

WORKING ON OUR WINGS

Matthew 25:40



ANNUAL

IMPACT REPORT

2025-2026



CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
OF ORANGE COUNTY





Dear Friends of Catholic Charities of Orange County,

For the past five years, I have been blessed to serve on the Board of Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC) as a member and as its chairman. It has been a true privilege to participate in the outstanding work of CCOC. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to be attentive to those in need and to support them with our prayers, our compassion, and our resources. For many of us, it is hard to understand exactly how we can follow and act the way that Jesus asks us to. Through our support of CCOC, we each have an opportunity to support and to engage in the social mission of the Church, which Jesus established by His words and actions.

I have long been impressed by the extensive work of CCOC throughout Orange County. We take seriously the idea that Jesus wants us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and support the oppressed. I am particularly drawn to the work that CCOC does in our Catholic schools throughout the Diocese. It is heartbreaking to witness the challenges faced by our young students as they experience anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges. As a parent myself, I cannot imagine not being able to help my son if he were suffering. CCOC provides counselors to Orange County Catholic schools at a significantly subsidized rate so that students have access to the assistance they need and can feel the love of Jesus in their hearts.

Few of us have the time, resources, or expertise to start our own charitable organization to respond to Jesus's call to love one another through our actions. By supporting CCOC with our financial resources or time, we can maximize the impact of our support because CCOC has the knowledge and experience to provide necessary help to those who need it most.

I urge you to review this impact report to get a better sense of the excellent work that CCOC performs each day. If your hearts are moved as mine was, please consider a financial gift to CCOC (or give of your time) so that CCOC can continue to do the Lord's work here in Orange County.

May God richly bless each of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mike Rizzo" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fr. Mike Rizzo

Chairman

Catholic Charities of Orange County





Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on our fiscal year 2025-2026, we are filled with deep gratitude and renewed hope. This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate a remarkable milestone – 50 years of Catholic Charities of Orange County serving our neighbors in need.

For five decades, our work has been guided by the Gospel’s call to serve, love, and uplift those who are most vulnerable. We are truly thankful for the community that has walked alongside us in this mission.

From our earliest days to the programs you see today, Catholic Charities of Orange County has responded to changing needs with compassion and courage. Whether providing food to families facing hunger, counseling to those seeking healing, health and wellness services that restore dignity, or support to children, seniors, and individuals navigating difficult times, our work has always been guided by faith and fueled by the community.

This impact report highlights not only the lives touched through our programs but the collective generosity that makes this work possible. Our donors, volunteers, parish partners, staff, and community collaborators are the heart of Catholic Charities of Orange County. Your commitment transforms challenges into opportunities for hope and renewal.

As we celebrate 50 years of service, we also look ahead with confidence. The needs in Orange County continue to evolve, and we remain steadfast in our promise to walk alongside those we serve, offering help, healing, and hope grounded in Christ’s love.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Together, we may continue to be instruments of God’s mercy for generations to come.

With gratitude and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen Roy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ellen Roy
Executive Director
Catholic Charities of Orange County

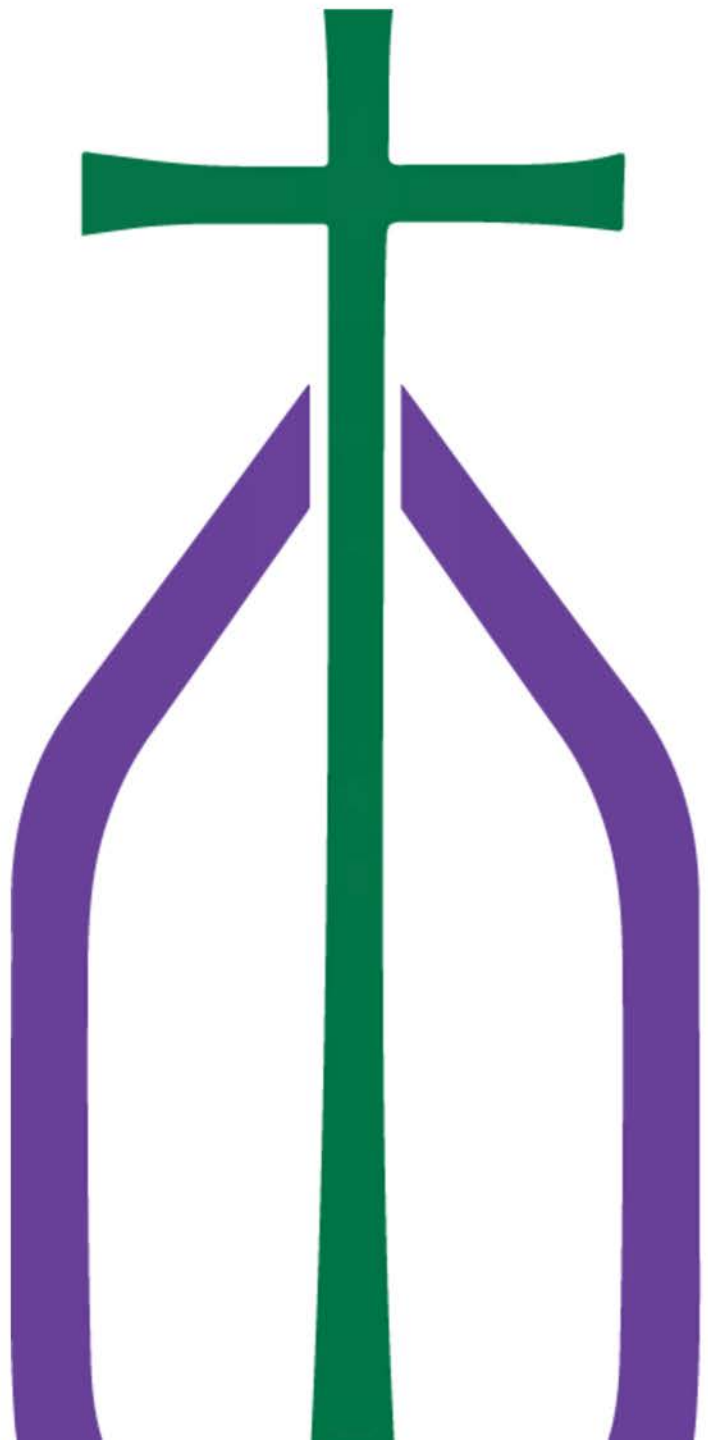
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PROVIDING HELP

CREATING HOPE

SERVING ALL

Where Compassion
Meets Community:
Serving Orange County



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY

Our Mission

The mission of Catholic Charities of Orange County is to provide service to people in need, promote their voice in society, and to call the church and all people to do the same.

Our Vision

Catholic Charities of Orange County will be a center of excellence in providing services to those in need, increasing the dignity of those served.

Our Inspiration

“See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

- James 2:24

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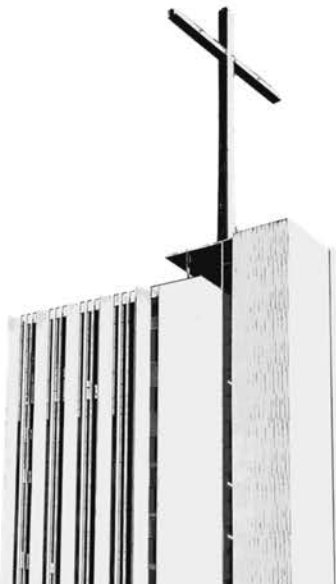


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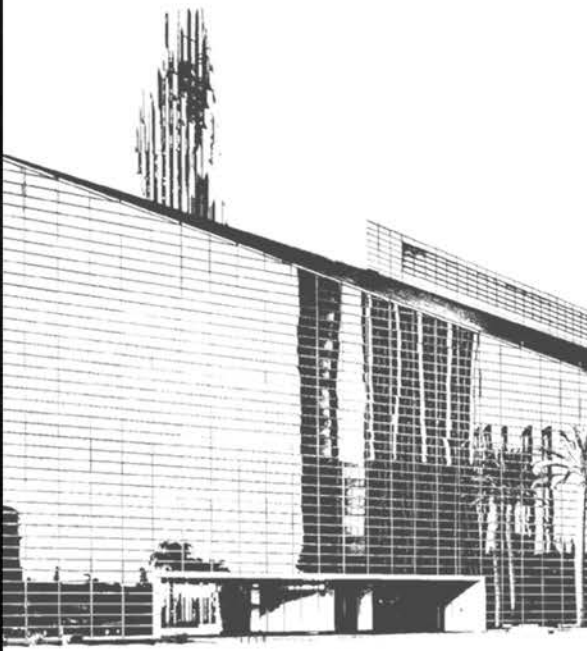
50TH

ANNIVERSARY

Legacy of Love

1976-2026

Thank you



Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD
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SERVING ORANGE COUNTY



**ORANGE COUNTY,
OUR JURISDICTION.
OUR HOME.**

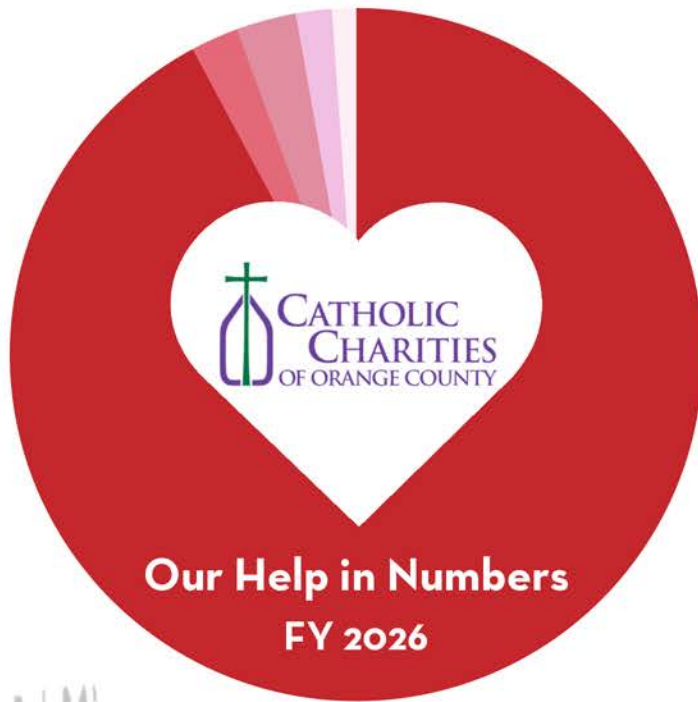
As we mark our 50th year, it is important to share how our work is organized. Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC) is a separate 501(c)(3) organization that reports directly to the Bishop of Orange. Each diocese across the U.S. has its own Catholic Charities that reports to its own Bishop. Ours is Orange County, allowing us to respond directly to local needs and keep help close to home.

The pages that follow bring our work to life and celebrate each program's successes through real stories, meaningful moments, and the impact made possible by you across Orange County this past year.



THE IMPACT YOU MADE POSSIBLE

UNITY IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

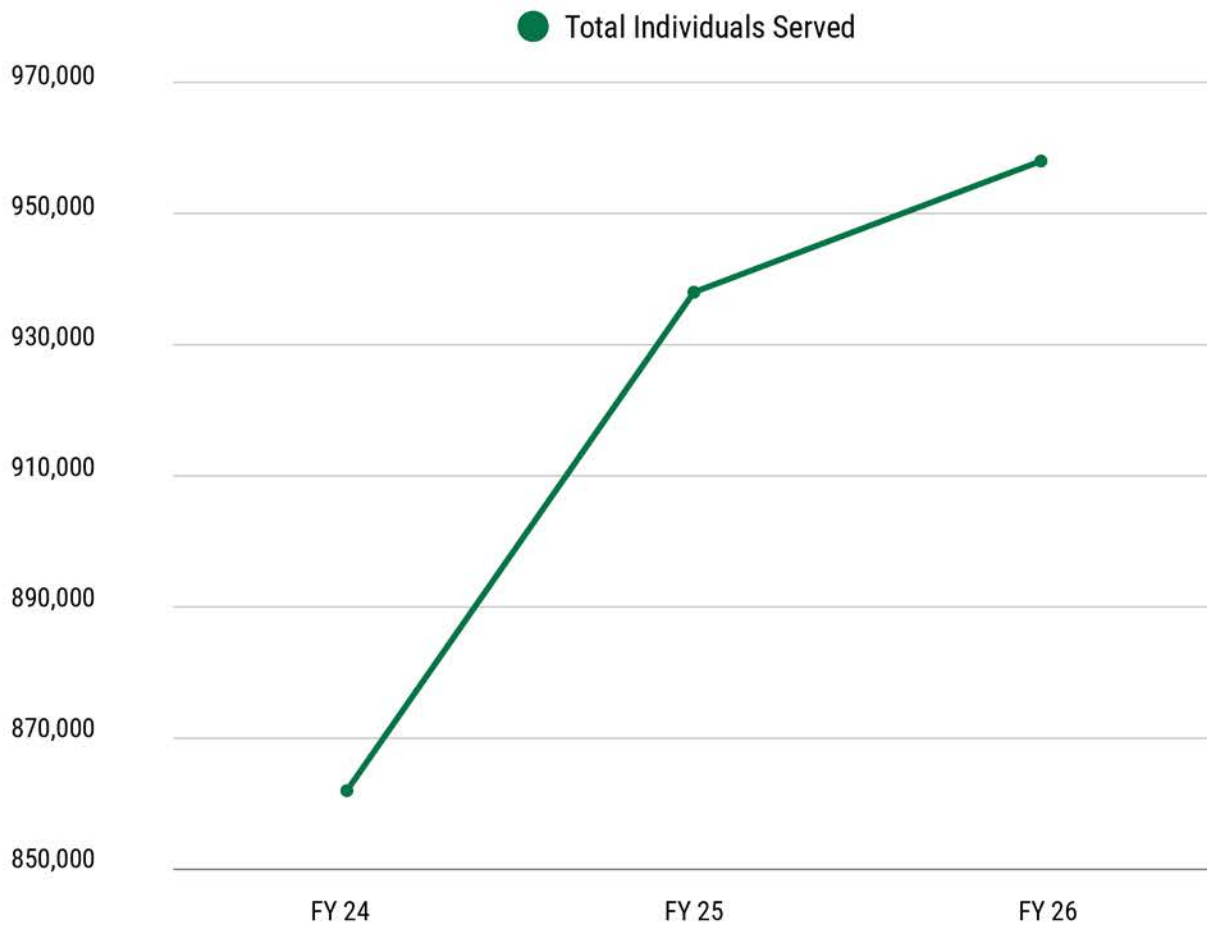


- 854,918**
Individuals received food/diapers
- 34,104**
Calls to CCOC for services
- 58,737**
Individuals received direct/indirect education from CalFresh Healthy Living
- 8,579**
New Hope Counseling Services sessions/Peer to Peer calls
- 3,888**
Individuals received Citizenship Services

Total Individuals Served & Service Interactions:

960,226

Responding to Growing Needs Three-Year Impact

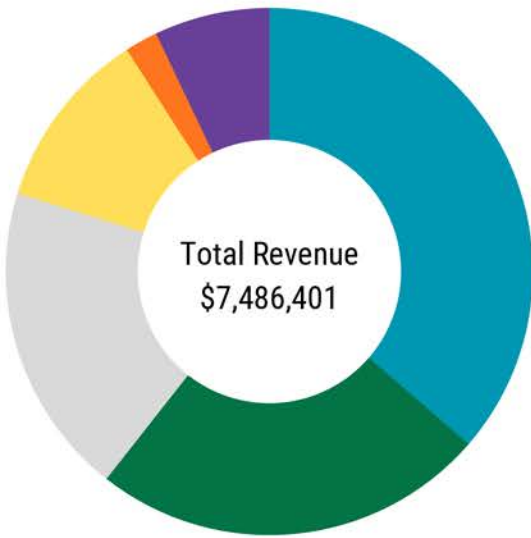


As community needs continue to rise, CCOC has expanded program capacity to serve more individuals and families.

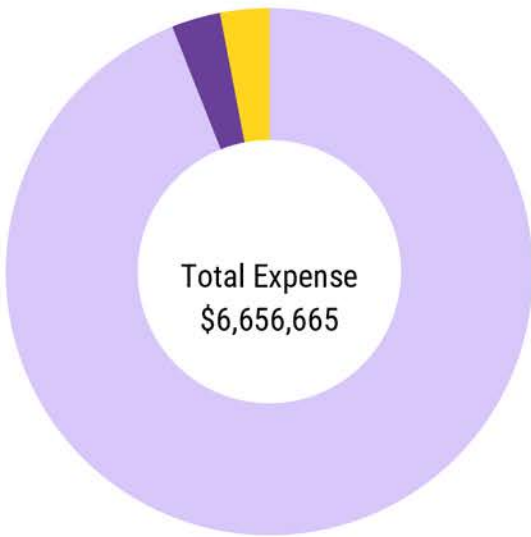
Catholic Charities Audited Financials

Fiscal Year 2025 & 2024

Fiscal Year ended June 30



Revenue Categories	FY 2025		FY 2024	
Grants & Awards	2,715,746	36%	1,816,925	26%
Donated Food/Goods	1,813,133	24%	2,200,254	31%
Contract Revenue	1,426,040	19%	1,508,668	21%
Contributions	814,076	11%	702,953	10%
Special Events	187,051	2%	337,903	5%
Investment Return	530,355	7%	481,308	7%
Total Revenue	7,486,401		7,048,011	



Expense Categories	FY 2025		FY 2024	
Program Services	6,279,316	94%	6,375,619	94%
Management & General	198,049	3%	211,798	3%
Fundraising & Development	179,300	3%	159,286	2%
Total Expenses	6,656,665		6,746,703	

Christmas Blessings	2026	2025	2024
Total Donated Gifts	497,960	578,717	641,399
Total Individuals Assisted	2,291	2,750	2,503

Easter Distribution	2026	2025	2024
Total Families Assisted	1,000	450	450

	FY 2025	FY 2024
Ending Net Assets	7,380,379	6,550,643

Catholic Charities Audited Financials

Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2024

Audited Statements of Financial Position		
Assets	FY 2025	FY 2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,830,192	\$1,165,414
Investments	\$4,623,996	\$4,119,438
Other Current Assets	\$699,314	\$976,530
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$1,503,638	\$1,822,926
Total Assets	\$8,657,140	\$8,084,308
Liabilities and Net Assets	FY 2025	FY 2024
Accounts Payable and Accrued liabilities	\$1,112,404	\$1,171,060
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$164,357	\$362,605
Net Assets Without donor restrictions	\$7,263,110	\$5,999,022
Net Assets with donor restrictions	\$117,269	\$551,621
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$8,657,140	\$8,084,308



HOPE HAS AN ADDRESS

A CANTLAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER STORY

Every Tuesday morning, Dolores and Joseph wake up early, hand in hand toward hope. From their small Santa Ana apartment, they make their way to Cantlay Food Distribution Center, a lifeline in the heart of Orange County.

In their late 70s and living on a fixed income that barely covers rent and medication, they often face difficult choices. Thanks to Catholic Charities of Orange County, they no longer need to choose between food and essentials. At Cantlay Food Distribution Center, they are met with dignity, compassion, and nourishment for both body and spirit.

EACH DAY CANTLAY'S DOORS
ARE OPEN, MORE THAN 1,000
NEIGHBORS RECEIVE FRESH
GROCERIES, PANTRY STAPLES,
AND DIGNITY.

"At Cantlay, we don't just receive food, we are reminded that we are not alone."



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY



Rancho Santa Margarita High School student unloads trees at the annual Christmas Tree Distribution. Catholic Charities of Orange County is grateful for student volunteers from the University of San Francisco, Notre Dame Mendoza School of Business, and numerous Diocese of Orange Catholic Schools.

WHERE FOOD BECOMES HOPE

OVER 3.5

million lbs
of food distributed

OVER 850,000

families received food

9,916

children received diapers

OVER 2,900

lbs
of fresh produce grown



CANTLAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER & THE GARDEN OF HOPE

Cantlay Food Distribution Center provides fresh groceries, pantry staples, diapers, and produce from the Garden of Hope to families, seniors, and individuals in need, offering nourishment, dignity, and hope to our Orange County neighbors during times of hardship.

For one Cantlay client, Elena, that support came at a critical moment. After losing her job, she worried daily about feeding her children. Her story reflects the heart of Cantlay's mission: ensuring our neighbors know they are not alone, and that help is always here.

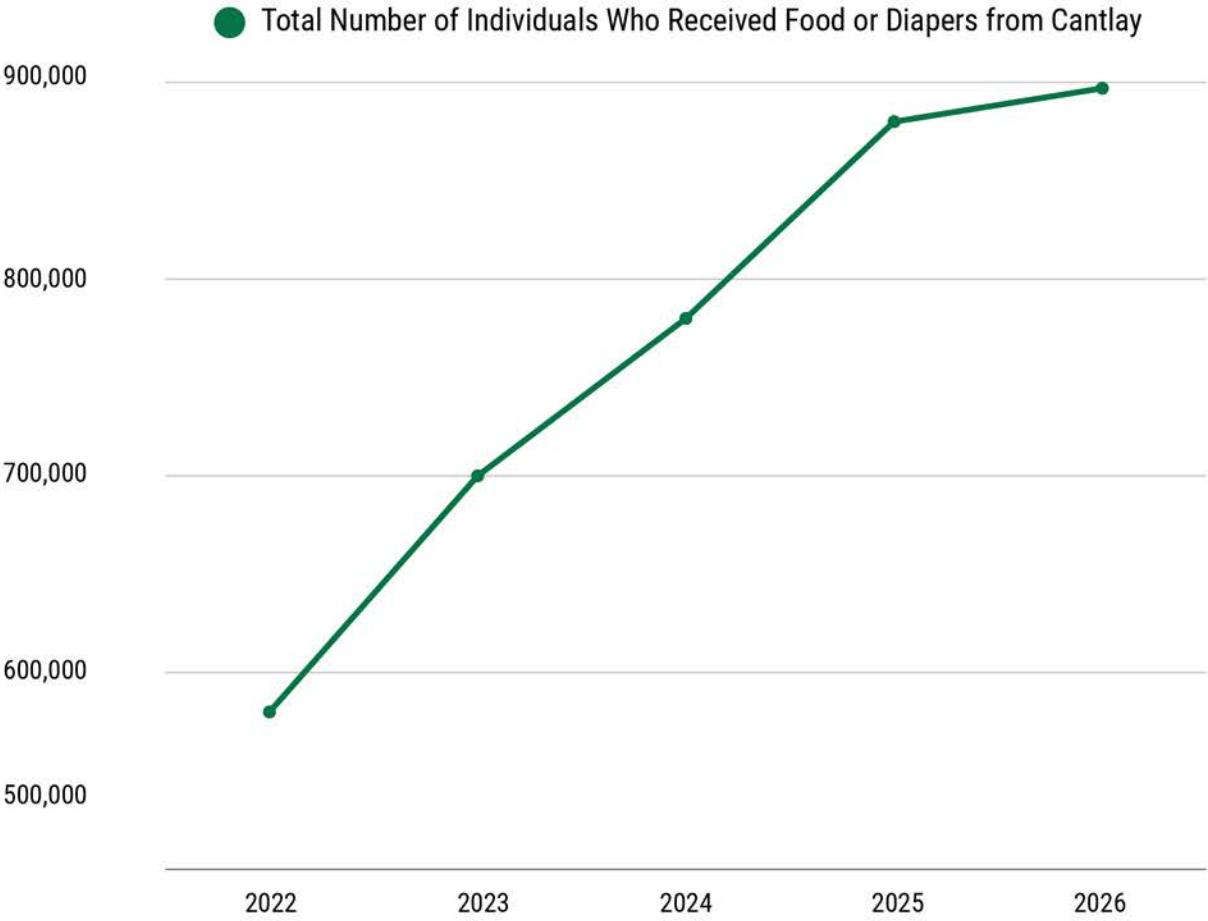
NOURISHING MORE THAN HUNGER



*"I worried every day
about feeding my children."*

Meeting a Growing Need

Neighbors Served Through Food or Diaper Assistance



In Orange County, about **1 in 8** people struggle to access nutritious food, with seniors on fixed incomes among the most vulnerable to food insecurity. The growing number of individuals served through Cantlay reflects the increasing need for reliable food support, especially for seniors, throughout our community.

Source: feedoc.org



Nearly 47% of U.S. families struggle to afford enough diapers to keep their infants and toddlers healthy.

9,021

diapers given to households in 2026

1,768

children received pull-ups in 2026

9,916

total diapers given away in 2026

CARING FOR LITTLE ONES, SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Orange County senior citizens share a laugh with their instructor at one of the regular nutrition classes offered by the CCOC Health and Wellness Team at the Garden of Hope, Cantlay Food Distribution Center.





2,231

children supported through counseling

OVER 5,800

sessions hosted with partnered OC Catholic schools

6,698

total services provided

OVER 3,200

families strengthened

GROWING HOPE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

NEW HOPE COUNSELING SERVICES

CCOC's New Hope Counseling Services provides compassionate, faith-centered mental health support to children and families, partnering with Orange County Catholic schools to deliver counseling directly on campus, helping students heal, build resilience, and thrive emotionally, spiritually, and academically.

One student, Isabella, struggled with depression and bullying at school, leaving her feeling isolated and hopeless. Through weekly counseling sessions, she began to open up, build confidence, and discover her own strength.

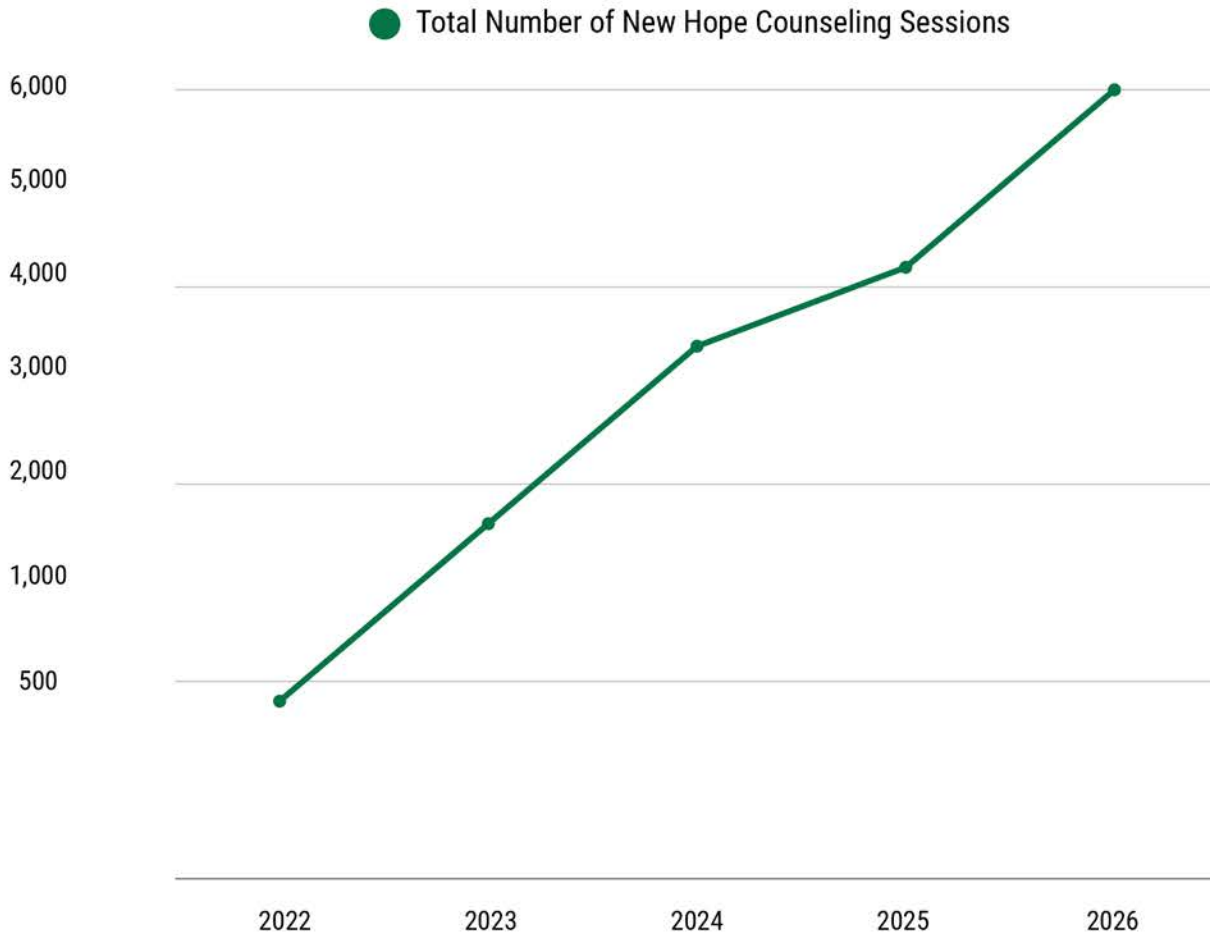


FROM ISOLATION TO HEALING

"I never thought I could feel proud of myself again, but now I know I matter, and I trust God's plan for me."

Meeting a Growing Need

Students and Families Served Through Counseling

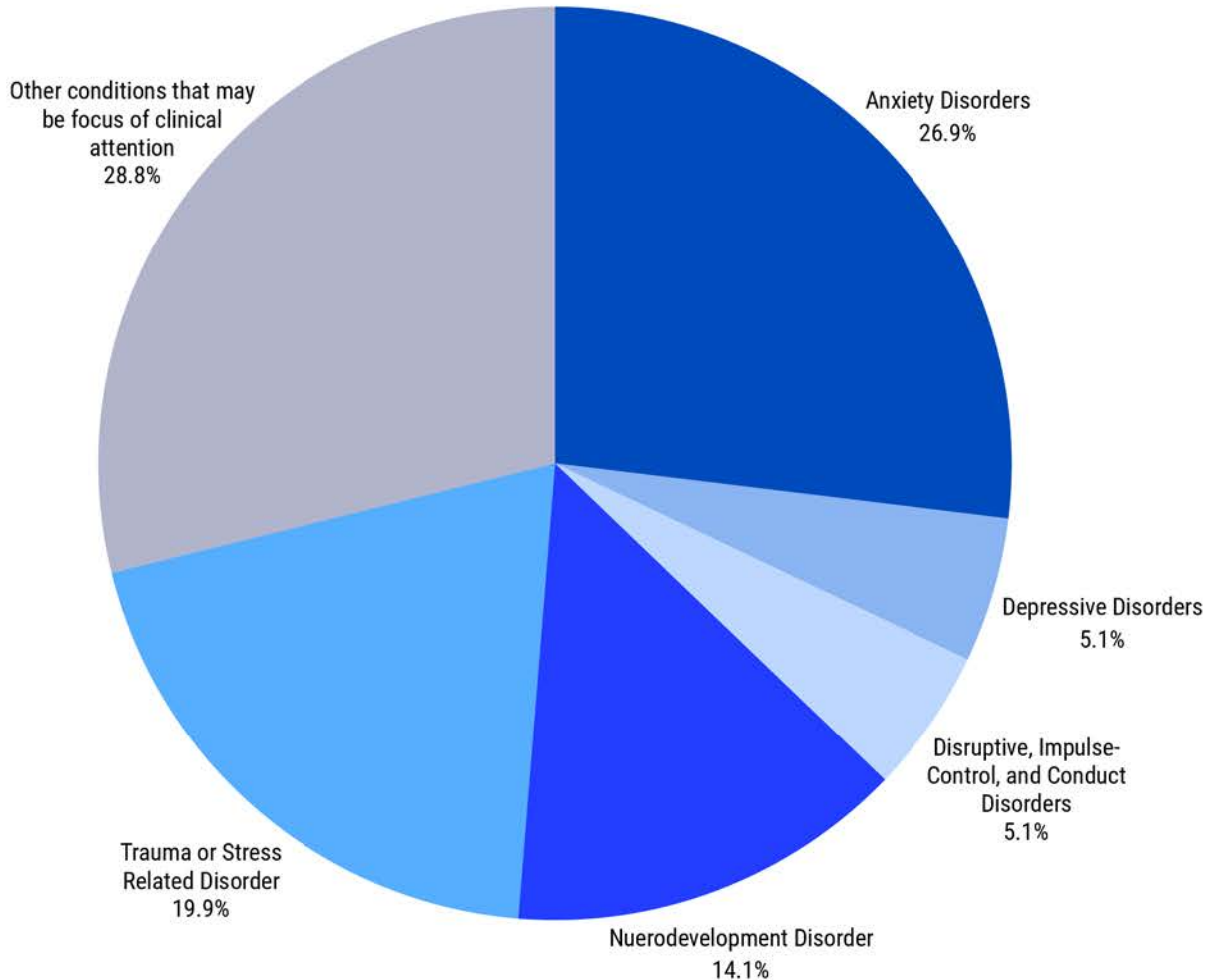


Across Orange County, **over 45% of local teens** report struggling with anxiety, depression, or other emotional challenges. Through partnerships with Catholic schools across the Diocese of Orange, New Hope Counseling Services helps meet the growing demand for accessible, faith-based mental health support for students and families.

Source: The Orange County Health Care Agency

Meeting a Growing Need

Mental Health Challenges Affecting Our Children



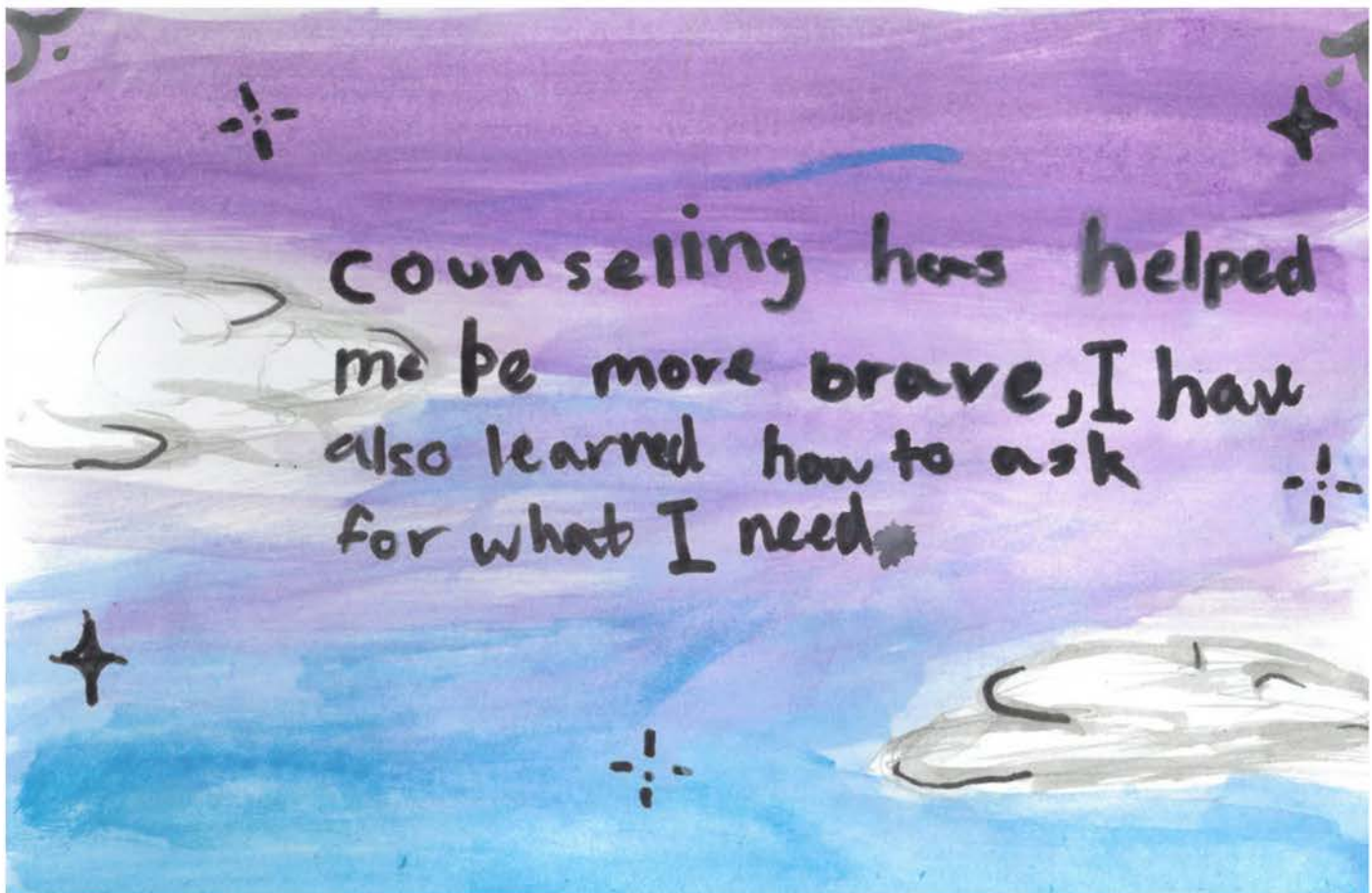
Suicide remains the leading cause of death for Orange County youth ages 10-14 and the second leading cause of death for teens ages 15-19, reflecting the growing mental health crisis facing young people today. Through partnerships with Catholic schools across the Diocese of Orange, New Hope Counseling Services provides students with accessible, compassionate counseling and emotional support to help address these challenges before they become life-threatening.

Source: The Orange County Community Foundation

I learned to do a butterfly hug, and to take a deep breath in and out.

The text is decorated with several hand-drawn elements: a purple butterfly with a yellow center and red accents is positioned at the top right; a pink heart is placed between the words 'do' and 'a'; another pink heart is between 'hug,' and 'and'; a third pink heart is between 'take' and 'a'; a blue butterfly with a yellow center is at the bottom center; and several other pink hearts are scattered around the bottom of the text.

Counseling has helped me be more brave, I have also learned how to ask for what I need.

The text is set against a hand-drawn background. The top half is purple, and the bottom half is blue. There are white, wispy clouds on both sides. Several small, four-pointed stars are scattered throughout the background.



counseling has
helped me

navigate mean girl friends



Thanks to New Hope Counseling
I have learned that everyone has
dignity, no matter what they did or
have done.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS THRIVE, MIND & BODY

947

individuals took a step toward a healthier life

OVER 150

seniors attended nutritional classes

OVER 55,000

educational resources given to individuals to learn the harmful effects of processed foods

HEALTH & WELLNESS SERVICES

CCOC's Health & Wellness Program addresses the root causes of chronic and preventable health challenges by providing nutrition education alongside access to wholesome foods. Individuals, seniors, and families learn how to make informed, healthy choices, gaining not only tools to improve their well-being, but also long-term support and stability.

David had dealt with unmanaged chronic health issues for years before he connected with our team to gain the tools and support to take control of his life. He learned to cook delicious, simple, and nutritious meals with vegetables and strayed away from processed foods.

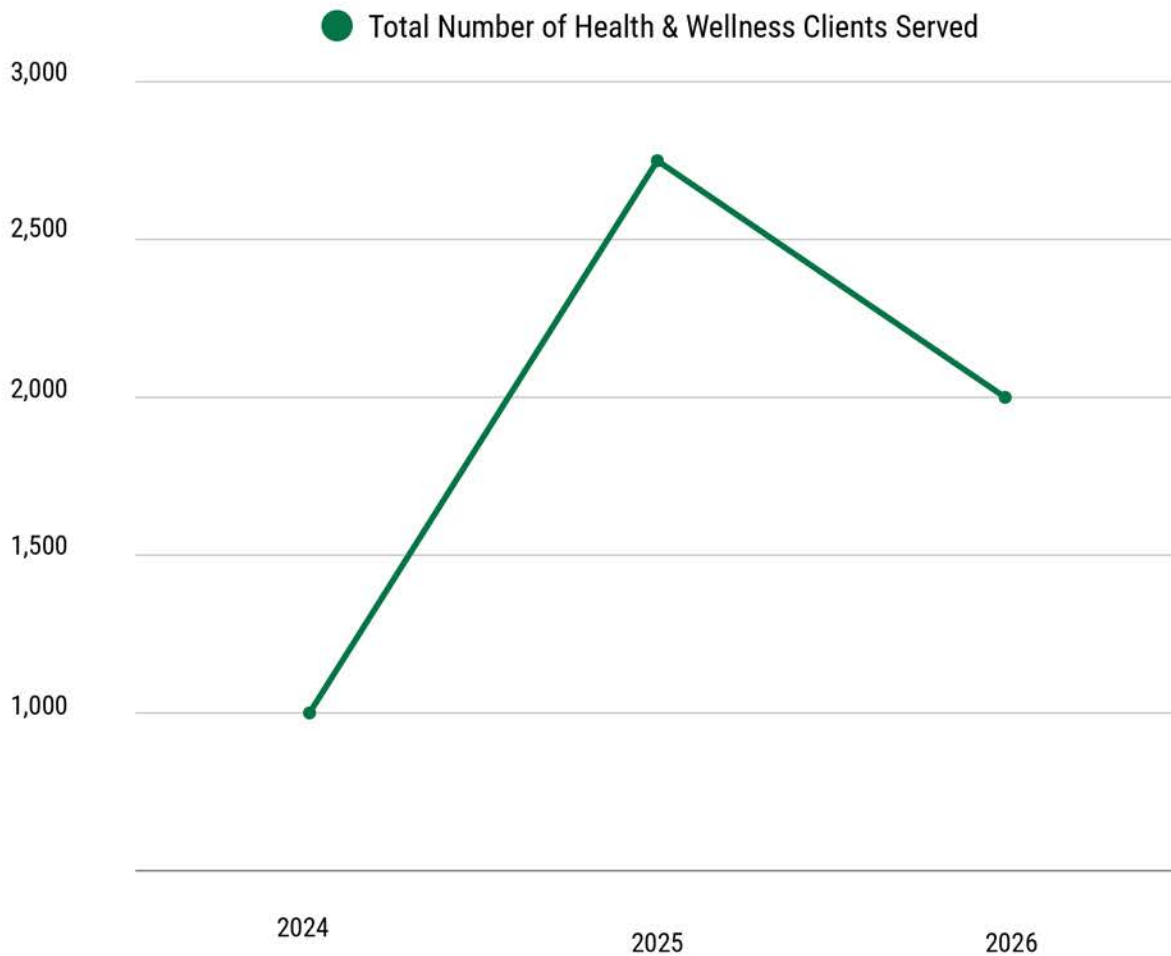


A JOURNEY TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

"For the first time in a long while, I have the support to take care of myself."

Meeting a Growing Need

Neighbors Served Through Health & Wellness Services



Decline in the 2025-2026 fiscal year due to the cancellation of a federal grant.

Nearly 24% of adults in Orange County are classified as obese, a statistic tied to diet, lifestyle, and limited access to consistent wellness support. Catholic Charities of Orange County’s Health & Wellness program addresses this need through accessible care, nutrition education, and a holistic “Food is Medicine” approach that helps clients improve overall health and reduce long-term risk of chronic disease.

Source: The Orange County Health Care Agency



On June 18, 2022, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Than Thai Nguyen, dedicated and blessed The Garden of Hope. This initiative, founded by Joan Steen and Alan Smith, long-time supporters of CCOC, supplements the Cantlay Food Distribution Center with fresh produce. The garden generates a significant amount of vegetables from multiple harvests annually.



Tad Smith, Educator Coordinator at the Garden of Hope, and Maria del Carmen Herrera, Program Coordinator for CCOC Health and Wellness. Previously a parking lot, the Garden of Hope now includes 86 raised beds and offers nutrition and low-impact exercise classes for senior citizens.





432

citizenship applications submitted

OVER 1,000

citizenship consultations completed

OVER 3,800

families took a step toward U.S. citizenship

CITIZENSHIP SERVICES

OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY, GUIDED BY FAITH

CCOC's Citizenship Services helps legal immigrants understand the process, complete their applications, and prepare for the civics test, all with guidance, support, and compassion inspired by our Catholic faith. Through this work, we live out the call to serve our neighbors with dignity, care, and respect.

FROM ASPIRATION TO CITIZENSHIP

"I'm proud to become a U.S. citizen and to serve the community that welcomed me. This country has given me so much, and now I can give back fully in gratitude and service."



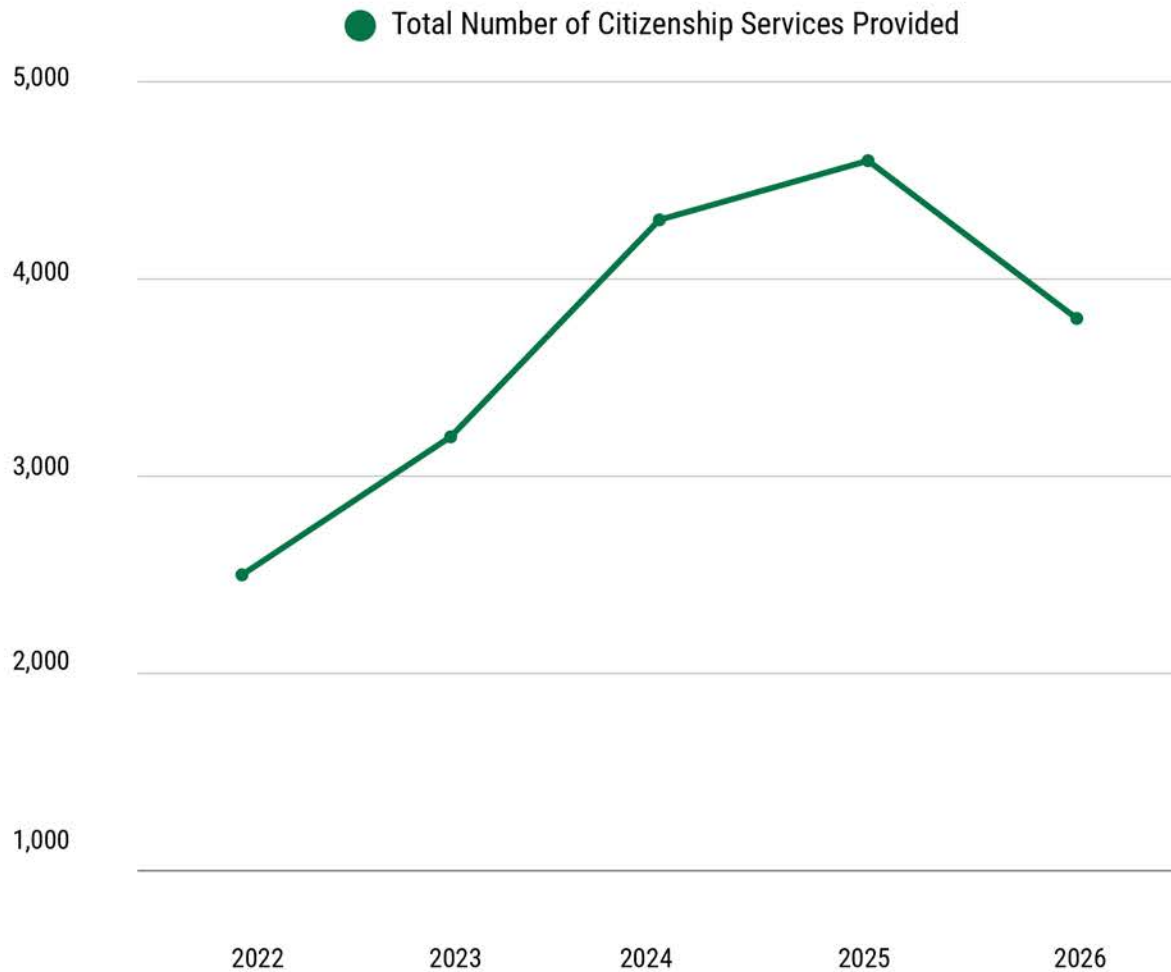


Olena and Viedana, a mother and daughter from Ukraine, both have received assistance with their temporary protective status and are currently on the path to U.S. citizenship.



Eileen Flores obtained her U.S. citizenship and took the oath with the help of our Citizenship Services Program. Eileen's son-in-law, Patrick Imburgia, is currently a Board Member of CCOC.

Meeting a Growing Need Journeys Toward U.S. Citizenship



Decline in the 2025-2026 fiscal year due to the loss of a federal grant.

Individuals and families who apply for U.S. citizenship can earn approximately 8-11% more than non-citizens, reflecting expanded access to higher-paying jobs, greater economic stability, and improved opportunities to support their families. Catholic Charities of Orange County's Citizenship Services help remove barriers to naturalization by providing application assistance, legal guidance, and education, empowering clients to successfully navigate the process.

Source: USC, Dornsife Center for Economic and Social Research

Gil Valencia, Immigration Counselor, gives advice to an Orange County couple seeking a path to citizenship



Christmas Blessings & Three Kings Day



OVER 578,000

gifts donated

2,750

individuals assisted

OVER 2,000

children given holiday joy

BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Catholic Charities of Orange County's Christmas Blessings and Three Kings programs bring hope and joy to families across the region during the holiday season. Through Christmas Blessings, families are matched with benefactors who provide personalized gifts for children, while Three Kings Day ensures that additional families and children in need receive toys, clothing, and essentials.

In 2026, these combined efforts helped serve over 2000 children throughout Orange County, offering not only gifts but dignity, joy, and a reminder that their community cares.



Operation Easter Basket



1,000

families assisted in 2026

450

families assisted in 2025

450

families assisted in 2024

SHARING EASTER GRACE WITH FAMILIES IN NEED

Catholic Charities of Orange County's Operation Easter Basket brings joy to children and families during the Easter season by providing festive baskets filled with toys and treats, and essential items, along with Easter meals for families who otherwise might go without. Rooted in compassion and community support, this program helps ensure that families across Orange County can experience the dignity and joy of the holiday, reminding them that they are seen, valued, and cared for.



Community in Action



Together, We Lift Up Our Neighbors

Because of your generosity, lives were changed across Orange County during our 2025 calendar year. Catholic Charities of Orange County is deeply grateful for our donors, volunteers, and community partners whose compassion brings hope, stability, and care to families, children, and seniors in need. Every gift, every hour, and every prayer reflects the love of Christ in action.

Honoring Our Supporters

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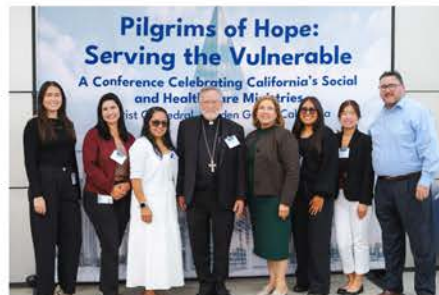


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SIX POINTS FOR KIDS



Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff, packs bags of food at the Cantlay Food Distribution Center with members of Six Points For Kids (SPFK), an employee-driven program of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.



Michael Tijerino (center), Senior Director of CCOC Cantlay Food Distribution Center, with members of his team, pose for a photo at the annual Easter Basket Food Distribution.

Looking Ahead

Strengthening Hope for the Next 50 Years

As we celebrate 50 years of service to Orange County, we look ahead with deepened faith, clarity of purpose, and a continued commitment to serve. The needs of our neighbors continue to evolve and grow, and so must our response, rooted in faith and guided by compassion.

CCOC remains committed to strengthening families, restoring dignity, and responding to emerging needs with innovation and collaboration. Our mission is not only to meet today's challenges, but to prepare for tomorrow with courage and hope.

Program Initiatives

- Expanded food and nutrition access
- Additional counselors and staff within New Hope Counseling to reach more schools and students
- Food is Medicine Initiative
- Continued support through diapers and emergency assistance
- Deeper partnerships with parishes and local organizations across Orange County

Key Needs For Families

- Rising food insecurity and cost of living
- Access to affordable health and wellness resources
- Support for seniors and families on fixed incomes
- Safe, dignified access to necessities



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With hearts full of gratitude, Catholic Charities of Orange County gives thanks to God for each donor, volunteer, partner, and advocate who answers the call to serve. Your generosity is a living expression of Christ's love, reaching our neighbors in moments of need with compassion, dignity, and hope.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart."

-Galatians 6:9



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Volunteer Your Time

Volunteer opportunities include food distribution, event support, administrative assistance, and special seasonal programs.

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Your financial support helps sustain critical programs year-round, ensuring CCOC can respond to both immediate needs and long-term challenges in our community.

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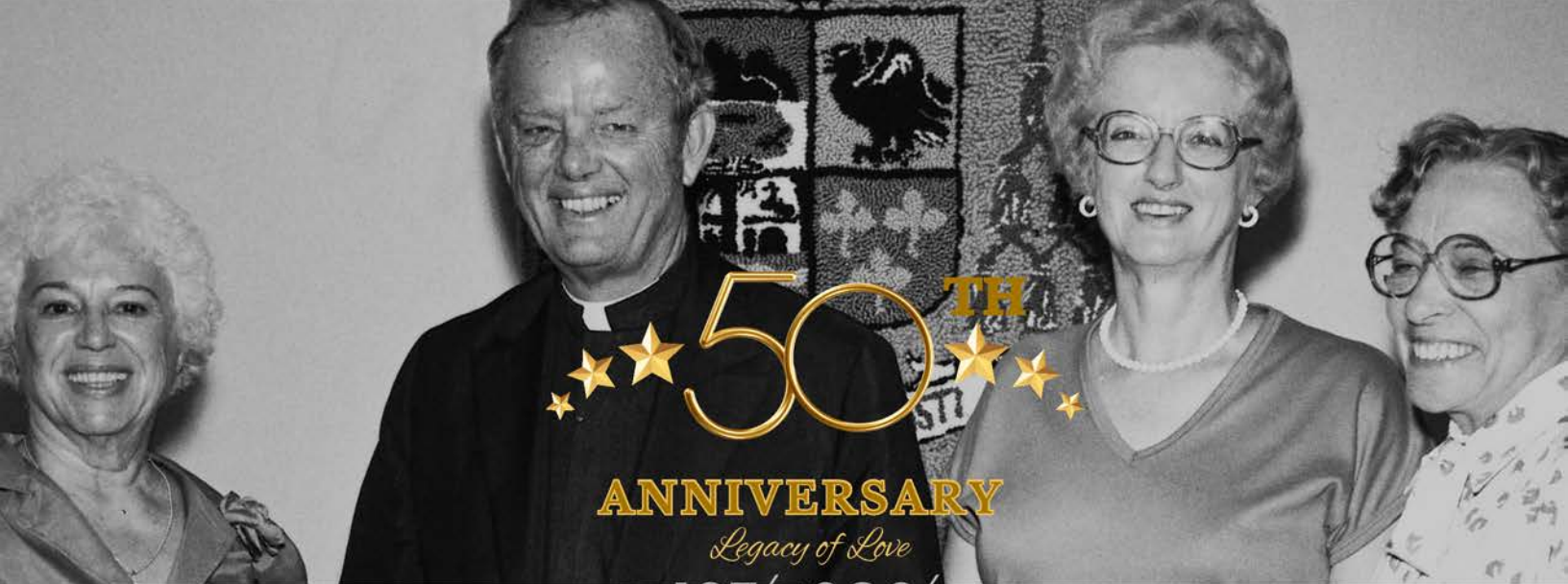
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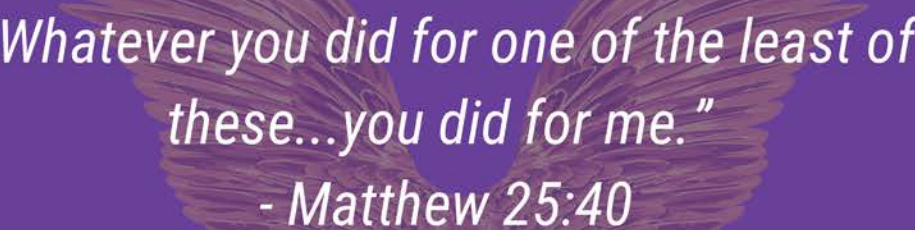
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*“Whatever you did for one of the least of
these...you did for me.”
- Matthew 25:40*

Join Us in Bringing Hope to Our Neighbors



Every act of kindness, every donation, every hour of service helps families, seniors, and children in Orange County thrive.



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