



# *Love in Action*

**For 65 Years**  
1959-2024

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
WASHTENAW COUNTY

# Dear Friends,

**2024** has been a time of change and progress at Catholic Charities Washtenaw County! As I come to the end of my first year with CCWC, I am amazed at all we have accomplished this year, and how much we have to look forward to as we look ahead to 2025.

As a ministry committed to serving our neighbors experiencing challenges and complex needs, it is our privilege to walk alongside them as a talented and dedicated team of staff and volunteers, in partnership with other nonprofits, faith communities, and supporters. We have many things to be grateful for this year, including:

- Our transition from Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to Catholic Charities Washtenaw County, highlighting our alignment with Catholic Charities organizations across the US, as well as emphasizing the role of charity and compassion in our work
- The development of our Love in Action Strategic Plan, which will guide our steps for the next three years, with key focus areas of Mission, Service, and Resources and Relationships
- Providing needed food and household items to more than 2,000 of our Washtenaw County neighbors at our Northside Food Pantry
- Strengthened connections with our community, resulting in outstanding support, including over \$642,000 in donated goods and more than \$1.3 million in total private gifts
- Ensuring safe and dignified aging in place support for over 130 seniors

- Securing housing, employment, social support, and other stability services to more than 340 Returning Citizens
- Accompanying 135 women throughout their pregnancies and the first year of their children's lives through our Pregnancy Case Management program

You will read much more about these accomplishments, as well as learn more about our programs, our team, and the persons we serve, in this report. I hope you will be as inspired as I am by not just the impactful services we offer, but by why and how we extend them. It is truly a gift to be part of this good, hard, and important work, and your support is essential to its success.

Many things have changed at Catholic Charities Washtenaw County this year, but one thing has remained the same—our mission, to share the love and presence of Christ in our community through acts of compassion and mercy in a manner that respects the inherent dignity of every person. Your support, your prayers, and your partnership are greatly appreciated as we carry this mission forward into the next chapter of CCWC's story!

In Christ,

**Sunnie Johnson-Lain**

*President and CEO, Catholic Charities Washtenaw County*



I am deeply honored to have been elected as the Board Chair of Catholic Charities Washtenaw County, and I look forward to joining all of you in ensuring another successful year of sharing the love and presence of Christ in our community. Our new three-year strategic plan emphasizes our focus on Love in Action with a continued emphasis on our Mission. Pope Francis has proclaimed a Jubilee year in the Catholic Church for 2025 with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" which emphasizes the journey of faith and the role of hope in navigating life's challenges.

We are encouraged to trust in God's Providence and extend that hope to others. Since hope is not optimism, but rather an insistence to seek the good, anchored in God, to see difficulties clearly, yet to pursue action rather than despair, Catholic Charities is poised and committed to actively provide essential services to those in need in the spirit of our Jubilee Year. On behalf of our Board of Directors and dedicated leaders and team members at Catholic Charities, we are deeply grateful for your support, and we look forward to walking with you as Pilgrims of Hope in our community and demonstrating our Love in Action.

**Nancy Graebner-Sundling**

*Board Chair, Catholic Charities Washtenaw County*

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### IMPACT STORY

## ADOPTION



For more than 65 years, Catholic Charities Washtenaw County has had the privilege of facilitating adoptions for both infants and children in the foster care system who are eligible for adoption. Each year, CCWC brings families together through a supportive and open adoption process. One adoptive couple recently shared: "The biggest reason we chose CCWC was the level of pregnancy counseling birth mothers receive, allowing them to fully weigh their options and to hopefully feel fully at peace with choosing adoption if they do. Our son, Elliot, has been thriving and brings such light to our life. We are eternally grateful to CCWC for helping us grow our family." We at CCWC are honored to play a role in building beautiful families!

**18**  
**ADAPPTIONS**  
**FINALIZED**

## EXECUTIVE TEAM

**Kristin Anderson**  
Director of Re-Entry Services

**Rebecca Furru**  
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and Family Services

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**3981**  
**COUNSELING  
SESSIONS**



**IMPACT STORY**  
**BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH SERVICES**



A growing program of Behavioral Health Services at CCWC is support for people struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Recently, a graduate of one of CCWC's SUD support groups shared: "I felt comfortable and very interested in what was going on in class. I am ready for a change in my life. It was fun and we all built a good bond. I feel that all of us really do want a successful sober future. I am on a road to recovery, and I feel better than ever!"

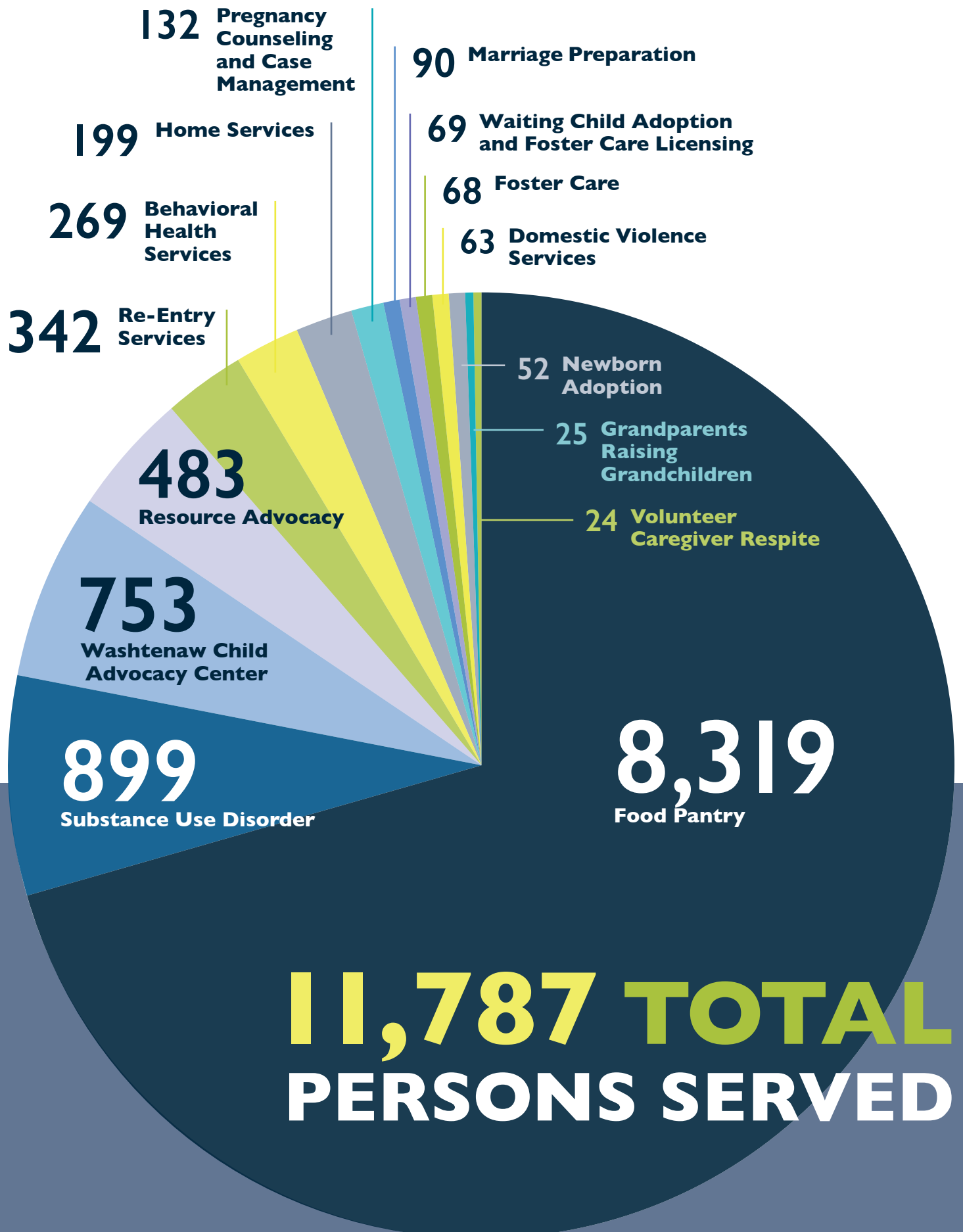


**IMPACT STORY**  
**FOOD PANTRY**

**8,319**  
**SERVED THROUGH  
THE FOOD PANTRY**

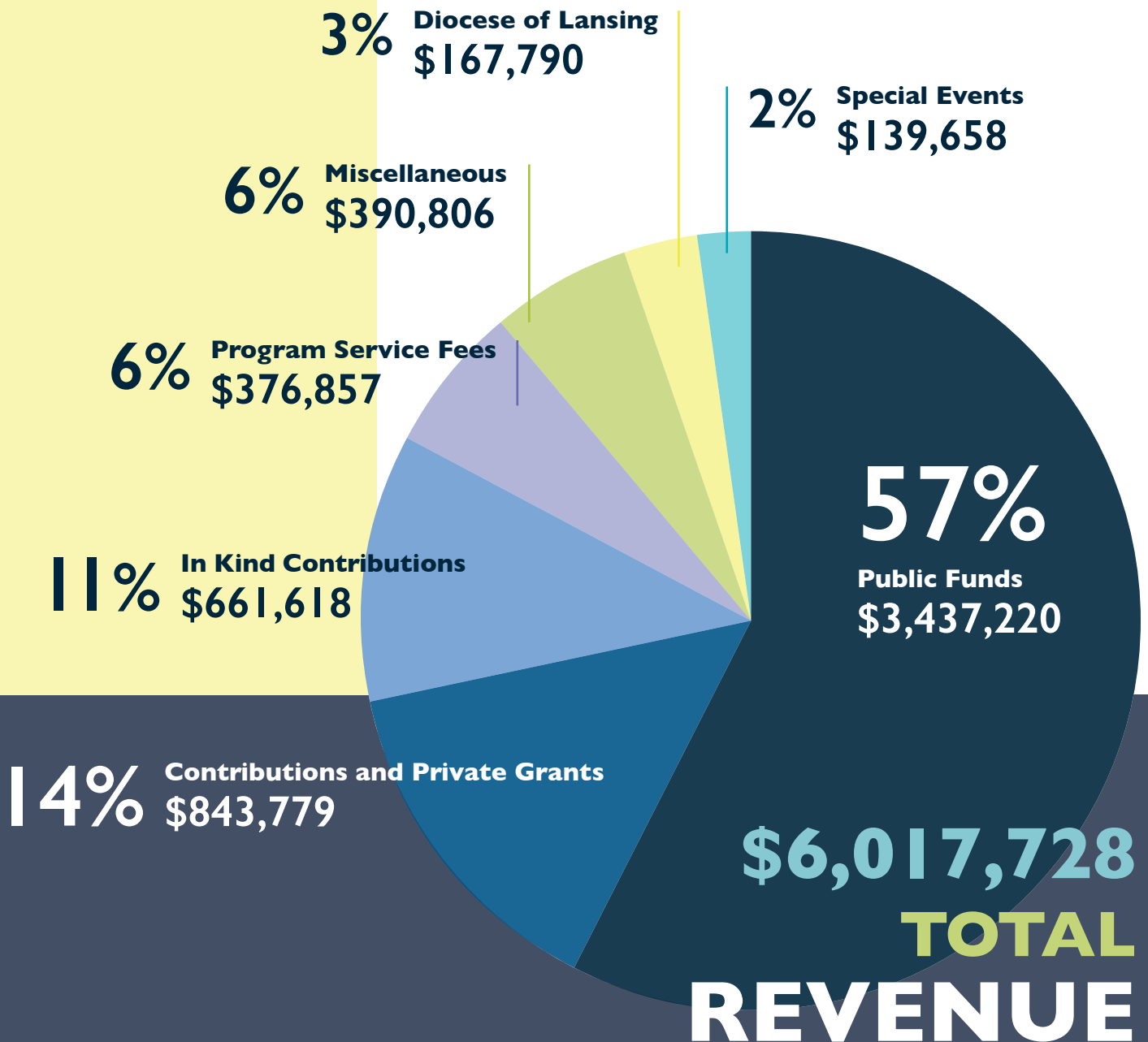
Melissa\* was employed all her life, until she had a life altering injury that resulted in her inability to work. Like many clients at CCWC's Northside Food Pantry, Melissa lives in subsidized housing, and has been coming to the pantry for over twenty years. Items provided by the pantry fill in the gaps when her very limited food stamps don't cover things like needed household supplies.

\* Name changed to preserve confidentiality



**\$646**

**AMOUNT OF  
AVERAGE GIFT**





# 88%

OF REVENUE  
WENT  
DIRECTLY TO  
PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES



## IMPACT STORY

# RE-ENTRY SERVICES

5% Development  
\$315,985

9% Management  
and General  
\$527,543

CCWC recently received a call from a Muskegon County grandmother, who explained that her grandson was set to be paroled into Muskegon County. As his only support there, she was concerned that, due to her age, she would not be able to handle the stress of supporting him and that he would fall into old habits with people he knew in the area. She asked CCWC's Re-Entry staff to help him to parole to Washtenaw County, where he had additional family support and prospects for a fresh start.

The Re-Entry team contacted the assigned parole agent to facilitate a transfer to Washtenaw County. He has since been paroled, is safely housed in CCWC's Re-Entry transitional housing, and is working and rebuilding his life with the support of CCWC's Re-Entry Program.

# 86%

Program Services  
\$5,318,779

# \$6,162,307

## TOTAL

# EXPENSES



**1,064**  
**HOME**  
**SERVICES**  
**VISITS TO**  
**WASHTENAW**  
**COUNTY**  
**SENIORS**

### IMPACT STORY

## VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER RESPITE

CCWC's services don't just change those we serve—they change the lives of our staff and volunteers. Providing much needed respite for a few hours each week, CCWC's dedicated Volunteer Caregiver Respite (VCR) volunteers offer a meaningful lifeline to senior caregivers.

John\*, a longtime VCR volunteer, shared his experience: "I started volunteering just to see if I would enjoy it. I wasn't sure what to expect. My first family was very welcoming, and even if the wife didn't leave the house, she was able to take a moment to herself. Her husband told me stories of his childhood while I visited with him...

we talked about gardening and when I grew some zucchinis, I brought them over and he was delighted. It became a treat for me to visit (for me). After he passed away, I volunteered with another family and learned a few words in a language new to me, thanks to the patient teaching of family members. I became a part of their family. The mom recently passed away, and I am now looking forward to volunteering with a new family. I feel like each of the families I have been with have really enriched my life far more than I have theirs!"

\*Name changed to preserve confidentiality



**626**  
**HOURS OF**  
**RESPIRE**  
**HOURS**  
**PROVIDED**



### IMPACT STORY

## SENIOR SERVICES HOME SERVICES

In 2024, the Home Services Program installed more than 235 safety devices and provided 676 hours of lawn care services and 64 hours clearing snow and ice. Snow removal services are critical for one client in particular who utilizes a wheelchair for mobility. This client receives daily home health services, as well as pharmacy and meal delivery, all of which will only provide services if the drive and walkway are free of snow and ice. CCWC's snow removal services ensure that this client, and many others, can access care without barriers.



# 65 YEARS OF SERVICE

65 years ago, Catholic Charities Washtenaw County (CCWC) was established to change the lives of some of the most vulnerable persons in Washtenaw County and its surrounding communities. The organization initially focused on the needs of pregnant women and families, including the provision of food. Decades later, these foundational services remain active, alongside 16 additional programs, all sharing the vision of changing lives through compassionate service.

## OUR MISSION

To share the love and presence of Christ in our community through acts of compassion and mercy in a manner that respects the inherent dignity of every person.

## OUR VISION

Changing lives through compassionate service.

## OUR VALUES

Solidarity, Empowerment, Sustainability



**2025-2027**

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

*Love in Action*

This plan, designed to strengthen and support CCWC mission and services over the next three years, comprises three main pillars:

## MISSION PILLAR

*Living with Faith and Zeal*

To affirm our identity as a ministry of mercy that is both authentically Catholic and welcoming to all.

## SERVICE PILLAR

*Serving with Dignity and Quality*

Maximize impact by offering relevant, innovative, and meaningful service that meets current and evolving community needs.

## RESOURCES PILLAR

*Building Resources and Relationships*

Broaden, strengthen, and steward the circle of support that ensures CCWC's stability and sustainability.



**Behavioral  
Health  
Services**



**Re-Entry  
Services**



**Family &  
Children**



**Senior  
Services**



**Pastoral  
Care**

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

None of what CCWC does would be possible without the steadfast and generous individuals and organizations that entrust their gifts to us. With faithful stewardship, CCWC is honored to partner with the following major donors:



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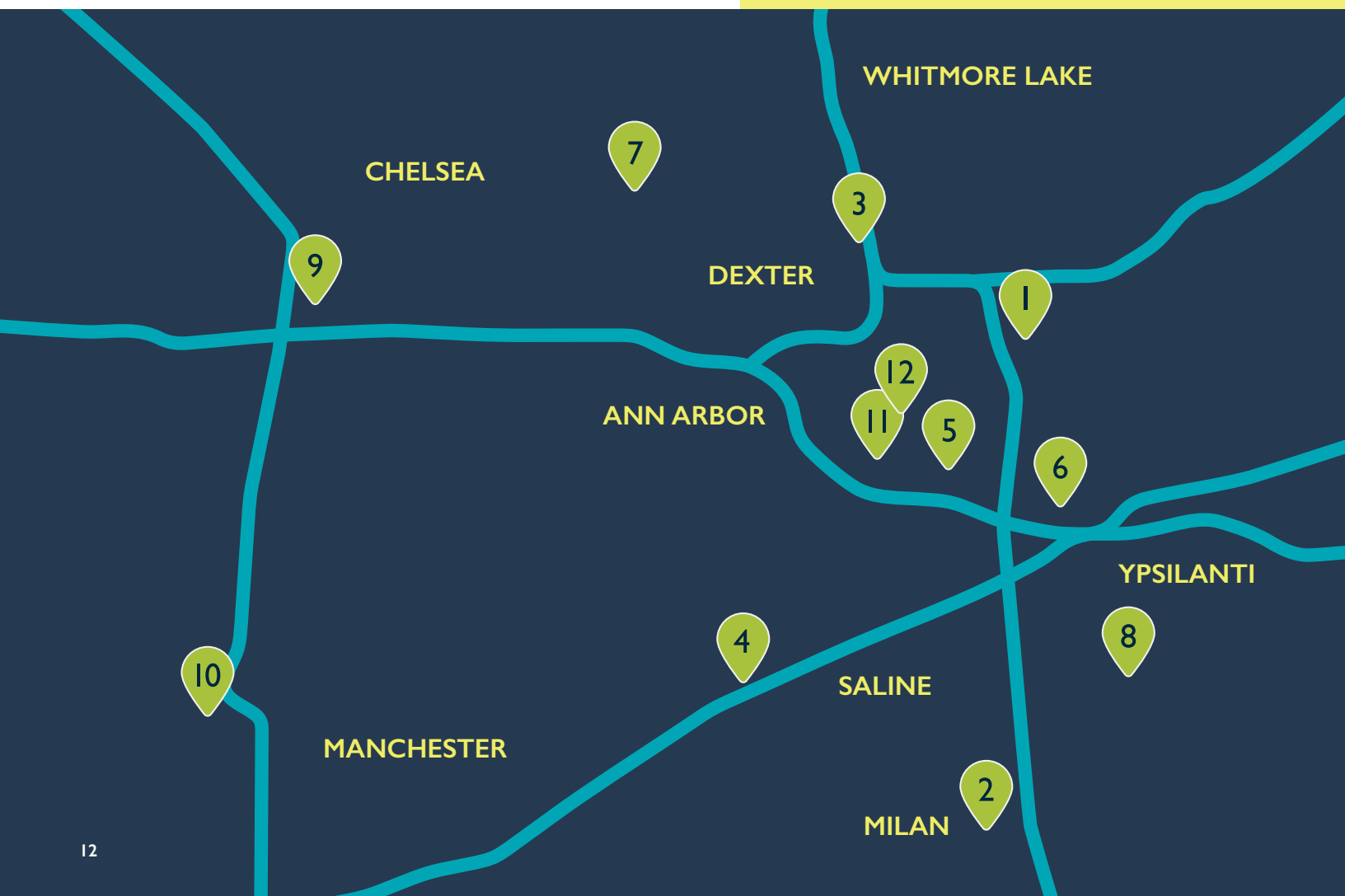
# PARISH PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Our parishes are truly CCWC's partners in ministry. By providing needed items, from coats for children in foster care, hygiene items for Re-Entry clients, food for CCWC's food pantry, to diapers for pregnancy counseling, foster care, and adoption, they share generously to make CCWC's work possible. Parishioners share their time and talents while they work with us, volunteering both onsite at CCWC and in CCWC programs throughout the community, welcoming our clients in the lobby, keeping our seniors' homes safe, bringing Jesus in the Eucharist to residential care centers and prisons, offering Masses for CCWC's mission, and covering our work with prayer.

Our parishes make CCWC's work possible; in turn, CCWC makes it possible for our parishes to answer Christ's call to serve our brothers and sisters in need through meaningful service and formation opportunities.

## Many thanks to the Catholic parishes of Washtenaw County:

1. Christ the King, Ann Arbor
2. Immaculate Conception, Milan
3. Old St. Patrick, Ann Arbor
4. St. Andrew, Saline
5. St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor
6. St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti
7. St. Joseph, Dexter
8. St. Joseph, Ypsilanti
9. St. Mary of Chelsea
10. St. Mary, Manchester
11. St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor
12. St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor



# 95%

OF WCAC CLIENTS  
SAID THEY FELT  
INFORMED AND  
SUPPORTED  
THROUGH THE  
FORENSIC  
INTERVIEW  
AND CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE  
PROCESS



## IMPACT STORY

# PASTORAL CARE

CCWC's newest program, Pastoral Care, includes a team of volunteers who pray for our clients and staff. A volunteer recounted a story that touched her: "I greeted a client as he made his way into the lobby for his appointment. He immediately caught my attention because he just seemed tired and hopeless. After checking in at the desk, he wandered over to the chairs to wait. He spotted the Prayer Request box and headed over, wrote out a prayer and put it in the slot. Immediately his whole countenance and demeanor changed. He stood straighter, he smiled at me, his eyes were brighter. It was a visible difference! It was HOPE! I was so grateful that the amazing staff at Catholic Charities would not only provide for his physical needs while helping him build a future, but they would also be covering him in prayer. It brought tears to my eyes."

# 234

VOLUNTEERS  
SERVED WITH  
CCWC IN 2024

# 96%

MARRIAGE PREPARATION  
PARTICIPANTS WERE  
"GLAD" OR "VERY GLAD"  
THEY COMPLETED CCWC'S  
"A LASTING PROMISE" COURSE



# 27,208

VISITORS TO  
CCWC'S  
SENIOR  
RESOURCE  
CONNECT  
WEBSITE



IMPACT STORY

## PREGNANCY CASE MANAGEMENT

Serving over 250 women and babies in 2024, CCWC's Pregnancy Case Management Program changes lives. A client wrote us the following letter about her experience: "Shortly after moving to Ann Arbor, I discovered I was pregnant. I was excited but was not prepared. It was hard to admit that I needed help. My doctor referred me to CCWC when I needed resources to find a crib. When I spoke to one of CCWC's Pregnancy Case Managers, she told me not worry; this was going to be an amazing experience, and how happy she was for me.

The support I've received has changed my life forever. All my maternity clothes and my daughter's clothes have been provided by the program. CCWC also helped with furniture and household supplies that I needed. This support enabled me to not be as anxious about finding a job and saving money to provide for my daughter when she was born. I gained employment and was able to work up until the last few weeks of my pregnancy. CCWC's support help has helped me to remain clear headed, sober, excited, and able to be a very good mother to my new child. I do not feel alone at any time because CCWC is there."

# 99%

OF PREGNANCY  
CASE MANAGEMENT  
CLIENTS RECEIVED  
PRENATAL CARE

# 474

CRISIS COUNSELING SESSIONS AT THE  
WASHTENAW CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



# *A Generous Table*

A Meal for a Mission

## Save the Date!

CCWC's annual event celebrating  
and supporting our mission  
will be held on the evening of:

**Thursday, October 9**  
*at Travis Pointe Country Club*

**MORE  
DETAILS  
TO COME**



## Stay in Touch

📧 Sign up for our **monthly newsletter**

Connect with us on social media:



## Give

Your support is  
welcome and appreciated!

📧 **Donate**

## Volunteer

We welcome volunteers  
to be part of our mission!

Reach out to us at

**[volunteer@ccwcwashtenaw.org](mailto:volunteer@ccwcwashtenaw.org)**

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