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2023 Endowment Impact Report



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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to share with you this year's Endowment Impact Report. This report celebrates the tremendous philanthropy that allows this organization to thrive not just today, but well into the future.

As I reflect on this past year, I am deeply grateful to each of you who make the work done by Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) not only possible, but sustainable. By supporting our endowment, you have ensured that for over 113 years, CCFW has been serving the most vulnerable in our 28-county service area. Because of you, our 1910 Society members, we are poised to continue our tradition of providing compassionate, life-changing services in a more fiscally sustainable way.

A few of the key highlights I want to note from our work this year include partnering with St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church to expand our services to help in Eastland County. We strengthened our efforts in the field of education, including our continued partnership with Tarrant County College and 11 additional colleges across our diocese. We also expanded the Gabriel Project to Sacred Heart Parish in Wichita Falls. Gabriel Project, as many of you may know, is a CCFW parish-based ministry that pairs trained volunteers - or Angels - with women in crisis pregnancies. Angels accompany mothers throughout their pregnancy and beyond, providing spiritual, emotional, and practical support.

This year, we launched our Mustard Seed Campaign, with a goal to secure 115 new planned gifts by Catholic Charities Fort Worth's 115th birthday in 2025. We know the incredible value legacy gifts have, and recognize the ability of these gifts to sustain our mission in a way that annual giving simply cannot do. We are energized by this new endowment goal and invite you to celebrate with us.

As you review the following pages, I hope it reminds you of how your generosity and commitment to our mission has allowed this work to be done. The impact of your generosity is seen today, and I look forward to sharing more on how it will be seen for generations to come. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your foresight. And, thank you for walking alongside us as we work to end poverty, one family at a time.



Michael Iglio
President and CEO
Catholic Charities Fort Worth





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At Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW), we create research-backed solutions to end poverty and transform lives.

CCFW's Endowment was established in 2011 with a \$1 million gift from the Fort Worth Catholic Diocese to ensure long-term financial sustainability. Our endowment funds are perpetually funded since the principal amount is never touched.

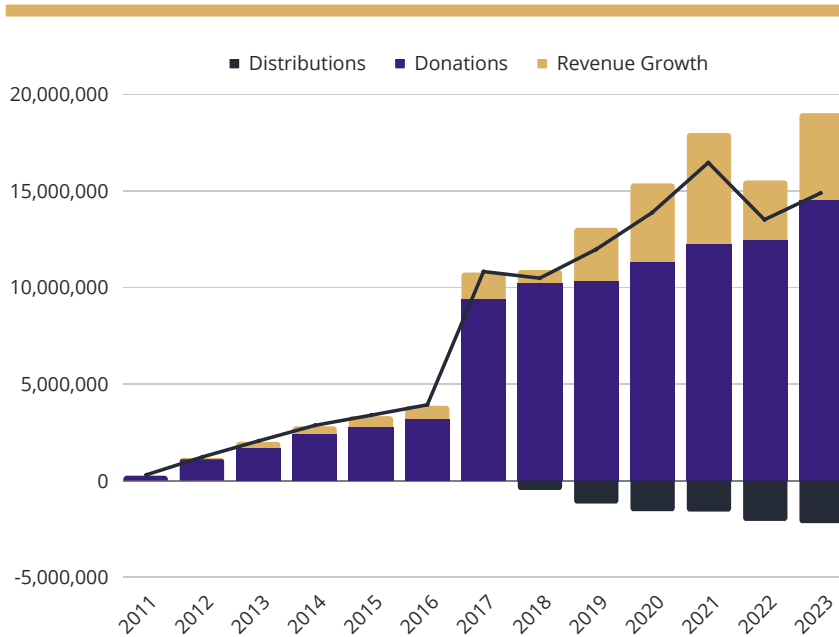
A planned gift to CCFW Endowment is an investment in future generations of families in our community.

Planned gifts are the mustard seeds that grow into an impact greater than all of us.

Celebrating Your Impact (As of July 31, 2023)

- 425 clients were provided coaching focused on developing coping and planning skills.
- Provided \$1.4 million in housing-related financial assistance to 819 individuals (Jan. – June 2023).
- Prevented 125 evictions.
- 1,017 clients provided services such as coaching/navigation, financial assistance, & workshops through our education programs.

GROWTH SINCE INCEPTION (AS OF 6/30/23)



CCFW Endowment Distributions



* 2021 distribution funded November 2020

** 2023 represents expected distributions for the year

Things were looking up for Tracy. She was enrolled in CCFW’s long-term case management program and, thanks to hard work and dedication, had \$1,500 in savings and had just received a much-anticipated promotion at work. Then, disaster struck. Her car needed immediate repairs and without them, Tracy had no way to get to and from work. Seemingly overnight, everything she had worked so hard for was in jeopardy.

To prevent Tracy from having to choose between paying her rent or repairing her car, CCFW provided two months of housing assistance. Since rent and the possibility of eviction were no longer a worry, Tracy was able to keep her savings intact and repair her vehicle quickly. Most importantly, Tracy was able to continue to thrive in her new position at work.

Tracy’s housing assistance was made possible through Catholic Charities’ Endowment. Each year, hundreds of clients, just like Tracy, receive vital funds thanks to generous donations. Each gift made to CCFW’s Endowment not only ensures the future and legacy of CCFW, but plays a crucial part in our clients’ journeys on their pathways out of poverty.

For the Ramirez's, Catholic Charities' Education Navigation program is a family affair

Yanelie Ramirez (20) and her twin sister Nayeli, graduated from North Central Texas College in Graham. And both relied on the support of Catholic Charities to help them obtain their licensed vocational nurse (LVN) degrees.

Growing up, Yanelie's family didn't have much money, but they always had each other. Then in her junior year of high school, her grandmother passed away. Yanelie had taken on the role of caretaker and after her grandmother's passing, Yanelie knew she wanted to become a nurse, to continue to take care of people the same way she had taken care of her grandmother.

So, she enrolled in dual credit college courses her junior and senior years of high school and enrolled in NCTC Graham after graduation. But constant anxiety and financial trouble weighed heavily on Yanelie. When her older sister and cousin, both of whom had also gone through the Catholic Charities program, reminded her about Education Navigation, Yanelie knew it was the answer she was looking for.

Her Navigator became a mentor for everything from budgeting to applying for financial aid. When Yanelie's dad was in a car accident earlier this year and couldn't work, it was her Navigator who helped Yanelie manage her finances so that she could still afford tuition.

For Yanelie, her future is in Graham, a town she says means everything to her. She hopes to become a Registered Nurse (RN), and credits the support of Catholic Charities with making her dream a reality.



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I had the opportunity to sit in on several interviews with people applying for the Education Navigation program in Graham. This included reading their essays, asking them questions, and getting to know them. This was such a revelation. Sandra and I were inspired by Nelson Mandela's quote, 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' It seems especially applicable for students in this program.

Stan and Sandra Peavy

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