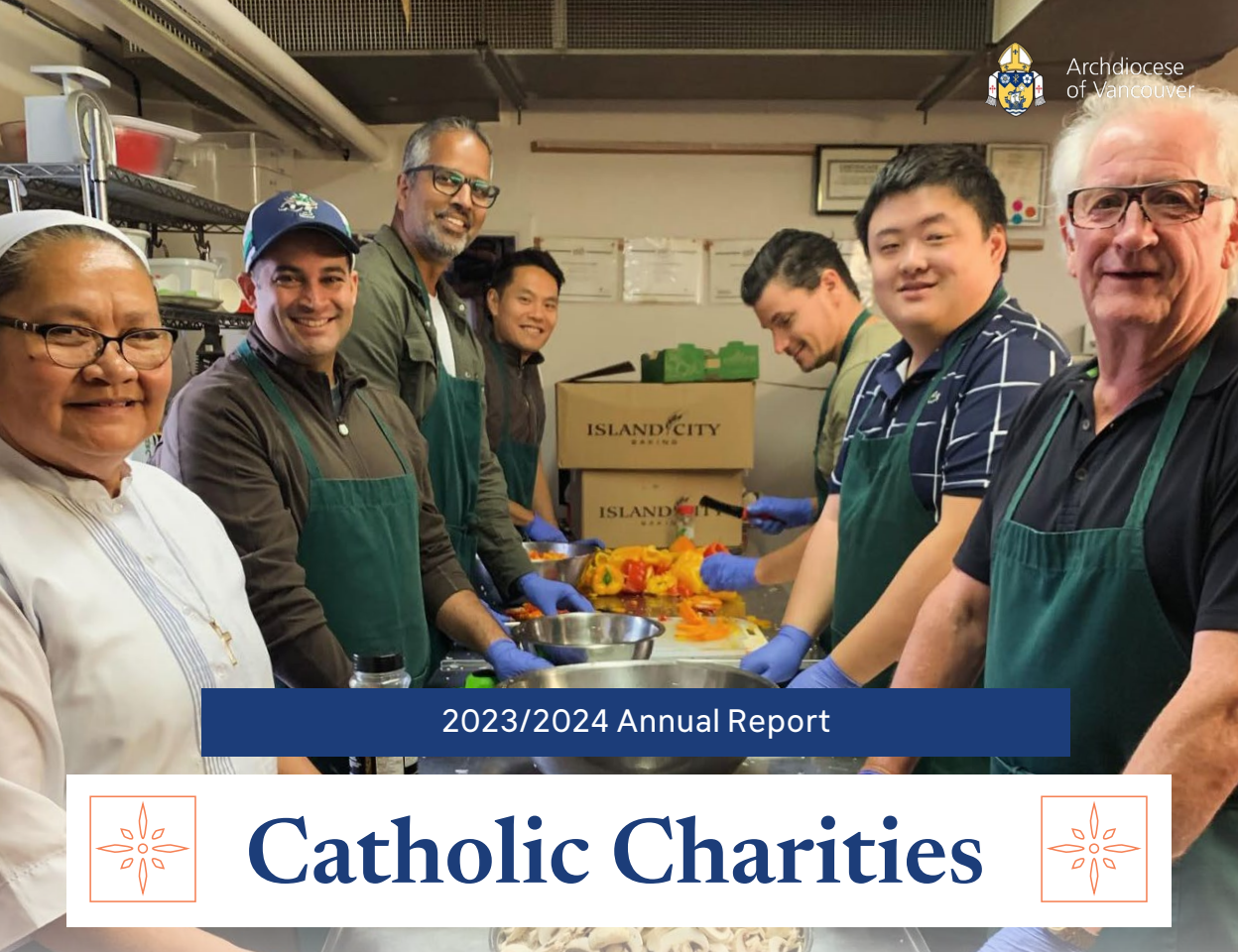




Archdiocese  
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2023/2024 Annual Report



**Catholic Charities**



I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of Catholic Charities. Your generosity and commitment have made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals and families in need. Through your contributions, we have been able to provide essential services such as food, shelter, refugee support and medical care to those who are most vulnerable in our community.

Your support has also enabled us to expand our outreach programs, offering hope and assistance to those facing difficult circumstances. Whether it is through financial donations, volunteering your time, or spreading the word about our mission, each act of kindness has played a crucial role in our efforts to serve others.

In the coming months we will be sharing plans for new services and offerings as we continue striving to meet the growing needs we are encountering, especially in the Downtown Eastside. Catholics are answering the call to do more and we are deeply grateful for your partnership and trust. Between The Door is Open, Men's Shelter and other Catholic ministries serving the vulnerable, you are making a difference. On behalf of the employees and volunteers we work with, and the men, women and families we serve, thank you for being a vital part of our community and for helping us to carry out the mission of Catholic Charities.

With sincere appreciation,



**James Borkowski**  
Archbishop's Delegate



## OUR MISSION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### **The Door is Open**

Lessens the hunger and social alienation of the poor in Vancouver by sharing the gifts and resources we have received.

### **Men's Shelter**

Provides shelter, food and supportive services for men struggling with homelessness, modelling the caring and compassionate heart of Jesus.

### **Refugee Support**

Cares for and loves those fleeing persecution and violence in their home countries.



1973

A handful of college students were awarded a grant to serve the homeless in downtown Vancouver, forming The Door is Open at 506 East Cordova Street.

1974

Catholic Charities took on the mission of The Door is Open.

# The Door

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# YEARS

MEMBERS AND ADVISORY BOARD staff gathered at The Door is Open June 30. In the front row, from left to right: Tom Fung, Executive Director of Anglican Catholic Charities, and MacDe...

■ For 50 years, through the generosity of selfless directors, staff, volunteers and donors, The Door is Open has provided meals and shelter for thousands of those in need, transforming lives and building community in the Downtown Eastside.

FN McMAHON for residents and transients in Vancouver's inner city for more than 30 years. • Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous

SISTER MAURICE SHEERNSA, Director of the Franciscan Sobriety Center, located on the premises of The Door is Open.

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# O b r a r i e s A R S

2014

The Door is Open moved to its present location at 244 Dunlevy Avenue.

2023

The Door is Open celebrated its 50th anniversary of transforming lives and building community in the Downtown Eastside.

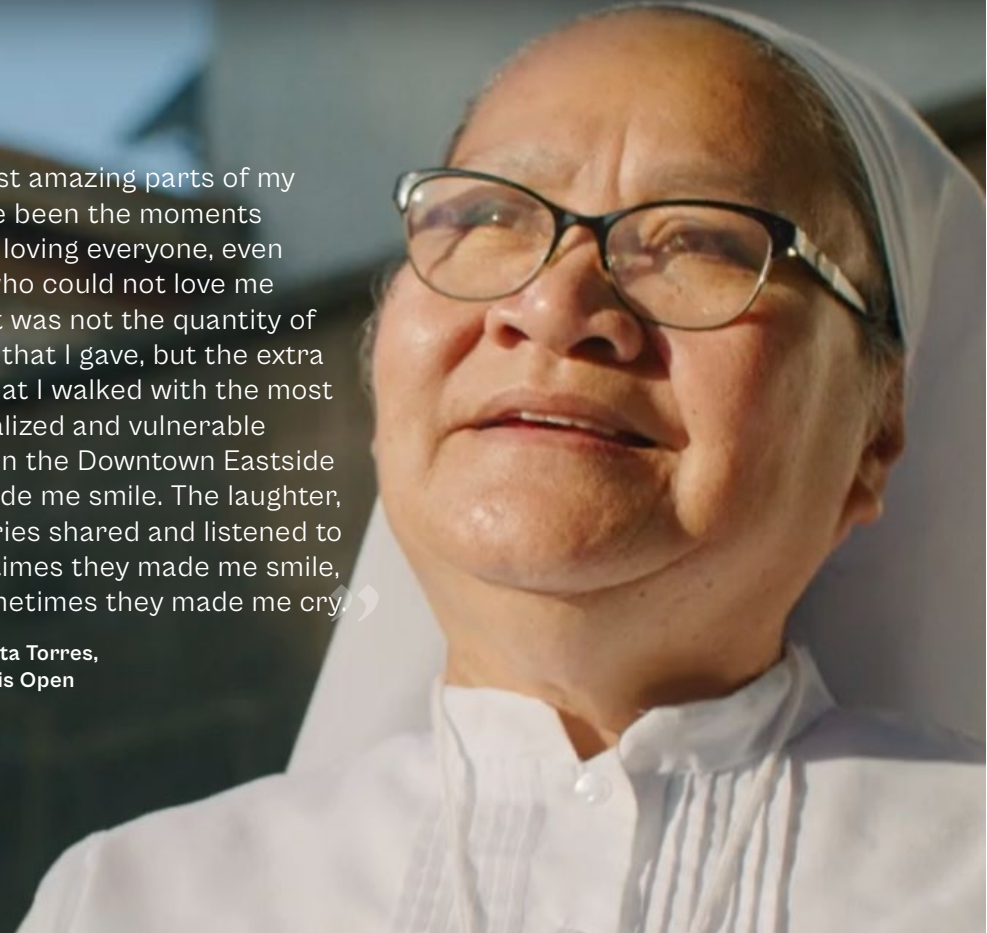
THE DOOR IS OPEN

**~400** people served daily

**109,150** meals served

“The most amazing parts of my life have been the moments shared, loving everyone, even those who could not love me back... It was not the quantity of service that I gave, but the extra miles that I walked with the most marginalized and vulnerable people in the Downtown Eastside that made me smile. The laughter, the stories shared and listened to – sometimes they made me smile, and sometimes they made me cry.”

**Sister Chita Torres,  
The Door is Open**



# MEN'S SHELTER

**66,000+** meals served

**661** men served from  
Sept. 1 to May 17



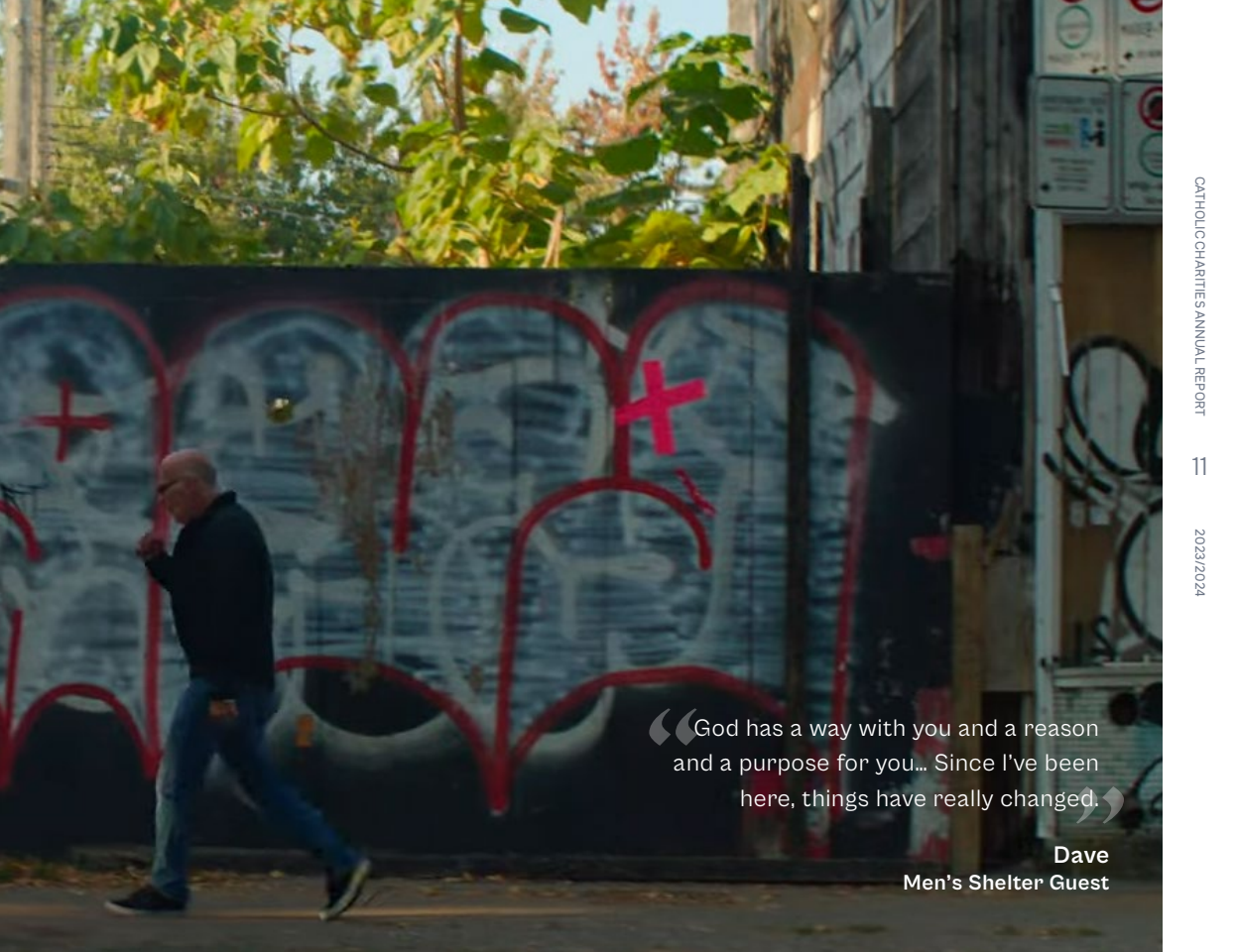
## WHAT IS GIVEN

The Men's Shelter provides meals, beds, and shower facilities for up to 90 days for each guest. The Shelter also provides free care kits with hygiene products and clothing for those who need them. Case management services are available for guests to receive additional outside resources to help them transition into more permanent housing.

A photograph of a man in a white shirt and dark vest smiling and hugging another person. In the background, a sign reads "CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S SHELTER".

## COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER

Many parish communities come together to serve those residing at the Men's Shelter. Parishioners have the opportunity to live out the corporal works of mercy and recognize the face of Christ in the hungry and outcast. This past year, North Shore parishes supplied homemade meals twice a month. Volunteers from other parishes serve at the shelter and donate essential items. A new addition to Men's Shelter programming included a bi-weekly musical program, which fosters a sense of community among guests.



“God has a way with you and a reason and a purpose for you... Since I've been here, things have really changed.”

**Dave**  
Men's Shelter Guest

- 133** people with pending applications
- 57** people with applications pending submission
- 29** people interviewed for potential sponsorship
- 27** parishes participating in the refugee program
- 7** people completed sponsorship settlement



The Refugee Program supports those who are fleeing from persecution as they transition into life in the Lower Mainland . It also encourages parishes to participate in refugee sponsorship. Parishioners can contribute to a deeply fulfilling ministry where they can demonstrate the love of Jesus, who was himself a refugee.

“We always thank God for our new life and freedom. We thank the Archdiocese of Vancouver and our sponsoring parish for making this possible for us and providing all we needed. We now live our Christian faith without fear.”

Refugee family who suffered religious persecution in Pakistan

## ■ The Door is Open

Year-ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Donations	593,749	563,615
Grant Revenue	4,000	14,850
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>597,749</b>	<b>578,465</b>

Program cost	347,106	391,574
Administration	5,507	8,406
Facilities	48,884	35,290
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>401,497</b>	<b>435,270</b>

Net Income (Loss)	196,252	143,195
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## ■ Men's Shelter

Year-ended March 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Donations	312,498	186,770
Grant Revenue	2,364,771	2,060,658
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,677,268</b>	<b>2,247,428</b>

Program cost	2,785,491	2,116,954
Administration	72,877	69,598
Facilities	178,317	178,961
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,036,685</b>	<b>2,365,513</b>

Net Income (Loss)	359,416	118,085
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With your generosity and support, you have  
made it possible to serve our vulnerable  
brothers and sisters in Vancouver.

Thank you!



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