

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF UTAH

For nearly 70 years, Catholic Community Services of Utah (CCS) has worked tirelessly to provide help to those in need of refuge, solace, and hope along the Wasatch Front and throughout northern Utah.

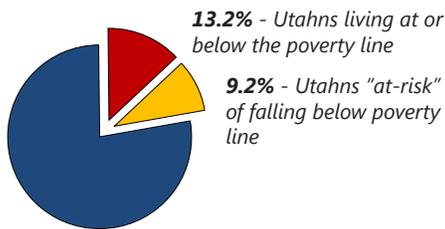
Our programs help people meet their short-term need for food, shelter, treatment, clothing or hygiene, while simultaneously providing them with the resources and programs necessary to transition back to a life of self-sufficiency. In helping people maintain their dignity as they work to restore themselves to independence, CCS carries out the gospel values of love, compassion and hope through service, support and collaboration.

*“Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another.”*  
-St. Vincent de Paul

## NORTHERN UTAH SERVICES

Catholic Community Services provides Basic Needs Services programs in Ogden to help Utahns struggling with poverty, homelessness and hunger regain self-sufficiency.

In 2010, a record 46.2 million Americans struggled with poverty. This includes 1 in 5 American children who did not have a stable home, enough nutritious food or other basic necessities. More than 1 in 10 Utahns lived in poverty and struggled to make ends meet in 2010.



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Refugee Resettlement at Catholic Community Services aims to provide help and create hope for the hundreds of new Utahns seeking refuge in our community each year through our Refugee Foster Care, Immigration and Refugee Resettlement programs.

Approximately 25,000 refugees currently live in Utah. Around 1,000 new refugees arrive in Utah every year. The most common refugee groups currently arrive in Utah are from Iraq, Burma, Somalia, and Bhutan.



## BASIC NEEDS SERVICES

Basic Needs Services at Catholic Community Services provides some of life's main essentials including food, clothing and shelter to those most in need in Utah.

The federal government determines that any family or individual living on an income below the established guideline is in poverty. For a family of four in 2011, the income guideline was \$22,350.

Homelessness and hunger go hand in hand with poverty, as an insufficient budget often leaves families and individuals without the necessary means to purchase food and pay rent. Even those not officially living in poverty too frequently find themselves in a tenuous financial situation. Housing costs exceed what the federal government considers "affordable" for approximately 42% of renters and 37% of homeowners in Utah, as noted in the 2011 Comprehensive Report on Homelessness.

## TREATMENT SERVICES

Treatment Services at Catholic Community Services helps those enslaved by addiction regain their lives through residential and outpatient programs.

In 2011, more than 88,000 adults and more than 12,000 youth in Utah were classified as needing treatment for substance dependency. Unfortunately, Utah only has the capacity to treat less than 20 percent of these individuals. According to a 2008 Centers for Disease Control survey, Utah ranked as the \*fourth highest state in the nation for deaths from drug overdoses.

