

Programs & Services

Emergency Assistance
With Food Pantries
in Hudson and Catskill

Application Assistance for Food
Benefits (SNAP) through the
Nutrition Outreach Education
Program

Women, Infants, Children (WIC)
Nutrition Education

Substance Abuse
Prevention Education in Schools
And Communities

Court Ordered
Supervised Visitation

Parent Education
& Mentoring

Healthy Families
Columbia

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Senior and Caregiver Support
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A Tribute to the Catholic Charities Heroes



The last year was unique for all of us impacting each individual and family differently. The week of March 16th was unlike any other with rapid changes and activity ending with a silence as the world turned inward. All programs and services remained in place alt-

hough many were carried out differently with our doors remaining open for food pantry and emergency assistance; other services went to the telephones and computers. Beginning in June, Supervised Visitation began in-person visits once again to allow separated families the opportunity to connect directly rather than over a computer screen. Food benefit application assistance through NOEP began



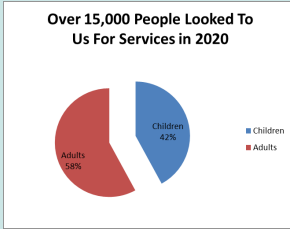
seeing individuals in the

office and community and WIC remained available in-person for sharing breastfeeding tools and formula exchanges. The ability to keep services available at the highest level while maintaining the safest level possible can be all credited to the dedication of our fabulous staff! Everyone is a caring individual

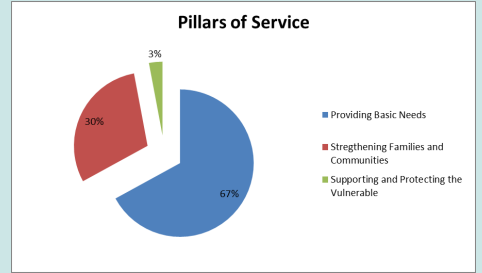
that juggled the personal impacts of the pandemic with serving their community. Thank you to our Columbia-Greene Catholic Charities Heroes.



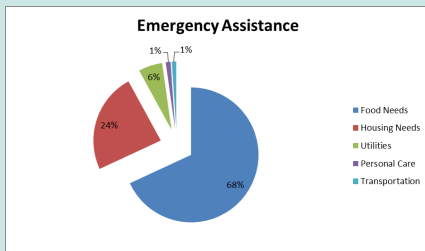
2020 Pillars of Service Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany provides a wide array of programs to meet the community needs within the fourteen county service area of which Catholic Charities of Columbia and Greene Counties serves two counties. Data presented represents services provided in Greene and Columbia Counties. These programs can be organized into Five Pillars of Service which highlight our mission in action:



- * Responding to those in Crisis
- * Providing Basic Needs
- * Supporting and Protecting the Vulnerable
- * Strengthening Families and the Community
- * Empowering Individuals



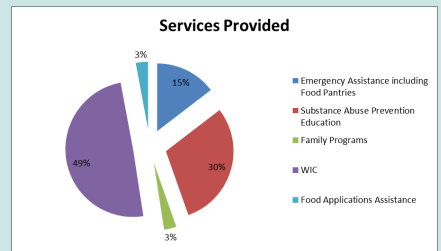
To help provide a snapshot of how our services align with our mission, programs have been assigned into one of three pillars (Providing Basic Needs, Supporting and Protecting the Vulnerable, and Strengthening Families and the Community) with the remaining two pillars (Empowering Individuals and Responding to those in Crisis) addressed by all services. Some services do overlap into more than one pillar, but have been assigned to one pillar for this illustration.



Providing Basic Needs:
Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry, WIC, and SNAP Application Assistance

Supporting and Protecting the Vulnerable:
Healthy Families Columbia, Supervised Visitation and Parenting

Strengthening Families and the Community:
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Our programs vary in intensity ranging from working with families once or twice a week in Healthy Families to once a year with SNAP application assistance. Many individuals and families will engage in more than one program as we take a broad look at the families' needs once they enter our doors. Further support is offered with referrals to community partners.

Investing In Your Neighbors and Neighborhood... Donating to Catholic Charities is an investment in your local community as the funds are used to promote self sufficiency of individuals and families. 100% of your donation stays local while we provide direct services *regardless of race, creed/religion, or lifestyle* with special emphasis on the poor and most vulnerable.

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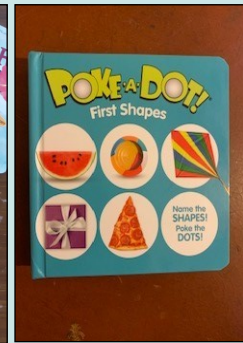
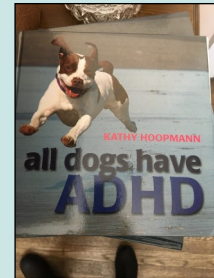
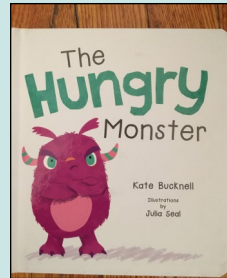
Congratulations to Healthy Families Columbia!

Healthy Families Columbia received accreditation from Healthy Families America last Fall. The three day on-site review process was rescheduled from the end of March 2020 to a 100% virtual four day review in September 2020. The hard work and commitment from all of the staff shined during the review with the program meeting the required the standards, over 100, necessary for accreditation. Highlighted as the programs strengths was the staff advocacy for families, utilizing tools that promote trusting foundations with caregivers, one hundred percent of children’s immunizations up to date at one and two years of age, and the

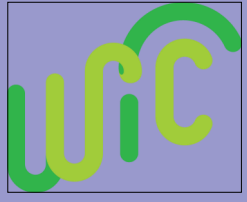


addition of early literacy. Thanks

to a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, books are provided to every child in the household under the age of five on a monthly basis. Themes vary from month to month and a selection of books are provided for caregivers and children to chose from.



Due to the pandemic in 2020, WIC hosted a drive-through event sharing bags filled with tools and information to support WIC Moms in their decision to breastfeed. WIC Peer Counselors are available year round by phone or text as well.



WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK IS AUGUST 1st TO AUGUST 7th



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SPRING CLEANING GIVE AWAY



The importance and the lack of accessibility of basic cleaning and hygiene products was highlighted in 2020 for everyone. Did you know these items are not covered under food benefit programs making it a challenge in any year

for those on limited incomes? At the end of April 2021, bags comprised of laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, dish soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, and toilet paper were distributed throughout our communities and continues in our pantries.



JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TEAM! For **Employment opportunities** locally and throughout the Diocese of Albany visit: www.ccrda.org/employment/

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