

CASE FOR SUPPORT

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For 115 years, Catholic Charities of Boston is proud to serve nearly 200,000 of our neediest neighbors annually throughout Eastern Massachusetts. We answer the call to stand with those less fortunate than ourselves, and give them a hand up, not a hand out. We are one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts, with nearly 75 programs and services in 26 locations.

Our services provide food and utility assistance, quality child care, academically enriching programming for at-risk youth, and adult education to put our clients on a path to self-sustainability. We welcome refugees and provide immigrants with high quality, low cost legal services, and offer temporary and transitional housing for individuals and families.

At Catholic Charities, it is common for one individual or family to receive multiple services, known as “wrap-around services”. Meet Lisa*. Lisa is a single mother of two living in Dorchester. Following an illness due to her living conditions, Lisa lost her job as a housekeeper. When she fell behind on her gas payments, Lisa turned to Catholic Charities. She came in to meet with a case manager, who helped her determine how Catholic Charities could assist her with her back payments. When her case manager realized Lisa had a very low budget for food and two small mouths to feed, he brought Lisa over to the food pantry. There, she picked up a bag full of nutritious food to aid her monthly grocery shopping. After Lisa participated in the required financial planning sessions to help her effectively stretch her budget and not fall behind on her bills, she expressed interest in looking for a new job. However, who would care for her children? Lisa was introduced to Sister Esther and the Yawkey Center Child Care, where she could enroll her children in high quality, nurturing, and academically enriching child care while she looked for a job.

Today, Lisa works as a Home Health Aide. She completed the necessary training at Catholic Charities Labouré Center, and has learned to budget her income. Her children are thriving at Yawkey Center Child Care, with her oldest preparing for kindergarten in the fall. Without Catholic Charities, Lisa might not have realized her full potential.

While stories like Lisa’s are incredibly common, budget restrictions limit the services we are able to offer. With the support of our donor community, we are able to constantly look forward and work towards helping every individual who walks through our doors.

When you support Catholic Charities of Boston, you are supporting your community. You, too, can answer the call: live your faith, love your faith.