

**Catholic Charities of Idaho**  
**Impact Report**  
**July 2021 - June 2022**

*Serving with **YOU** in a  
mission of love and care*



# Because of YOU ... providing help and nurturing hope ...

Dear Friends,


In hope, says Saint Paul to the Romans, we are saved.

At Catholic Charities of Idaho, we take these words to heart. Every day, our services and ministries create pathways of empowerment and opportunity for Idaho families seeking a better future, even in these challenging times. We are missionaries of hope!

Through our counseling, immigration, intensive case management, crisis intervention, and resource linkage services, our compassionate and professional staff help those who come to us, discover and strive for a better future for themselves and their families.

And we do not minister alone! Each benefactor, community partner, and investor in this work participates in this mission of hope as well. You make the Church's mission of service come alive through your gifts, volunteerism, and prayerful support, affirming our Christian witness of solidarity with all of God's people.

Together with you, we have accomplished wonderful things for Idahoans in need. God bless you!



Douglas S. Alles  
Executive Director





Because of *YOU* ... Idahoans in need were given help and hope!

**426**

Individuals received critical counseling services

**1,695**

Individuals received essential service referral advocacy and linkage services

**376**

Individuals received culturally appropriate immigration services

**357**

Individuals received needed Christmas gifts and winter clothing

**313**

Individuals received meaningful adult education services

**81**

Individuals received vital crisis intervention and case management services

**35**

Individuals received crucial refugee resettlement services







Because of YOU ... Justin found a way out of a “locked-down” future.

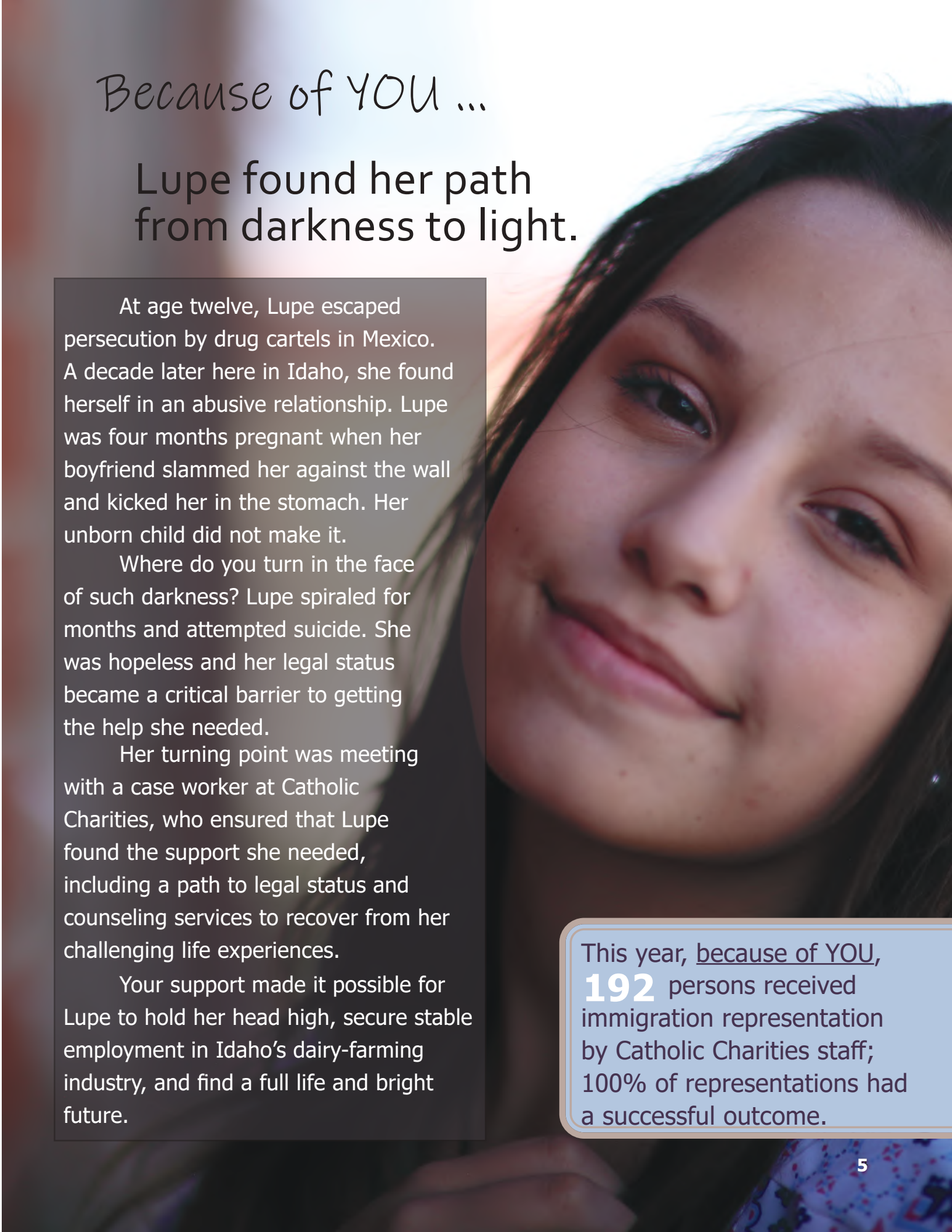
A high school junior, Justin had been uprooted from the east coast – his friends, his life – because of COVID lockdowns. His parents wanted him to find a better life in Idaho where schools were reopening. But he wasn’t feeling it. He had no one to talk to in the strange new world of Idaho. “What’s the point?” he asked his counselor at Catholic Charities of Idaho. What’s the point of trying to make friends again? What’s the point of planning for college?

Justin was depressed and filled with anger. He experienced an “epidemic after the pandemic” – an epidemic of fear, anxiety, and sadness.

Your support made it possible for a skilled Catholic Charities counselor to help Justin work through the stages of the grief and loss he was experiencing, manage his feelings of anger, and find acceptance and a way forward. Today he laughs again and inspires his peers by charting a bright future for himself in his new home state.

This year, because of YOU, **425** persons received Catholic Charities counseling services that helped them overcome anxiety, fear, depression, and relationship challenges.





Because of YOU ...

## Lupe found her path from darkness to light.

At age twelve, Lupe escaped persecution by drug cartels in Mexico. A decade later here in Idaho, she found herself in an abusive relationship. Lupe was four months pregnant when her boyfriend slammed her against the wall and kicked her in the stomach. Her unborn child did not make it.

Where do you turn in the face of such darkness? Lupe spiraled for months and attempted suicide. She was hopeless and her legal status became a critical barrier to getting the help she needed.

Her turning point was meeting with a case worker at Catholic Charities, who ensured that Lupe found the support she needed, including a path to legal status and counseling services to recover from her challenging life experiences.

Your support made it possible for Lupe to hold her head high, secure stable employment in Idaho's dairy-farming industry, and find a full life and bright future.

This year, because of YOU, **192** persons received immigration representation by Catholic Charities staff; 100% of representations had a successful outcome.

Because of YOU ...

Bill experienced the dignity and hope every senior deserves.

Not long ago, Bill, 80, lost his wife Mary to COVID and he went into a downward spiral. Aside from the grief, he was at a loss as to how to manage his affairs. Bill had no other family to rely upon. Mary had always paid the bills and rent. Soon, Bill was facing eviction and to make matters worse, he had symptoms of onset dementia.

He didn't know where to turn until somebody told him to call Catholic Charities of Idaho. Our service workers quickly became his new family and acted to stop eviction, help him with his bills, and ensure access to medical care.

Your support made it possible for Bill to navigate loss, sadness, and serious life challenges. You helped him recover loving support and a dignified life.

This year, because of YOU, **73** persons received crisis intervention and case management services that helped them pursue dignity, empowerment, and self-sufficiency.

**1,695** persons immediately received critically needed assistance in finding additional community services and benefits.



Because of YOU ...

Families in Idaho had access to basic assistance, and so much more.

A young mother facing uncertainty comes to the front door of Catholic Charities to receive diapers for her newborn. An underemployed father comes to receive warm jackets for his boys. At a Catholic Charities Community Intervention Day in rural Idaho, 42 families receive clothing, household material support, and emergency food assistance to help them manage through times of financial distress.

Your support made it possible for vulnerable, at-risk families to come every day to Catholic Charities for basic assistance. We helped them address their material needs, but we offered so much more. For every coat or diaper, support was offered by a case manager or counselor to address the root causes of financial hardship and social distress, building confidence in a future these families made their own.

This year, because of YOU, **472** persons received over **\$157,000** in emergency assistance and material support.



Because of YOU ...

Sayed found a way to freedom and a new homeland.

For Sayed, the fall of Afghanistan in August 2021 was one of the darkest and most frightening days in his life. As a Blackhawk pilot working alongside of the American military, Sayed knew that the Taliban would be searching for anyone who was a friend and ally of the United States. He escaped to Uzbekistan, and then travelled to an American military base. Finally, with the help of Catholic Charities, Sayed made his way to a new home and future in eastern Idaho.

Your support made it possible for a Catholic Charities social worker to be ready and waiting, at 11:00 pm, for the arrival of Sayed's plane at the Idaho Falls airport in December 2021. From there, Catholic Charities brought Sayed to a furnished home in Pocatello stocked with food, provided him with daily support, access to community resources, and eventual employment and independence.

This year, because of YOU, **35** Afghan refugees were welcomed to a life of security, employment, and a future of unlimited opportunity in Idaho.

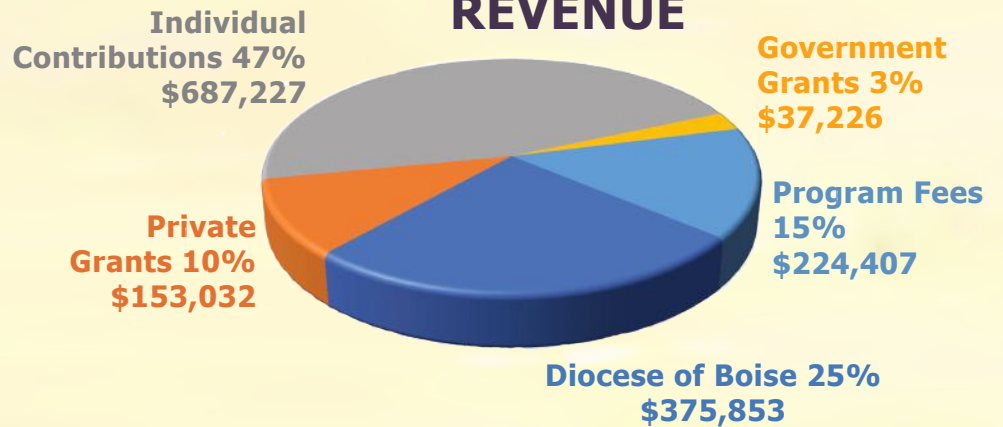


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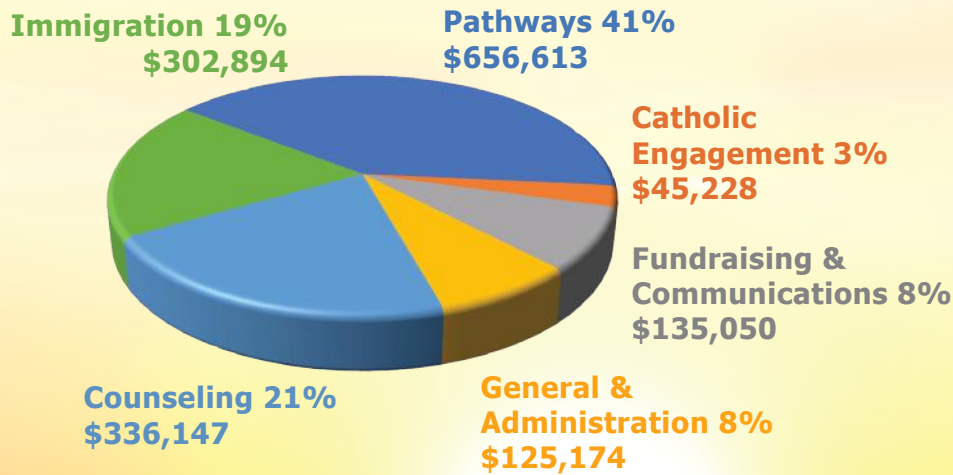


Your generosity is crucial to help fund programs and services for Idaho families in need.

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Douglas Alles – Executive Director



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*"The Catholic Charities of Idaho team has a roster of true angels. They hear the cry of the poor and respond with love and support. They are family-builders in a time when families are facing greater challenges than ever. I'm proud of Catholic Charities of Idaho and delighted to do my part with my financial support. "*

*- Jim Tomlinson, Boise Housing Corporation*







# MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in the Gospel,  
Catholic Charities of Idaho  
shares God's love with all in need  
by providing services and programs  
that support human well-being.

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