







Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson, provides help and creates hope throughout Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties in New Jersey and operates satellite programs in 5 additional counties.

In 2022, we served over 25,000 people. We go where the need is and meet people where they are.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson

Who we are

A vast ministry within New Jersey

Out of nearly 41,000 New Jersey 501(c)(3) organizations, less than 0.3% operate at our size and scope. Our many programs allow us to assist entire families, offer a wide range of services, and support those in need with a variety of resources.

A proud Catholic Charities USA Member Agency

Of 167 Catholic Charities USA agencies throughout the country, we are top 15 in both budget size and total number of employees.

3 Agencies - 1 Mission

Straight and Narrow,
Catholic Family and Community
Services, and the Department
for Persons with Disabilities
make up Catholic Charities,
Diocese of Paterson. Our
agencies work collaboratively
to provide help and create hope
for those in need.







Read about who we are, our place in society, and our **2022 Year of Service Through Encounter** in this annual report. Visit our website at **www.ccpaterson.org**to learn even more about our vast and vital ministry.

The Diocese of Paterson

The Diocese of Paterson comprises New Jersey's three northwest counties of Morris, Passaic, and Sussex, with an area of 1,214 square miles and a population of 1,134,000.

The Holy See created the Diocese in 1937 by separating the three counties from the Archdiocese of Newark.

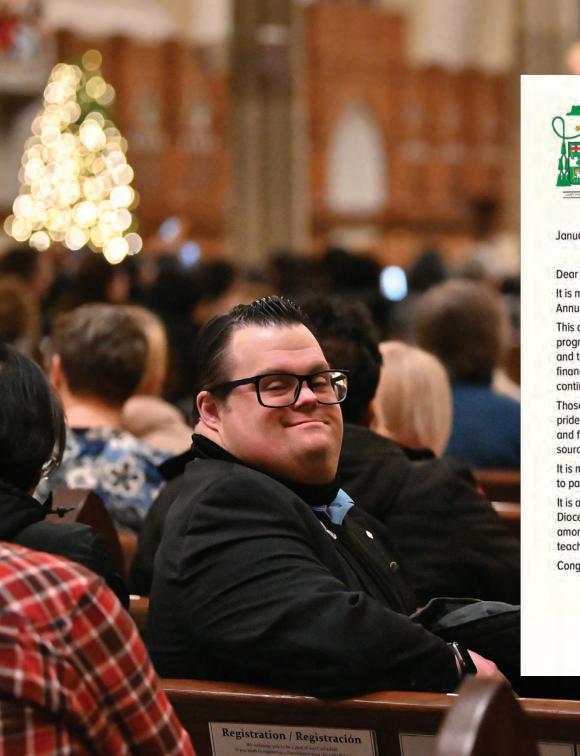
Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney is the leader of the Diocese of Paterson and was installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese in July 2020.

The diocese counts some 430,000 Catholics in a rich tapestry of 109 parishes where Mass is offered in 14 different languages and is a good neighbor to five Eastern-rite Churches.

The Diocese of Paterson includes 22 Catholic Schools, our 70 Catholic Charities programs, and various ministries in the three counties of Passaic, Morris, and Sussex in northern New Jersey.

We are grateful to the Diocesan faithful who support our impactful ministry.

Catholic Charities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves based on need, not creed. We help all who come to our door regardless of their religious beliefs.



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January 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2022 Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson Annual Report.

This document highlights the achievements of our Catholic Charities agencies and programs. The services outlined in the Annual Report are the result of the dedication and talent of our agency leaders, staff and volunteers, as well as the moral and financial support of Catholic Charities donors. Catholic Charities here in our Diocese continues to be a light, shining in the darkest of moments.

Those of us who are part of the Paterson Diocese will read this report with genuine pride for what Catholic Charities does. Knowing so many of our friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners have contributed to the Catholic Charities success story is a source of great encouragement.

It is my hope that all who read the Annual Report will see it as a source of inspiration to participate in the work of Christ among his beloved poor.

It is a great joy to be able to so wholeheartedly salute and thank Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson for all its fine work on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged among us, and for being in the forefront of putting into practice Catholic Social teaching principles in the community.

Congratulations, Catholic Charities. I salute you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.

Bishop of Paterson

Board of Trustees Faithful Leadership

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson

In November of 2017, a new single Board of Directors replaced the existing Department for Persons with Disabilities, Straight and Narrow and Catholic Family and Community Services Boards. The board members applied for the new positions and were appointed from Diocesan Leadership and the existing Catholic Charities Boards.

The past 5 years have been exciting and fruitful as we continue to come together to help those most in need.



Catholic Charities Board President Rev. Msgr. Herbert Tillyer (2nd from left) with Bishop Kevin Sweeney and members of the Order of Malta at the 2022 Caritas Gala.

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The Catholic Charities Board of Trustees operates under applicable laws of the State of New Jersey in order to assure that the operation of the Department for Persons with Disabilities, Straight and Narrow and Catholic Family and Community Services is done so with integrity and high ethical standards.





Dear Friends,

Another year has come and gone and I am proud to present this report outlining the accomplishments of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson.

We continue to help more people than ever before in our history, most notably at our Catholic Family and Community Services food pantries and emergency support programs. These programs are helping 5 times as many individuals today than they were less than 3 years ago. These are children, women, and men who are food insecure and/or facing homelessness. Sadly, in July we suddenly and tragically lost the Executive Director of CFCS, Bob Jacob. Our Bob Jacob Unmet Needs Fund, made possible through a major gift and subsequent donations from his loving family, helps support those who have fallen through the cracks of society. We will forever hold Bob's memory close to our hearts.

Over the past several years, Straight and Narrow has been faced with both a catastrophic fire and global pandemic, while continuing to battle the crisis of addiction. The resilience shown by Straight and Narrow's leadership, staff, and service recipients has truly been admirable. We hope to break ground on a new recovery center in Paterson in 2023 and continue to work with county, state, and diocesan officials to make our dreams into a reality.

The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is the largest Catholic organization helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the country, assisting over 360 individuals each day. In 2022, we lost our founder, Fr. Jack Wehrlen. Without Fr. Jack there would be no DPD; his rich legacy will live on through the work of the Department.

With the generous support of you – Bishop Sweeney and the Chancery of the Diocese of Paterson, our board members, donors, foundations, volunteers, advocates, and supporters – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson will continue to help those most in need, through 2023 and beyond!

Scott Milliken

Scott Milliken, CEO

Catholic Charities, Diosese of Paterson





Catholic Charities New Jersey and USA

Our place in our state and nation www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson is a proud member agency of Catholic Charities USA. Catholic Charities USA was founded over a century ago by men and women who believed that the collective efforts of the church to faithfully serve people in need could change the course of poverty in our nation.

There are **1,700** local Catholic Charities and institutions nationwide that help over **10 million** people annually regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds. We work collaboratively with our Catholic Charities New Jersey neighbors to provide help and create hope for so many. We are the largest Catholic Charities agency in New Jersey and one of the most robust in the entire country.

We continue to work with CCUSA to help those most in need. CCUSA offers leadership, development, and advocacy support to our organization. In 2022, they provided us with funding to hire a new SNAP Benefits Coordinator for all of the 3 counties in which we provide services. In November, with help of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Parish in Cedar Knolls, and CCUSA, we hosted a food and clothing drive for our sisters and brothers impacted by Hurricane Ida in Florida. We are proud to work alongside CCUSA to help those most in need!

A Story of Hope

From: "Paterson pitcher turned pro, then lost his career to addiction. Faith helped him recover." Deena Yellin, NorthJersey.com

Michael Jackson of Paterson was once a major league relief pitcher who intimidated batters and awed fans with his powerful left-handed delivery. During a four-year career in the early 1970s he wore the uniform of the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, Kansas City Royals and Cleveland Indians.

But Jackson's toughest opponent was off the baseball diamond. His nearly 15-year addiction to drugs and alcohol would eventually cost him his job in baseball and leave him jobless, homeless, and in and out of jail.

Today, the 76-year-old has been clean since 1986 and helps others get sober through his work as a counselor at Straight and Narrow, a substance abuse treatment facility operated by the Catholic Diocese of Paterson.

Jackson is part of the clinical service team that provides individual and group therapy sessions for the men's long-term treatment program. He's a living, breathing example to those in treatment that there can be life after addiction.

Straight and Narrow, a nonprofit community-based program founded in 1954, is among the oldest and largest substance abuse programs in the country, said Angela Nikolovski, its Executive Director. She estimates that 1,200 individuals and families from all backgrounds walk through its doors each day, and the number is growing as the drug abuse problem has exploded in recent years.

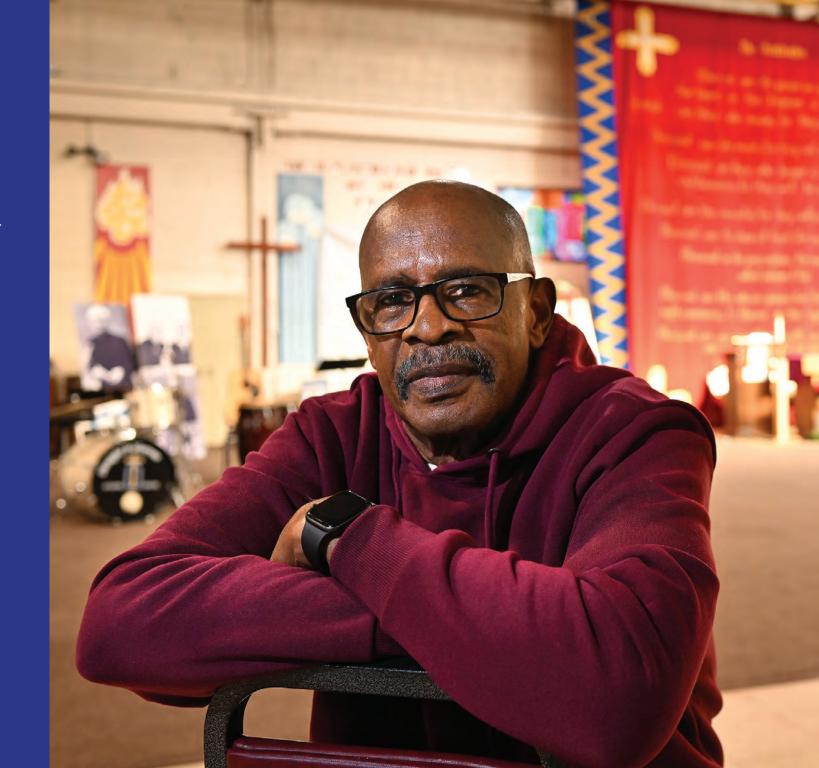
She's grateful for Jackson's work as a staff member who helps run structured clinical services. "He's a wealth of knowledge and his message is powerful," said Nikolovski. "He supports the clients to reach their goals in recovery and work toward a successful discharge. He makes a tremendous impact on the clients in our care."...

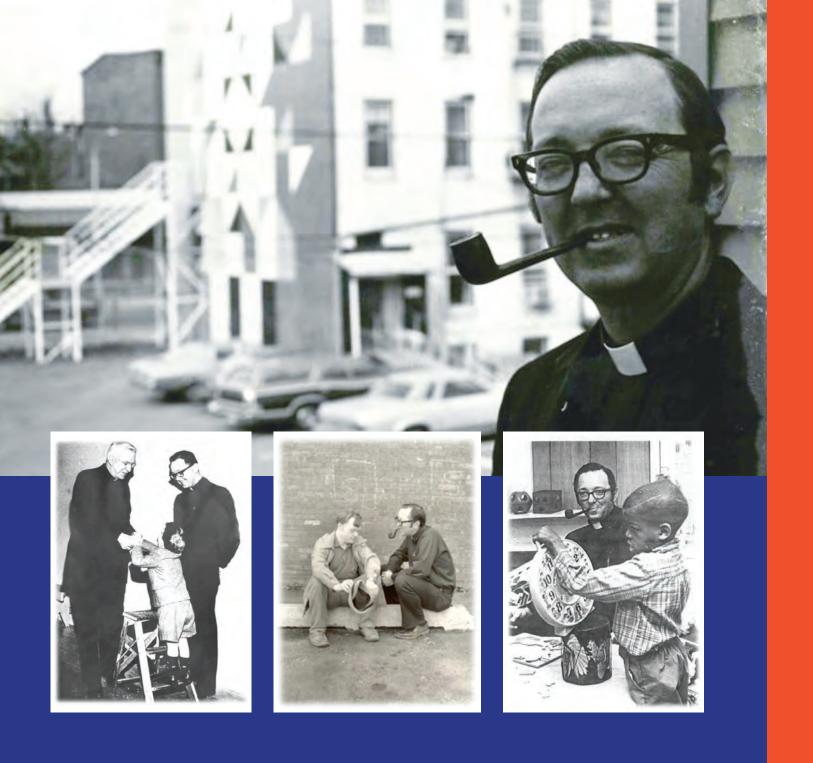
..."The easiest thing in the world was to give up," he (Jackson) often says. "But God gave me strength. He put people in my life who helped me in my recovery. I definitely didn't do it all on my own."

"Without my trust, without my faith in God," he said, "I wouldn't be where I am today."

Read the full article at:

www.northjersey.com/story/news/passaic/paterson/2022/12/21/paterson-pitcher-lost-pro-career-to-addiction-now-he-gives-back/69706122007/







Remembering DPD's Founder Fr. Jack Wehrlen

September 3, 1934 – July 24, 2022

On March 5, 1965 The Department for Persons with Disabilities was established by Bishop James J. Navagh; Father John Wehrlen was named our first Executive Director.

Fr. Wehrlen had a passion for helping those in need and was a pioneer in providing support and promoting independence for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

On September 19, 1971 Fr. Jack opened DPD's first group home for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Murray House in Paterson. This is currently the longest running group home in all of New Jersey.

Wehrlen House opened in 1989 in West Milford, in honor of Fr. Jack and will forever bear his name.

Without Fr. Jack there would be no DPD. Through the years, guided by the foundation he built, DPD has made a difference in the lives of thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"When reflecting on DPD and sacred scripture, I would say that Matthew 19:14 resonates with me the most. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Though not all the people we served were children, many of them had child-like innocence and purity. Jesus had time for children and the most vulnerable of his time and there is room in God's House for everybody," said Fr. Jack in celebration of 50 years of DPD in 2015.

Fr. Jack will be missed, but his legacy will live on through the ministry of the Department!



Fr. Brian Sullivan and Jonathan Camielo present grants to Catholic Charities to purchase new furniture at 2 of our Department for Persons with Disabilities group homes and to purchase a new generator at our Partnership for Social Services in Franklin.



Our SNAP Registration Coordinator Fiorella Vargas, pictured with CFCS Food Pantry Director Carlos Roldan. Fiorella was hired through the Share our Strength grant, made possible through Catholic Charities USA.

Spotlight on Funders

Thank you for your generosity and collaborative efforts!

In addition to support from individual donors, kindness shown through the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, volunteer hours, corporate partnerships, and our fundraising events, several funders awarded us with grants to improve and expand our services. Grant funding we have received in 2022 included:

A family foundation who wishes to remain anonymous, provided us with a transformative gift to start 2 new programs at Straight and Narrow. In 2023, we will implement new services and enhance current services to provide a nutrition and wellness program and a career development program. These offerings will provide a higher level of support for the women and men we assist with addictive disorders.

The **W. O'Neil Foundation** awarded the Department for Persons with Disabilities with funding to purchase a new emergency generator.

Catholic Charities USA provided us with funding to hire a new SNAP Benefits Coordinator for all of the 3 counties in which we provide services.

The **We Care We Share Program at the Church of Christ the King, New Vernon**, provided grants to purchase new furniture for two of our group homes and to purchase a new generator for our Partnership for Social Services program in Franklin.

The **Catholic Human Services Foundation** provided funding to purchase new cleaning equipment for our Fr. English Food Pantry and throughout Catholic Family and Community Services.

The **Walmart Foundation**, through several of their regional stores, awarded our agencies with unrestricted funding to better assist those most in need.

A **funder who wishes to remain anonymous** provided us with a grant to reinvigorate our Fixit Program and start a Chore Program at Hope House in Dover. These programs provide vital home repair and cleaning services to homebound seniors throughout Morris County.

We also received funding to install new flooring at Hope House and a new HVAC system at DPD from a foundation who wishes to remain anonymous.

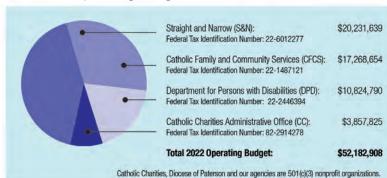
We are blessed, grateful and looking forward to a bright tomorrow!

By the Numbers

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson

To learn more about our incredible impact please visit: ccpaterson.org

Our 2022 Operating Budgets and EINs





Over 25,000
children, women, and men
helped throughout our multitude
of programs



Over 40,000

volunteer hours spent helping at our food pantries, for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, delivering meals, with seniors, and more.



Over 3,400,000

Over 5,500,000

meals provided by our food pantries and Meals on Wheels Program

pounds of food given out at our 3 food pantries spanning Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties



Over **\$2,000,000** of emergency financial assistance provided to those in crisis including Veterans, senior citizens and families in crisis

Over **500,000** individuals fed at our 3 food pantries spanning 50,000 households. In November of 2021, we helped nearly 29,000 individuals just in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.



Over 5,000

children assisted through our Early Childhood Education, Youth at Risk, and Intervention Programs. 1,588

women and men admitted to Straight and Narrow throughout 2022 to improve their lives and persevere through their journey of recovery



Thanks to the support of generous donors, volunteers, foundations, service groups, the Diocese of Paterson faithful and friends, we were able to provide help and create hope for more people than every before throughout 2022.

2022

1,200

families provided with support through Straight and Narrow's Family Success Center. 643 of these families were new to our organization.



366

adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities assisted at the Department for Persons with Disabilities

Over 70

programs helping the most vulnerable in our communities

3 Agencies

that make up our vast organization: Straight and Narrow, Catholic Family and Community Services, and the Department for Persons with Disabilities

There's only 1
Catholic Charities
Diocese of Paterson!



Straight and Narrow

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Founded in 1954 as a treatment program for "male alcoholics," Straight & Narrow has evolved into a premier, diverse, pace-setting, comprehensive social service, health care, and community development agency. Over 60 years of service to the community makes us the longest-running community-based residential treatment facility for those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol in the United States of America.

Headquartered in Paterson, NJ, Straight & Narrow is the largest program of its kind.

"Through God's Grace and the help of Straight and Narrow I have been clean for four years. I was once hopeless, homeless, and with no desire to live. I now work in treatment, have my family life in order, and have earned my degree. I am nothing but grateful for the program who helped me gain my self respect back." Luana, graduated 2014

Fire at 410

The Straight and Narrow Fire – 3 years later

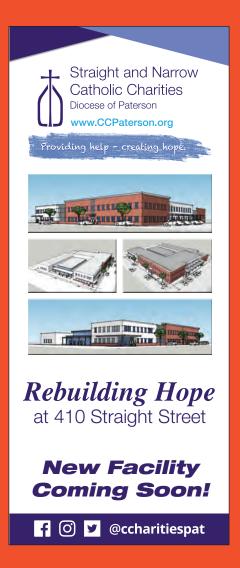
On August 24, 2019, Straight & Narrow experienced one of the worst tragedies to ever impact the organization. Our 410 Straight Street building was destroyed by a fire leaving the building a complete loss. The 410 Straight Street building housed our 50 bed men halfway house, women's clinical office space, and warehouse. The warehouse was used to store our many donations from clothing for adults, children, children's toys, furniture, and equipment.

Miraculously no one was hurt. Straight and Narrow staff, clients, and first responders all walked away uninjured. Thankfully, the neighboring building, our Monsignor Mark Giordani Center was not damaged. Our O'Connor Halfway House has been has been temporarily relocated to Passaicrelocated to Passaic, where it has been fully operational since day 1. The community has rallied around Straight and Narrow and we are grateful.

We have invested a significant amount of time over the last 3 years in planning, community outreach, and development of a new center to replace the facility that was destroyed. We have met with city, county, state, federal, and Diocesan representatives and numerous planning boards. The Passaic County zoning review meeting for new the structure recently took place and pending items requested are being addressed by the our architects and engineers. The City of Paterson Planning Board also

recently motioned to vote and our application was approved. These approvals now give us the ability to move forward with the finalization of our design and construction plans.

After 3 years of diligent listening, learning, planning and collaboration we are ready to rebuild hope at 410 Straight Street and hope to break ground in 2023!



Photos: The former 410 building at Straight and Narrow; the aftermath of the Straight and Narrow Fire, August 2019; Straight and Narrow leadership recently attended an Investing in Our Communities event at Paterson City Hall, and are grateful to our community partners across the state of New Jersey who have worked alongside us in planning and development of our future facility.







Admissions and **Detox Medical Unit**

at Straight and Narrow

Our Admissions Department is a nonjudgmental, compassionate, and empathic first line of contact for individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders. Our Central Intake Office provides access to the following programs/levels of care: Detoxification (medical unit), Short-Term Inpatient, Long-term Inpatient, O'Connor Halfway House, Intensive Outpatient, and Outpatient.

In 2022, we resumed in-person outreach meetings and walk-ins. We further diversified our services to provide American Sign Language (ASL) support, interim services, and pre-admission case management.

Our Medical Unit is the hub of client medical care. Some of the medical services we provide include: physical examinations; psychiatric evaluation and treatment; treatment for acute and chronic conditions; HIV screening, testing and counseling; dietician assessments and wellness education.

We strive to ensure safe conditions for all. We continue to follow guidance offered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as local, state and federal requirements. In 2022, we spearheaded a campaign to increase the number of clients who are vaccinated and boosted. This initiative has increased the client's vaccination rates across all programs.



Straight and Narrow Saving Lives



Providing Recovery Services

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Residential Treatment Services

at Straight and Narrow

Residential Treatment Services include Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management/Detox, Short-Term Residential, Long-Term Residential, and Halfway House services.

Our clinical team continued to meet the needs of the many individuals in our care. Health and safety remain paramount through the COVID-19 pandemic. All programs adhere to significant restrictions as outlined by local BOH, DOH and CDC guidelines. With the addition of telehealth services and video conferencing, clients are able to receive clinical services, family interaction, and support from the twelve-step community regardless of quarantine or isolation status.

Treatment Program (Mommy and Me)
began holding in-person visits allowing for
mothers to reunite and visit with their children.
In collaboration with Rutgers, a nutrition
group for women's residential treatment ran
successfully. Crochet lessons, implementation

The Women and Children Residential

of the Bright course education curriculum, and a variety of therapeutic tools have also been implemented in the past year.

Our **Residential Life (RL)** staff play a major role in day-to-day program functioning.

They maintain high visibility and offer support. Recreational activities are provided for all units.



Straight and Narrow Inpatient Programs



Successful completions of Residential Services

36 companies

Employed Halfway House clients



Welcomed at the Alpha 3 program



Mothers and children through Mommy and Me program (89% success rate)

Outpatient Treatment, Msgr. Wall Center and the IDRC

at Straight and Narrow

Our Medication Assisted Treatment program, the Monsignor Wall Center, opened in 1971, and is named after our founder Rev. Msgr. William Wall. It is based out of Paramus, NJ. Our treatment includes Methadone, Suboxone, Vivitrol, Naltrexone, and 2022 saw the increase in the use of Sublocade. Clinical Services at MWC are offered based on client's progress in treatment and a phase system guides their clinical journeys. Clinical sessions can be held weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly dependent on the phase the client is in.

In 2022, our Monsignor Wall Center proudly earned Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) reaccreditation.

Straight and Narrow also provides **Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment** through Individual Therapy; Group Therapy; and Family Therapy, as clinically indicated.

The Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center (IDRC) provided 12/48-hour virtual program services to those in need. The turnout rate for in-person classes was 30-40 clients per session and the online classes was 45-53. It is with deep regret that we have made the difficult decision to end the operation of our IDRC effective 12/31/22. All individuals in need of IDRC related support will be referred to community partners and services provided by Passaic County.



Straight and Narrow Outpatient Programs



Currently enrolled in MAT services



Dosages of Medication Distributed Annually at Straight and Narrow





Straight and Narrow Community Support Programs

Family Success Center
Apartments 1 and 2
La Vida Childcare Center
Prospective Medical Day Care Program

Straight and Narrow is the largest nonprofit drug and alcohol treatment center in the country, helping over 1,500 people in recovery each and every day.

In addition to these extensive services Straight and Narrow operates an Early Learning Program (La Vida Too), permanent supportive housing (Apartments I and II), and the Family Success Center all located in Passaic County.

These programs assist hundreds of individuals and families each day. Straight and Narrow is proud to offer a wide range of diverse offerings to our community.

Family Success Center and La Vida Too

at Straight and Narrow

Our Family Success Center is a one-stop community center providing services to individuals and families of Paterson and surrounding communities. The FSC assisted families with obtaining services including: linkages to resources, multi-lingual parenting classes, parent support groups, holiday celebrations and giveaways, and parent-child activities. In addition, Over 70 families participated in our Pinwheels for Prevention Initiative which offered child abuse prevention programming.

La Vida Child Care Too is an early learning program for Paterson's three-and four-year-old children. Our mission is to create a community of strong, healthy children and families and ensure high student outcomes. Our philosophy is a child-directed curriculum, conducted in a nurturing environment, where children's needs are continuously supported by a staff of well-trained teachers.

In the past year, La Vida Too has implemented Abriendo Puertas, a Parent Leadership Program that engages parents in lessons that reflect their culture and focuses on helping Latino parents understand their important role in supporting their child's educational success.



Straight and Narrow Early Learning and Family Success



Assited through the Family Success Center





Meals prepared annually across S&N, including La Vida Too daily lunches

Supportive Housing and Medical Day Care

at Straight and Narrow

Our Supportive Housing Units (Apartments 1 and 2) provide comfortable and safe housing to individuals in need. Our Apartments 1 program includes one-bedroom units designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities. This building is currently at 100% capacity. Our Apartments 2 program includes a single room and is designed for individuals who were homeless with physical disabilities. This building is currently at 84 % capacity. Our Tenant Program provides services include housing, advocacy, benefit/financial counseling, and linkages to other related services.

We have been awarded funding through the City of Paterson Ryan White Grants Division to reinstate our **Medical Day Care Program**. We will be renovating and reconstructing a state of the art center at 380 Straight Street. We are working with contractors, vendors, and planning boards to enhance our space to provide a high quality of support to the community for years to come. We hope to reinstate this program in 2023.



Straight and Narrow Supportive Housing



32.2% poverty rate

Many struggling with the lack of supportive housing in Paterson

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73 units

Of supportive housing apartments offered at Straight and Narrow



100+ people

We plan to assist over 200 individuals with advanced medical needs daily at our prospective Medical Day Care Program



Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS)

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For over 75 years, Catholic Family and Community Services has been serving individuals in need across Passaic, Morris, and Sussex Counties in New Jersey. As a multi-social service agency, we work to provide professional social services to those who are oppressed, in crisis, and disenfranchised. By meeting the basic human needs of food, shelter, and clothing, and serving our clients throughout their age spectrum, we fulfill our calling to serve the poor in our community.

Our scope of services would not be possible without the hard work of our employees and the generosity of our supporters, including diocesan parishioners, diversified donors, foundations, corporations, and grant administrators. Our collaborative efforts have made a lasting impact on those in need and we thank all our staff and supporters for helping us to live our mission.

In reflecting on the challenges and triumphs of 2022, we see the continued impact of the global pandemic on the communities we serve and our organization. CFCS was not immune to the national employment crisis and our hardworking employees took on additional responsibilities. Through their tireless efforts and with the support of over 1800 dedicated volunteers, our agency was able to create hope and provide help to more than 20,000 people in need. This remarkable accomplishment was only possible due to their unwavering commitment to our mission, and it fills us with faith that the meaningful work outlined in this report will continue as we serve our communities in the coming years.

Volunteers, Pastoral Care and PQI

at Catholic Family and Community Services

Our Pastoral Services Department helps further the beliefs and social teachings of the Catholic Church in our ministry. Under the leadership of Sister Maureen Sullivan, Pastoral Services support our mission by offering prayers and religious celebrations, participating in events, administering one-to-one conversation and reflection, and advocating for change in social structures.

Volunteer Program to support our programs, most notably our food pantries, thrift shops, Meals on Wheels, community gardens, and senior programs.

The Performance Quality Improvement (PQI) Department at CFCS underwent changes in 2022 with the appointment of a new data director, Jonathan Jacob. Efforts were made to provide and oversee quality functions including development of a centralized data management system. We received accreditation renewal by the Council on Accreditation (COA) in December 2021 and the renewed PQI initiatives will maintain accreditation through the upcoming year.



CFCS Our Volunteers







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Early Childhood Assessment and Intervention

at Catholic Family and Community Services

Our Early Childhood Intervention Department offers childhood assessment and intervention through the New Jersey Early Intervention Services program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities.

Our Targeted Evaluation Team (TET) is the first responder at CFCS when a family requests services. The team consists of evaluators such as Speech/Language Pathologists, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and other NJEIS-designated specialists who work in teams to perform Initial Evaluations to determine a child's eligibility for Early Intervention Services. The TET serves families in Passaic, Bergen, and Essex County.

Our **Service Coordination Unit** works with TET evaluators, families, and practitioners to create individualized family service plans and coordinates service providers to review and fulfill these plans.

Case Managers at CFCS provide long-term follow-up for children from birth to 21 years old who have medical or developmental delays. The Case Managers assess the care plan for each child and provide information and referrals for any gaps in services and follow up to ensure that these needs are met.



CFCS Support during the first years



Were provided Early Childhood Intervention Services



Served through our TET program & 16,520 service contracts



coordinated through SCU involved in Early Intervention



And their families received services from our CFCS Case Managers

Early Childhood Education

at Catholic Family and Community Services

Our three Early Learning Programs (ELPs) are all located in Paterson and consist of El Mundo de Colores, El Mundo del Nino, and Friendship Corner.

These programs focus on social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development and have met or exceeded expectations in areas such as staffing, enrollment, student attendance, and achievement throughout 2022.

Our ELPs are staffed with certified teachers, who hold MAs or additional certifications in SPED, bilingual education, and/or reading, and assistant teachers with BAs, AAs, or CDAs. Families are encouraged to participate and have opportunities to come to the classroom and sit alongside the teacher to learn how best to support their child's development.

Additional parental supports include monthly workshops, regular family conferences, and referrals to community resources.

Before and aftercare services are available for working parents.



CFCS Early Learning Programs





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Daily support for working families (including before and after care)



507 children

Between the ages of 3-5 assisted at our Early Learning Program

Youth Risk Reduction

at Catholic Family and Community Services

Our Youth Risk Reduction Department is made up of our Outreach to At-Risk Youth (OTARY) Program in Paterson and our Youth Services Program in Passaic.

These programs serve youth from the ages of 9 to 18 and provide, tutoring, character education, conflict resolution, sports, field trips, life-skills training, homework help, mentorship, counseling, career development, community service, financial literacy courses, and robotics.

All of this is done in a safe space with a positive support system to reduce the temptation for gang involvement, crime, drug use, and other negative behaviors.

In 2022, led by volunteer and friend, Karen Abrams, the Thankful Giving Drive helped feed over 560 families in Paterson, just in time for Thanksgiving, including those served by our Youth Programs. 2022 also marked the 50th Anniversary of Board Member, Karen Lordi's Christmas Organ Concert. Through the years, this event has helped raise over \$250,000 for youth in our communities.



CFCS Youth Risk Reduction





and teens supported through our programs



provided with catered meals through the Thankful Giving Initiative

Community and Emergency Support Services

at Catholic Family and Community Services

Community & Emergency Support Services has been providing financial assistance to individuals and families facing an instance of homelessness or risk of homelessness in Passaic and Morris counties.

The CES department integrated the Diversion approach, intended to reduce the trauma of homelessness and removal of systematic barriers, while assisting to relocate individuals into stable housing.

Hope House (Dover) also attended to clients at risk of homelessness in addition to providing confidential HIV medical case management, support groups and transportation.

Catholic Charities has two unmet needs funds for families and individuals who "fall through the cracks," are in need of emergency assistance, and are not eligible for any other sort of funding. The St. Jude Fund for the Children of the Poor was instituted last year and made possible through a generous donation from the late Fr. John Catoir. Past CFCS Executive Director, Bob Jacob passed away suddenly in June, 2022. The Bob Jacob Unmet Needs Fund was instituted by Bob's family to help those most in need.



CFCS Emergency Support



\$1.6 Million

Financial Aid Assistance through Emergency Services Program





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Food Pantries

at Catholic Family and Community Services

We operate 3 food pantries:

Father English Center in Paterson; Hope House in Dover; and Partnership for Social Services in Franklin.

In 2022, we helped more people out of these three incredible programs than ever before due to fractures in the food chain and increased need due to job loss. Funding and supplies for all of our food pantries are provided by private donors, church food drives, the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, individual donors, organizations, service groups, and some local funding sources.

Our Morris and Sussex sites have fully reopened, allowing shoppers to directly select items, while the Paterson site distributes over 1,000 bags of food to clients at the door where service recipients have the option to request items to meet specific dietary or cultural needs.



Catholic Charities Response to Food Insecurity





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Immigration Legal Services

at Catholic Family and Community Services

"The Catholic Church has been ministering to the poor for 2,000 years and Catholic Charities, the U.S. humanitarian arm of the Church, has been caring for our vulnerable sisters and brothers since 1910. In collaboration with every administration since our founding a century ago, we are on the ground doing what they can't — caring for those who are homeless, hungry, disasterstricken, out-of-work and suffering. Our work is humanitarian, not political, and we proudly serve both citizens and migrants in our country." Sister Donna Markum, President of Catholic Charities USA.

The Immigration Legal Services department at CFCS provides advice, assistance, and representation for immigration matters to low-income families and individuals.

The department has a full-time immigration lawyer and a paralegal, who provide services to immigrants, migrants, and refugees in need.

The department provides services such as naturalization/citizenship, green card adjustments, removal of condition hearings, USCIS interviews, deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), and special immigrant juvenile petitions.



CFCSWelcoming the Stranger







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Senior Services

at Catholic Family and Community Services

We operate Senior Programs throughout Sussex, Morris and Passaic County.

We operate two senior programs in Paterson, the Paterson Adult Day Center (PADC) and the Senior Activities Program (SAP), both located at the Governor Paterson Towers. The PADC opened in 1976 and is the only social adult day center in Paterson, offering socialization, food, transportation, educational programs, and referrals. The SAP creates a safe place for seniors to enjoy social experiences while aging in place. The SAP program physically reopened in October 2022.

At Hope House in Morris County, the Hope Connection program provides an affordable personal emergency response system to help seniors and individuals with disabilities maintain security and independence in their homes. The Fix It & Chore programs prevent institutionalization by making home repairs, cleaning, and conducting safety assessments.

In Sussex County, our Meals on Wheels program served 200 homebound clients in 2022, providing over 20,910 meals and conducting wellness checks for each person to ensure their needs are being met.



CFCS Support for Seniors



Assisted in Passaic County



Fix-it repairs and chore visits in Morris County



20,910 meals

Provided by our Meals on Wheels Program in Sussex County

Veteran Services

at Catholic Family and Community Services

CFCS Supportive Services for Veteran
Families (SSVF) has been working for over
8 years to end homelessness among
Veterans throughout the New Jersey
counties of Passaic, Bergen, Morris, Sussex,
Union, Hudson and Essex. The program
provides homeless Veteran households with
housing assistance, financial support, case
management, and other services, including
a healthcare navigator to assist with medical
needs, direct legal services, and Shallow
Subsidy, which provides financial assistance
for half of the rent for a two-year period.

Our Veterans program provided support for veterans in need while collaborating with community organizations, the Veteran Affairs department, and community providers to ensure that Veterans receive ongoing support to remain in permanent housing.

With assistance from the NJ SOS Veterans Stakeholders Group; state, local, and federal government officials; and nonprofit and corporate partners, we proudly advocate for veteran causes and host veteran events throughout the year.



CFCS Giving Back to Veterans





Assisted





Department for Persons with Disabilities

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The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) believes that all life is sacred and every person is a gift from God. DPD helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an environment where each person can live happily; work productively; experience acceptance; and be cherished and valued.

In 2022, DPD celebrated our 57th year of service. Monsignor John Wehrlen founded our organization in 1965, starting as a small religious education program for children with special needs. Throughout the last 57 years, DPD has grown and flourished to become one of the largest Catholic agencies providing care for people with disabilities in the United States.

Our dedicated Direct Support Professionals and Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and empower people with disabilities. We serve a diverse group of people and we encourage them to be active and involved in the community. The people who live in our programs participate in support groups, art and music therapy programs, work independent jobs in the community, drive their own vehicles, and are members of the Boy Scouts of America, Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and other service and community organizations.

2022 was another unprecedented year due to the pandemic. The priority remained on keeping everyone safe and healthy. The agency continues to remain in compliance with Executive Orders related to COVID-19 and in doing so we have worked to keep our service recipients and staff safe in our residences and Gruenert Center. We have continued with testing regularly, practiced social distancing (when warranted), secured needed PPE, continued with the cleaning protocols and have ensured all DPD residents who chose to were vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. In similar fashion, DPD held vaccination clinics for staff from all of Catholic Charities, as well as for family members and agency volunteers.

We take pride in the work we do and strive for excellence. DPD has been fully accredited since 1986 by the Council on Accreditation (COA), a national and international accrediting organization. COA evaluates all of DPD's services compared to national "best practice" standards in both non-profit management and its developmental disabilities programs, considered to be the highest standards in the field. In 2022, DPD achieved a four-year reaccreditation for all services through an expedited process because of meeting all fundamental practice standards.

Residential Services

at Department for Persons with Disabilities

Our residential services are life-long through an individual's adult years, rather than episodic care. Many of the people we serve have lived in our programs for 50 years. We support our individuals to "age in place" for as long as possible; our group homes are accessible for people of all skill sets. DPD provides help to individuals with both medical and behavioral needs throughout their lives. Though assistance with daily life tasks is provided, each person is encouraged to lead independent lives.

DPD's residential programs are inspected annually by the NJ Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Licensing to ensure compliance with New Jersey Administrative Code 10:44A Standards for Community Residences for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The inspections were completed in March and DPD was granted full licenses for all residences. Ongoing compliance checks are conducted by the NJ DHS Field Safety and Services Unit through unannounced visits to residential programs throughout the year. DPD's programs have been in compliance based on the findings of all 23 unannounced visits in 2022.



DPD Residential Services



Provided with Residential Care



24/7

Our programs operate 7 days a week, 24hrs a day

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Resident and families reported

Group Homes and Apartments

at Department for Persons with Disabilities

Barnet House is a two-story home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 1990 days of care to 6 residents with intellectual disabilities as well as multiple developmental and physical disabilities.

Calabrese House is a ranch style home in Parsippany. DPD provided 1,825 days of care to 5 residents with intellectual/developmental and physical disabilities.

Columbus House is a ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,190 days of care to 6 residents with significant intellectual/ developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and autism

Finnegan House is a two story home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,024 days of care to 7 residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

Fitzpatrick House is a ranch style home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 1,460 days of care to 4 residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism.

Giuliano House is a ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 1,460 days of care for 4 residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and with advanced physical needs.



Murray House is a split level style home in Clifton. It is the longest existing group home in the state of New Jersey. DPD provided 1,556 days of care to 6 residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

Wallace House is a ranch style home in Sparta. DPD provided 1,825 days of care to 5 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Walsh House is a ranch style home located in the Succasunna section of Roxbury Township. This home opened in February of 2018 and is named in honor of Frank and Mimi Walsh. DPD provided 1,632 days of care to 5 residents with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities and autism.

Wehrlen House is a bi-level home in West Milford and is named in honor of the founder of DPD, Rev. Msgr. John Wehrlen. DPD provided 1,825 days of care to 5 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Basile Apartments is a supervised apartment program located in two condominium units in Wayne. DPD provided 2497 days of care to 9 residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism.

Kelleher Apartments is a supervised apartment program located in three condominium units in Butler. DPD provided 767 days of care to 6 residents with intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism. Near the end of 2022, the condos at Kelleher Apartments were sold and the individual residents were moved to either Basile Apartments or to another group home within DPD. This was done to improve efficiency of service provision while maximizing financial and staffing resources.

68 total residents supported and 21,051 total hours of service provided across all group homes and supervised apartments in 2022.

Gruenert Center

at the Department for Persons with Disabilities

We proudly operate Gruenert Center in Lake Hopatcong. A total of 64 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities attend this program 5 days a week. We offer our traditional day habilitation program as well as a smaller special needs program for those who benefit from more intensive staff supports. Activities include a variety of skill building groups and activities to build upon independent living, social skills and life skills. This state-of-the-art facility provides a positive atmosphere of comfort and welcome for clients, staff and volunteers.

Although the center continued to be faced with unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19, the center was able to return to providing full day in-person day habilitation, following all health protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities.



DPD Day Habilitation



In-person day habilitation programming at Gruenert Center to 55 adults



7,444 hours

in-person day habilitation programming at Gruenert Center, Special Needs to 9 adults

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88% satisfaction

Client and family satisfaction reported

Support Coordination in Sussex County

at the Department for Persons with Disabilities

Our Support Coordination program (case management services) links individuals to needed supports in their communities throughout Sussex County. This program has grown from its infancy eight years ago to now supporting over 200 individuals annually.

Our Support Coordination program was accredited by the Council of Accreditation (COA) for the first time as part of DPD's accreditation process at the end of 2018 and continues to abide by all of COA's standards of excellence.

Our average length of stay (days of services provided) is high. This indicates that once participants are assigned to DPD Support Coordination, they choose to stay with DPD for services for an extended period of time. In addition to traditional case management services provided to participants, community resource awareness and identification and educational activities have been a priority for the support coordination team, and will be ongoing in the upcoming year.



DPD Support Coordination



provided with Support Coordination services in Sussex County





People Need Friends, Pastoral Care, and Compliance

at the Department for Persons with Disabilities

Our Volunteer Program, "People Need Friends," continues to thrive. Volunteers contribute their time through pet therapy, music and art therapy, group activities, individual visits and more. We were excited to return to in-person visitations in 2022.

We address spiritual needs through Bible studies, visitation to friends now residing in nursing homes, prayer services, and Catholic Adult Religious Education (C.A.R.E). A special addition to our pastoral care activities this year was the return of deacons from the Diocesan Permanent Diaconate program visiting residents at DPD.

Additionally, many of the people who we support at DPD give back to others in need by volunteering in the community and through the Fight for the Right Group led by volunteer, Jenn Minervino.

Our efforts remain focused on compliance with the Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement model in order to ensure staff education, staff recruitment and retention, regulatory compliance and cash flow. Through diligent work, a solid foundation of best practices has been implemented. DPD's Compliance Program sets billing benchmarks to assure timely and accurate documentation of Medicaid services.



DPD Volunteers and Compliance



DPD Volunteers



Total DPD volunteer hours



Electronic documentation of services provided approved within 3 days

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Electronic documentation of services provided are billing ready within 10 days

The Return of the Caritas Gala - November 10, 2022

After a multi-year hiatus, our Caritas Gala returned on November 10, 2022. Held at the Meadow Wood, in Morris County, this event welcomed 400 guests from throughout the Diocese of Paterson and beyond. Held on the eve of Veterans Day, we proudly celebrated those who have served our country, while recognizing those who have made an incredible impact on our organization. It was truly an evening of love and impact!

2022 Caritas Award Honorees

Bishop's Award:

The Order of Malta - NJ Area, Diocese of Paterson

Catholic Family and Community Services Award: Roger Forman

Department for Persons with Disabilities Award: Marie Cioletti and the Special Needs Ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pompton Lakes

Straight and Narrow Award:

The Hovey Family



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- Make a 1-time tax-deductible contribution
- Make a memorial or in honor of donation to support someone you love
- Attend, sponsor or donate to any of our events throughout the year
- Remember us in your will
- Transfer stock
- Donate food or hygiene items to any of our food pantries
- Give clothing
- Donate your car or boat CCCars.org or CCBoats.org

And always, keep the Catholic Charities Family in your prayer intentions. We will pray for you!

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Save the date for our 2023 Gala: November 9, 2023 \bullet The Meadow Wood, Randolph

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Veteran Clothing Closets

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Pastoral Care

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- Father English Center, Passaic County
- Partnership for Social Services, Sussex County

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The Department for Persons with Disabilities helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through:

Group Homes

Supervised Apartments

Gruenert Center, Adult Day Habilitation Program

Gruenert Center, Special Needs Program

Case Management Services

(Support Coordination, Sussex County)

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