Over 60 years of service

Throughout our 60+ year history, Catholic Charities Atlanta has served the poor and vulnerable on behalf of the Atlanta Catholic community. Although the services provided have changed and evolved, the core mission of offering a helping hand to those in need, regardless of a client’s background or religion, has remained the same.

Catholic Charities Atlanta traces its beginning back to 1947 when a Catholic social service program was organized under the direction of the late Monsignor Cornelius Maloney. From 1948 to 1953 the agency was operated as a volunteer organization with two trained and dedicated social workers serving in their spare time.

The organization continued to operate solely on a volunteer basis until July of 1953 when it incorporated as Catholic Social Services of Metropolitan Atlanta, beginning a sixty year journey of care and service.

At our inception, the then Catholic Social Services functioned very differently than Catholic Charities Atlanta does today, operating only as a central referral agency, referring those applying for assistance to the appropriate social service agency that could best serve their needs.

In 1955 those involved with and working at Catholic Social Services saw a clear need for the agency to offer services on a much larger scale. The organization was classified as a Family and Child Care Agency granting it casework status, more closely resembling the Catholic Charities Atlanta of today.

Community Support

Catholic Charities Atlanta began as volunteer organization and although we have grown into a professional social service agency, we could not Provide Help and Create Hope for those in need without the continued support of our volunteers and donors.

In our 60 year history, over 24,000 friends of the agency have volunteered over one million hours of their time to help their fellow neighbors in need. These selfless individuals have served on our Board of Directors and Committees providing financial and visionary support, taught English classes, donated furniture and clothing for newly arriving refugees, served as a family friend to a refugee, engaged children at our summer camp, and even hosted Baby showers for our pregnant and new moms.

Our parishes support Catholic Charities Atlanta by donating money through the Archdiocesan second collection. Local corporations and generous individuals in our community also provide financial support and volunteer assistance. Additionally, over 1,000 parish volunteers spread Christmas joy each year by donating and delivering much needed gifts to over 3,000 men, women and children through our Christmas Connections program.

In the words of Pope Francis, “Let us never forget that authentic power is service. Only those who serve with love are able to protect.”
Catholic Charities Atlanta served 15,940 clients in FY 2016.

Our English Language Instruction (ELI) provided 51,112 hours of English language instruction with an average of 87.5 classroom hours per student.

Catholic Charities Atlanta provided 117 families with baby supplies.

CCA helped 133 children and their parents by providing in-home parenting instruction classes.

Our Refugee Services Program provided 98 unaccompanied children with services to ensure they are connected to community resources.

Our Immigrant Legal Services staff provided services to 8,759 clients from 64 different countries.

CCA immigration staff provided ongoing legal services to 528 individuals this past fiscal year.

CCA has helped 34 veterans connect to local resources and meaningfully improve their lives.

We provided mental health counseling to 256 individuals with a 96% improvement rate.

Our Family Stabilization staff reduced the risk of 573 clients going without food, healthcare and heating by helping apply for public benefits.

Over 1,271 volunteers gave 26,002 hours of service, which total $517,794 in donated time.

Our Christmas Connections Program provided gifts for 3,256 individuals in need; valued at $230,000.

100% of our clients who received foreclosure intervention continued to maintain homeownership for at least six months.

95% of our clients are low income.

81% of our clients live in poverty.

95% of our clients who received services from CCA this past year, 94% of those clients were economically self-sufficient within 6 months of arriving to the US.

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Catholic Charities Atlanta provides help and creates hope for those in need through professional services that help eliminate barriers to self-sufficiency, stabilize families and transform lives.

Family Stabilization Program

Information and Referral Services
770-429-2369

- Certified, bilingual intake specialist provides confidential access to information, assistance, and referrals
- Callers are assisted in locating resources and services in the Metro-Atlanta region, in Georgia, and across the United States.

Case Management Services
404-920-7748

Case Management is a service to facilitate coordination, communication, and collaboration with clients, providers, ancillary services and others in order to achieve goals and maximize positive client outcomes based on individual and family assessments.

- Information and Referral Services
- Disaster Response
- Benefits Screening and Application Services
- Parent Talk: In-Home Parent Education
- Pregnancy Support Services
- Veteran’s Support Services

Educational Services
770-790-3104

Free classes are available to adults over the age of 18 who are interested in improving their English language skills. Interactive classes are taught by trained instructors and volunteers. Levels include Basic, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

- English Language/Civics Classes
- Citizenship Preparation Classes

Housing Counseling Program
770-790-3112

Our bilingual staff helps families to stabilize their current living situation, providing services intended to help them achieve self-sufficiency. One major component of these services is our housing counseling program.

- Homebuyer Education Seminars
- Pre-Purchase Counseling
- Financial Literacy
- Mortgage Default/Delinquency - Foreclosure Intervention/Prevention

Counseling Services
404-920-7745

The goal is to help clients gain the skills to effectively manage their issues and improve the client’s ability to cope with life’s challenges.

- Outpatient mental health services for individuals, children, adolescents, couples and families, addressing issues such as depression, family and marital discord, behaviors due to consequences of addictions, anxiety, sibling conflicts, parent-child relationships, adolescent issues, grief and loss
- Specialized services in the areas of play-therapy
- Psycho-educational workshops and parenting seminars
- Available at various Catholic parishes and Catholic Charities locations in English and Spanish
PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Immigration Legal Services
678-222-3920
A multi-lingual staff specializing in immigration law provides comprehensive immigration legal services.
• Assists eligible immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and their families obtain legal status, naturalization, and removal defense
• Informational workshops about immigration law, public education and advocacy
• Specializes in assisting victims of domestic violence, political asylum, trafficking, and other crimes.
  Also serves detainees and minors

Refugee Resettlement Services
678-222-3921
We provide Refugee Resettlement Services to refugee families arriving in the Atlanta area. The extensive resettlement services are designed to aid refugees to become self-sufficient as soon as possible.
• Reception and placement of refugees who have suffered persecution in their home country and are beginning a new life in the United States
• Job readiness and employment services to help refugee families become economically self-sufficient
• Refugee Parent Services

For more information on the services we provide and various ways to get involved, please check out our website:
catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

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