What we do.

Catholic Charities serves those most in need and advocates for justice in the community. This two-pronged approach – direct service and advocacy – is grounded in the belief that a strong, vital and equitable community will support those most in need and enhance opportunity for all. It is our goal to engage the community, inspire public action and convene diverse stakeholders to advance the common good.

Leveraging expertise in public policy, government affairs, grassroots and grassstops organizing, Catholic Charities relies on the knowledge and partnership of our nearly 600 direct service staff, provider and community partners, clients and our in-house data analysis and research team (DART) to advance viable, evidence-based policy solutions.

Who we serve.

Catholic Charities serves and advocates for those most in need regardless of faith, background or circumstance. When there is no one else to call and nowhere else to turn, we are there to help our neighbors find and take the next step toward stability. Our work is focused in four main areas:

- **Housing Stability and Opportunity for People Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness** – Having a place to call home is central to a stable life, allowing individuals and families to pursue education and job opportunities, maintain their health and put down roots in the community for the next generation.

- **Wellbeing for Children and Families** – Using a two-generation approach to support families living in poverty creates stronger communities and stable childhoods so kids can learn, grow and prosper.

- **Dignity and Independence for Older Adults** – A growing population that deserves independence, dignity and innovation in care.

- **Equity, Justice and Vitality in the Community** – As a critical part of the civic and social infrastructure, Catholic Charities advocates for the regional quality of life that results from a vital economy, social justice and inclusion.

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Why we advocate.
Our advocacy is informed by the experience of clients in our direct service programs and data and research, both of which illustrate striking racial and social inequities in our region. As we work to advance the common good and care for the most vulnerable among us, we must break these cyclical injustices because it is both the right thing to do and the smart thing to do.

Catholic Charities is committed to advancing racial equity and social justice so that race is no longer a predictor of outcomes.

How we advocate.

Community Education:
- Catholic Charities creates spaces for people from different locations and backgrounds to learn and engage on the issues facing our community. Drawing from the experience of direct service and lived experience, Catholic Charities convenes community discussions on tough but important topics like poverty, racial equity and trauma.

Public Sector Action:
- Catholic Charities works with the public sector to develop innovative and influential ways to break down barriers and create opportunity for everyone. Our public sector advocacy is guided by Catholic Social Teaching and informed by both research and direct service.

Grassroots Advocacy:
- Catholic Charities advocacy extends far beyond our walls. We rely on thousands of grassroots advocates, donors, volunteers, coalitions and a variety of community stakeholders to carry out our mission.

Public and Private Partnerships:
- Catholic Charities believes that a healthy region is made up of both a strong, growing economy, and social inclusion and equity. As a critical piece of the region’s social and civic infrastructure, we are in a unique position to convene a diverse group of stakeholders to advance the common good.

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