



# OUR SOCIAL MISSION

BY CARTIAS SINGAPORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## ATA GLANCE

### Our Mission

To provide leadership to the Catholic community in Singapore in fulfilling the Church's social mission for the benefit of the broader community.

### Our Vision

To be the hub of a vibrant Church's social outreach to the broader community and a model of social innovation and Christian leadership.

### Affiliates

- Abilities Beyond Limitations and Expectations (ABLE) acts<sup>29</sup>
- Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People
- Assisi Hospice
- Boys' Town Singapore
- Canossaville Children's Home
- Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS)
- Catholic AIDS Response Effort
- Catholic Business Network
- Catholic Lawyers Guild
- Catholic Medical Guild
- Catholic Nurses Guild
- Catholic Welfare Services
- Christian Family and Social Movement
- CLARITY Singapore Limited
- Faith and Light Community
- Family Life Society
- Infant Jesus Homes and Children's Centres
- Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore
- Marine Parade Family Service Centre
- Morning Star Community Services
- Roman Catholic Prison Ministry
- Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

# Stewardship Report 2012

*We are grateful to the Catholic community who have given generously to support the work of Caritas Singapore. We take this opportunity to share with you a summary of our work for the financial year ending 30 September 2012.*

## Organisation

Board Members	15
Committee Members (excluding Board Members)	72
Staff	8
Member organisations	23
Beneficiaries	> 50,000

## Key Financials

Income and Expenditure	FY 2012	FY 2011
Donations and Fees	\$ 6,821,015	\$ 7,543,461
Sponsorships	\$ 233,072	\$ 288,572
Others	\$ 24,799	\$ 49,722
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>\$ 7,078,886</b>	<b>\$ 7,881,755</b>
Costs of Charitable Activities	\$ 4,782,446	\$ 5,764,831
Fundraising and Sponsorship Costs	\$ 210,607	\$ 221,830
Governance Costs	\$ 181,252	\$ 200,536
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>\$ 5,174,305</b>	<b>\$ 6,187,197</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>\$ 1,904,581</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,558</b>

Ratios	FY 2012	FY 2011
Funds Raised	\$ 7,054,087	\$ 7,832,033
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 210,607	\$ 221,830
Fundraising Ratio <sup>1</sup>	3.0%	2.8%
Grants Given	\$ 4,294,100	\$ 5,255,877
Other Charitable Expenses	\$ 488,346	\$ 508,954
Programme Ratio <sup>2</sup>	92%	93%
Reserves <sup>3</sup>	\$13,257,247	\$11,352,667
Reserves Ratio <sup>4</sup>	2.67 years	1.90 years

Notes:  
<sup>1</sup> Measures fundraising efficiency. Computed based on the formula: Fundraising and Sponsorship Costs ÷ Total Funds Raised.

<sup>2</sup> Measures funds deployed on charity programmes versus fundraising and overheads. Computed based on the formula: Expenses Spent on Charitable Programmes (including Grants) ÷ Total Expenditure.

<sup>3</sup> Caritas Singapore has made a commitment of \$3.9 million as advance rental of 30 years for 55 Waterloo Street, payable to the Archdiocese in early 2013. After payment, we will have a reserve of \$9.3 million, which amounts to a reserves ratio of 1.88 years.

<sup>4</sup> Measures number of years of reserve. Computed based on the formula: Reserves ÷ Total Expenditure (excluding Fundraising and Sponsorship Costs).



## Caritas Singapore Annual Report

The Annual Report and Governance and Financial Report provides an insight into the activities and events of Caritas Singapore in the year and our financial position as at 30 September 2012.

**You may receive this report by one of the following means:**

- Download a soft copy from our website at <http://www.caritas-singapore.org/aboutus/annualreport.html>
- Request a hard copy by sending an email to [annualreport@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:annualreport@caritas-singapore.org)
- Collect a copy from our office at 1557 Keppel Road #02-18, Cantonment Central Block C, Singapore 089066



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## Our Main Activities in 2012



29 September 2012 – 3rd Leaders' Forum



01 September 2012 – The Social Mission Conference 2012  
~"Partnering the Poor, Living Our Faith" (Above)



17 July 2012 – 5th Catholic Business Network Golf for Charity 2012 (Above)



19 May 2012 – Cycle and Psyche of Poverty Workshop (Above)



18 May 2012 – Training Workshop for SSVP Volunteers (Above)

*"Caritas Singapore fronts the good work all Catholics are extolled to perform - that of helping the poor and creating a better society for all - the crux of which lies at the heart of our Catholic Social Teaching ..."*

— His Grace, Archbishop Nicholas Chia

## Key Highlights in 2012

The task force set up by Caritas Singapore's Community Strategy Committee has completed the Archdiocese's Framework for helping the poor based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. The strategy includes holistic and integrated service delivery; targeting at upstream help instead of band aid help by adopting the approach of tapping existing resources and collaboration with relevant groups.

Our Advocacy Working Group has identified "The Poor" as the focus for the next few years. To this end, we have organised a workshop on the "Cycle and Psyche of Poverty" aimed at identifying gaps on poverty and broad intervention areas.

We also initiated the involvement of young adults in the social mission of the Church, as a result of which the Young Adults Committee was formed.

Caritas Singapore has undertaken the task, on behalf of the Catholic Church, to build Agape Village, a one-stop integrated help centre that brings together the services of our 23 Catholic social mission groups under one roof. The Agape Village aims to connect families in need to a diverse range of social services and resources, and is committed to partnering families in need to rebuild their lives. The village will be built on a 3,000 sqm plot at Lorong 8, Toa Payoh.



04-06 May 2012 – Leaders' Retreat (Above)



10 March 2012 – Catholic Social Teaching for Young Adults (Above)



14 January 2012 – 2nd Leaders' Forum (Above)

## Ongoing Core Programmes

### Community Strategy

As an umbrella body, Caritas Singapore sets up the Community Strategy Committee to review the community landscape in Singapore and develops strategies to fulfil the Church's social mission.

### Formation

Caritas Singapore collaborates with the Singapore Pastoral Institute and the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools on the inclusion of Catholic Social Teaching in the curriculum of catechism classes at the parishes, Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and schools. We focus on formation programmes for leaders of member organisations and continue in our efforts to promote Catholic Social Teaching through the use of study guides we have produced.

### Volunteering

Caritas Singapore continues to promote volunteering and the matching of volunteers to opportunities with member organisations.

### Fundraising

Charities Week raised \$5.2 million and this amount, together with donations received from the Living Water and Many Helping Hands projects, go to support the work of our Catholic social mission groups.

### Grant Making

Grants of more than \$4.2 million were given out to member organisations and groups through a rigorous grants process.

### Communications

A three-year communications strategy was developed to support Caritas Singapore's overall organisational objectives and to help in the effective engagement of our stakeholders.

### Membership and Capacity Building

Caritas Singapore conducted various programmes and workshops for our member organisations including the biennial Leaders' Retreat and Leaders' Forums. We continue to hold regular meetings and dialogues with individual member organisations.

### Shared Services

Caritas Singapore has developed common resources such as a media guide, staff handbook and a social service guidebook for members' use.

### Advocacy

Caritas Singapore seeks to raise awareness of issues faced by the poor and marginalised, working at root causes to bring about long term changes. We carry out research and top member organisations' analysis and learning to formulate our advocacy work and strategy.

### Young Adults

Caritas Singapore seeks to involve young adults in the social mission of the Church.