



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# Catholic Charities

BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING TO THE MOST VULNERABLE

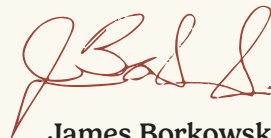
# Our Shared Mission

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your involvement in our community of donors and volunteers. With your support, Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Vancouver remain a beacon of hope and healing to the most vulnerable.

The Men's Shelter provides essential care to men on the path to recovery, providing an alternative to enduring nights on the street. At The Door is Open, a dedicated team of staff and volunteers stands steadfast, ensuring that breakfast and lunch reach those who hunger for both nourishment and compassion.

The Refugee Support Program has an instrumental role in the warm embrace of refugees to Canada, reuniting families and assisting them in adapting to their new communities.

Thanks to you, our ministries are empowered to help improve physical and mental healing while nurturing faith and hope among those suffering. We are truly grateful for your generosity and selflessness which form the foundation of our mission to extend compassion and mercy to those who need it most.



**James Borkowski**

*Archbishop's Delegate for Operations*

# Our Mission for Catholic Charities

## THE DOOR IS OPEN

Our mission is to lessen the hunger and social alienation of the poor in Vancouver by sharing the gifts and resources we have received.

## MEN'S SHELTER

The Men's Shelter provides shelter, food and supportive services for men struggling with homelessness. Our team models the caring and compassionate heart of Jesus.

## REFUGEE SUPPORT

We care for and love those fleeing persecution and violence in their home countries.



Men's Shelter



The Door is Open volunteers



# The Door is Open



104,025 meals  
served in 2022-2023



3,900 clothing  
packages provided



36,400  
snacks provided



1,300 food  
packages provided



I talked to the clients today, and they expressed their needs, not just for food but to belong to a community where they could tell and exchange stories and be with people to laugh with. Based on our experience, the Downtown Eastside is a very close-knit, loving, supportive community. We saw this in this community: the outpouring of love and support and the deep sense of grief they feel when someone in the community dies.

**Sister Chita Torres**

*Carmelite Sister*



# Volunteer story: Renai Jose

## LOVE IN ACTION

Inspired by Mother Teresa's wisdom, "It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts," I've seen the profound impact of small acts of kindness and the power of a good meal.

The curbside outreach program at Corpus Christi College demonstrates the incredible power of love in action. Students from diverse backgrounds gather to volunteer, making sandwiches for the Door is Open on several Thursdays and preparing warm meals on Fridays.

Studying Nutrition and Immunology, my goal is to promote healthy eating habits, believing that hearty, nutritious meals can change someone's day. These small gestures have a meaningful impact on the less fortunate. Through this journey, I've realized that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a significant difference, touching both recipients and givers. It's in these moments that we understand the immense power of love, compassion, and a warm meal to transform lives and create a welcoming community.

THE DOOR IS OPEN

NO BIKES  
AND  
NO PETS  
INSIDE  
PLEASE



# Men's Shelter



Approximately 100 homeless men are provided shelter each night, and about 700 men stay with us at least one night each year.

The Shelter fosters the support of newcomers and the unchurched by serving men and offering opportunities for volunteers to provide meals, clothing, and support. The hope is to expand such presence within parishes.

We had a recent guest in the Recuperative Care floor of the Shelter who developed a relationship with Jesus due to our ministry and practices of staff. He would often come to the office to ask staff to say a short prayer with him in the morning. It was beautiful to see his relationship with Jesus develop during his time with us.

**Sharon De Lalla**  
Manager





CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
MEN'S SHELTER  
Entrance around  
back of building







# Staff story: Lalpi Guite

Those who work at the Shelter feel a powerful sense of mission and emphasize that the Shelter has given them the gift of service. “And there is joy,” guest advocate Lalpi Guite said while discussing how the Shelter has allowed him to live out the call of Christ to feed the hungry and cloth the naked.

“But the goal is to serve people. It’s out of our hands. I am here to set the table, and God will do the rest,” he said.

“Recently one of our guests was on his way to detox. As he left, he said, ‘Thank you. You are one of the first guys who has treated me like a human being.’” Lalpi added, “This was nothing special out of me; this is something we all can do. It is definitely a privilege to do this work.”



# Refugee Support



22 parishes participate  
in the refugee program



104 people awaiting  
processing overseas

+

12 people approved  
awaiting completion

+

7 people successfully  
completed sponsorship  
settlement



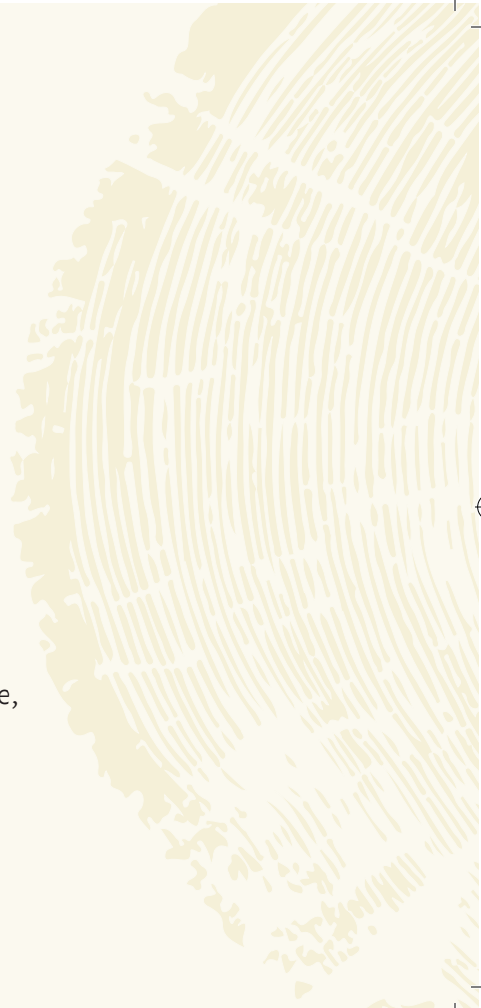
72 people with  
applications pending  
submission

*Without support,  
I would be in the middle of the desert,  
nowhere to go, just frozen."*

### **Refugee from Eritrea**

Catholic parishes have been among the first places new immigrants come to find community upon arriving in Canada. Many parish refugee volunteers are immigrants or refugees themselves and want to help others, just as others helped them.

The refugees we serve have inspiring stories of courage, resilience, determination, and tenacity. Despite what they have undergone – torture, imprisonment, human trafficking, loss of home, loss of loved ones – they do not lose hope, persevering through their trust in God.



# Financial Report

## THE DOOR IS OPEN

Year ended December 31, 2022

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Donations	\$563,615	\$297,206
Grant Revenue	14,580	103,652
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$578,465</b>	<b>\$400,858</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Program Costs	\$391,574	\$387,253
Administration	8,406	2,448
Facilities	35,290	36,634
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$435,270</b>	<b>\$426,335</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$143,195</b>	<b>(\$25,477)</b>

## MEN'S SHELTER

Year ended March 31, 2023

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Donations	\$186,770	\$233,887
BC Housing Subsidy	2,060,658	1,788,275
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,247,428</b>	<b>\$2,022,162</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Program Costs	\$2,116,954	\$1,482,764
Administration	69,598	37,692
Facilities	178,961	197,510
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,365,513</b>	<b>\$1,717,966</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$118,085)</b>	<b>(\$304,196)</b>



*For over 60 years, you have made it possible to serve  
our vulnerable brothers and sisters in Vancouver.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**THE DOOR IS OPEN**

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