

Living the Gospel

Impact Report 2019



Our Mission

To live the Gospel by providing for those in need

By supporting agencies that serve those who are poor, vulnerable and marginalized, and that operate in line with the values of our faith, we bring the hands of Christ to people in need.

Our Vision

The Catholic community and its partners responding generously with justice and love

Our vision statement speaks to "Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love," one of the five core directions of our archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.

Our Principles

Reverence for life at all stages

This has been a core principle of ShareLife since our founding in 1976. We recognize the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. Our agencies uphold this value in everything they do.

Commitment to Catholic Social Teaching

All humans are created in the image of God. We are committed to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable locally and around the world.

Collaboration with stakeholders

We value the work Catholic Charities, our agencies, and our parishes do to communicate the message of ShareLife. We work closely with these groups and our parishioners year round.

Responsible and accountable for resources

We treat every gift to ShareLife as a sacred trust. By keeping our administrative and fundraising costs at 11%, we ensure the maximum amount possible goes to the work of our agencies.



Long term care residents celebrate Mass in the chapel of Providence Healthcare's Cardinal Ambrozic Houses of Providence

Thank you!



At the 2018 ShareLife Mass of Thanksgiving, Cardinal Thomas Collins presented Walter & Maria Schneider with the Bishop Michael Power Award for lifelong support and Grace Colaricci with the Mother Delphine Award for longtime volunteer participation. They are joined by family, clergy, and representatives of the ShareLife Advisory Board.

"Cardinal Newman, who will be canonized in just a few weeks, took as his motto as a Cardinal: *cor ad cor loquitur* – **heart speaks to heart**. That is true for each of us in our living of the Christian life. It's not lips speak to the ears, but heart speaks to heart.

"We do that by the practical love we show to others. Not what we speak about our faith, but when people see us living day-by-day, that they may encounter in a physical experience **the love of the Lord God in our midst**. That's what we are called to do all day long. And if we do that, we've already begun to live the way Almighty God lives – in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"One particular way heart speaks to heart is through ShareLife. This is the way the **rubber hits the road**. This is the way we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways.

"That's what so many people throughout our Archdiocese are **engaged in with such love**, that we might encounter the Lord in his mercy, love, kindness, and compassion. And that those in this world who are alone, who are desperate, who are suffering so much, that they might find not only physical help, but that they might find that love which is beyond all physical. **And that happens through ShareLife.**

"We *share life* – the life that is based on love. Not life as a quantity that ends at a certain point. But life that is what St. Irenaeus once said: "The glory of God is when we are fully alive." And we are **fully alive** through the vision of God which we make present in faith, hope, and especially in practical service and love. That's what we do with ShareLife."

Cardinal Thomas Collins
ShareLife Mass of Thanksgiving
September 17, 2019

Last year,
your generosity
made a difference in
the lives of **147,000**
people locally and
countless more
around the world

You did it!



Students at Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School in the DPCDSB present the funds they raised to Arthur Peters, Executive Director of ShareLife

At a recent political debate hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Collins noted that it is people of faith who run shelters and food banks, help refugees begin a new life, lobby for affordable housing, and reach out to the ill and abandoned. He added, **"This country would be a colder and darker place were it not for people of faith."**

The Catholic faith community of the Archdiocese of Toronto has put its faith into action since the formation of our archdiocese **over 175 years ago**. Over time, we have helped establish hospitals, food banks, and many agencies that are now an integral part of our social service network. Your support for these initiatives has come from your time, talent and treasure. Since 1976, one of the ways you have brought the **hands of Christ to those in need** is through the ShareLife campaign. Each year, Catholics are asked to respond generously to the needs of the greater community through our annual appeal, and this year you continued to do so.

I am pleased to report that **you raised \$13 million** for our Parish Campaign for the second year in a row. Combined with our Corporate Campaign, School Employee Campaign and other sources of revenue, our **overall effort was \$14.9 million**, a strong achievement on behalf of those served by our agencies.

I would like to thank you for your generous support of the 2019 ShareLife campaign. As Kelly MacKenzie, Executive Director of Silent Voice, told me recently, without the generosity of ShareLife donors like you, **they would not be able to provide their services** for the Deaf community. This is one of the many ways your support is making a positive difference here in our archdiocese and around the world.

As you review our 2019 Impact Report, I hope you get a sense of what clients experience when they visit a ShareLife-funded agency. Be assured that your support makes possible the compassionate care they receive.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need through ShareLife!

Arthur Peters
Executive Director

Strength in numbers:
75 parishes have formed
volunteer committees,
comprising 257
dedicated lay people

Living the Gospel

by supporting families

Phil had a secret

Phil and Helen have been married for three years, but only two months ago he revealed he had a son from a previous relationship. The admission occurred as they were expecting their first child.

"I don't even know who he is anymore," said Helen, who is fearful about bringing a child into a marriage where there is broken trust.

Helen's family doctor told her about affordable couples counselling services at Catholic Family Services of Toronto. She recommended they seek counselling after Helen confided in her about the sadness, stress and betrayal she was feeling.

Phil and Helen's counsellor worked with them to unpack their individual histories and help them understand how the secret was connected to fears stemming from Phil's past trauma.

Over 10 weeks of counselling, they acquired communication skills, recommitted to being open with each other, and began turning towards each other when problems arose. They learned to take the risk of being honest rather than using deceit or avoidance to "keep the peace."

By the end of their counselling, Phil and Helen found a new sense of confidence as a couple and started feeling excited about the arrival of their baby.



Your gift to ShareLife funds programs at five Catholic Family Services agencies, serving over **20,000 clients** annually

Women attend a group counselling session at Catholic Family Services of Toronto, a ShareLife-funded agency

Living the Gospel

by supporting seniors

Mary feels so relieved

Mary dreads the day when she will have to admit that she just can't care for her husband alone. She feels this would be a betrayal, since they have been together for so long. She worries they will have to leave their home of 30 years and move to a nursing home, where they might not be able to live together.

Taking care of her husband has been hard, but Mary is proud to have managed. Now she just can't keep up with the disease that has taken away most of her husband's memories and is transforming him into a stranger – a French-speaking stranger, since he has reverted almost completely to his mother tongue. She has no idea where to look for help.

A fellow parishioner tells Mary that an agency called Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage (CAH) offers services for seniors in French. When Mary invites a bilingual caseworker from CAH to visit, she is impressed by her kindness and how well she engages with her husband. She asks questions and listens to the answers. She wants to know what might make Mary feel better.

The caseworker offers to help Mary navigate the system and find options that would allow them to remain both independent and safe. Mary feels so relieved to have found the case worker from CAH. With some respite support and other assistance, they will be able to stay together in their home a bit longer.

Thanks to you,
ShareLife agencies
provided loving and
dignified care to over
11,500 seniors
in 2018

Seniors enjoy traditional dancing during an afternoon program at St. John Paul the Great Family Centre

Living the Gospel

by supporting young parents



A mother attends counselling and education programs with her baby at Rose of Durham

From dropout to valedictorian

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. She was living with her grandmother after being abandoned by her mother when she was younger.

Kristen experienced significant judgement from the staff at her school, making her feel like an outsider. This pushed her to drop out of high school before completing grade 11. Kristen heard about Rose of Sharon from a friend, who told her about the Care and Treatment program. She immediately reached out and enrolled for the fall semester.

The welcoming and non-judgemental space at Rose of Sharon helped Kristen focus on her school work. She continued attending school until just a few days before her due date. She was so determined that she returned only a week after giving birth to her son.

Since her son was born, Kristen has attended every day of school that she could. She has built a solid relationship with her counsellor, who supports her with mental health strategies to help her succeed.

Having graduated from Rose of Sharon's program, Kristen was accepted by Seneca College to take its medical administration program.

"I am so thankful for Rose of Sharon," Kristen says. "Without them, there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility, or that I would graduate high school with the honour of being the class valedictorian."

Over 1,600
young pregnant
and parenting women
and their babies access
counselling, education
and other services at
ShareLife agencies
every year

Living the

Gospel

through international
development and missions



The community of St. Stephen Parish-Kabunda in the Luapula Province of Zambia celebrates the completion of a clean water project supported through the Pastoral Mission Fund

A knock at the door

The sound of gunshots in the distance shatters the silence of early dawn, echoing in the remote Colombian village of El Pozon. Sister Kathleen, a Missionary Sister of the Society of Mary, knows people will soon start knocking at her door. They come to chat, to share their struggles, and to be consoled when family members are killed or disappear. Many are living in desperate situations without decent housing or health care.

The sisters choose to live in this community, offering tools for a better life through faith formation, self-help training, and a food program for labourers. One man asked if he could put the food in a plastic bag, so he could take it home to his four children. Sister Kathleen quickly obliged.

In the afternoons, the sisters share the Word of God with young mothers and run First Communion and Confirmation classes for youth. In the evenings, they lead Bible studies and prayer meetings. They also train women to make dresses and shoes, among other skills, which ensures they don't need to turn to prostitution.

The Pastoral Mission Fund supports the sisters' mission of evangelization. This initiative allocates funding to small-scale projects that advance parish-level religious programs. A grant from the Pastoral Mission Fund is helping the Sisters of the Society of Mary conduct their pastoral and mission work.

The Pastoral Mission
Fund supported **226**
projects in **25** countries
in the Global South
this past year

Living the Gospel

by supporting people with special needs

"I'm an alcoholic and an addict, but my problem is Alex"

Alex never felt like he was good enough growing up. He was drinking beer at the age of ten and he was introduced to cocaine by fourteen.

Despite his problems with alcohol, Alex was able to graduate high school, attend college and find a job he felt passionate about. But after the death of a friend, he turned to harder substances as a way of escaping his reality. He didn't stop using throughout his marriage, its subsequent breakdown, or through the birth and childhood of his son. Despite his substance use, Alex was granted custody.

He would go to every means necessary to both provide for him and feed his addiction, no matter the cost. One day Alex finally could not continue. He had been using heavily and couldn't recognize himself in the mirror. Alex saw the way his son looked at him and realized his addiction was not only killing him, but also his son.

Alex turned to God for help, and to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. On his second attempt, he completed their treatment program and entered transitional housing. He remains very active in addictions support groups. As a result of his recovery, Alex has been able to help his family in ways that would not have been possible before.

"St. Michael's Homes saved my life," he says. "They gave me a second chance. I've been given an opportunity to turn my life around and make it worth living. I'm taking full advantage."



Every year your gift improves the lives of **2,200 people** with disabilities, their caregivers, and others with special needs

A resident of St. Michael's Homes, which supports men striving to live free from substance abuse and dependency

Living the Gospel

by supporting youth

In and out of group homes

At the age of 12, Zara suddenly lost her mother to cancer. The loss put a tremendous burden on Zara, as her father travelled for work regularly. She was left to care for herself and her younger sister who had a learning disability. Her father eventually remarried, but Zara did not get along with her stepmother. The increasingly heated conflict ended with Zara landing in and out of group homes before finally being referred to Covenant House

Zara was initially nervous about her new surroundings. She had trouble eating and was visibly uncomfortable in the common space. It took a long time for her to open up to staff and others.

She spent a year in Covenant House's transitional housing program, where staff worked with her one-on-one and helped her find an apartment. Zara quickly bloomed. She worked hard on her goals and always asked for help when she needed it. She wanted to succeed.

She achieved many beautiful milestones: she became more comfortable with herself, made friends, graduated from high school, and took the first step to reconnect with her family and mend the relationship with her stepmother.

Now happily living on her own, Zara is looking forward to her next goal: she is headed to college and will begin her studies to become a Child and Youth Worker.

Your gift to ShareLife provided transitional housing, employment guidance, and mentorship to **208 young people** at Covenant House

Youth participate in afterschool sports activities at St. John Paul the Great Family Centre

Living the Gospel

by supporting vocations



Candidates for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary

"You have been instrumental in my vocation"

"My name is André Luis de Lima and I am 31 years old. I come from a little town in the state of São Paulo, Brazil.

"I first heard the call to the priesthood when I was a teenager, although I didn't yet understand what it really meant.

"My father passed away a few years later after a battle with cancer. On the night after his burial, I departed on a seven-hour trip from my home to the Shrine of Aparecida, in order to see the visit of Pope Benedict XVI. After the Mass with the Pope, God gave me the grace of taking my vocation more seriously.

"God brought me to a retreat in Italy, where I gave Him my consent to go anywhere in the world. I asked to enter one of the over-100 Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminaries worldwide. My name was drawn by lottery, and I was sent to Toronto. Here I continue to experience God's faithfulness and mercy.

"Indeed, I give thanks to God that every day He invites me to come out of the routine. And I give thanks to Him because He provides me with people – my formators, the other seminarians, and my parish community – who care for me and help me see my many blessings, the needs of others, and God's presence in all things.

"The financial help provided by the people of God through ShareLife plays a significant part in all of this. Without ShareLife, I would not be able to complete my studies and go on in my formation. Thank you very much for being instrumental in the hands of God and His Church, so that His word could come true in my vocation."

84 seminarians
studied at St.
Augustine's Seminary
and Redemptoris Mater
Missionary Seminary
in the 2018-2019
academic year

Living the Gospel

by supporting immigrants and refugees

Proud to be living in Canada

The Dia Desso family – father, mother and their four beautiful daughters – were forced to flee the Cote d'Ivoire due to the civil war. They sought safety in neighbouring Ghana, where they met a team from the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). ORAT facilitated the family's private refugee sponsorship by Good Shepherd Parish in Thornhill.

A year and a half later, the family boarded a plane to Toronto. It was a joyous day for the newcomers and their parish sponsors.

The parents began ESL classes immediately, while the girls were enrolled in nearby Catholic schools. Adjusting to winter weather and learning English proved to be very difficult, but they were blessed with good health and plenty of support from the parish.

Three years later, they are totally independent. The father loves his job driving a forklift, while the mother is at home with their one-year-old son. The eldest daughter began courses at Seneca College and the other daughters continue to thrive at school.

On Holy Saturday last year, the whole Dia Desso family was received into the Catholic Church. They are proud to be living in Canada and are grateful to ORAT and their sponsors for the opportunities they have been given.

Thus far in 2019, the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto facilitated the arrival of **773 refugees**, most fleeing Syria, Iraq and Eritrea

Newcomers to Canada take part in English classes at Catholic Crosscultural Services

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Maverick (\$100,000 +)

- BMO Financial Group
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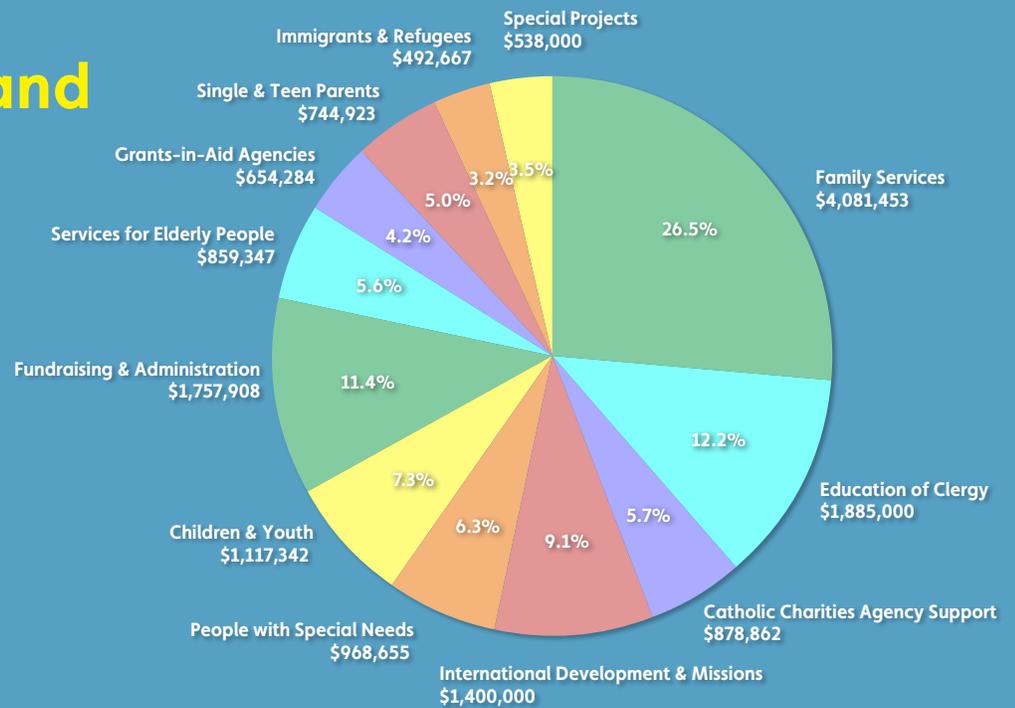
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2019 Agencies and Allocations



Family Services **\$4,081,453**

Catholic Community Services of York Region	\$522,139
www.ccsyr.org (905) 770-7040	
Catholic Family Services of Durham	\$449,001
www.cfsdurham.com (905) 985-4221 (Port Perry) (905) 725-3513 (Oshawa) (905) 428-1984 (Ajax)	
Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin	\$676,224
www.cfspd.com (905) 450-1608 (Brampton) (905) 897-1644 (Mississauga)	
Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County	\$680,796
www.cfssc.ca (705) 726-2503 (Barrie) (705) 526-9397 (Midland)	
Catholic Family Services of Toronto	\$1,635,277
www.cfstoronto.org (416) 921-1163	
FertilityCare Toronto	\$63,200
www.fertilitycare.ca (416) 465-2868	
Natural Family Planning Association	\$54,816
toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca (416) 481-5465	

Children and Youth **\$1,117,342**

Camp Ozanam (St. Vincent de Paul)	\$210,000
www.svdptoronto.org (416) 364-5577	
Covenant House	\$500,000
www.covenanthouseoftoronto.ca (416) 598-4898	
Office of Catholic Youth	\$170,000
www.ocytoronto.org (416) 599-7676	
Sancta Maria House	\$42,142
www.smhtoronto.org (416) 925-7333	
Youth-In-Transition	\$195,200
(416) 598-4898	

People with Special Needs **\$968,655**

Mary Centre of the Archdiocese of Toronto	\$160,242
www.marycentre.com (416) 630-5533 (Toronto) (905) 866-6300 (Brampton)	
Our Place Community of Hope	\$268,881
www.ourplacecommunityofhope.com (416) 598-2919	
SE Health	\$45,000
www.saintelizabeth.com (905) 940-9655	
Silent Voice Canada	\$234,729
www.silentvoice.ca (416) 463-1104 (Voice) (416) 463-3928 (TTY)	
St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre	\$42,000
www.stbernadettesfrc.org (416) 654-9810	
St. Michael's Homes / Matt Talbot Houses	\$190,303
www.stmichaelshomes.org (416) 926-8267	
Street Haven at the Crossroads	\$27,500
www.streethaven.com (416) 967-6060	

Elderly People **\$859,347**

Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage	\$100,347
www.caheritage.org (416) 365-3350	
LA Centre for Active Living	\$77,000
www.loyolaarrupecentre.com (416) 452-4875	
Providence Healthcare	\$600,000
www.providence.on.ca (416) 285-3666	
Society of Sharing	\$82,000
www.societyofsharing.org (416) 413-0380	

Results of the 2019 Parish Campaign **\$12,999,938**

Results of the 2019 Schools Campaign
(included in the Parish Campaign results) \$603,881

Results of the 2019 Corporate Campaign **\$842,612**

Companies \$624,386
Patrons* \$54,750
Foundations \$47,628
Mail Appeal \$9,150
Corporate Special Events \$106,698

* Note: Patrons are those not aligned with a parish. All other Patrons are included in the Parish Campaign total.

Results of the 2019 Employee Campaigns \$162,771
(funds received from various employee campaigns where employee donations are directed to ShareLife)

Results of the 2019 Schools Employee Campaign \$138,769

Miscellaneous amounts transferred to the 2019 Campaign including In Memoriam and Institutions \$157,522

Investment Income **\$376,694**

Amount transferred from Legacy for Life Endowment Fund to the 2019 Campaign **\$221,678**

Single and Teen Parents **\$774,923**

Rosalie Hall \$83,719

www.rosalieshall.com | (416) 438-6880

Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services \$274,983

www.roseofdurham.com

(905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) | (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)

Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers \$295,021

www.roseofsharon.com | (905) 853-5514

Vita Centre \$121,200

www.vitacentre.org | (905) 502-7933

Immigrants and Refugees **\$492,667**

Catholic Crosscultural Services \$190,267

www.cathcrosscultural.org | (416) 757-7010

Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto \$302,400

www.archtoronto.org/refugee | (416) 934-0606 ext. 804

Education of Clergy **\$1,885,000**

Office of Vocations | (416) 968-0997 \$100,000

Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary \$85,000

www.rmmstoronto.com | (416) 264-9477

St. Augustine's Seminary \$1,700,000

www.staugustines.on.ca | (416) 261-7207

International Development and Missions **\$1,400,000**

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace \$800,000

www.dev.org | (416) 922-1592

Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567 \$600,000

Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development **\$878,862**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto \$878,862

www.catholiccharitiestor.org | (416) 934-3401

Special Projects **\$538,000**

With the support of Catholic Charities, Special Project funding was directed to our Parish Outreach to Seniors pilot project, Grief Reconciliation for Young Mothers pilot project, and Shared Services between agencies for financial management, human resources and information technology.

Grants-in-aid Agencies **\$654,284**

Birtright International \$20,000

Canadian Food for Children \$85,000

The deVeber Institute \$10,000

Good Shepherd Refuge \$95,000

Hospital Chaplaincy \$200,000

Mary's Meals \$33,333

New Beginnings \$50,000

St. John Paul the Great Family Centre \$100,000

Toronto Right to Life \$40,000

Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities \$20,951*

* Catholic Charities, with the support of ShareLife, provided additional community grants for services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying; to refugees and immigrants; to children living in poverty; and for prison ministry through community reintegration programs.

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