



St. Vincent Catholic Charities

PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

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St. Vincent Catholic Charities annually provides services to thousands of people of all beliefs and ages living in this Community.

Mission: The mission of Catholic Charities is the work of the Catholic Church, to share the love of Christ by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Core Values: • Compassion • Service • Faith • Stewardship • Integrity

2009 Number of Staff:

233

Volunteers:

270

Number of people served in 2009:

5,144

2009 Annual Budget:

\$9,617,346

- 10% Management & General
- 3% Fundraising

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STVCC was founded in 1948 as the child placing arm of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. In 1952 the STVCC Children's Home was built in order to help families who could no longer care for their children. In the past 62 years our services have grown to meet the needs of thousands in the community. Today, our services range from our Children's Home to housing services for the homeless, to helping to resettle refugees whose lives are in danger.

You are invited to a Journey of Hope. These guided journeys of the heart and mind explore the experiences of those we serve, St. Vincent Catholic Charities' rich history, our services and our vision for the future.

We will share a number of true stories of courage and hope that will inform and inspire you. After a Journey of Hope you will have a clear understanding of how STVCC and our community is working for a brighter future through empowering children and families. These 60-minute journeys are free to anyone in the community.

We can schedule a Journey of Hope around your availability. Invite your friends, family and colleagues to attend a Journey of Hope on STVCC Campus. We can also bring the Journey to your church, place of business, or home.

To schedule a Journey of Hope, or for more information contact Rhonda Abood at (517) 323-4734 ext. 1205 or aboodr@stvcc.org

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STVCC Service Areas

Empowering Children & Families

- **Adoption:** We find permanent qualified families who offer stable, loving homes for children of all ages with special physical and/or emotional needs. The children in our adoption program are waiting in foster care for a permanent home.
- **Foster Care:** Provides temporary family homes for children in the community who are victims of abuse or neglect. Foster families provide stable family care for temporary and permanent wards of the court with the hope of reestablishing the natural family or finding permanent adoptive homes.
- **Children's Home:** Offers Long Term Residential Care (approx. 4 to 12 months) and Case Planning (ninety days) for children ages five to seventeen. Assessment and stabilization services for children in crisis include individual and family therapy, an on grounds educational program for children unable to attend public schools and twenty four hour counseling and role modeling.
- **Family Preservation:** Helps at-risk families, referred by Department of Human Services, to improve parenting and life skills. Parent Aides partner with and offer support and instruction to families, helping them remain together in a safe and nurturing environment.

Fostering Housing Stability

- **Refugee Resettlement:** A federally funded and mandated mid-Michigan program offers intensive services to refugees, asylees and human trafficking victims. STVCC locates housing, basic household items, food, etc and picks up refugees at the airport to welcome them to their new home. STVCC offers services such as cultural orientation, assistance in applying for necessary documents and programs funded through the US Department of State, etc.
- **Housing Services for the Homeless:** Provides supportive services to homeless families as well as adults with disabilities in meeting their goals to achieve self-sufficiency. Individualized service plans are developed with program participants to identify needs, set goals, and provide action steps to achieve their goals. Advocacy is provided to assist in goal achievement through breaking down barriers to services. This experience helps foster positive relationships conducive to personal growth and stability.

Program participants are provided with a rental subsidy and supportive services to assist in meeting their goals to achieve self-sufficiency. Each participant pays a portion of their rent while they learn financial management techniques and meet goals to increase their income. Program transition occurs once participants are able to obtain and sustain permanent housing or at the program end date, depending upon the source of rental assistance provided.

Enhancing Quality of Life

- **Immigration Law Clinic:** Provides a wide spectrum of low cost immigration legal services, such as family reunification, adjustment of status, citizenship, asylum and removal defense to community members from across the state of Michigan, regardless of immigration status.
- **Youth Life Skills:** Programs to help the youth served by STVCC gain experiences and the tools to improve their self-esteem and further opens their mind to the many opportunities available to them. Grants provided by the Reid Foundation and Smith & Barney have helped establish components of this service such as **THRIVE** and **BIZ WIZ/BIZ WORLD**. Through these programs the children served through STVCC learn aspects of starting a business, creating art, providing community assistance and much more.
- **Case Management**
- **Educational Services**
- **Employment Services** All children, families and adults who receive services through STVCC Foster Care, Children's Home, Family Preservation, Refugee Resettlement and Housing Services for the Homeless are equipped with the necessary tools to help them move from at-risk to safety so they may thrive. Case Management is provided as support to help advise, facilitate and role model. Educational assistance is provided to help those served to learn English, financial and budgeting skills, healthy parenting, cooking and many other necessary life skills. Employment assistance is also given to help in gaining permanent employment to help support independent living.

Advancing Community Health

- **Counseling Services:** Offers affordable individual, couple, family and child counseling provided by professionally trained staff. Issues addressed in a safe and supportive environment include but are not limited to: depression, anxiety, grief, self-esteem, abuse and emotional trauma, couples and parent-child relationship issues, childhood problems and communication skills.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are the heart and soul of our agency. We truly value all of our volunteers who donate their *time, talent and treasure* to help us fulfill our mission. The range of volunteer opportunities varies from one-time events to long term commitments, from working with our customers to working with staff. We work to match the individual or group's skills and talents to opportunities within the agency. From **Mentor Opportunities** such as ■ Children's Home Mentors ■ Foster Youth Mentors ■ Family Mentors ■ English Language Tutors to **Operational Support** such as ■ Office and Clerical assistance ■ Facilities support ■ Landscaping and Interior beautification projects ■ Event Assistance, there are numerous opportunities for volunteerism.

For Volunteer Opportunities contact
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