

MEDIA KIT

Providing Hope & Opportunity

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Mission

Catholic Charities of Central Florida is the largest non-profit social service organization in Central Florida. Our mission is to provide vital social services to people in need regardless of their religious, social, or economic background, to improve lives of individuals, families and the community. These services include: Preventing Homelessness, Alleviating Hunger, Providing Access to Healthcare, and Caring for Immigrants and Refugees.

Partnerships

We passionately join forces with Catholic Charities USA, other social services agencies, and local parishes, schools, and businesses as we continue to lead the charge in Central Florida to reduce poverty and the destructive forces that it creates in the family and the community.

Accreditation

Catholic Charities of Central Florida is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, ensuring the highest standards of service are provided to people in need.

History

- 1962 Opened as Catholic Social Services under the direction of Tom Aglio
- 1964 Named a United Way agency
- 1975 Resettled hundred of Vietnamese refugees in Orlando
- 1980 Thousands of Cuban refugees are resettled in Central Florida
- 1983 Agape Food Bank opened in Lakeland
- 1990 Food Pantry addition expands services in Orlando
- 1998 Provided emergency relief following a deadly tornado
- 2004 Provided emergency relief in the wake of three major hurricanes
- 2005 Received accreditation from the Council on Accreditation
- 2006 Renamed Catholic Charities of Central Florida
- 2010 Expanded Emergency Family Services to include case management and focus on self-sufficiency
- 2011 Named lead refugee agency in Central Florida
- 2012 Celebrated 50 years of service in Central Florida

Locations

Catholic Charities of Central Florida serves nine counties with five main offices in Orlando, Daytona Beach, Leesburg, Lakeland, and Indialantic. Call toll-free 1-888-658-2828 or visit www.cflcc.org for specific office information.



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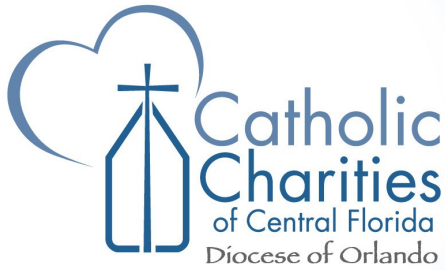
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Catholic Charities of Central Florida has been providing hope and building opportunity in the Central Florida area since 1962. Catholic Charities serves the community in four main areas. These areas are the primary focus of our programs and services offered in the nine counties of the Diocese of Orlando.

Preventing Homelessness

We help individuals and families maintain their homes and maintain their dignity through case management, transitional housing programs, and emergency financial assistance. Programs include:

- Emergency Family Assistance
- Family Stability Initiative
- Family Empowerment Program
- Lakeland Activity Center for Seniors
- Brevard Interfaith Coalition
- Pathways to Independence
- St. Joseph Garden Courts
- St. Anthony Garden Courts

Alleviating Hunger

We provide hunger relief and food security when it is needed most so that no one in our community goes hungry. Programs include:

- Regional Food Pantries
- Agape Food Bank
- SmilePak Weekend Backpack Program
- Mobile Food Pantries

Providing Access to Healthcare

Catholic Charities Medical and Dental Clinics provide free healthcare services such as medical and dental care, case management, and preventative health education to families who are uninsured in areas of critical need. Programs include:

- St. Thomas Aquinas Medical Clinic
- Lazarus Medical Clinic
- St. Luke Medical and Dental Clinic
- Pathways to Care

Caring for Immigrants and Refugees

We assist refugees who are leaving behind war, famine, and political turmoil to begin a new life in the United States. We provide services to help transition families into a new culture with an emphasis on gaining self-sufficiency.

- Legal Immigration Services
- Comprehensive Refugee Services
- Resettlement Services



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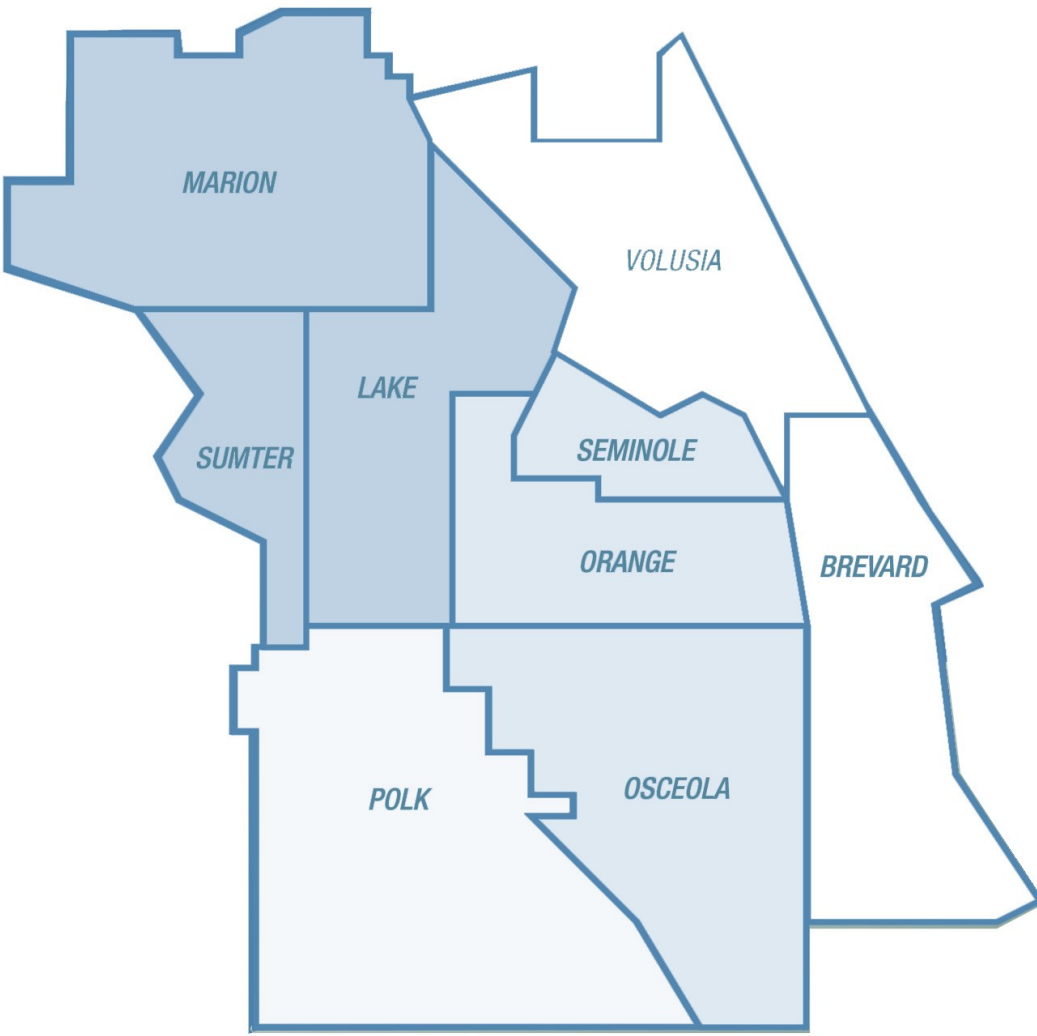
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Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties

Emergency Family Assistance
Lazarus Free Medical Clinic
St. Luke Free Medical and Dental Clinic

Brevard and Volusia Counties

Emergency Family Assistance
Food Pantries
Brevard Interfaith Coalition

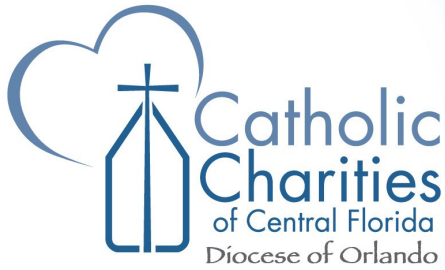
Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties

Emergency Family Assistance
Family Stability Initiative
Immigration and Refugee Services
Pathways to Care, Inc.
Pathways to Independence
Semoran Food Pantry
St. Joseph Garden Courts
St. Anthony Garden Courts
St. Thomas Aquinas Free Medical Clinic

Polk County

Agape Food Bank
Food Pantry
SmilePak Weekend Backpack Program
Mobile Food Pantry
Family Empowerment Program





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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Gary Tester became Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Central Florida on August 17, 2015. Mr. Tester previously served as the Executive Vice President & Chief Development Officer for Starr Commonwealth, a \$33 million, non-profit human services agency in Michigan. He has more than 30 years of experience starting, managing and trouble-shooting a variety of community-based, inpatient and residential organizations. He brings forth progressive experience in management, financial management, operational supervision, government relations and advocacy and fund development.

“At Catholic Charities of Central Florida, we've embraced our mission with zeal and passion for over fifty years. Each year of service has been geared toward the privilege of serving those most in need. While services and programs have evolved and changed to address the challenges people face in our society, the mission of healing hasn't. Our opportunity is to gladly serve those in need without judgment,

doing all we can to help them to know the love of Christ through the mercy He allows us to provide with joyful smiles, tender hands and open hearts.

Catholic Charities of Central Florida, along with the parishes, schools and programs of the Diocese of Orlando and our many community partners, are having a positive impact on the lives of those who come to us seeking help.”

Mr. Tester holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Toledo, a Master's of Rehabilitation Counseling (MRC) from Bowling Green State University. He also completed prerequisite courses in pursuit of a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He has served on a number of boards of community and state-based non-profit organizations as well as serving in a number of parish ministries. He is also a volunteer youth soccer coach.

Mr. Tester and his wife, Lynn, have six children, three boys and three girls.



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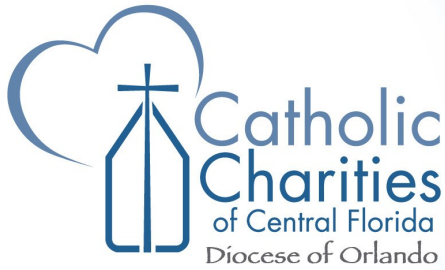
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board's role is to effectively represent and promote the interests of the Diocese of Orlando with a view to adding long-term value to Catholic Charities of Central Florida, operating throughout the Diocesan boundaries though headquartered in Orlando. Having regard to its role, the board directs and supervises the management of the business and affairs of Catholic Charities.

Chair - Mr. Christopher Gardner

Christopher is an owner of Condev Homes, a residential homebuilding and development company based in Winter Park. Chris is a graduate of Appalachian State University, and is a member of the Florida Association of Home Builders Governmental Affairs Committee. He is a parishioner of St. Margaret Mary in Winter Park.

Vice Chair - Mr. William "Bill" Karp

Bill is retired with over 40 years of experience in financial and business operations. Bill is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He and his wife are active parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Indialantic.

Secretary - Mr. Joshua Aguilar

Joshua is a graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Law. He currently attends the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College with concentrations in Finance, Entrepreneurship, and International Business. He has traveled through Europe, Latin America, and Asia. He currently attends St. Margaret Mary Parish in Winter Park.

Treasurer - Ms. Carol Frechette

Carol serves as Chief Financial Officer for Dr P Phillips Hospital, Orlando Regional Medical Center and South Seminole Hospital, divisions of Orlando Health. Carol is a graduate of Stetson University. She is a parishioner of Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando.

Members at Large

Ms. Mary Wallace
Mr. David Ramos
Mr. James "Jimmy" Johnson
Mr. Anthony "Tony" Rossi
Mr. Brian Stokes
Mr. Michael McGee



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