

## MISSION

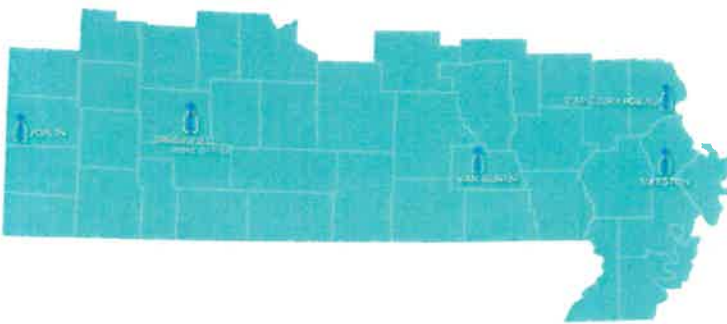
Motivated by the love of Christ, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri seeks to improve the lives of the vulnerable by providing quality, compassionate social services, which meet local needs.

## VISION

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri envisions local communities and individuals working together so that people in need receive necessary social services, obtain a sense of hope and achieve self-sufficiency.

## SERVICE AREA

The agency serves the **39 southernmost counties** in Missouri, which include eight of the most impoverished counties in the state.



## HISTORY

CCSOMO is a **faith-based 501(c)(3) agency established in 2009** and governed by a Board of Directors. At the time of its incorporation, no one predicted the great volume of community need and organizational opportunity that would arise in an incredibly short time frame.

In 2011, CCSOMO faced the unprecedented natural disaster of the Joplin tornado and the agency was catapulted into action and growth. Its Home Repair Program and Disaster Response Services were expanded to include all of southern Missouri, and the agency continued to add more services in response to local needs. Today, there are 12 programs that offer a wide range of services, including housing stability, a crisis maternity home, support coordination for the developmentally disabled, and support services for veterans.

From a two-employee beginning, the agency has grown to a **staff of 80**, with **9 offices in Cape Girardeau, Joplin, Poplar Bluff, Sikeston, Springfield, and Van Buren**, and its budget has expanded from \$200,000 to **\$5.6 million**.

At its core, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is committed to answering Christ's call to serve our neighbors in need of all faiths, races and nationalities. **Its goal is to empower families and individuals, help them achieve self-sufficiency, and break the cycle of generational poverty.**

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**INDIVIDUALS and FAMILIES**  
**SERVED in 2016 – 3,425**

**2015-16 BUDGET - \$5 million**

**1,078 VOLUNTEERS and**  
**17,753 HOURS of SERVICE in 2016**

**2016-17 BUDGET – \$5.6 million**