

2008
FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS
CARITAS OF AUSTIN

MISSION: Caritas provides a service continuum for those experiencing poverty that begins with a safety net and links them to resources to achieve self-sufficiency.

VISION: Caritas envisions a community where there is respect for all individuals, hope for those experiencing poverty and opportunities for self-reliance.

SERVICES: Caritas helps low-income families with emergency basic needs such as food, rent and utilities. Caritas also helps client families learn the skills to become self-reliant.

HISTORY: Caritas was founded in 1964 and is an integral part of our community's social services network.

CLIENT POPULATION: Caritas will serve 20,000 adults and children as Travis County's largest source of non-governmental assistance for low-income families. Caritas serves the working poor, the unemployed, the homeless, near-homeless and documented refugees.

ANNUAL BUDGET: Caritas' last audit found that 90% of the budget directly impacted clients.



BASIC NEEDS SERVICES: Include emergency rent and utility assistance for families in financial crisis such as job loss or reduced working hours, hot meals in the community kitchen, take-home groceries from the food pantry and resettlement support services for documented political refugees.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICES build the skills needed to move toward self-reliance through education classes such as budgeting, money management, energy conservation, ESL and job readiness and placement.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

This year Caritas will...

- serve 20,000 adults and children
- provide \$1.8 million in housing and utilities assistance
- serve 100,000 hot meals in the Community Kitchen
- provide take-home groceries for 60,000 meals

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