

**Program Partner Name:** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona

**Classification:** Multi-Service Focus

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**Tax Status Determination:** 501 (c) (3) not for profit corporation. Incorporated in 1947.

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**Mission Statement:** Believing in the sanctity of the human person and the dignity of human life, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona works to serve all people and make conditions of our Minnesota heartland more fully human: by calling people to minister to each other, by reaching out to the disabled, the marginalized, the alienated, and the stranger, and by laboring for the justice which the gospel of Christ demands.

**Brief Organization Overview:** Catholic Charities is the social service arm of the Diocese of Winona, which includes the twenty southernmost counties of Minnesota from the Mississippi River to the South Dakota border. Through its seven regional offices, Catholic Charities provides the following programs and services.

#### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Adoption

Clinical Counseling

Guardian/Conservator services

Pregnancy and Parenting Counseling

Project Rachel (post-abortion counseling)

Common Good Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Child and family evaluation/mediation services

Parish and Community Social Action

Refugee Resettlement

MediAppS (Medication Application Service)

Called to be Friends program



**Who Benefits & How:** Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers serve over 5,500 people a year including children, families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, refugees, the poor, the uninsured, and the unborn - **regardless of race, age, gender, or faith tradition.** *Space does not permit us to describe all the ways we help, but we can describe a few as shown below.*

- Our **Guardian/Conservator** program staff manage the personal and financial affairs of persons who can no longer make decisions necessary to protect their best interests.
- Our **Called to be Friends** volunteers help frail seniors and the chronically ill to continue to live in their own homes by caring for simple chores, providing transportation to medical appointments, and offering contact to the outside world.
- Using computer technology, the Internet, and old-fashioned face-to-face casework, our **MediAppS** program helps low income people lacking prescription drug insurance secure free medicines made available by the pharmaceutical companies.