

A Review of
2008 Statistics

Services Provided in
All Eight Counties

Volunteer Service
Administration
Number of Volunteers:
512
Hours Volunteered: 23,526

Beginnings – The Family
Building Programs

Placement Services for
Children Adoption/Foster
Care
Hours of Service: 3,607
People Served: 326

Child Placement
Infant Adoptions: 18
Infants in Foster Care: 13

Birth Parent Counseling
Hours of Service: 2,573
People Served: 158

Post-Legal Services
Hours of Service: 161
People Served: 69

Dayton Area Services

Mental Health Services

Individual and Family
Counseling
Hours of Service: 1,971
People Served: 425

Supporting Attachment in
Families Effectively (SAFE)
Hours of Service: 758
People Served: 64

DePaul Counseling Center
Hours of Service: 364
People Served: 112

Education Outreach

Volunteer Training
People Served: 88

Marriage Enrichment
People Served: 40

Adoption/Foster Care
People Served: 222

Professional Development
People Served: 679



Miami Valley Family Care
Center

Days of Care: 34,912
Children Served: 267
Volunteer Hours: 1,947

Erma's House Family
Visitation Center

Visits: 1,448
Exchanges: 335
People Served: 175
Volunteer Hours: 1,495

Senior Services

Respite Care for
the Elderly
Hours of Service: 2,088
People Served: 84
Volunteer Hours: 2,749

Senior Visiting
Hours of Service: 1,853
People Served: 52
Volunteer Hours: 2,641

Mission Services

Refugee Resettlement/
Immigration Services
Hours of Service: 7,866
People Served: 349
Volunteer Hours: 2,627

Food Pantry
Number of Food
Requests: 11,977
Total Meals: 453,345
Unduplicated People
Served: 12,274
Volunteer Hours: 5,053

Interfaith Care Teams
Hours of Service: 523
Families Served: 17

Holiday Giving Programs
Number of Families
Served: 316
Number of People
Served: 1,681
Volunteer Hours: 594

Prison Chaplaincy
Hours of Service: 70
People Served: 405

Services for Pregnant/
Parenting Teens and
Young Adults

Teen ParentLink
Hours of Service: 3,958
People Served: 568

TMAC
Hours of Service: 1,747
People Served: 44

Marriage Works
Hours of Service: 238
People Served: 252

Northern Counties
Office

Mental Health Services

Individual and Family
Counseling
Hours of Service: 2,090
People Served: 209

Parenting Education
Hours of Service: 60
People Served: 800

Senior Services

PASSPORT
Hours of Services: 23,022
People Served: 971

ComCare/Care
Coordination
Hours of Services: 2,156
People Served: 204

Alzheimer's Respite
Hours of Services: 188
People Served: 30

Caregiver Support
Hours of Service: 646
People Served: 43

Residential State
Supplement
Hours of Service: 306
People Served: 39



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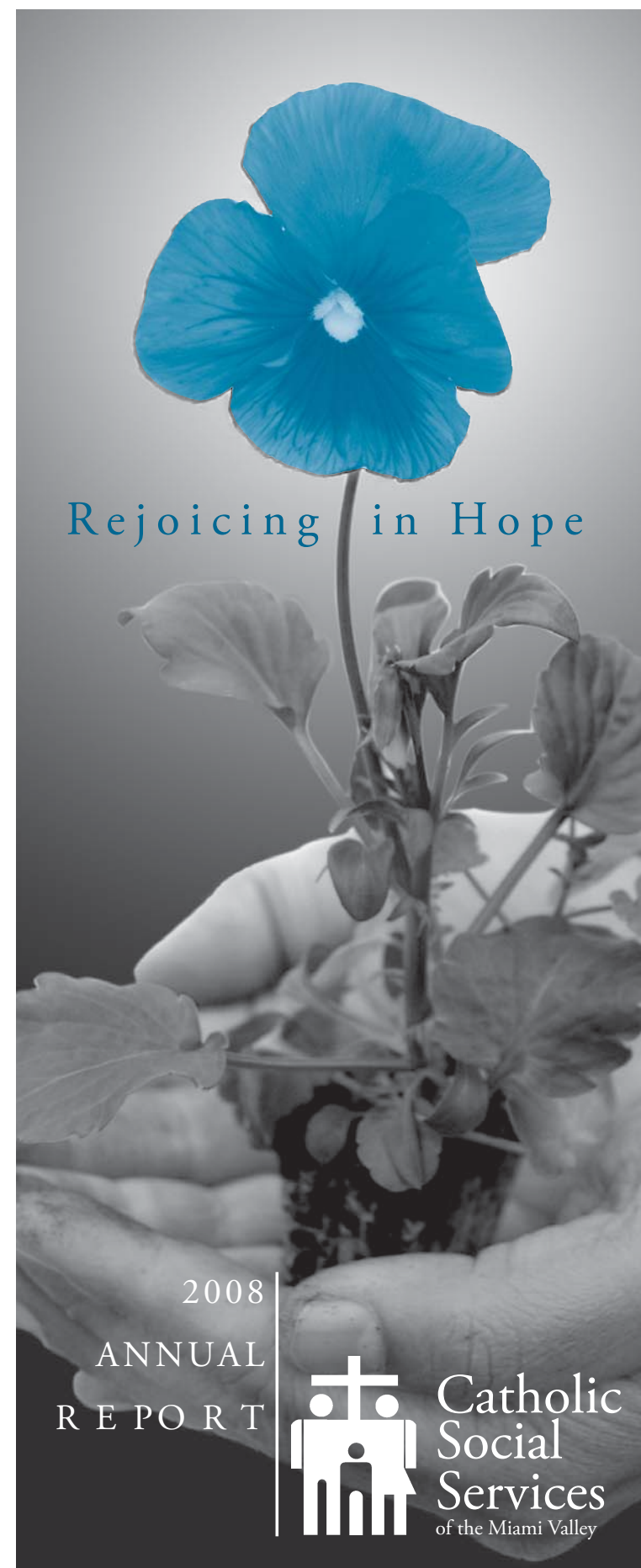
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Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12

Dear Friends,

As the recession of 2008 began, the impact of the financial meltdown was certainly felt by all, but most especially by the poor and vulnerable individuals and families served by our programs. But even in these difficult times, we found hope as we experienced the generosity of our community. Again, as we have throughout our history, we witnessed the strength of the foundation of Catholic Social Services: our culture of faith, service and charity that calls our faith community to respond compassionately in support of our ministry.



Through acts of charity, our many friends empowered Catholic Social Services to help meet the needs and improve the lives of more than 22,000 people: parents, children, seniors, hungry and struggling individuals and families of all races and religions. A record number of people sought and received emergency food assistance from our Food Pantry. Our community welcomed refugees fleeing oppressive governments and life-threatening conditions. Expectant mothers and struggling young parents reached out for help and found support. New parents welcomed adopted children into their homes and hearts. Children in poverty benefitted from an academically enriched preschool curriculum, and families and children found strength and support to overcome barriers through counseling and social service programs.

None of these compassionate services to those in need could have succeeded without your financial support and moral commitment. I am deeply grateful for the dedication and generosity of Catholic Social Services' Board of Trustees, volunteers, donors, business and government funding partners, and dedicated staff. It is only with your support that we are able to reach an ever-growing population of those in need.

CSSMV's mission is to strengthen individuals and families of all faiths, changing their lives for the better. It is our wish that every person leaves CSSMV with their lives enriched, able to rejoice in hope for their futures. Helping people in need is our call as given by God and modeled by Jesus. Thank you for sharing in this ministry of love that creates hope for people in our community.

J. Elaine Jelly

CSSMV Executive Director

Catholic Social Services Is Making a Difference...

Preparing Children for the Future

Miami Valley Family Care Center

To assist children and families in achieving independence and future success, CSSMV operates the Miami Valley Family Care Center (MVFCC). MVFCC is an educationally based child-care center that provides the highest quality of care and best practice. The Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, is in the process of acquiring a Star Rating from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and is fully licensed by ODJFS. Our degreed teachers provide age appropriate activities and learning to assist children in becoming academically and socially successful in their lives. Last year over 267 children received services in the toddler/pre-school and school aged programs, and 100% of the graduates from the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs passed school readiness tests. MVFCC offers care to any and all children 2½-10 years of age, regardless of race, culture, religion or income, and assists parents in finding support as needed to ensure their child receives the best care and early education possible.

Building Families

Domestic and International Adoption

Today, Catholic Social Services continues to operate from the belief that adoption is a life-long journey. The agency offers services to meet the needs of all members of the adoption circle—services like counseling

for pregnant women and birth fathers, parenting skills programs, seminars, domestic and international adoption services and support groups. During 2008, the professional CSSMV staff successfully facilitated 18 adoption placements and assisted 158 women in need of support during crisis pregnancies.

Changing Attitudes, Creating Awareness

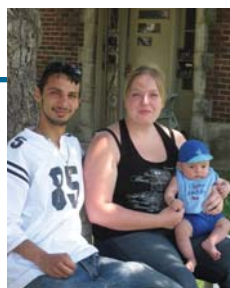
Infant Adoption Awareness Training Initiative

In 2008, CSSMV continued as the lead agency in Ohio to organize and direct the statewide Infant Adoption Awareness Training Project. The staff of Catholic Social Services is seeking to support adoption through professional education and is working to educate medical professionals and social workers throughout Ohio on current adoption policies and practices. Over the last four years, the CSSMV collaborative provided over 1,800 nurses and social workers statewide with a new perspective on adoption options.

Nurturing Young Families

ParentLink
Catholic Social Services continues to strengthen young families through its Link programs. Staff provided services

to help over 400 young parents in 2008: to support decision making, to link parents to community resources, encourage healthy parenting and develop employability skills to better provide for their children. The Link programs have been



recognized for their success in reducing the instances of child abuse among the teen parent population in Montgomery County.

Supporting Vulnerable Children

Teens Making a Choice (TMAC)

In 2008, CSS became one of the only agencies in the nation to partner with a child-protection agency to provide home based prevention services. CSS is coordinating with Children Services Division of Montgomery County Job and Family Services on TMAC, an intensive risk-prevention program that aims to reduce early parenting, among other destructive decisions made by teens. The program is free to all participants and targets youth, ages 12 to 14, who are in foster or kinship care. All TMAC clients have been abused, abandoned or neglected, and the majority live in poverty.

Participants are guided through the program by a trained TMAC youth development specialist who acts as a life coach and advisor, equipping teens with the skills and resources they need to break the cycle of poverty. The goal of the program is to educate teens on the benefits of sexual abstinence, to encourage healthy relationships between teens and their adult caregivers and peers, to increase healthy decision making skills and behaviors, and to promote academic success.



Providing a Safe Haven

Refugee Resettlement

The Refugee Resettlement Program provides comprehensive resettlement services to refugees from around the world, helping them adapt to their new homeland and to become self-sufficient, with an emphasis on early employment. The program addresses specific challenges such as language barriers, housing, medical and educational needs, and other acculturation issues. Last year, CSSMV staff and caring volunteers welcomed 349 individuals to the Dayton area.

Caring for Homebound Seniors

Respite Care and Senior Visiting

Caring for the elderly is an integral part of Catholic Social Services' mission. CSSMV staff trained and supported volunteers so that they could bring their caring touch to 136 seniors during the past year. Many seniors who welcomed the CSSMV Senior Visitors or Respite Caregivers were homebound and alone. Many were also the caregivers of chronically ill family members who need the agency's Respite Caregivers for a few hours of relief each week – offering a break from 24-hour responsibility for the care of their loved ones. The services helped to reduce stress and isolation that is too often a constant in the lives of our elderly neighbors. The program provided nearly 8,000 hours of senior care during 2008.

Protecting Children

Erma's House Family Visitation Center

In 2008, over 335 children found safety and friendship at Erma's House, a supervised family visitation center

sponsored by CSSMV. By monitoring visits with non-residential parents and supervising exchanges between parents, the volunteers and staff of Erma's House carried out court orders and encouraged parents to deal with legal and domestic issues. For children who visit, the center provides a cheerful environment where an adult friend is always nearby to offer safety, security and a reassuring smile. Erma's House enables troubled parents to be with their children, giving the children precious moments of peace with the parents they love.

Reducing Hunger

Food Pantry

In 2008, our agency completed renovation of the Dayton area's largest choice food pantry, located in our Riverview office, where clients



have the opportunity to select food items. Last year, the food pantry stretched to provide emergency food assistance to help a growing number of needy families – 25% more people than the previous year. Over 14,000 people came to the CSSMV Food Pantry in 2008, providing approximately 450,000 meals to help meet the nutritional needs of families. Over 1,500 pantry clients benefited from information and referral assistance. In addition, 316 families received assistance during the holiday through the Holiday Help-a-Family program.

Creating Hope

Wellness Counseling

Marriage, individual and child therapy provided by professionally licensed CSSMV counselors helped clients cope with the many stressors that too often tear families apart.

In 2008, the counseling staff provided nearly 2,000 hours of affordable general mental health services.

The SAFE Program (Supporting Attachment in Families Effectively)

also continued to expand to respond to the unique needs of children who have exhibited symptoms of Attachment Disorder. During the past year, a new service, neurofeedback training, has been added to the continuum of services the SAFE program provides. Therapists provided over 750 hours of counseling services to help families who care for emotionally troubled children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Growing Our Services in the Northern Counties

Catholic Social Services – Northern Office in Sidney, operated by CSSMV, serves the largely rural areas in the northern counties of Auglaize, Mercer, Miami, Shelby and Darke. Throughout 2008 the Northern Office benefited from increased support from the community – a record number attended the Harvest of Caring social event and annual golf outing - which assisted the office in continuing to expand its services to assist a growing number of families and individuals in the northern towns and rural communities.

Early Childhood Services

Through the offering of early childhood intervention programs, parenting education and the Homan Forum for Families, CSSMV's Northern Office focused attention on the needs of young families and children. CSS counselors worked with teachers and parents to counsel children with behavioral problems, provided resources to help implement schools' Individual Educational Progress plans, and administered



school readiness assessments to measure social and emotional readiness. In addition, counselors provided certified Step Up to Quality training work-shops to help teaching professionals achieve higher quality standards.

Wellness Counseling

The Sidney Mental Health staff expanded affordable mental health counseling options for families, individuals and children, providing over 2,000 hours of service. In cooperation with the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services, United Way of Shelby County and United Way of Auglaize County, CSS counselors provide professional counseling services for children, youth and families experiencing a wide range of social, emotional, behavioral, educational, mental health or family problems. Counselors assisted individuals and families who were seeking to improve relationships, increase parenting skills, change problematic behavior, increase feelings of self worth and improve communication skills.

Senior Services

In addition, the Northern Office's administrative relationship with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, PSA-2 Area Agency on Aging, Shelby County United Way and the Ohio Department of Aging grew to assist over 1,200 seniors. In the northern areas, seniors needing home care services benefited from PASSPORT, Assisted Living, Residential State Supplement and ComCare programs which provide professional assessment and referral to services and

support that seniors need in order to independently and safely live in their homes despite chronic health issues. PASSPORT services assist seniors with screening, intake and referral, assessment and case management. Seniors who are not eligible for programs are referred to community resources. Individualized care plans are developed for eligible seniors which provide personal care and homemaker services, respite services, emergency response systems, adult day service, social work counseling, home-delivered meals, home medical equipment and minor home modification to assist seniors to live independently in the community. Services are delivered by PASSPORT certified providers and the quality of the service is monitored by both the case manager and the quality assurance staff. If an individual needs more service than home care can provide, the Assisted Living program can provide that next step in the continuum of long-term care services.

Accomplishing Our Goals

Capital Improvement Project

2008 marked the successful completion of CSSMV's first-ever capital campaign with the rededication of our final improvement project, the Eckerle Administration Center. The renovations to the Center on Riverview, including the completion of our new choice Food Pantry, reaffirmed our commitment to meeting the urgent and growing needs of the surrounding community. Over the past seven years, the agency has raised over \$6 million. The result of the capital campaign was a Center for Families located at 1046 Brown Street in Dayton and a newly renovated early childhood education center, the Miami Valley Family Care Center.