



Overview of Programs and Services

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington (CCDA) serves the poor, disenfranchised, disadvantaged, and vulnerable through 100 service locations in 21 Virginia counties and 7 cities throughout the northern portion of Virginia. Work is performed by a staff of nearly 110 individuals, critical partnership and collaborations with other non-government organizations and more than 1,500 volunteers.

- **Christ House Shelter** - Christ House offers transitional housing for men.
- **The Christ House Evening Meal** - Christ House is open every evening, 365 days of the year, and serves more than 25,000 free hot meals to the hungry during the year.
- **Christ House Thrift Shop** is open 7 days a week, and serves low-income shoppers annually. Catholic Charities assisted 1,120 low-income individuals and families by providing clothing vouchers.
- **Emergency Assistance** - Catholic Charities provides emergency food, rental assistance, utility assistance, baby supplies, and prescription assistance to clients throughout the Diocese. Emergency assistance programs operate throughout the 68 diocesan parishes as well at CCDA offices in Alexandria and Leesburg.
- **Saint Lucy Food Distribution Program** - CCDA provides food to clients at numerous food pantries through the 21 Virginia counties and 7 cities that make up the Diocese of Arlington. The St Lucy Food Distribution Program includes a warehouse in Manassas and three CCDA- operated pantries. It also provides critical food resources to more than 50 community partners.
- **St. Margaret of Cortona Transformational Housing.** Families may reside at St. Margaret for up to two years to allow them time to learn new skills and save income for their future. The facility provided shelter, counseling, financial literacy education, case management, life skills and vocational and job support for single parents and children.
- **Family Services and Mental Health Counseling** - CCDA is fully staffed with a team of professional clinicians providing outpatient mental health services. Services are offered at the following locations: Arlington, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Colonial Beach, McLean, Vienna, Stafford, Dale City, Spotsylvania, Sterling, Leesburg, Purcellville, Ashburn, & Manassas.
- **Pregnancy and Adoption Services (PAS)** - The program served hundreds of women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy through material support, emergency assistance, professional counseling, information and referral, foster care and adoption services.
- **St. Martin de Porres Senior Center** – The Center provides educational and support activities to an average of 50 at-risk seniors per day at its day center.
- **Hogar Immigrant Services** – Hogar provides legal assistance and educational services to low-income immigrants
- **Prison Ministry** - Prison Ministry is an outreach ministry to more than 100 inmates and their families.
- **Christians are Networking (CAN)** - A support group serving job seekers.
- **Car Ministry** is a car donation program.
- **Migration and Refugees Services (MRS)**
 - ❖ **Mission and Objectives** – Empower refugee and asylee clients by equipping them with the tools necessary to become self-sufficient as soon as possible after arrival in the U.S. It is our

obligation to welcome all newcomers to our country regardless of age, gender, national origin, race, religion, or other distinguishing characteristics; to lift them out of oppression; and to empower them with the tools necessary to succeed in their new land. We recognize that our clients are resilient and capable individuals with extensive personal life experiences and that we are simply providing the tools by which these individuals will achieve independence and integration as they build their new lives in America.

- ❖ One of the largest refugee social service providers in Virginia.
- ❖ In fiscal year 2015, MRS served 1,634 clients from many countries including Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.
- ❖ Clients include – refugees, asylees, Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs - Afghans and Iraqis who provided assistance to the US military), Central American Minors, Cuban Haitian Entrants, and Trafficking Survivors.
- ❖ MRS provides a comprehensive range of services to refugees including provision for all basic needs during the first 30-180 days after arrival (depending on familial and immigration status) including housing and household furniture. Staff members and volunteers work to secure housing, furnished with donated items, for refugees prior to their arrival in America. After arrival, staff members (who collectively speak over 20 languages) and volunteers, work with clients in their native languages as they provide case management services, cultural orientation services, interpretation services, transportation to appointments, ESOL tutoring, employment counseling services, employment placement services, job training, and tutoring and mentoring for children. MRS also provides referrals to the Social Security Administration, to local Social Services offices, county schools, ESOL classes, health and mental health services, and other community organizations that can be of assistance in helping clients become self-sufficient.
- ❖ Virginia Community Capacity Initiative - multi-sector stakeholder dialogue and all are welcome. Register with bfitz@ccda.net
- ❖ Website URL – www.ccda.net
- ❖ Main Office – 80 Glebe Road, Arlington. Also offices in Fredericksburg and Manassas.
- ❖ Hours of Operation are 9 am – 5 pm.
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