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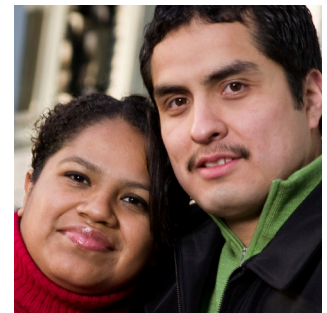
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Catholic Charities Cares

Summary of Agency Services and Activities 2008

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto provides social services, leadership and advocacy for its 26 member agencies and the people they serve. At its core is Catholic Social Teaching that, focused on the poor and marginalized, strives to build a just society and safeguards the dignity of every person.

What Catholic Charities Does

Every day families, single mothers, children, seniors, new immigrants, migrants and refugees turn to one of the 26 member agencies of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Unemployment and layoffs are on the rise. More families are being pushed to the limits of endurance and both youth and people living with disabilities are more vulnerable than ever. In the face of these challenges, Catholic Charities' member agencies continue to respond with support, guidance and counselling.

Member Agencies' Community Outreach

Whether it's a family in crisis, a person living with a developmental disability or a youth in transition moving from a troubled past toward a stable future, a Catholic Charities' member agency is often there, active in their community and ready to help.

Catholic Charities member agencies serve hundreds of communities, both urban and rural, by contributing to the economic and social well-being of thousands in Toronto, Peel, York and Durham regions as well as Dufferin and Simcoe counties.

Sanctity of Life / Human Dignity

For over 95 years, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto has maintained a standard of professionalism, providing effective services, leadership and advocacy in a committed, caring and empowering way.

Catholic teaching and tradition urges us to follow Christ's example to love and serve one another.

Scripture teaches that God has a special concern for the poor and vulnerable. The Church calls on us to embrace this preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, to embody it in our lives, and to work to have it shape public policies and priorities.

Drawing its strength from Catholic teaching, Catholic Charities continues to reach out to those vulnerable families and individuals

in our communities. Catholic Charities and its member agencies believe in the sanctity of human life, the inherent dignity of the human person and the capacity of people to grow in a community.



A Message from the President

In 2008, we saw the beginning of the most severe global economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Nevertheless, we made some great strides forward in ensuring that we, as a community, care for those among us whose need is greatest.

Throughout the year we brought together seven separate agencies to plan for the creation of a multi-agency *Youth in Transition Program* to meet the needs of young people sixteen and older who are leaving the child welfare system.

We provided seed money towards the creation of a program to make counselling services available to the families of unemployed auto workers in Durham Region.

We assisted with relocation of the Four Winds Camp (now Camp Ozanam) from Lake Simcoe to the Aurora area and with the transition in its management to St Vincent de Paul.

In October, together with other community representatives, we celebrated the opening of Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County.

The financial challenges facing us cannot be minimized. We continue to assist agencies as they struggle to cope with reduced government funding and charitable giving. As with many pension plans, our Catholic Charities Pension Plan has been challenged by the equity market downturn.

Thanks to the dedication of Archbishop Thomas Collins, our Executive Director Michael Fullan, our Staff and Board, the generous donors to ShareLife and, through the grace of God, we will meet the challenges ahead of us.

Brian Mulroney, President of Catholic Charities, 2008

Some of Our Stories

Mother and Daughter are Doing Fine

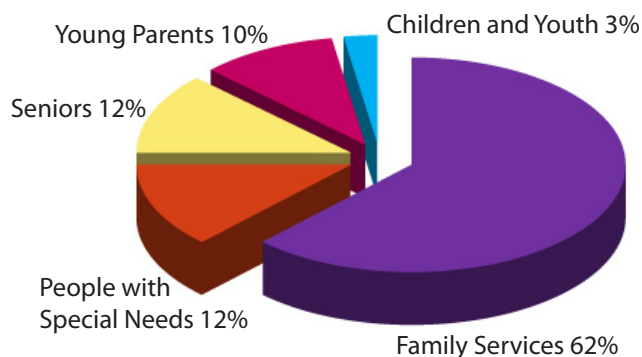
Jill says that before she became pregnant, she was on the wrong path in her life." I was a party girl, not thinking about consequences and I was dealing with a lot at home." Support from Rose of Sharon, a Catholic Charities member agency, made parenting her new daughter possible. "At the Rose, I felt I belonged after meeting other young Moms, all wonderful parents and moving ahead with their lives. All the feelings of guilt, failure and remorse went away," she says." I grew stronger... choosing life was the best decision."



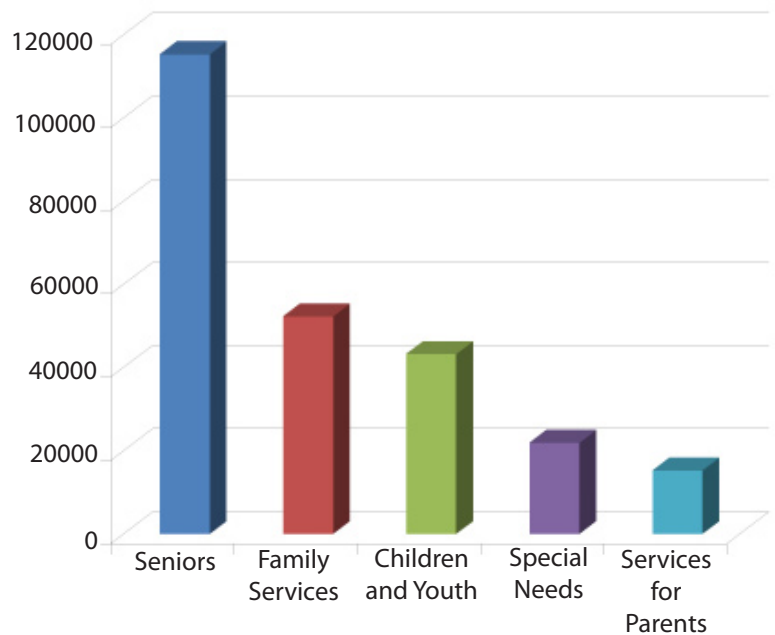
Finding the Real Gifts of Life

When Jayden turned 50, he didn't have much to show for half a century of living. Using drugs and abusing alcohol since he was 15, there were **years** he literally could not remember. He now suffered from chronic alcoholism and had mental health issues. He had "nobody and nothing" and was "ready to end it" until a friend suggested Matt Talbot Houses, a Catholic Charities member agency. They developed with him a rehabilitative care plan: a four month day treatment program and one providing spiritual development. "Matt Talbot Houses gave me the freedom to pursue the true gifts of life," Jayden says. "Now my life has truly changed."

How Catholic Charities uses ShareLife Dollars



Volunteer Hours



Designer Dreams

Growing up in poverty, Preston often had dreams that seemed beyond his grasp. That was until Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS), a Catholic Charities member agency, placed him in the care of his loving foster mother, Joyce. With her encouragement, he realized that he was no different than other kids. He just hadn't had the same opportunities. He was like many kids who have their dreams taken away from them every day because of their circumstances.

Through the Nelson Mandela Scholarship, sponsored by CCAS, Preston got the opportunity to achieve his hopes and dreams. "I was able to complete my college education and pursue a career in graphic design," he said. "As a self-employed graphic designer, I'm doing what I love to do every day."

Chakira's Healing Journey

Leaving Africa after years of spousal abuse, Chakira suffered horrifically with deep emotional scars. In Canada, she was alone with no family, friends and few social supports to help her deal with trauma from years of abuse.

She sought counselling through Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a Catholic Charities member agency, to deal with it. She is now on a healing, therapeutic journey that is strengthening her sense of self and rebuilding the self-esteem abuse had stolen from her.

For more stories about the people being served by the member agencies of Catholic Charities, please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiestor.org

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