Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County (CCCSDC) helps solve the problems of local individuals in need: the neglected child, the homeless family, the newly arrived immigrant or refugee, the hungry senior, or the newly unemployed for non-Catholics and Catholics alike. CCCSDC is a resource for needy families and individuals in Dutchess County, offering a wide array of free and professionally administered direct services to county residents at our main office in downtown Poughkeepsie and throughout the county.

### Cases/Testimonies

Married mother of 3 was provided a gift card for food and financial assistance for rent arrears. During the Covid-19 pandemic both client and her husband became unemployed. Due to immigration status client did not qualify for unemployment insurance, the new federal stimulus grants or other government benefits. After 4 months of financial hardship both clients have been able to become employed again and has been able to sustain all financial obligations.

Family of 5 was able to get assistance through Catholic Charities. During the Covid-19 pandemic the family was faced with financial hardship as the husband’s construction contracts were reduced significantly. Clients were able to receive assistance from the Case Management Department at Catholic Charities which provided a gift card for food, baby items for their new born and household needs. They also received financial assistance for rent arrears and bags of food.
Single mom of 2 was able to get assistance through Catholic Charities. During the Covid-19 pandemic due to client’s underlying medical condition she was told to stay home. Client is an undocumented immigrant who was unable to qualify for government benefits. As the sole provider of the home client began seeking any assistance available for her family. Catholic Charities was able to provide rental assistance to prevent eviction, gift card for food, secured utility bill payment plan, and secured ongoing food from local food pantries.

During the Covid-19 pandemic our client called Catholic Charities seeking assistance with rent arrears and food for her family. For the last six months our client had been receiving assistance from local agencies and family members after her husband was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor. Client’s son is currently the sole provider of the home but unable to meet all expenses. Catholic Charities was able to assist the client with financial assistance towards rent arrears, gift card for food, membership to a women support group and secured ongoing food through local food pantries.