us to expand our service area from our original 28 counties to over 40 counties. Fiscal year 2011 was a good year for CSS despite enormous legal and financial challenges. The staff continued to provide high quality services to our clients as indicated in our satisfaction surveys, peer reviews, and other quality standards. CSS managed to do slightly better than break even in our financials. The agency saw significant growth in the number of people we served. Even with the increase in services provided we were not able to serve all those who came to our doors.

We are so grateful for the support from the Catholic Diocese of Belleville over the years. No matter what one thinks or feels about these changes, please understand that we have very important work to do in serving individuals and families. I want to thank our donors, board members, advisory council members, volunteers, various other partners, and our wonderful staff that participated in the successes of our agency as we carried out our mission. Thank you for supporting the mission of Catholic Social Services in FY 2011 and we hope for continued support of Christian Social Services in FY 2012 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Gary Huelsmann, MSW

Executive Director, Christian Social Services of Illinois



Catholic Social Services becomes Christian Social Services

On February 1st, 2012, Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois in agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Belleville became an independent agency now known as Christian Social Services of Illinois. CSS has a new identity, expanded offices, and a phenomenal staff. CSS is grateful for the support of the Diocese and the Catholic Church as well as those who have supported the agency throughout the past 64 years.

FAQs About Christian Social Services

Why the name change?

As a result of the new State of Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act and to avoid closing the agency, CSS has chosen to become independent of the Catholic Diocese of Belleville.

What services does the new agency provide?

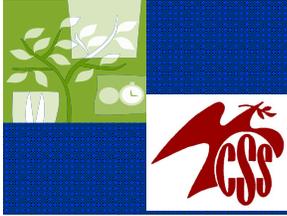
By becoming an independent, non-denominational agency, CSS can continue to offer the same much needed services throughout Illinois.

How has your mission changed?

Our mission will remain the same, "As a visible expression of God's loving community and consistent with the example of Jesus Christ, CSS provides direct services to persons of all backgrounds with social and emotional needs across the continuum of life."

Who/What will my donation support?

When you make a donation to Christian Social Services, 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to our programs and the children and families we serve. You can even choose the program you want to support.



Who We Serve

CSS has always served people in need without discrimination regarding economic status, age, race, ethnicity, disability, religion, gender, or sexual preferences. We currently serve people in the 40+ southernmost counties of Illinois, focusing on foster care and counseling. Adoption and residential treatment may be provided to clients from the entire state.

With established offices in Belleville, Carbondale, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Vernon and the new offices in East Alton and Effingham, CSS is able to reach virtually every community in southern Illinois. Some programs are limited, however, to specific counties. Please call any office for more information.

New Locations

Due to the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, many agencies could no longer comply with the provisions of the new law and remain in foster care. CSS chose to take over the foster care program from one agency and as a result, opened two new offices. Foster care is the primary program in these offices but counseling, and eventually other programs may be supported from these locations.

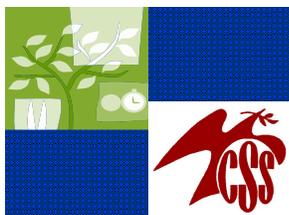
Each of these new offices is largely staffed by employees who previously worked for Catholic Charities, Springfield Diocese. We are very happy that these workers are able to serve clients that also transferred to CSS since it helps to improve the chances that the children will achieve permanency sooner. We welcome these dedicated staff to CSS and know they will help to make the agency even stronger.

Effingham

Included in the Mt. Vernon Region, the Effingham Office is located at 1901 South 4th Street Suite 222 Effingham, IL 62401. For programs and services please call (217) 342-3970.

East Alton

Included in the Metro-East Region, the East Alton office is located at 643 Berkshire Boulevard East Alton, IL 62024. For programs and services please call (618) 258-8750.



Regional Recap



Belleville: Metro-East Region

Thanks to the time and energy of extraordinary volunteers as well as 1,500 donors and their families, over 600 children received a joyous Christmas. In April, we honored Charles Kramer, the McGlynn sisters, and Emily Tally for their outstanding ministry at the Christian Service Award Dinner. Our Third Annual Metro-East Charity Breakfast was a success, thanks to those in attendance.

Mt. Vernon

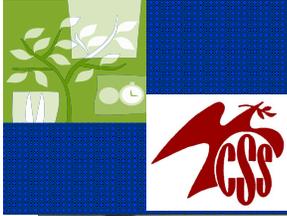
We kicked off the fundraising season by selling pizza discount cards to support parenting classes. Thanks to generous donations to our Secret Santa program, more than 130 area foster children received gifts under the tree on Christmas morning. In April, we hosted the Third Annual "Tee Off for Kids' Sake" Charity Golf Scramble. Over 100 businesses and individuals sponsored or donated items to the event, which helped us nearly double our proceeds from the previous year!

Eastern Region

The annual golf outing was a huge success despite being rained out in June and rescheduled for July. The Eastern region experienced a 45% reduction in funding for their Senior Aide's program, but managed to help 10 seniors obtain regular employment while keeping all remaining Aides working, even though for fewer hours.

Carbondale

Secret Santa was a success, bringing Christmas joy to numerous families in need. The 7th Annual Charity Breakfast netted \$23,287 thanks to the parishioners at St. Joseph's church who helped plan the event. Proceeds helped to fund our foster care program, supported by qualified licensed therapists, a dedicated private adoption specialist, and a support staff that continually "go the extra mile."



Programs



Adoption 94 Families Served

Pregnancy Care 18 Young Mothers Served

Foster Care

- 618 children served at the beginning of July 1, 2010
- 191 new children added during FY'11
- 129 children achieved permanency during FY'11
- 660 children served at the end of June 30, 2011

St. John Bosco Children's Center

- 5,246 days of Residential Care
- 6 children were returned home or to Foster Care
- 2 step down to group homes
- 1 lateral move to residential care

Clinical Services 11,354 Counseling Hours Provided

Senior Employment Program 119,714 Community Service Hours

Fox River Senior Assisted Living Center 34 Residents Served

St. John's Day Care Center 58 Children Served



Quality & Events

Quality

Ranked third in Illinois for foster care performance while also being the largest provider of care

Licensed child welfare agency and child care facility (St. John Bosco)

Meets standards of Council on Accreditation (COA) for over 12 years

Meets all 20 charity standards of the Better Business Bureau

Meets United Way Standards

Excellent scores on hundreds of quality indicators

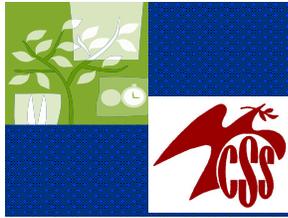
- 99% of foster parents surveyed felt that their overall needs as foster parents were met
- 99% of foster children surveyed said they felt safe where they were staying
- 100% of the resident surveyed at SJBCB said they felt they had someone to talk to when they needed to
- 94% of Fox River Apartment Residents felt that the services they are receiving are meeting their needs

Annual Events

8th Annual Charity Breakfast: 8am-10am Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Marion. There is no cost to attend, however, an opportunity to financially support local programs will be presented. Reservations required (618) 351-0743 or marylou@cssil.org.

4th Annual "Tee Off for Kids' Sake" Charity Golf Scramble: Friday, April 27, 2012. For more information, please call 618-244-0344, ext. 248.

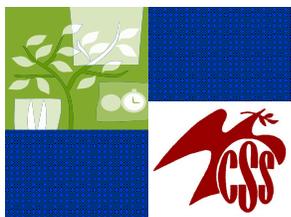
22nd Annual Christian Service Award Dinner: Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Individual dinner reservations are \$45. Table reservations for tables of 8 are \$320. For more information, please call 618-394-5900, ext. 126 or email wanda.jackson@cssil.org.



Financial Summary

Financial Data	2011	2010
Public Support and Revenue:		
Grants and Contracts	\$11,330,636	\$9,877,114
Fees	\$1,081,029	\$813,490
Contributions	\$446,133	\$547,512
Fundraising	\$108,754	\$94,720
Investment Income	\$36,247	\$27,452
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,341	\$1,065
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$17,599	\$18,817
Total Unrestricted Public Support and Revenue	\$13,021,739	\$11,380,170
Expenses:		
Program Services		
Foster Care	\$7,984,011	\$6,944,280
Residential Treatment	\$1,627,637	\$1,558,403
Counseling	\$317,736	\$341,453
Senior Employment	\$986,177	\$832,837
Adoption	\$167,061	\$226,152
Advocacy and Referral	\$13,333	\$11,496
Fox River	\$383,667	\$373,495
Management and General	\$1,004,309	\$907,377
Fundraising	\$82,404	\$100,794
Total Expenses	\$12,892,945	\$11,296,287
Net Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(\$6,059)	(\$8,987)
Net Change in Net Assets	\$122,735	\$74,896

ASSETS:	2011	2010
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$686,022	\$778,814
Accounts Receivable DCFS	\$496,756	\$530,879
Accounts Receivable Other	\$250,240	\$246,885
Prepaid Expenses	\$71,980	\$37,755
Total Current Assets	\$1,505,298	\$1,594,333
Investments	\$234,379	\$174,730
Property and Equipment (Net)	\$387,488	\$348,043
Total Assets:	\$2,127,165	\$2,117,106
Liabilities and Net Assets:		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$387,101	\$504,357
Accrued Vacation	\$380,304	\$432,306
Reimbursable Excess Revenue	\$112,700	\$155,224
Total Current Liabilities	\$909,027	\$1,091,887
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$1,203,314	\$1,004,406
Temporarily Restricted	\$14,754	\$20,813
Total Liabilities/N. Assets	\$2,127,165	\$2,117,106



Governance FY2011

July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011

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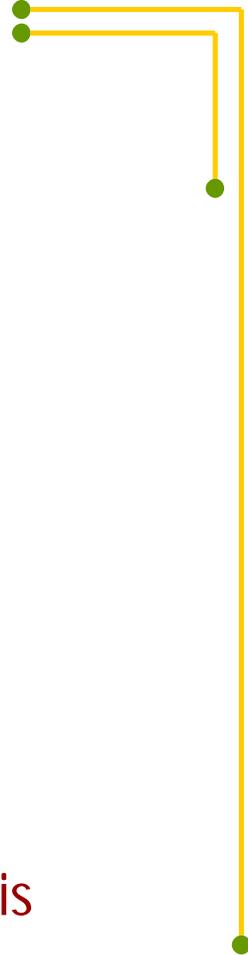
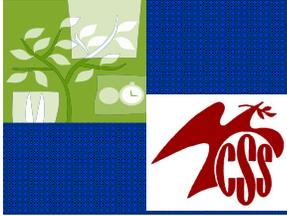
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Christian Social Services of Illinois

Adoption ● Counseling ● Foster Care ● Job Training ● Pregnancy Care ● Daycare
● Residential Care ● Senior Employment

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