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# ANNUAL REPORT



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES YOLO - SOLANO



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The CCYS Annual Report highlights the impact of our programs, shares stories of resilience, and provides transparency on our financials and community outcomes over the past year.



# ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES YOLO - SOLANO



## A BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOUT THE AGENCY

Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano is more than a social service agency—it is a living expression of the Church’s mission in action. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and rooted in our Catholic faith, we are called to serve all people in need, not because they are Catholic, but because we are. Guided by compassion and a deep commitment to justice, we provide life-changing support to vulnerable individuals and families throughout Solano and Yolo counties. Through programs like food access, nutrition education, immigration legal services, and disaster response, we bring hope, healing, and opportunity to those facing hardship.

MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE  
WITH COMPASSION AND DIGNITY





# VISION

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A just and compassionate community where every person has the resources, support, and opportunity to thrive—regardless of background, circumstance, or faith.

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# MISSION

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- 01 At Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano, our mission is rooted in the Gospel and guided by Catholic Social Teaching. We are committed to walking alongside the most vulnerable individuals and families in our communities, responding to their needs with compassion, dignity, and respect.
  - 02 We serve not because those we help are Catholic, but because we are—driven by our faith to bring hope, healing, and justice to those experiencing poverty, hardship, or marginalization. Through programs focused on food and nutrition, immigration legal services, disaster response, and more, we provide essential support that helps people meet their basic needs and begin the journey toward long-term stability.
  - 03 We believe that every person is a child of God, deserving of opportunity, care, and community. With the support of our partners, donors, and volunteers, we strive to be a light in the lives of others—building a more just, compassionate, and thriving region for all.
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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## JOHN WATKINS

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As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with deep gratitude and hope. Despite facing significant funding cuts and economic uncertainty, Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano has remained steadfast in our mission to serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Our strength has always come from the compassion and commitment of our team, our partners, and supporters like you.

This year, we've witnessed firsthand the growing needs of families struggling to put food on the table, access vital legal services, and recover from crises. And yet—because of your generosity and our community's resilience—we've continued to show up. Whether through our Food and Nutrition programs, immigration legal support, or disaster relief services, CCYS has been there, walking alongside those who need us most.

Our faith reminds us that hope is not passive—it's active. It is found in the shared meals, the words of encouragement, and the hands extended in service. Even in times of scarcity, we choose to give, to build, and to believe in the dignity of every person we encounter.

Thank you for believing in this mission. With your continued support, we will keep showing up—with courage, compassion, and the unwavering belief that together, we can build a more just and loving community for all.

GIVING YOUR TIME IS ONE OF THE MOST GENEROUS GIFTS—YOU MAY NOT SEE ITS FULL IMPACT, BUT FOR SOMEONE ELSE, IT COULD MEAN EVERYTHING.







WE STAND BESIDE IMMIGRANTS WITH HOPE  
AND HEART—OFFERING TRUSTED LEGAL  
GUIDANCE TO HELP FAMILIES BUILD A  
FUTURE ROOTED IN DIGNITY AND BELONGING.

# IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

## CLIENT STORY

A mother from Mexico came to the U.S. on a tourist visa, hoping for a better future. After 25 years of hard work and raising a U.S. citizen son, she finally received her green card with help from our legal services. She was able to visit her home country for the first time in decades—and now dreams of becoming a U.S. citizen, with plans to return to CCYS to help make that dream a reality.

## THE NUMBERS

DACA/Deferred Action for  
Childhood Arrivals: **98 cases**

Family Unity & Protection against Family  
Violence: **261 cases**

Naturalization/Citizenship: **163 cases**

Number of Workshops: **53**

Education & Outreach: **7,845 people**

## TOTALS

- Consults: **540**
- Cases: **522**
- Green Card, Work permit  
Renewals & FOIA's: **210**

- Number of Clients that obtained  
U.S. Legal Status **319**
- Number of ILS program partners  
and collaborators **6**

**Number of People served: 1,272**



# FOOD & NUTRITION

## CLIENT STORY

At a SolTrans resource event, Councilwoman Helen Marie Gordon shared a powerful story: a mother, struggling to feed her children, came across the CCYS Mobile Food Distribution just when she needed it most. That one bag of food became a lifeline—offering not just nourishment, but dignity and hope in a moment of crisis.

## THE NUMBERS

- **Food Access**
  - Households served
    - Client-choice pantry: **1,883**
    - Mobile distribution: **1,101**
    - Food distributed: **45,805 pounds**
- **CalFresh**
  - Households served
    - Prescreened for benefits: **1218**
    - Outreach events: **40**
- **Nutrition Education**
  - Number of Food & Nutrition program partners and collaborators: **54**
  - Classes hosted: **184**
  - Participants Direct Education (Both counties): **2,077**
  - Participants in Indirect Activity: **6,120**
  - PSE participants (stencils, increased PA, food access): **1,402**

**Total Clients served: 13,801**





# DISASTER SERVICES

PREPAREDNESS TODAY  
MEANS PROTECTION  
TOMORROW—BECAUSE IN  
A DISASTER, EVERY  
MOMENT AND EVERY PLAN  
MATTERS.



## CLIENT STORY

When an explosion in Esparto sparked a nearby fire, a family from the Madison Migrant Center had to evacuate immediately. Thanks to disaster preparedness training from Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano, they had a go-bag ready with vital documents and were able to leave safely and without delay. Their quick, confident response in a moment of crisis shows just how life-saving preparedness education can be.

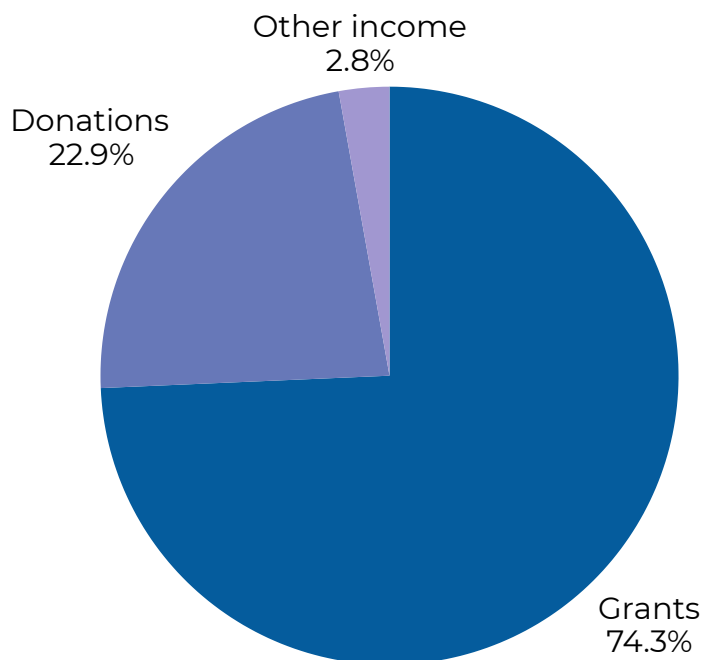
## THE NUMBERS

- Number of Disaster Services program partners and collaborators: **52**
- Workshops: **63**
- Community Events: **162**
- People served: **23,991**

**Total Number of Engagements: 23,991**



# FINANCIALS



## Revenue

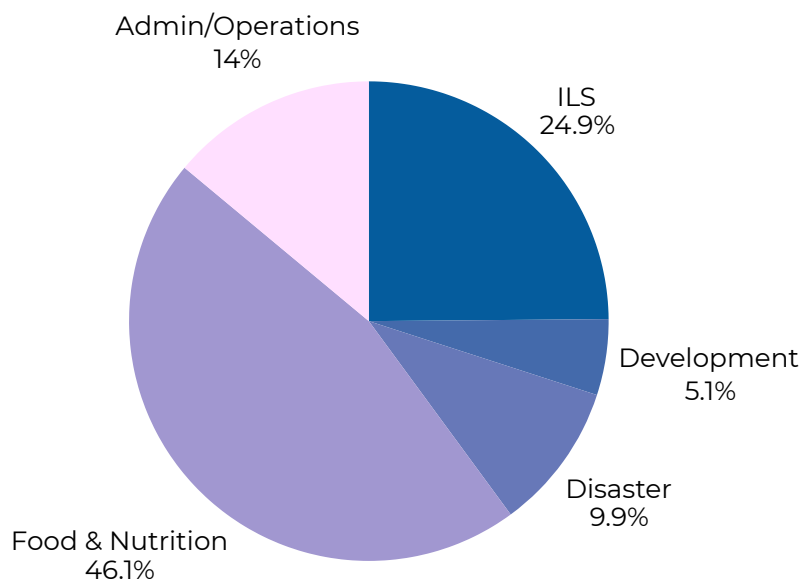
- Grants **\$1,757,634.05**
- Donations **\$540,743.89**
- Other Income **\$66,675.75**

**Total Revenue \$2,365,053.69**

## Expenses

- Administration **\$292,751.54**
- Development **\$107,439.77**
- Food & Nutrition **\$967,708.06**
- Immigration Legal Services **\$521,694.43**
- Disaster Services **\$208,553.00**

**Total Expenses \$2,098,146.80**



AS A NONPROFIT, BEING FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MEANS HONORING EVERY DOLLAR WITH INTEGRITY—BECAUSE EVERY GIFT IS A TRUST, AND EVERY EXPENSE SHOULD REFLECT OUR MISSION.





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# ADDITIONAL CLIENT STORIES

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## **BREAKING BARRIERS WITH DIGNITY: HOW LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS STRENGTHEN FOOD ACCESS**

In a time of rising food insecurity, our partnership with Food is Free Bay Area has empowered Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano to meet individuals where they are—offering support with dignity and compassion. By providing CalFresh outreach at local food distribution events, we're helping reduce stigma and make access to benefits easier and more welcoming. One client, approved shortly after applying on-site, expressed heartfelt gratitude knowing that the EBT benefits would be able to help her provide healthy food for her family—proof of the impact that human-centered, community-based outreach can have. This collaboration is a powerful model of how trust, accessibility, and compassion can create lasting change.

**A NONPROFIT'S TRUE IMPACT IS  
MEASURED NOT IN NUMBERS, BUT IN THE  
LIVES UPLIFTED, THE DIGNITY  
RESTORED, AND THE HOPE REKINDLED IN  
EVERY CLIENT THEY SERVE.**



## **NOURISHING RECOVERY: HOW NUTRITION AND MINDFULNESS ARE SUPPORTING HEALING IN YOLO COUNTY**

The CCYS Nutrition team recently piloted a recovery-focused nutrition curriculum at a residential recovery housing site in Yolo County. Over six weeks, participants engaged in classes that combined nutrition education with mindfulness practices such as physical activity and mindful eating. The results were inspiring—participants reported improved mood, increased energy, and a clearer understanding of how food influences mental health. Theresa, a resident, shared that she experienced fewer cravings and more energy, which helped her stay active and manage anxiety. For Gary, the weekly sessions offered grounding and motivation, reinforcing healthy habits and boosting his overall sense of well-being. This innovative program has become a meaningful part of participants' recovery journeys, offering nourishment for both body and mind.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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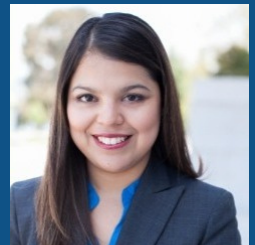
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