

**Catholic
Social Services**
OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Providing Food Assistance

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton operates Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre and several food pantries across northeastern Pennsylvania. Our food assistance programs helped tens of thousands of individuals, households and seniors during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Catholic Social Services serves all people facing hardship, regardless of religious denomination, race, gender or immigration status.

56,181

Clients served by

*Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen
in Wilkes-Barre*



4,133

Households assisted by

*Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
in Wilkes-Barre*

7,287 Households

4,936 Children

8,042 Adults

2,035 Seniors

Served by

*Catholic Social Services Food Pantry
in Carbondale*



Providing Food Assistance



5,874 Households

7,866 Children

11,884 Adults

2,159 Seniors

Served by

St. Joseph Food Pantry in Hazleton

2,207

*Hours donated by
Volunteers in Hazleton*



1,205 Households

2,411 Children

1,655 Adults

371 Seniors

Served by

Nativity Food Pantry in Scranton



SHELTER & HOUSING

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton provides a wide range of assistance for people who need shelter and housing, both permanent and transitional, as well as to low income adults who need an affordable place to live.



Emergency Shelter

Individual nights of shelter provided
in 2020 by Catholic Social Services

4,371

Saint Anthony's Haven in Scranton

4,029

Mother Teresa's Haven in Wilkes-Barre

2,696

Divine Providence in Hazleton

Permanent Supportive Housing

Catholic Social Services provides apartments for chronically homeless individuals with disabilities in several local counties. The following were helped in 2020.

PIKE COUNTY

5 individuals assisted

SUSQUEHANNA & WAYNE COUNTIES

10 individuals assisted

MONROE COUNTY

9 individuals assisted

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

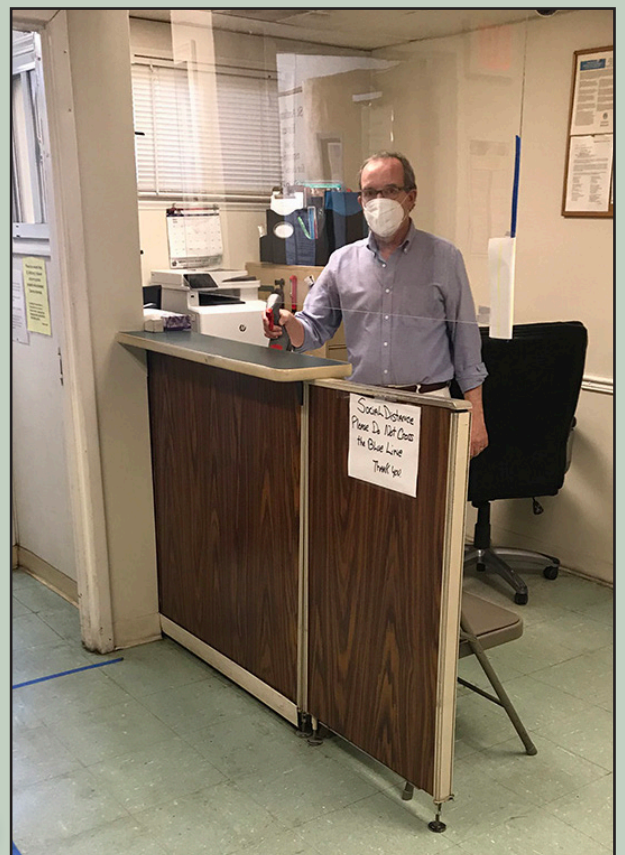
10 individuals in Scranton

8 individuals in Carbondale

LUZERNE COUNTY

24 individuals/families in Wilkes-Barre

30 adults, 36 children in Hazleton & Wyoming Valley



SHELTER & HOUSING

Gabriel House

Gabriel House in Pittston provides 16 fully furnished apartments for homeless women, three of which can accommodate a homeless woman and child.

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Adult Women Served

7

Children Served



Shepherd Maternity House

Shepherd Maternity House in East Stroudsburg provides shelter, care, counseling and education to pregnant women, ages 18 and older, as an alternative to abortion.

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Adult Women Served

8

Infants Served

ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is honored to serve the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. Our agency provides supportive services and assists homeless veterans in obtaining self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

SAINT FRANCIS COMMONS

SAINT FRANCIS COMMONS IN SCRANTON IS A 30-BED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY FOR HOMELESS VETERANS THAT OPENED IN 2015.

54

HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTED IN 2020

26

VETERANS SECURED PERMANENT HOUSING
WITH THE HELP OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL
SERVICES STAFF



SAINT HEDWIG'S VETERANS VILLAGE

THE FORMER SAINT HEDWIG'S SCHOOL IN KINGSTON HAS BEEN RECONFIGURED INTO 12 APARTMENTS DESIGNED FOR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENT FAMILIES.

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HOMELESS VETERANS ASSISTED

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

IN CONJUNCTION WITH HUD, CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OPERATES NUMEROUS APARTMENTS FOR MALE AND FEMALE VETERANS IN SEVERAL COUNTIES

LACKAWANNA COUNTY
8 VETERANS ASSISTED

LUZERNE COUNTY
12 VETERANS AND 7 CHILDREN ASSISTED



RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In addition to food and shelter, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton meets the needs of its community in several other ways, including through providing clothing and baby items as well as gifts for kids at Christmas. Staff also assist individuals with crises and with money management programs as needed.

2,336
FAMILIES SERVED

2,496
ADULTS SERVED

1,166
CHILDREN SERVED

342
SENIORS SERVED



CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Since its founding, Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been dedicated to the welfare of children. We address the needs of children, parents and families by offering education and support programs to families, individuals and children through an ongoing partnership with Luzerne County.

584 FAMILIES
SERVED BY THE PARENT AND STUDENT
SUCCESS PROGRAM

105 FAMILIES
236 CHILDREN
SERVED BY THE FAMILY EDUCATION
SUPPORT PROGRAM

40 FAMILIES
48 INDIVIDUALS
84 CHILDREN
SERVED BY THE INTENSIVE FAMILY
SUPPORT PROGRAM

158 FAMILIES
179 INDIVIDUALS
302 CHILDREN
PROVIDED PARENTING EDUCATION

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton is committed to supporting each person's integral human development, meaning one's physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Our agency provides support services for people with a wide range of needs in a compassionate and loving way.

MENTAL HEALTH HOMELESS PROGRAM

LOCATED AT SAINT JAMES MANOR IN SCRANTON, THE MENTAL HEALTH HOMELESS PROGRAM HELPS MEN WHO SUFFER FROM A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS AND ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. INDIVIDUALS ARE PROVIDED WITH A CLEAN, SAFE AND PROFESSIONALLY-SUPERVISED PLACE TO STAY AND ARE GIVEN TIME TO ASSIMILATE THEMSELVES BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.

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INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED IN 2020

2,462

INDIVIDUAL DAYS OF SERVICE PROVIDED



CITIZENS' RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

THE CITIZENS' RE-ENTRY PROGRAM HELPS MEN AND WOMEN WHO SUFFER FROM A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS AND HAVE BEEN PAROLED FROM LACKAWANNA COUNTY PRISON TO ASSIMILATE THEMSELVES BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. REENTRANTS ARE PROVIDED WITH A CLEAN, SAFE AND PROFESSIONALLY-SUPERVISED PLACE TO STAY WHILE ALSO RECEIVING COUNSELING, DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING, CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND GUIDANCE WITH LIVING SKILLS AND HOUSEHOLD BUDGETING.

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INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED IN 2020

2,358

INDIVIDUAL DAYS OF SERVICE PROVIDED



BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE

THE BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM DEVELOPS AND ENHANCES LIFE SKILLS THAT ALLOW FOR PARTICIPANTS TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND ATTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY. PARTNERING WITH LUZERNE/WYOMING COUNTIES MENTAL HEALTH/DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, THE HAZLETON-BASED INITIATIVE PROVIDES HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULTS, AGES 18-26, WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS.

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RESIDENTS SERVED DURING 2020



IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton aims to promote family unity and cultural diversity within northeastern and north central Pennsylvania. Our immigration program provides a broad range of services in multiple languages including: citizenship applications, legal residence petitions, work authorization applications and more. Catholic Social Services also helps immigrants avoid exploitation by unscrupulous practitioners by providing correct information and realistic counsel about immigration status.

160

Families assisted

137

Children assisted

243

Adults assisted

130

Refugees served

124

Immigrants served

