

Program Partner Name: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona

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Mission Statement: Believing in the sanctity of the human person and the dignity of human life, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona works to serve all people and make conditions of our Minnesota heartland more fully human: by calling people to minister to each other, by reaching out to the disabled, the marginalized, the alienated, and the stranger, and by laboring for the justice which the gospel of Christ demands.

Brief Organization Overview: Catholic Charities is the social service arm of the Diocese of Winona, which includes the twenty southernmost counties of Minnesota from the Mississippi River to the South Dakota border. Through its seven regional offices, Catholic Charities provides the following programs and services.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Adoption

Family and Individual Counseling

Guardian/Conservator services

Pregnancy and Parenting Counseling

Project Rachel (post-abortion counseling)

Common Good Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Child and family evaluation/mediation services

Parish and Community Social Action

MediAppS (Medication Application Service)

Immigration Legal Services

Refugee Resettlement



Who Benefits & How: Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers serve over 5,900 people a year including children, families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, refugees, the poor, the uninsured, and the unborn - **regardless of race, age, gender, or faith tradition.** *Space does not permit us to describe all the ways we help, but we can describe a few as shown below.*

- Our ***Pregnancy and Parenting Counseling Program*** helps birthparents make a well-thought out decision about what is best for them and their babies. The support and acceptance afforded birthparents help them realistically consider and evaluate the options of parenting or adoption.
- Our ***Common Good Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)*** volunteers put their skills and life experience to work in the area communities. By providing community services, RSVP volunteers meet needs that local budgets often cannot afford.
- Using computer technology, the Internet, and old-fashioned face-to-face casework, our ***MediAppS*** program helps low income people lacking prescription drug insurance secure free medicines made available by the pharmaceutical companies.