# CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CALIFORNIA

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### CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



#### **FEATURED**

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Catholic Charities programs and services help the most vulnerable families in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Counties, by preventing homelessness, providing permanent housing and health stabilization, providing counseling, helping seniors age with dignity, giving children and youth the chance to have healthy futures, and welcoming newcomers with respect and dignity.

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#### AT A GLANCE

- 3,789 children and adults were stably housed
- 187 people moved from homelessness to housing at Catholic Charities St. Joseph's Family Center and Star Community Home.
- The median rent burden for clients in Catholic Charities Assisted Housing & Health was decreased by 57%
- 1.111 clients avoided eviction and stayed housed through Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention.

All data from July 2014-June 2015



## Restoring Dignity, Preventing Homelessness



An estimated 7,539 San Franciscans lack stable housing. The lack of permanent housing often compounds numerous challenges: medical, social, psychological and vocational. At Catholic Charities, our residential care facilities, distribution of housing subsidies and wrap-around case management services provide vulnerable individuals and families with the freedom to focus on restoring stability and hope that comes with stable housing.

Catholic Charities serves as a lead agency in the Family Eviction Prevention Collaborative (FEPCO) of San Francisco, which represents a cohesive community of service providers that streamline the rental assistance intake process for low-income, at-risk families and individuals in San Francisco.

People like Celia, a single mother with a full-time job who found herself suddenly owing thousands of dollars in back rent. Given two weeks until she was evicted, Celia came to Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention where our case managers helped connect her to programs to take care of her backpay and help her get back on her feet.

"I felt overwhelmed. I thought me and my son were going to be out on the streets," Celia said. "I'm glad I found out about Catholic Charities, it has been a blessing."