

# CSSUP Highlights for 2017

- ◆ Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula (CSSUP) continues to improve its financial stability by investing in the recruitment, training, and retention of a solid group of professionals capable of working as a cohesive team. This team effort has resulted in the increase of the total number of clients served in both counseling and child welfare services.
- ◆ Additionally, CSSUP saw consistent monthly foster care referrals from the Department of Health and Human Services. We cared for an average of 14 children daily totaling 4,922 days of care provided for the year. This is up from 12 children daily and 3,637 day of care provided in 2016. CSSUP completed 9 adoptions and has 10 more pending completion. We have 26 fully licensed foster homes with 4 more pending full licensure, with 3 additional relative homes we are in the process of licensing.
- ◆ Revenue from counseling services was up by 25% over last year. The largest increase was realized in our Marquette clinic with the hiring of two full time therapists (73% increase). Escanaba saw a 17% increase while Iron Mountain decreased by 33% due to the lack of a full time therapist present. In 2017, we served 1,400 clients during 8,692 appointments which is an increase of 114 clients and 1,780 appointments over last year.
- ◆ Mary Sparapani was recognized for her selfless service and tireless work ethic as the leader of our child welfare services. She was presented the Snow Shoe Priest Award during the CSSUP staff retreat. Guardian Angel awards were also presented to Linda Featherstone, Deb Nurmela, Tara Mennhenick, Krista Williams, and Rebecca Grider for their steadfast and loyal support of both therapists and clients at our clinics.
- ◆ Our re-entry and recovery services were endorsed by the State resulting in additional grant funding to sustain current operations at the Alpha Omega House in Iron Mountain which served 17 men in 2017.
- ◆ The demand for rehabilitation from opioid addiction continues to increase resulting in the expansion of our re-entry recovery services. CSSUP took the lead and received overwhelming community support to open a Delta County re-entry and recovery facility before the start of 2018. St Ignace has also formed a coalition and begun developing a re-entry recovery facility in their area with assistance from CSSUP.
- ◆ CSSUP advocacy efforts continue at the local and state level until the needs of UP families' are addressed.

