Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

2008 marks the 45th year of Catholic Charities service to the people of Mississippi. Catholic Charities has been blessed with servant-leaders like Msgr. Elvin Sunds and Mrs. Linda Raff who positioned the agency as the premier provider of compassionate services to the people of the diocese.

What follows are highlights of Catholic Charities history since its roots in two Natchez orphanages in the 1850’s, through its incorporation in 1963 and its recent growth. The history of the agency offers a unique perspective on the blessing the agency has been to the people of Mississippi.

My pledge to you is that Catholic Charities will continue to provide help and create hope through high quality services, meaningful volunteer opportunities and wise stewardship of the resources entrusted to us on behalf of the Church in the Diocese of Jackson.

In thanksgiving for God’s grace and your caring friendship,

Gregory B. Patin, Executive Director

History of Catholic Charities

1837 Catholic Diocese of Natchez is created, encompassing the entire state of Mississippi.

1850’s Two orphanages for homeless children of all faiths are established in Natchez: St. Mary’s Orphanage for girls and D’Evereax Hall for boys.

1962 Bishops Gerow and Brunini appoint Msgr. Michelin to organize a Catholic social service agency and to arrange for the transfer of the children from the orphanages into foster care.

1963 The State of Mississippi issued a Charter of Incorporation to Catholic Charities establishing it as the Social Service Agency of the Catholic Diocese.

1963-64 The agency expands its services to include maternity care for unwed mothers, marriage and family counseling, and emergency assistance.

1968 Catholic Charities becomes the first organization to sponsor federally subsidized housing in Mississippi. Over 1000 units were built to house low income and elderly persons.

1975 Father Elvin Sunds joins Charities as Associate Director and in 1979 was appointed Executive Director, a position he served until 1994.

1979 Linda Raff joins Catholic Charities as Associate Director and becomes Executive Director in 1994.

1980 The agency opens a shelter for battered women in Jackson.

1982 By this date Charities had ongoing programs in adoption, foster care, maternity issues, family life, emergency assistance, domestic violence, respect for life, housing and refugee resettlement.

1980’s Commenced legislative advocacy to promote the social justice concerns of the Catholic Church. Fr. Sunds and Mrs. Raff became licensed lobbyists.

1982 Opens the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program which rescues children from refugee camps in war torn countries who are separated from their parents. These children are placed in foster homes until they become adults. Children from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Haiti, Sudan, The Congo and Liberia have been served.
Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

As many of you know, I retired on September 30th after working for Catholic Charities since 1979. I am so grateful to have had the privilege of serving this remarkable organization for so many years and this last year was no exception.

Last year Catholic Charities served over 25,000 individuals in following our mission to be a visible sign of Christ’s love for all people. There were joyous times when we celebrated children being adopted, families in crisis stabilized, couples prepared for marriage, abused women healed, homeless youth moved into permanent care, battered women established in safe homes, rape victims counseled, refugees and immigrants assisted, and pregnant, addicted women nursed back to emotional and physical health.

Then there were the discouraging times when we saw families suffer because of a lack of resources—resources we did not have available to fulfill basic needs. There are resources that we feel will be scarce for years to come. Because of these circumstances, the services offered by Catholic Charities are more crucial than ever. The programs expanded or were newly established to provide the needed services. The year also marks the appointment of Greg Patin as the new Executive Director. He brings 15 years experience working with Catholic Charities agencies in Galveston, Houston and Baton Rouge, as well as great enthusiasm, energy, ability and love of God and the church. 

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Pray also for the thousands of lives Charities has touched through the years as well those many people we hope to serve as a visible sign of Christ’s love.

Linda Raff
Adoption / Maternity Care

- Adoption Services are provided for those seeking to open their homes and hearts to children. Our services include domestic and international home studies, pre and post placement services for adoptive families, services to birth parents, and counseling, which is available throughout the life of an adopted child.

- Maternity Care Services are provided to those women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. We can assist with prenatal counseling, exploring parenting options, adoption planning, and referrals.

- Infant Foster Care Services are provided on a short term basis for infants pending adoptive placement or reunification with birth families.

Children’s Services

- Day Treatment emphasizes training children in skills that will help them be successful in school.

- The Trauma Recovery for Youth Project (TRY) strives to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children, their families, and communities throughout the state.

- Crisis Response and Outreach offers crisis intervention services including 24 hour telephone and mobile crisis response with on-site intervention at the convenience of the family in crisis.

- Hope Haven Home-Based provides counseling and service coordination to families whose children have a mental health diagnosis.

- Hope Haven Residential provides residential services in a therapeutic crisis center. Services involve short-term respite with individual and group therapy.

- Our House Homeless and Runaway Teen Shelter provides emergency shelter, counseling services and an array of comprehensive prevention/intervention services to runaway, homeless, neglected and abused youth ages 12 – 17.

- Therapeutic Foster Care offers intensive in-home services designed to help children with serious emotional disorders develop the skills needed to function in the home and community settings.

Women and Violence

- Domestic Violence Centers in Jackson and Natchez provide safe refuge for victims of family violence. We provide emergency shelter, daycare, therapeutic day treatment and counseling. The Jackson Domestic Violence Center offers a Legal Assistance Clinic that provides support and legal representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

- Rape Crisis Centers in Jackson and Natchez assists victims of sexual assault with medical intervention and support at the hospital. Victims and their families can receive counseling and support through the legal system.

Alcohol and Drug Services

- Born Free and New Beginnings are residential treatment programs for pregnant and/or parenting women needing assistance to recover from chemical addictions.

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention focuses on the dangers of using and abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. In partnership with the Region IX Prevention Coalition, the program employs the strategy of a community based process.

Refugee Services

- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program is a long-term therapeutic foster care program for refugee children from war torn countries and individuals seeking political asylum.

Parish Based Ministries

- Parish Social Ministry is rooted in social justice education and advocacy. This office offers educational workshops and assistance to parishes.

- Office of Parish Health Ministry assists individual parishes to establish their own health ministries through the efforts of parish nurses and other volunteers, and helps individuals find resources to medical or social needs that are not easily addressed.

- The Office of Family Ministry works with parishes to provide a variety of services that support and minister to families. The following programs are offered:

- The Solomon Counseling Center provides comprehensive, professional and affordable counseling services for individuals, couples and families. The Center is a Department of Mental Health certified community out-patient counseling center for children and adults.
• Immigration Clinic specializes in family and employment based immigration services, including permanent residence, citizenship, work authorizations, VAWA cases, and visa renewal. It also provides community education, advocacy and outreach for immigrant communities.

• Long Term Disaster Relief offers long term services to promote self sufficiency and empowerment to those who have been affected by hurricanes. With offices in both Jackson and Natchez, these services provide crisis counseling; long-term case management; guidance through the process of finding community and government resources.

Natchez Office
- The Catholic Charities Natchez office offers an array of services including the Guardian Long Term Disaster Relief which specializes in family and employment based immigration services, income working poor with their tax returns, and literacy programs.

Northeast Office
- The Catholic Charities office located in Vardaman, MS, offers general social services that strive to reach out to underserved populations. It assists them with referrals, advocacy, general information, and translations. The VITA Program offers free assistance to low-income working poor with their tax returns, and literacy programs.

Every 9 seconds a woman is beaten in the United States

Barbara, tell us of your involvement with the Shelter for Battered Families.
I was hired in August 1980 as the Director of the Shelter for Battered Families. Catholic Charities applied for and received Title XX funds from the Department of Human Services which allowed us to move into a 6000 square foot building and hire staff. The first year the program served 400 women and children.

At the time, there was one other shelter in the State, the Biloxi Women’s Center. Within the next few years, we successfully advocated for legislation that placed a fee on marriage licenses to fund domestic violence shelters within each Mississippi Highway Patrol district. These funds are channeled through the Department of Health and now provide for 12 shelters statewide.

Gwen, how long have you directed the Domestic Violence Program at Catholic Charities?
I have worked in the area of domestic violence for 20 years at Catholic Charities. I served as program director for six years at the Shelter for Battered Families and have been director of the Domestic Violence Services Center for 14 years.

What drew you to this work?
It is God’s call and purpose for me. My Bachelor of Arts degree is in psychology with special training in the mental health well-being of children and families. While studying for my Master of Social Work degree, I worked as an intern with child sexual abuse victims and their parents. I interviewed with Barbara Pigott, then director of Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Services Center, for the director’s position at the shelter. Having received this position, I began working with the victims, managing the program, and writing grants.

I did not know that domestic violence would become a specialized area for me. I have some extended family members who are survivors of domestic violence, and in part, their struggle to live violence free drives me to continually critique and evaluate our services. I have observed how domestic violence affects women, children, teens, people with disabilities, immigrant victims, men, and the elderly.

While working on my Doctor of Philosophy degree in social work, I researched African American child witnesses to domestic violence and the findings further solidified my drive for this work as a public health issue.

What are the major obstacles you face in leading this service for women and children?
One of my major problems is securing stable funding to meet the growing demands for services. I have been blessed to lead this program with a very devoted staff but we labor under limited financial resources to implement all of the services. I believe that if God did not have His hands on me, I could not do this work. It is always a challenge to increase community awareness about domestic violence – essentially getting the public to understand that domestic violence is a crime. Among our biggest obstacles at the present time is securing a new day care facility, expanding the shelter, and obtaining a new van. I believe that we can overcome any of these challenges through faith, determination, and support.

How do you measure success or achievement in the area of domestic violence?
The measure of our success begins with “YOU”. This implies that it takes each individual, organization, judicial system, school, church, medical facility, law enforcement agency, and civic groups to achieve success in combating domestic violence. Our approach to success is to always exceed what we did the day before through improved collaboration, best practice service delivery, training and research. We strive to employ a team approach “Together Each Achieves More” because it takes everyone and every system to touch the lives of individuals experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
# Statement of Financial Position
## June 30, 2008 & 2007

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| **Total Liabilities & Net Assets** | 1,670,106 | 1,411,344 |

## Statement of Financial Activities
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<td>10,486,302</td>
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| Excess of Income over (under) Expenses | 100,433 | (840,452) |

*Natchez Programs include Domestic Violence Shelter, Rape Crisis, Emergency Assistance, Counseling, Katrina Relief, Children’s Mental Health Services

From the Independent Auditor’s Report
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Horne LLP

![Pie charts showing 2008 Income and Expenses]
DONORS Gifts to Catholic Charities have an immense impact on the lives of those seeking help throughout the year. On behalf of the Executive Board, Governance Council, clients, volunteers and staff, we recognize these individuals for their generosity and faithfulness that have made commitments to Catholic Charities and those we serve for the period of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. We extend our deep gratitude to all those who give throughout the year. Please know that your support is critical to our mission of providing help and creating hope for all of God’s children.

$5,000 - $9,999
- Mr. and Mrs. Rene Jeanfreau
- Insurance Women of Jackson

- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hammond

- First Natchez Radio Group
- Mr. and Mrs. John Browning
- Assumption Church of B.V.M.
- Mr. Kevin Mahoney
- Ms. Margaret Graves
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- St. Mary Basilica
- St. James Catholic Church
- Horne, LLP
- W. O’Neil Foundation
- The Mississippi Bar

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> 50,000
- State of Mississippi
- Catholic Diocese of Jackson
- Catholic Charities USA

DONORS to all those who give throughout the year. Please clients, volunteers and staff, we recognize those of the Executive Board, Governance Council,
Many donors have celebrated the memory of those that have gone before us, and honored those still with us, for the period of July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

Sisters of St. Joseph

Ms. Melinda Simmons
Ms. Laura Simmerman
Ms. Kathy Sikes
Mr. and Mrs. David Scott
Ms. Mary Sampson
Mr. and Mrs. John Saleeby

In Memory of: Buddy Beggiani

Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett
In Memory of: John Nisbett
Dr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, III
In Memory of: Eddie Barker
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Mr. and Mrs. Alvis T. Hunt
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To all of you, at Catholic Charities of Northeast Mississippi, your faith and generosity which will help to fulfill your goals and dreams for many people in our community.
Dear Staff,

My wife and I want to thank you. With the help of your Day Treatment Program, our son is a well-behaved youngster. You helped him and our whole family.

Before your program, we had tried everything we knew to help our troubled child. With your help, within a few days, we could see a change; within a few weeks, it was unbelievable! We had a happy child and we were better parents.

This year, he won a Good Citizenship award and is at the top of his class— and we are proud parents. He still talks about the things he learned with you. We have recommended your program to other parents and will continue to.

Thank you all!!!