Both Bill and Carol had been married before, both suffered through abusive relationships and neither of them had positive role models growing up.

Bill opened his heart to Carol’s two school-aged children and they shared a strong faith. But eventually, small things turned into big things and when the arguing started, it became unbearable.

“Words and behavior can be very sabotaging,” Janice says. “You don’t resolve issues when you’re highly emotional. They are making strides towards their goal of saving their marriage by learning to communicate better and to fight fair.”

Janice continues to counsel the couple, helping them resolve their issues and build on their faith, helping them make their marriage fulfilling and beneficial for the entire family.

“They’re a family trying to rebuild themselves and they’re doing a great job.”

Catholic Charities’ Counseling Services works with couples and individuals for as long as it’s needed, so whatever the issue, it is resolved and people can have a richer, healthier quality of life.
Goals to a Brighter Future
Parish & Community Services

What does it take to thrive in today’s society? The question is simple. The answers are not.

Catholic Charities New Hampshire works with clients to define those answers through Life Plans, a goal-oriented tool designed to give focus, direction and hope. By creating a Life Plan, we assess the clients’ needs and begin to address any barriers that might prevent the client from leading a life of independence. We also integrate other Catholic Charities programs as necessary and walk with them as they move their lives forward.

“If we are going to live out our mission of moving lives forward, we should have a plan for it,” says Catholic Charities President and CEO Thomas Blonski.

Steven Knight, Director of Program and Quality Initiatives for Catholic Charities New Hampshire, said the Life Plan program allows case/outreach workers to take a snapshot of clients and their needs then map out steps to address those individual needs.

Development of the Life Plan program began two years ago and the program launched in February of 2015. Caseworkers and clients evaluate a series of 20 “life areas” as part of the assessment phase.

“Our staff finds that the initial problem is really just a symptom of deeper issues,” Knight says. “We have had clients come to us looking for help to pay their rent. Our Life Plan assessment has helped us discover underlying problems that include poor preparation for the job market, a lack of financial management skills such as budgeting, even the existence of untreated mental or physical health issues that prevent the client from working.”

By identifying the root causes, our staff can work with clients to establish a step-by-step Life Plan for dealing with these issues, then clients can move forward. Goals are established, with milestones and timelines to assess their progress.

While an assessment is completed at the time of initial intake with the client. As goals are met, additional assessment can be made to update the Life Plan.

Through community engagement, Catholic Charities Parish and Community Services develop appropriate programs to meet local needs. Many programs are volunteer-driven and done in collaboration with local parishes and the community.
Robert’s life was a fairly routine one. He was a married man living in the North Country, working a steady job at one of the local mills and spending his free time outdoors, fishing and camping.

A knee injury changed all that.

Robert chose St. Vincent de Paul Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for his rehabilitation and it was the emotional support he received during his time there that helped him through some trying times. Due to a serious infection he contracted after surgery, his doctors discussed the idea of amputating his leg below the knee. Robert’s condition was not good, mentally or physically.

“He was becoming depressed,” says Chad Dingman, the administrator at St. Vincent de Paul.

Robert’s wife is bi-polar and the injury’s snowball effect was taking its toll on the couple. He lost his job due to his extended absence from work. Consequently, the health insurance he had through his work was terminated.

“They’re wonderful people and very religious, but it was just one thing after another,” Dingman says. “They were facing all of these challenges.”

Dingman and his staff guided Robert through the process of applying for Medicaid benefits and Chad spent hours at Robert’s bedside, swapping tales and exchanging pictures of their outdoor adventures.

“We visited daily and I think it helped keep his spirits up,” Dingman says. “We talked a lot about faith and goals.”

Medicaid helped cover the medical expenses and Robert is now being cared for back home by his wife. He recovered from his infection, avoided amputation and had a second surgery to strengthen his knee. The signs of hope and healing are evident.

“We taught them what they needed to know to be able to keep him home and still continue to heal,” Dingman says. “I recently spoke with his wife and we even talked about arranging a fishing challenge in the near future.”

Catholic Charities’ Trinity Health Partners provide exceptional nursing and rehabilitative care that meets the physical and spiritual needs of those we serve. We offer short- and long-term care in a warm and supportive atmosphere where residents and patients are cared for according to their individual needs.
## Financial Snapshot
Fiscal year ending March 31  
(Audited - in thousands)

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Folsom Electric
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Homestead Trust II
Hooksett Family Dental
Hopkinton High School
Horizon Beverage Company
Hospira Employee Giving Campaign
Howe, Riley & Howe, PLLC
Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc.
HP Employee Charitable Giving Program
HP Hood LLC
HR State Council of NH
Huckleberry Heating Oils LLC
Hunny Bee-Haven
Hunter North Associates, LLC
Hutchens Investment Management
Hynesian Communications LLC
I B P O Local #731
I.C. Reed & Sons, Inc.
IBM Employee Services Center
Immaculate Conception Parish
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Indiana Secondary Market
Indira Shelat
Infinite Connection Energies
Infusion Studio LLC
Integrys Energy Services, Inc
Interstate Manufacturing Associates, Inc.
ISA Systems LLC
Izzy’s Frozen Yogurt & Ice Cream
J. C. Cannistraro, LLC
Jacques Flower and Garden Center
Jay Colangelo Insurance Agency, Inc.
JCB Colby, Inc.
JDH Manufacturer’s Representatives, LLC
Jean Allen Apartments LLC
Jen-Scot Realty, Inc.
Jetpack Comix
Jim Petersen Flooring LLC
J-Life International Inc.
Joe Gauci Landscaping, LLC
John Hancock Matching Gifts Program
John Snow Inc.
John W. and Clara C. Higgins Foundation
John W. Hart Memorial Fund
Johnson & Johnson
New Hampshire Employment Security
New Hampshire Flying Tigers
New Hampshire Health Care Association
New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority
New Hampshire Magazine
New Hampshire Medical Group Management Association
New Hampshire Plastics, Inc.
New London Hospital
New Morning School
New Style Homes, Inc.
Newark America
NewBama Steel, Inc.
Newick’s Seafood Restaurants
Newmarket International Inc.
Newsky Electrical Contracting
NGM Charitable Foundation
NH Center for Cancer Medicine, LLC
NH Chapter Women’s Council of Realtors
NHIBOR Cares
NH Circle of Home & Family Inc
NH Department of Health and Human Services
NH Department of Revenue Administration
NH Department of Transportation
NH Dietetic Association, Inc.
NH Elevator Inc
NH Epsilon Master Chapter Beta Sigma Phi
NH Funeral Directors Association
NH Good Sam Club, Seabreeze Chapter
NH Grocers Association
NH Liquor & Wine Outlet
NH Machine Products Inc.
NH NeuroSpine Institute
NH Nurse Practitioner Association
NH School of Ballet
NH State Association of Emblem Clubs
NH State Grange Youth Department
NH Trappers Association
NH USA Gymnastics
NH Women’s Bar Association
New Hampshire Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Nissan of Salem
NL Partners
Nobis Engineering, Inc.
North Country Resident Council
North Country Tractor, Inc.
North Hampton Grocery
Northeast Delta Dental
Northeast Planning Associates, Inc.
Northeast Plotting Inc
Northeast Trakehners LLC
Northeast Utilities Service Company
Northern New England Housing Investment Fund
Northminster Community Church
Northway Bank
Northwood Diner, LLC
Northwoods Association Inc
Norton Insurance & Financial Services
Novartis
NSTAR Foundation
O’Brien Energy Resources Corp.
Oceanside Real Estate & Insurance Agency
Office of U.S. Trustee
Old Mill Properties LLC
Old Road Antiques LLC
Older Post Restaurant
Oleonda Jameson Trust
Once A Pawn and Time
Op4G
Optics 1, Inc
OptumHealth Financial Services
Oracle Matching Gifts Program
Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt
Orchard Management, Inc
Orr & Reno, PA
Osprey The Boat, Inc
OSR Open Systems Resources, Inc.
Osram Sylvania, Inc.
Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc.
Our Lady of Mercy
Our Lady of Mercy Ladies Guild
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish
Our Lady of the Mountains Parish
OutFITters Thrift Store
Oxford Health Plans
Paint Extreme and Design
Palmer Gas/Ermer Oil Company
Paquin Excavation, Inc.
Parade Properties
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Party 4 Less
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Pease Development Authority
Pelmac Industries, Inc.
Penacook Community Center
P.E.O. Plymouth Chapter O
People’s United Community Foundation
PepsiCo Foundation Matching Gifts
Persson Construction, LLC
Pesky Critters
Pete’s Summertime Seafood and Bar
Pfeiffer Vacuum, Inc.
Pfizer
Pfizer Foundation
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Phoenix Screen Printing
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Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Pinard Waste Systems, Inc.
Pine Properties
Piscataqua Environmental Services, LLC
Planet Aid Inc.
Pleasant View Center
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 131
Popovers on the Square
Port Electronics
Portsmouth Brewery, Inc.
Powers General Contracting
Praxair Surface Technologies Inc
Precision Letter Corp
Precision Letter Corporation
Precision Store Works d/b/a Northeast Resource Recovery Association
Preference Styling Salon
Preferred Maintenance
Pro-Con, Inc.
Professional Physical Therapy Services
Professional Tax Consultants
Proforma Unlimited
PS It Matters, LLC
Puritan Back Room Restaurant
Quality Home Improvement LLC
Qual-Tec Management Corp
Queen City Rotary Club
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Please accept our sincere apologies for any mistakes or omissions. Contact our Development Department to report any discrepancies.
Our Donors

Gifts from Individuals, corporations, businesses and grants from foundations provide core funding that moves lives forward.

Catholic Charities New Hampshire provides programs that strengthen families, communities and builds independence by moving lives forward. We heal, comfort and empower people of all faiths & backgrounds through all stages of life.

Strengthening Families:

- Counseling for couples to overcome stress and/or grief, with a goal of creating a positive relationship that lasts. CCNH provided counseling services to 508 of families last year. Through our three OUR PLACE centers, we provide essential parenting and prenatal education to at-risk teens and young adults to lower the chance of child abuse; we have a typical caseload of 135 clients.

- Our Adoption & Maternity Services work with families through adoptions, home studies and search & reunions.

Building Self-Sufficiency:

- The New Hampshire Food Bank’s Culinary Job Training Program graduated 74 students last year.

- Basic Financial Fitness helps to foster basic literacy in managing budgets, savings, smart shopping techniques and more. This new program is being instituted in all ten district offices and the three OUR PLACE locations.

Improving our Communities:

- Our Immigration and Refugee Services helps people on their path towards citizenship, providing expert legal services. 99% of adjudicated cases ended in favor of our clients. Last year, we served 1,200 clients.

- Cooking Matters is a national program that provides nutrition education and gives lessons in creating healthy meals on a limited budget. Last year, 598 people graduated from this program—the largest in the nation—and 71% of the adults are eating more vegetables and 67% of teens are eating more fruits.

- Trinity Health Partners is dedicated to quality care with seven nursing and rehabilitation facilities providing short- and long-term care, assisted living and independent living communities; last year, we served over 500 residents.
Hunger knows no boundary. It does not discriminate, affecting people living near the fertile farm lands along the Connecticut River to families located near the bountiful waters of the Seacoast. It surrounds us all, even if we may sometimes be unaware of its devastating consequences.

Robin and John of Hampton struggle to make it through the summer when their two young girls are not in school. They both work, juggling their schedules and their jobs so one can be home to watch the girls because they are unable to afford day care.

During the school year, their girls are provided with lunch, but that doesn’t carry over to the summer months. Without the Seacoast Family Food Pantry, an agency of the New Hampshire Food Bank, to provide additional food in those months the girls would not get the nutrition and calories they need.

To the north, in Alstead, Diana is devoted to her three children and her husband, Jim, who has gone through three battles of cancer treatment. Neither Diana nor Jim can work regularly because of the time they spend caring for their children and the down time Jim needs for his cancer treatment.

The Fall Mountain Food Shelf helps provide food during the times the family cannot afford to buy food, especially the fresh fruits and vegetables Jim needs as part of his diet.

“When the family first came to the Food Shelf they were desperate,” says Mary Lou Huffling of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. “They were having to choose between buying food for their family or buying gas to drive Jim to his chemo. He had canceled a couple of chemo sessions because of not having the money for gas to get there.”

The Food Shelf provided comfort and relieved some of the family’s stress.

“There has been many a day over the years they have left in tears of gratitude for the wonderful supply of food they could get for their family, much of which comes from our Food Bank,” Huffling says. “The food we have received from the Food Bank has touched and blessed many lives. We couldn’t help our people as much as we do without the Food Bank. It is such a comfort to people who are struggling and don’t have food or the money to buy food to know and feel that others care for them and their families well-being. We are all very grateful that the Food Bank provides such wonderful quality food for the needy of our state.”
50% of the food distributed by partner agencies is from the New Hampshire Food Bank.

400 Partner Agencies

The New Hampshire Food Bank serves over 400 partner agencies including:

- food pantries
- homeless shelters
- soup kitchens
- children’s programs
- senior centers

In turn, these agencies provide hunger relief to those suffering from food insecurity throughout the state.

Who We Serve

- Food Pantries
- Soup Kitchens
- Other (Includes shelters, senior centers, day cares, schools and group homes)

Please note that for each location mapped, there may be multiple agencies.

We feed the programs that feed the hungry

The Mission of the New Hampshire Food Bank is to feed hungry people by soliciting and effectively distributing grocery products and perishable foods, and offering innovative programs through a statewide network of approved agencies; by advocating for systemic change; and by educating the public about the nature of, and solutions to, problems of hunger in New Hampshire.
Catholic Charities New Hampshire

11,041,921
Pounds of food distributed in 2014

9,549,080
Total meals

Cooking Matters®

598 Participants graduated, one of the highest rates of all programs throughout the United States.*

Nationally, 71% of adult course graduates are eating more vegetables and 67% of teen course graduates are eating more fruit.

*Culinary Training Program

74 Individuals graduated from the Culinary Training Program in 2014.

105,815 Meals produced by our Culinary Training Program were distributed to partner agencies.

Volunteer Dollar Value
$404,051

Volunteer Hours in 2014
17,675

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

$868,442 Local Economic Impact
$485,164 Benefits
411 Applications

Together we can solve hunger.”

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$1 = 2 meals
2016 Goals

- Plan for and meet the continued demand for product and services to our 400+ agency partners.
- Complete Phase 1 of the Production Kitchen.
- Continue to expand statewide SNAP (Food Stamp Outreach) with a focus on the senior population.
- Continue to develop partnerships to expand child feeding.
- Increase participation in Cooking Matters® Signature Courses by 10%.
- Expand to 30 farmers markets and distribute $50,000 in nutrition incentives for fruits and vegetables.
- Develop curriculum leading to deployment of a revenue generating catering venue.
- Continue to collaborate with community and statewide partners to identify the root causes of hunger and to advocate on behalf of those we serve in the state of New Hampshire.

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Financial Snapshot
Fiscal Year End March 31, 2015

Support and Revenue
Food in-kind Assistance .................. $17,673,000
Program Fees ......................... $694,000
Grants, Contracts & Contributions .... $4,867,000
Total Support & Revenue ............ $23,234,000

Expenses
Program ......................... $22,106,000
Management & General .............. $342,000
Fundraising ......................... $471,000
Total Expenses ..................... $22,919,000

Change in Net Assets ............... $315,000
Total Net Unrestricted Assets ...... $1,198,000

We receive NO state or federal funding for food distribution.
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Dear Friends:

You are continuing to help move lives forward with your generosity and support for programs that allow Catholic Charities New Hampshire to serve well over 100,000 people in our state every year. For that, I thank you.

While Life Plans are our newest tool, our ability to help move lives forward is evident in everything we do. Whether it is supplying food to the hungry through the New Hampshire Food Bank or offering comfort and guidance to the elderly at one of our Trinity Health Partners long-term care facilities, it is your commitment— and partnerships— that has allowed us to provide hope to people for more than 70 years.

The stories we have shared in this year’s Annual Report are stories of resilience and compassion. They are stories of people who are benefiting from the support of people like you. They are stories of faith. They are stories of hope. They are stories of love.

Peace + God bless,

Thomas Blonski
President & CEO

Dear Friends:

Jesus spoke these beautiful words to His disciples at the Last Supper, just before His passion and death: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jn 13:34-35.) Although it is among the most popular of Bible verses, the full meaning of the love Christ spoke about often escapes us.

St. John the Evangelist wrote in Greek and the original word “agape” has traditionally been translated as “love.” But our contemporary understanding of “love” does not accurately convey the fullness and mystery of “agape.” “Agape” implies a self-sacrificing love, a love of and from God, whose very nature is love. Today we might say that the word closest in meaning to the original is “charity.”

When Christ gave his followers His new commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, he was telling them—and us—to show charity to all people. As followers of Jesus, we cannot see charity as mere altruism. It is a moral obligation, a divine command, and the mark of a Christian.

Since 1945, Catholic Charities has fulfilled this command by healing the sick, feeding and clothing the needy, welcoming the stranger, and caring for those unable to care for themselves. Today, as you’ll see in the following pages, Catholic Charities continues to respond to those in need with programs that heal, comfort, and empower— programs that enable all of us to “love one another.”

As Bishop of Manchester, I pray that the perfect love of God in Jesus Christ may continue to inspire a generous response to those in need, and I thank you for all you do in service to our Lord and our Church here in New Hampshire.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci
Bishop of Manchester
More than 40 Harvard Pilgrim Health Care volunteers helped build vegetable wash and drying stations, weeded and flipped garden beds, installed an irrigation system, built picnic tables and painted benches at the NH Food Bank’s Production Garden in Manchester this past May. Approximately 60 students from Beech Street Elementary School joined the volunteers, planted seedlings to take home, learned about exercise and healthy eating, and participated in healthy cooking demonstrations by chefs from Great NH Restaurants.