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Diocese of Pueblo

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HOPE

*Annual Report Fiscal Year 2014-2015*

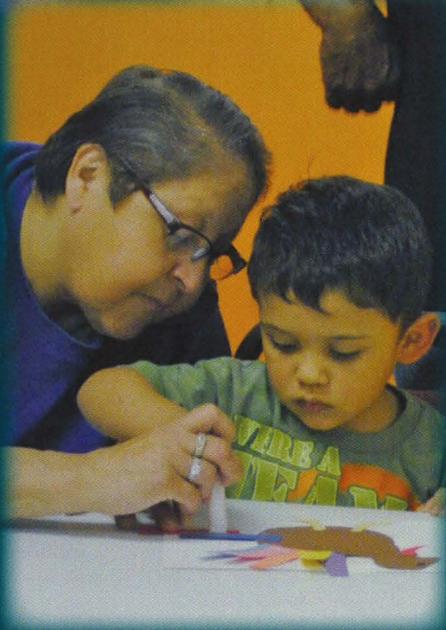
# Program Highlights

## • **Providing Help...Creating Hope**

- A proud member of the Family Resource Center Association
- A member of the National Diaper Bank Network; making us one of three Diaper Banks in Colorado
- Provided emergency diaper assistance to families who are struggling financially, with over 71,000 diapers to ensure infants and toddlers remain clean, dry and healthy this year
- Provided assistance to 5,989 individuals in utility, rent, and mortgage assistance, helping to stabilize families and prevent homelessness
- Provided full money management services for 162 individuals, including bill paying and budgeting, allowing them to live with dignity and independence in the community
- Held 14 public meetings attended by over 360 immigrants and family members informing them of their legal rights and paths to citizenship
- Assisted with 53 cases for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Completed 127 applications for Driver's Licenses
- We started a new program, Project ACCESS (Advancing Community Care Enhancing Student Success), in partnership with Pueblo County Department of Social Services and Pueblo Community College. Project ACCESS provides a support system to help remove barriers to education for those living in poverty or faced with adversity
- Project ACCESS offers two seminars. Options 4 Change and Staying the Course. The Options 4 Change seminar graduated 59 participants
- We had 36 volunteers log 3,500 hours; contributing an added benefit of over \$77,490
- We launched a new program, the Colorado Community Response Program, a partnership with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services
- Score, Connect and Nurture (SCAN) is a new pilot project that brings awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and family support with the goal of reducing the risk of chronic health conditions in children
- Our Bright Beginnings Program provided over 1,400 visits to families to ensure positive parent-child interactions and healthy child development for their infants and toddlers
- Our Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPI) Program finished its third year with 2,460 Home Visits and has earned National Accreditation from HIPPI USA
- Our HIPPI Home Visitors logged 9900 hours providing essential early childhood educational visits strengthening the lives of 163 families and 178 children
- Our Parents as Teachers home visitors completed over 3,200 home visits
- 32 children graduated from our Parents as Teachers Program
- La Familia Fuerte/Strong Families served 305 families and 405 children in Pueblo, Crowley and Otero Counties
- Our Nurturing Parenting Program held 34 parenting classes
- Nurturing Parenting provided 4,989 meals and 3,700 snacks to clients participating in the classes
- SafeCareCO strengthened the lives of 38 families and conducted 297 home visits to families through direct skills training to parents in the areas of parenting, child safety and child health
- ReHire Colorado served 106 individuals and placed 63 participants in transitional jobs, with 51 of them moving to unsubsidized employment
- Becoming a Mom/Comenzando bien class provided services to 49 expectant mothers giving them the support and tools to become the best parents possible
- Our House Bill 1451/Collaborative Management Program (CMP) provided 71 families/ with 160 youth, a collaborative family support team (FST) meeting strengthening the family dynamic. 33% of the youth served post FST meetings, showed an improvement in school-attendance rates



*Because of You...*



*...Hope is Possible*

## *Our Mission*

*Inspired by God's love,  
Catholic Charities of  
the Diocese of Pueblo  
collaborates with community  
partners to serve the people  
of southern and western  
Colorado that they may live  
whole and healthy lives.*

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## *A Year of Milestones*

As we reflect on our last year, we are inspired and in awe of the scope of work of Catholic Charities, protecting and nurturing our children and youth, strengthening families in times of crisis, assisting those through the immigration process, and empowering all those we serve. All of these remarkable services are provided each day through Catholic Charities and our community partners. I can't commend the staff enough for the hard work they do and the wonderful way they relate to our clients.

As this report indicates, the lives of more than 12,000 men, women and children of all faiths and backgrounds have been empowered in the last year. The many successful works of Catholic Charities are made possible because of your own "yes" of prayer and gifts of time, talents and donations, along with the collaborative partnership with local government agencies and businesses. With your support, Catholic Charities becomes the agency of compassion, hope, and transformation so that we may brighten the lives of many. We have thousands of stories to share-- stories of fear and despair, overcome by compassion and hope! Each of these individuals has a story to tell. In our mission to serve, Catholic Charities was indeed the hope for each person who came seeking help. As you read two stories highlighted in this report, we are sure you will join us in appreciating the amazing work of our staff, donors, volunteers, community partners, and the many people we are privileged to serve.

As we look to a new year, we are confident that Catholic Charities will continue our great mission of helping those in need. Our agency continues to grow and this year will be very fast paced. However we will continue to focus on a holistic, two-generation approach to fighting poverty. We will also continue to partner with agencies like the Department of Social Services, Pueblo Community College, the WorkForce Center and a score of others for innovative client-focused programs.

We at Catholic have much to celebrate this year. We are proud to have served the people in the Diocese of Pueblo for over 70 years and look forward to the challenges we are sure to face and the many successes that await us. For this, the staff, board of directors and volunteers are privileged, on behalf of those whom we serve through Catholic Charities to say, "Thank You."

Joe Mahoney  
Executive Director

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## *Our Partners and Sponsors*

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# Uplifting Stories of Success

A family of four recently moved to Pueblo from Denver for a job opportunity that the husband and wife accepted. When they lived in Denver, they were in a 'Parents As Teachers' program up there and when they decided to move to Pueblo they knew they wanted to find another program using the same 'Parents As Teacher's curriculum. They have two daughters, one who is 2 years old and their oldest is 3 years old. Their 3 year old daughter was diagnosed with autism when she was young and she is non-vocal. Shortly after the family enrolled in the LaFamilia Fuerte Program, the mother was so excited when their 3 year old started saying her colors and numbers. The mother and father though were still having a difficult time with their child's behaviors out in public. The mother would express to the home visitor how challenging it is to go to the grocery store when other customers would look and stare at her and her 3 year old for the way their child was behaving. The mother said that she wanted to tell the other customers off and tell them something that she knew she would regret so she would not say anything at all. The mother had a difficult time coping with this the most when she was coming out of the restroom at a home department store when another customer made a comment to her about the way a certain child in the store was behaving. This child that the man was complaining about was her child with autism. The mother said she was so embarrassed and upset about the comment that she could not say anything to the other customer. At the next visit, the home visitor gave the mother a few cards that are the size of a business card to give to people when in that situation. These cards state, "My child's behavior may be disturbing to you. He is not spoiled or misbehaving. My child has autism. Thank you for your support and understanding, and for being a friend to a family with autism." When this mother received these cards she was so grateful and stated how eager she was to go to a store after the visit with her 3 year old daughter so she could use these cards. At the next visit the home visitor followed up with her about the cards and the mother stated how these cards have helped her

anxiety so much and she no longer feels anxious going to stores or out in public.



"This program gives us a sense of pride because we are able to support our families with income." Eva Rodriguez

A little background information on Eva is in order. She is an older worker and she had recently lost her job working for an auto part store as a delivery driver. Being the only caretaker of her two young grandsons, she needed to secure employment immediately. Her daughter and granddaughter were also depending on her as they all lived under the same roof and without any income, they would surely end up on the streets.

We searched high and low for employers that were willing to take a chance on Eva, but it was tough; there are many challenges in finding employment as an older worker. Then, we had a solid lead on a possible position for Eva at Belmont Senior Care. It was a newly created position as a Housekeeper. We met with Eva to discuss the position with her and she was a little hesitant because she had never worked in a senior care facility before, but she was willing to give it a shot.

While we were discussing the position with her, we noticed that she was quieter than usual. And when we say quiet, we mean she was barely providing us with four word responses. So we asked her what was going on and that did it, the flood gates opened. She revealed to us that she was going to have her power shut off in two days, she needed laundry soap, personal hygiene items, and her grandsons were starting school on Monday and they did not have the required color shirts. She was too embarrassed to ask for help and had held out for so long that it was now an emergency. We were able get her a few gift cards and thankfully, our Home Stability program was able to help pay her electric bill, disaster averted!

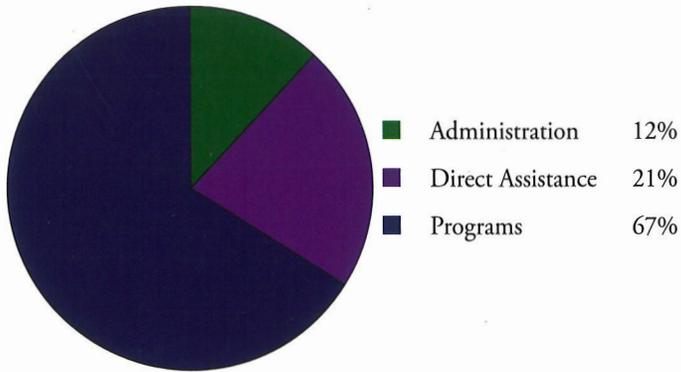
The very next week, Eva started work at Belmont Senior Care as their housekeeper. She completed the entire 12 weeks of subsidized employment and successfully transitioned to unsubsidized employment on November 19th. Phyllis and Andrea, the CEO/Director and Assistant Director respectively of Belmont Senior Care, absolutely love Eva.

They expressed their sincerest gratitude for the ReHire program introducing them to Eva. Phyllis pointed out that Eva has become an indispensable asset to their organization. Phyllis stated that "residents and guests have noted how clean the houses are" and that is all thanks to Eva's hard work and dedication.

She enjoys her job and feels like she is truly making a difference in the lives of the seniors living at Belmont Senior Care. She knows most of the residents by name and regularly sits to chat with them. For someone who was hesitant to work in such a setting, she sure isn't showing any signs of uneasiness, instead she goes on about how thankful she is for having the opportunity to work with seniors. "It's truly amazing what having a job can do for a person. Aside from the obvious like paying the bills, putting food on the table and putting a roof over our heads, a job can boost ones confidence." And, as Eva put it, "instill a sense of pride in us."

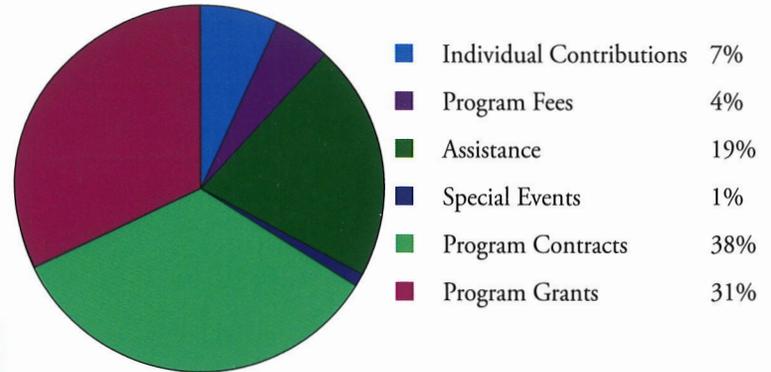
## Total Expenses:

\$2,896,717



## Total Revenue:

\$2,911,743



## Ways to Give:

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Contributions of any size are deeply appreciated. Send donations to Catholic Charities, 429 W. 10th St. Pueblo, CO 81003, or go on-line at <http://www.pueblocharities.org/donations/>

**MONTHLY GIVING:** Each month, your credit card or bank account can be charged in the amount you choose. Your commitment will help support the programs of Catholic Charities.

**BEQUESTS:** Name Catholic Charities Diocese of Pueblo as a beneficiary in your will to receive a fixed amount or a percentage. In doing so, you will be remembering Catholic Charities in the future and providing hope for those in need. Please consider making Catholic Charities your charity of choice. For more information, please contact Jimmy DiIorio at (719) 586-8613 or email [jdiiorio@pueblocharities.org](mailto:jdiiorio@pueblocharities.org)

**VOLUNTEER:** Volunteers provide essential services that allow our finances to go further and allow us to offer compassionate services to more people in need. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers and the support they provide for us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Claudia Donnelly at (719) 586-8629 or [cdonnelly@pueblocharities.org](mailto:cdonnelly@pueblocharities.org) or go to our website at: <http://www.pueblocharities.org/get-involved/>

**IN-KIND DONATIONS:** Contributions of hard goods are greatly appreciated. Items such as canned food, meat, baby food, formula, diapers, etc., help support all of our programs. For more information please contact Claudia Donnelly at (719) 586-8629 or [cdonnelly@pueblocharities.org](mailto:cdonnelly@pueblocharities.org).

**DIAPERS:** Catholic Charities is part of the National Diaper Bank Network. We are one of three National Diaper Banks in the state of Colorado. If you or your company would like to donate diapers or host a Diaper Drive, please call Jimmy at (719) 586-8613 or email at [jdiiorio@pueblocharities.org](mailto:jdiiorio@pueblocharities.org)

**PRAYERS:** Prayers are always appreciated.

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