



ANNUAL REPORT

2022

DEAR FRIENDS of Caritas Family Solutions,

Thank you for another exciting and productive year for Caritas Family Solutions! Because of the determination and dedication of our board, staff, volunteers, donors and partners, we have continued to make a profound impact in the lives of many in communities all across Southern Illinois.

In FY 2022 we launched a new Strategic Plan, focusing on areas of growth, system change/community impact, and centers of excellence. Our objective remains to be a premier human services agency providing social and emotional support for individuals and families, promoting healthy relationships and loving homes, and building strong communities. In the past year, we have achieved this goal through a number of avenues: by incorporating trauma-informed practices in our programs; by creating an Emergency Shelter program for children; by advocating for increased family resources for the betterment of our communities; by focusing on workforce development so that our staff can optimally meet the needs of our clients. In the past year, we have continued to be the second-largest private provider of child welfare services in the state, while our Intact Family program continued to keep families together and our Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) program supported individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Caritas also continued to seek new supporters for our critical work. In 2022, we introduced a new fundraising event — our first ever "Be a Kid for a Night" which helped us raise funds to support our child welfare efforts.

All of this would not have been possible without the involvement and support of our board, staff, volunteers, donors and partners. You have helped us bring innovative ideas to life in support of new endeavors as well as our existing programs. Because of you, we have continued to increase the number of people served with more than six thousand individuals benefiting from Caritas programs in the past year. We applaud you and are forever grateful for your support!

Sincerely,



Gary Huelsmann, MSW
Chief Executive Officer



Dr. Julie Pietroburgo
Board Chairperson



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Meet Courtney Hagen

One woman's story shows how people need people. Meet Courtney Hagen, the Training & Development Manager of Foster Care at Caritas, the agency that changed her life. Courtney's story embodies Caritas' values and mission of creating a legacy of love.

Her journey with Caritas began the day she was born. Her birth mother was a young woman who had just started college and was not ready to be a mother. She wanted to provide Courtney with the best life possible and knew there were families out there ready, willing, and able to give her every opportunity they could. Choosing adoption was the most difficult and selfless decision she could make. Because of that decision, Courtney was raised with all the love in the world by two doting parents that cheered her on at sports games, smiled through tears at her graduation, and gave her a lifetime of unforgettable memories.

Now, years later, Courtney's giving back to the agency that changed her life and is inspiring others to do the same. Her story shows that even in difficult circumstances, there is always hope and a chance for a better life. She said, "I wanted to help create those fairy tale endings for others; I knew how important that work was. So that is where I ended up 24 years later: fresh out of college, five days post-graduation, applying for a case manager position with the agency I was adopted through, then known as Christian Social Services. And so began a new chapter in my life, one I had no idea would change me forever."

Courtney quickly learned that being a case manager is not for the weak. As the backbone of child welfare, they are road warriors who work countless hours with children and families in the field. The fairy tale ending happens due to blood, sweat, and tears from all involved. As a case manager, Courtney has seen it all, "I have picked children up in the middle of the night after weeks

on the run and sat with them at the office while we looked for a home. I've watched a child find his forever home after too many years in care, I watched children celebrate birthdays and holidays, building new relationships with people who were previously strangers welcoming them into their home. I've clapped in a courtroom after families are reunited, and when new families are created. I have sat with a child receiving chemotherapy and then sat with his mother to console her after he passed away. These are a few of the stories, some happy, some sad, but all remind me that people just need people — and because of that, child welfare became my passion."

That passion drove Courtney to continue her education, eventually earning a Master's in Psychology. By January 2021, she had worked her way up to Foster Care Supervisor and opened a new office in Sparta to assist the Belleville and Carterville regions. Shortly after, in April of 2022, she was promoted to Training & Development Manager of Foster Care, where she helps train and develop Caritas' future generation of foster care staff with the same acceptance and compassion that was ingrained in her, allowing more case managers to go on and make an even bigger impact and so Caritas' legacy grows.

We're so grateful to Courtney for sharing her story and allowing us to witness the legacy of love come full circle. To close out this year, we want to leave you with a quote from Courtney that describes Caritas and all the people involved: "Our legacy has not been created alone on the passion of its case management staff or its fearless leadership. It has grown to be the agency it is in large part due to individuals willing to support Caritas' mission of building healthy relationships, loving homes, and stronger communities in hopes that just one more life changed has the potential to impact so many more."

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Healthy relationships, loving homes and strong communities.



Foster Care

- 2,958 children and their families served
- 503,878 days of care
- 37% of children provided permanent stable homes



St. John Bosco Children's Center

- 35 youth served
- 11,599 days of care
- Average length of stay decreased by 211 days



Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

- 70 Host Agencies
- 90 Participants
- 21 participants secured unsubsidized employment



Foster Home Licensing

- 1,210 active foster homes
- 56% of Relative Foster Care Homes are licensed



Fontebella Maternity Home

- 9 mothers, 8 babies and 1 toddler served
- 11 months average length of stay



Fox River Assisted Living Apartments

- 36 seniors served
- 96% of residents are satisfied with services



Intact Family Program

- 336 children and parents served
- 95% of cases were not re-opened within 1 year



Clinical Services

- 6,540 counseling hours provided
- 82% of clients successfully discharged from services



Community Integrated Living Arrangements

- 24 adults served
- 681 community outings
- 93% of residents and guardians are satisfied

BY THE NUMBERS

\$39 MILLION
FY 2022 Revenue

\$45 MILLION
FY 2023 Budget

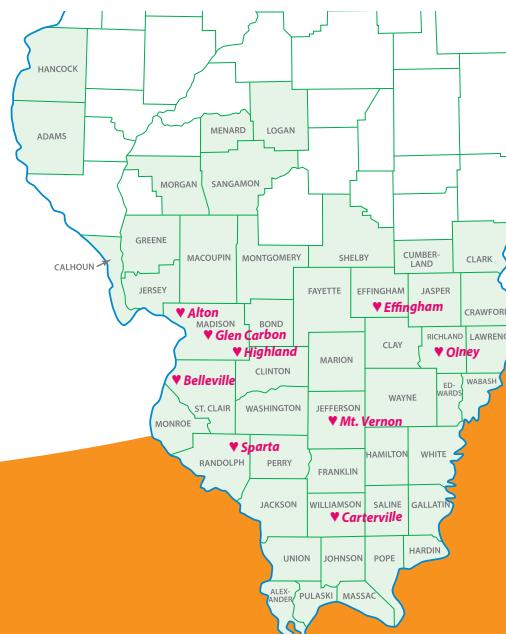
67 Counties Served

583 Employees

6,276 Clients Served



SERVICE AREA



Mission Statement

Caritas Family Solutions strengthens the social and emotional well-being of individuals and families in order to create healthy relationships, loving homes and strong communities.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

Support and Revenue:	2022	2021	2020
Grants and Contracts	\$38,319,240	\$35,665,512	\$29,607,273
Program Service Fees	119,970	158,956	715,025
Contributions	833,243	735,355	1,192,292
Fundraising Events (Net)	156,413	123,349	83,778
Rental Income	338,423	342,862	360,645
Miscellaneous Income	4,044	14,956	120,247
Investment Income	(344,187)	295,851	59,046
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	69,693	67,938	100,629
Total Support & Revenue	\$39,496,839	\$37,404,779	\$32,238,935
Expenses and Net Assets:			
Program Services	33,595,736	\$32,906,787	\$27,824,009
Management and General	4,522,265	3,734,174	3,068,275
Rental Expense	70,682	88,712	95,568
Fundraising	383,053	300,410	497,620
Total Expenses	38,571,736	37,030,083	31,485,472
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Property/Equipment	122,849	130,953	36,565
Gain On Extinguishment of Debt	—	\$1,026,799	—
Contingent Loss/Repayment Excess Revenue	(911,552)	—	—
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	—	—	(15,707)
Change in Net Assets	\$136,400	\$1,532,448	\$790,028
Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,510,865	\$3,731,903	\$5,292,405
Accounts Receivable (Net)	2,733,494	3,115,474	3,399,692
Certificate of Deposit	129,911	129,006	126,772
Investments (at Fair Value)	2,186,909	1,520,698	1,039,732
Prepaid Expenses	566,133	423,357	299,398
Total Current Assets	9,127,312	8,920,438	10,157,999
Reserves and Client Deposits	160,349	163,336	154,819
Property and Equipment (Net)	9,666,695	9,988,957	8,925,045
Total Assets	\$18,954,356	\$19,072,731	\$19,237,863
Liabilities and Net Assets:			
Current Maturities of Notes Payable	\$248,658	\$281,653	\$339,677
Current Maturities of Paycheck Protection Program Loan	—	—	2,412,781
Current Maturities of Capital Leases	345,927	277,599	185,205
Accounts Payable	1,023,321	1,212,635	857,030
Accrued Salaries and Related Expenses	2,437,176	2,961,271	2,801,344
Other Accrued Liabilities	182,632	202,759	157,215
Due to DCFS/Contingent Liabilities	911,552	—	—
Deferred Revenue	251,584	251,584	251,584
Notes Payable, Less Current Maturities	5,713,393	5,962,052	5,275,580
Paycheck Protection Program Loan, Less Current Maturities	—	—	602,419
Capital Leases, Less Current Maturities	326,559	546,024	510,322
Net Assets: Without Restrictions	7,471,093	7,334,693	5,802,245
Net Assets: With Restrictions	42,461	42,461	42,461
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$18,954,356	\$19,072,731	\$19,237,863

To view our complete financial audit, please visit our website





Our Mission

To strengthen the social and emotional well-being of individuals and families in order to create healthy relationships, loving homes, and strong communities.

Our Vision

To be the premier human services organization committed to promoting a just and caring society reflective of God's love.

Our Values

Respect • Innovation • Equity • Faith
Integrity • Accountability • Collaboration

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