

## **Charity Navigator Recognizes Catholic Charities for Excellence Catholic Charities Earns 4-Star Rating**

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota was notified by Charity Navigator on July 1, 2019 that it has attained the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to both accountability and transparency. Four star rated charities, in the judgment of Charity Navigator, use their resources efficiently, sustain their programs over time, and practice good governance and transparency.

Charity Navigator, which was founded in 2001, evaluates over 9,000 charities in the United States. Its mission is to provide donors with essential and objective information to give them confidence in the charitable decisions they make. As part of its commitment to objectivity, Charity Navigator accepts no contributions from the charities that it evaluates. One hundred percent of its revenue comes from donations. Visit its website at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

This is the second year in a row that Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota has received a 4-Star rating. Only 32% of charities evaluated ever receive two consecutive 4-star ratings. This indicates that Catholic Charities exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in Minnesota and in the United States; thereby setting the agency apart from its peers.

Commentating on the rating, Robert Tereba, Executive Director, said, “We are very pleased to have attained this rating from Charity Navigator for the second year in a row. It tells our donor community that their expectations for accountability, transparency, good stewardship, and concrete results that change lives have been independently confirmed. Donor investments in our mission are not only valued; they are in good hands.”

For the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2019, contribution revenue is expected to make up 25% of Catholic Charities operating budget. Donation revenue last year helped Catholic Charities’ staff and volunteers serve over 7,900 people residing in over 3,700 households; 63% of which had annual incomes at or below \$25,000. Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota serves children, families in crisis, vulnerable adults, seniors, refugees, the uninsured, the poor, the homeless, and the unborn - regardless of ethnicity, age, gender, faith tradition or ability to pay.

*Note: Forbes, BusinessWeek, and Kiplinger’s Financial Magazine, among others, have profiled and celebrated Charity Navigator’s unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. They evaluate ten times more charities than the nearest competitor and attract more visitors to their website than all other charity rating groups combined making it the leading charity evaluator in America.*