



The Mission

Care With Dignity ... Life With Hope

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Catholic Charities 2015

1.5 million, face-to face services for 55,917 Long Island neighbors

Chemical Dependence Services.....	1,772 served
Commodity Supplemental Food Program.....	10,262 served
Disaster Response.....	1,219 served
HIV/AIDS Services.....	47 served
Housing*.....	4,228 served
Immigrant Services/ Refugee Resettlement	21,223 served
Mental Health Outpatient Services.....	2,202 served
Mental Health Residential Services*.....	155 served
Nutrition Outreach Education Project.....	3,951 served
Parish Social Ministry**	1,593 served
Regina Maternity Services*	82 served
Residential Services for People With Developmental Disabilities*.....	107 served
Senior Services	3,469 served
Women, Infants & Children.....	5,607 served



* Many participants in these programs receive round-the-clock, residential care.

** The Parish Social Ministry staff also supported parish programs that serve people in their local communities by holding trainings and conferences that were attended by 2,506 people.



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"I Belong Here"

Bill knew his son was smart but that he was also restless. When Michael ultimately decided to become a doctor like his brothers, he chose a medical school overseas. It was there that he got hooked on cocaine and began a steady, downward spiral into the world of chemical dependence. "It was a disaster," his father explains. "He became a full-blown addict so we turned to Talbot House."

The Catholic Charities 24-hour crisis center offers medically-monitored withdrawal services to those who have nowhere else to turn. Once admitted, Michael met Sr. Jane, a counselor who

challenged him with the brutal honesty needed to recover. Michael wanted to give up, but Jane wouldn't let him. After several grueling weeks, he successfully graduated from Talbot and moved on to other recovery programs. With his life back on track, he finished medical school and had just decided on a residency program when disaster struck. The parents of a childhood friend battling alcoholism called, pleading desperately for his help. Michael responded, setting off on a drive that ultimately ended his life in an accident caused by an impaired driver.

"It wasn't enough for Michael that he beat it. He was going to help others beat it too. I grieve for my son, but he inspires me every day." In fact, Bill recently graduated with a master's degree in Pastoral Studies from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. A chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital he also volunteers as a spiritual counselor at Talbot House. "Michael said he owed his life to Talbot House. I know I belong here carrying on his work."



**Rise, then, for
this is your duty!
We are with you,
so have courage
and act!**

Ezra 10:4

From Our Mailbag

The Thanks Belong to You!



I am not aware of any place else in the world a person can be cared for, sleep, get medical attention, guidance and love immediately while getting sober. Talbot House was my saving grace and I am so grateful for it. I know that I am safe here.

- D.

I walked into Talbot House a broken man, I wanted to die but Talbot house was a life changing experience...Thanks to everyone that keeps it up and running. I am forever grateful. Without Talbot House I surely would not be alive.

- I.



*“Heal the Wounds.
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—Pope Francis*

It's Never Too Late

My Dear Friend,

November marks the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Since last December, Pope Francis has asked us to bring God's healing mercy to our world, and in doing so to move closer to Jesus. If you somehow missed this wonderful opportunity, I offer this Gospel passage:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-17)

Just weeks before, Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now he was being given three new opportunities to wipe the slate clean and prove his love! But our Lord met each of Peter's fervent responses with a demand that he serve His people. Our Lord was making it abundantly clear that lip service wouldn't cut it! If we really love God then we must care for his people. He gave us the most straightforward, uncomplicated recipe for love that He could muster – and He gave it to us three times!

At Catholic Charities love is alive and well. It cooks meals at our Senior Centers and pulls the heroin addict through withdrawal. It builds the cribs, delivers food and it's what fuels all of our 14 ministries that serve 59,000 people a year.

But none of this – not any of it – is possible without the financial support of people like you.

So I ask you plainly: Will you join us in bringing God's love to Long Island?

...because even if you missed the Year of Mercy, a life of mercy is always possible with Catholic Charities.



I remain gratefully yours,

Laura A. Cassell

Laura A. Cassell,
CEO, Catholic Charities,
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Responding...

Catholic Charities USA, always one of our biggest supporters, for their ongoing commitment of more than \$1.9 million in long term recovery grants to our Disaster Response program.

Fidelis Care New York for a 2016 grant of \$381,500 for Mental Health Services & Regina Maternity Services. They are truly good neighbors to Long Island's neediest with ongoing support now totaling more than \$1.7 million!

The **anonymous couple** who continued their generosity to Catholic Charities with a gift of \$250,000 in 2016.



Caritas Dinner honoree and long-time trustee, **Barbara L. Townsend** and the more than 200 guests who celebrated her dedication. A total of \$192,735 was raised together with corporate sponsor **Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, LLP**.

Longtime partners, **The United Way of Long Island** for their generous donation of \$65,000.

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