



As I reflect on the past fiscal year and its many challenges and blessings, I cannot help but be reminded and appreciate that **you have walked this journey every day with Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Serving over 3000 deserving individuals across the region**, you have been there offering words of encouragement, prayers and financial support that kept us strong, providing a hand up to neighbors in need. **Your prayers especially lifted us up and gave strength to keep moving in the days** after the fire. You left us humbled by your overwhelming generosity and friendship! Your messages, letters and phone calls **gave us hope** during a very difficult year. Thank you!

The Pregnancy Help Center loved and **served our 2000th client** in December of 2021. Your walk with us provided hope for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Women conflicted about which decision to make found a listening ear and open heart to help them choose life for their baby.

Many unsheltered brothers and sisters in the golden years of life find illness and injury as a complication to what is already a difficult life. **Your walk with homeless seniors supported the opening of a respite care program at Samaritan Place.** They found a safe, warm place to lay their head, a hot shower, food, clothing and medical care **with our partners at Covenant Health.** Downtrodden days complicated with injury and sickness disappeared with the loving care found at Samaritan Place.

Your walk with us doesn't always look the same. This year, it **provided love and shelter to a young boy who had nowhere else to go** after losing his father on Christmas day and his mother years earlier. With only a sister far away, who flew out of Texas to find him, a **small and wonderful family of siblings was reunited.** The Lord's love at Christmas was evident in this boy's face upon seeing his sister. **All because you walked with us.**

Sometimes the journey we walk is harder and sadder than others and we can't help as much as we would like. But, through God's grace **sometimes we meet people at exactly the right moment in their lives to have the greatest impact.**

I am so thankful to have you walking by our side on this important journey of hope and love as we help our brothers and sisters. We could not be more excited about the impact we are having and the direction we are heading – **all because you are with us.**

With gratitude,

Lisa Healy

Executive Director



39,717
Meals Served
at SAM



23,302
Nights of Shelter
Provided



11,373
PHC Earn While You
Learn Lessons



3,366
Individuals Served
Across All Programs