



*Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis serves those most in need. We are a leader at solving poverty, creating opportunity, and advocating for justice in the community.*

## **Catholic Charities Legislative Priorities:**

- Advance racial equity and social justice by enhancing access to housing, health care, child care, economic opportunity and stability.
- Increase funding for Emergency Services Program to \$15 million per year to meet the existing emergency shelter needs.
- Increase Housing Support base rate by \$100/month to support those most in need.
- Support transition to the new housing stabilization benefit.
- Remove barriers for people experiencing housing instability to participate in voting.

## **OUR PARTNERS IN SUPPORTING THOSE MOST IN NEED:**

AspireMN  
 City of Minneapolis  
 City of Saint Paul  
 Greater MSP  
 Hennepin County  
 Hennepin County  
 Medical Center  
 Homes4All  
 Joint Religious  
 Legislative Coalition  
 Kids Can't Wait  
 Legal Services Advocacy  
 Project  
 Metropolitan Council  
 Minneapolis Regional  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 Minneapolis Downtown  
 Council  
 Minneapolis NAACP  
 Minnesota Department  
 of Health  
 Minnesota Department  
 of Human Services  
 Minnesota Housing  
 Minnesota Housing  
 Partnership  
 Minnesota Social  
 Services Association  
 Minnesota Leadership  
 Council on Aging  
 National Alliance on  
 Mental Illness MN  
 Prosperity's Front Door  
 Ramsey County  
 Say Yes & Invest  
 Second Chance Coalition  
 Saint Paul Area Chamber  
 of Commerce  
 Statewide Business  
 Coalitions  
 This Is Medicaid



## **Catholic Charities Supports:**

### **Ensure Well-Being of Children, Adults and Families**

- Fund efforts to prevent domestic violence.
- Support reforms to Minnesota's child protection system including passing the African American Family Preservation Act.
- Support efforts to prevent and end youth homelessness.
- Fund services with a focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma-informed practices.
- Fund efforts to address hunger and food insecurity.
- Fund increases to school-linked mental health.

### **Strengthen and Advance Housing Stability**

- Increase funding for the Homeless Youth Act.
- Provide ongoing, dedicated revenue for flexible emergency shelter funding and housing needs.
- Expand HIB eligible uses to include emergency shelter and 50% and under AMI housing.
- Pass an equitable capital investment bill.

### **Disrupt the Cycle of Poverty**

- Increase funding for the Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) and allow for CCAP funding to be eligible throughout the adoption process.
- Remove discriminatory practices in accessing housing and enhance tenants' rights.
- Reform housing support to ensure people receiving benefits can maintain more of their income.

### **Health, Economic and Community Vitality**

- Drive innovations for aging in place.
- Increase mental health crisis services and response within shelter settings.
- Fund medical respite programs.
- Ensure all Minnesotans have access to health care with a comprehensive benefit set.
- Support optimal nonprofit service delivery, including tax exemptions and deductions for charitable giving.



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