



## MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Charities carries out the social mission of the Catholic Church in Northwest Florida to serve, to empower, and to advocate for vulnerable families and individuals of any race, religion or national origin.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

Licensed and contracted therapists are available at our **Pensacola, Ft. Walton Beach** and **Tallahassee** offices to assist individuals, couples, and families under stress who may also be experiencing depression, anxiety, bereavement, childhood trauma resolution, co-dependency, and self-esteem challenges. The Fort Walton Beach Office accepts some insurance companies providing mental health coverage.

### ADOPTION SERVICES

Catholic Charities has been a licensed child-placing agency since 1951. Our trained staff provide private, confidential, free pregnancy support and related services generating a pro-life outcome. Adoption has evolved into an open process, whereby the birth parents help select the adoptive parents. Pre/post adoption services, including legal services, home studies, temporary foster care and family searches are available at **all regional** offices.

### THRIFT STORE

A thrift store in **Panama City** provide basic necessities for needy families and individuals through vouchers and offer household items to the general public at affordable prices. Revenues are reinvested into the local Catholic Charities operations.

### EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE (including Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing)

Short-term emergency financial assistance is provided to assist the needy at **all regional** offices to alleviate a crisis situation for those most in need. Assistance may be in the form of rent/mortgage, utilities, medical prescriptions, medical travel, and food vouchers. Financial Fitness Workshops are provided to promote self-sufficiency and arrest the cycle of crisis.

### CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY HELP

During the holidays, we become acutely aware of those in need. It is also a time of increased community awareness of vulnerable families and individuals. While all regional offices conduct a variety of holiday giving programs our **Tallahassee** office operates one of the largest gift giving programs within Northwest Florida. We ask for any and all gifts to accommodate those in need.

### BRIDGES TO CIRCLES

*Bridges to Circles* is a new community initiative from Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida in coordination with Unite Escambia's Poverty Solution Team. *Bridges to Circles* matches people living in poverty who have a strong desire to improve their lives with allies who provide emotional support and assist with complex issues. *Bridges to Circles* is a safe, structured way for people to build friendships across socio-economic and race lines. *Bridges to Circles* is available in the **Pensacola** office

### REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION

Accredited staff are certified to advise on immigration law and assist with the completion of immigration forms for permanent residency, work authorization, naturalization, extension of stay, fiancée visas, and other immigration forms. Self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act are also provided. Immigration and Refugee resettlement services are available in our **Pensacola and Tallahassee regional** offices.

### HOUSING & SHELTER

**St. Barnabas House and Naomi House in Panama City** provide short-term supportive housing for individuals and families seeking stability, employment, savings and transition to permanent housing. Case-workers provide parenting, employment, life skills and financial training to ensure successful transition and stability. .

### DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricanes frequently impact Northwest Florida and Catholic Charities serves as a lead agency providing immediate disaster relief to our local areas and surrounding Gulf Coast communities. The disasters propelled the creation of collaborative partnerships with the interfaith community, non-profit organizations and businesses expediting response plans and recovery efforts.



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### **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

*“As long as you did it for one of these the least of my brethren, you did it for me” (Matt. 25:40)*

Catholic Charities is reaching out to parishes across the diocese to form a deeper relationship with pastors and the parish families through Northwest Florida. A parish-based program called **JustFaith** is the vehicle to deepen this relationship and successfully respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in each region.

### **DONATIONS**

The Agency benefits tremendously from the generous in-kind donations including food, clothing, furniture, office supplies, volunteer services, guest speakers, and business help. Please contact your regional office for information..

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed at all four regional offices. Volunteer opportunities include assisting staff in disaster relief and long-term recovery, staffing the thrift store in Panama City, database management, office and clerical support, foster care homes, adoption, emergency assistance, Christmas Connection in Tallahassee, assisting immigration counselors and Advisory Board members.

**TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT THE REGIONAL OFFICE NEAREST YOU**

Or visit:

[www.catholiccharitiesnwfl.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesnwfl.org)

### **Pensacola Regional Office**

#### **Administration Office**

1815 N 6th Ave. 32503  
Phone: (850) 436-6410  
Fax: (850) 436-6414

#### **Refugee & Immigration Services**

1 N. C St. 32502  
Phone: (850) 436-6420  
Fax: (850) 435-3562

#### **Emergency Assistance**

1815 N 6th Ave. 32503  
Phone: (850) 436-6425  
Fax: (850) 436-6414

#### **Bridges to Circles**

1815 N 6th Ave. 32503  
Phone: (850) 429-7296  
Fax: (850) 436-6414

#### **Adoption Services**

1815 N 6th Ave. 32503  
Phone: (850) 436-6411  
Fax: (850) 436-6414

[cathchar@cc.ptdiocese.org](mailto:cathchar@cc.ptdiocese.org)

### **Ft. Walton Beach Regional Office**

#### **Family Counseling, Emergency Assistance, Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling**

11 First Street, S.E.  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548  
Phone: (850) 244-2825  
Fax: (850) 244-2963

[cathcharfwb@cc.ptdiocese.org](mailto:cathcharfwb@cc.ptdiocese.org)

### **Panama City Regional Office**

#### **Emergency Assistance, Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling, Shelter Services, Thrift Store**

3128 E. 11th Street  
Panama City, FL 32401  
Phone: (850) 763-0475  
Fax: (850) 763-2969

[cathcharpc@cc.ptdiocese.org](mailto:cathcharpc@cc.ptdiocese.org)

### **Tallahassee Regional Office**

#### **Family Counseling, Emergency Assistance, Christmas Connection, Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling, Immigration**

1380 Blountstown Hwy.  
Tallahassee, FL 32316  
Phone: (850) 222-2180  
Fax: (850) 681-6963

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### **Northwest Florida Main Office**

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*Less than 10% of clients served are Catholic. Less than 15% of our budget is spent on administrative costs.*