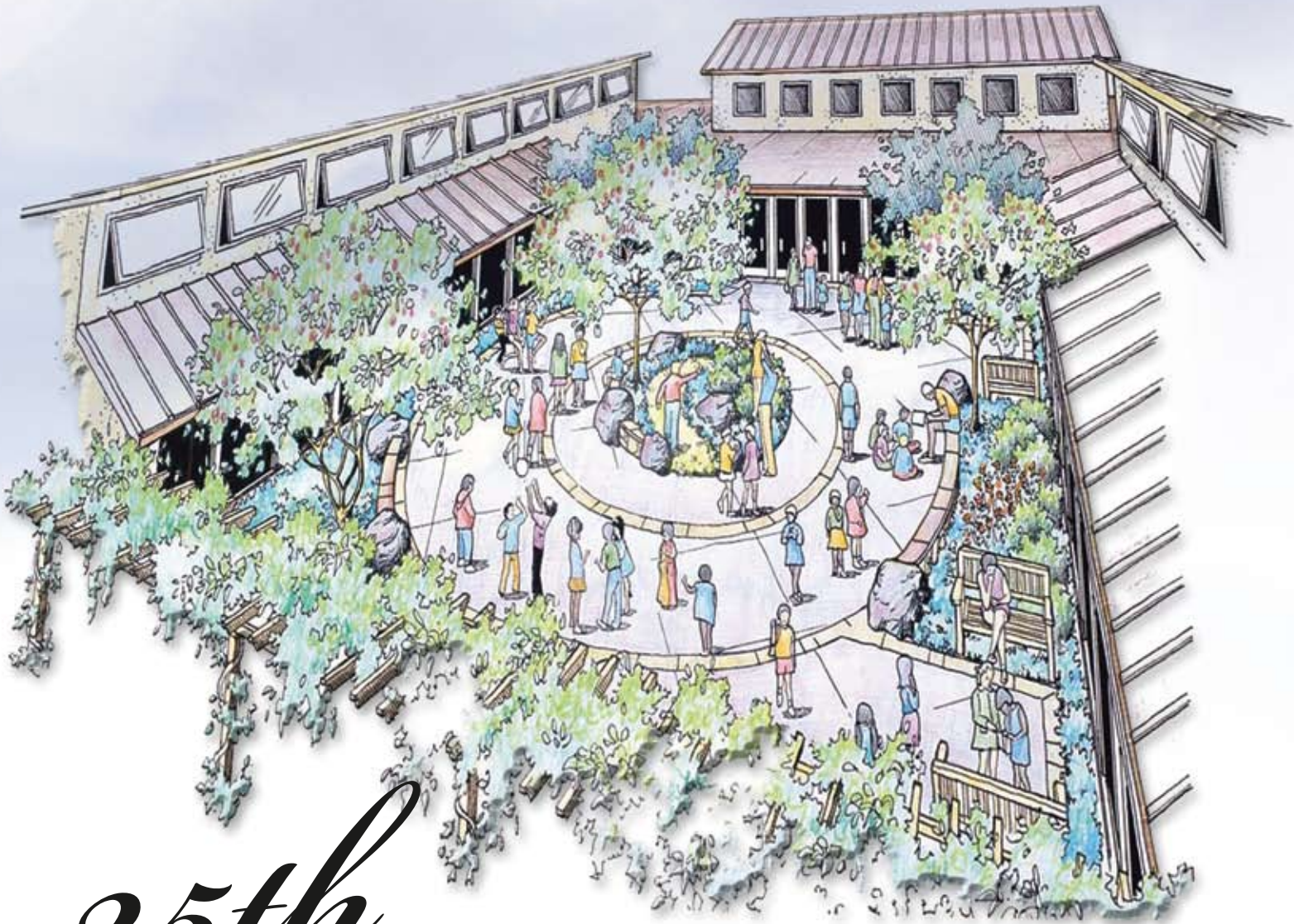




Opportunity House Annual Report



*25th
Anniversary
1984-2009*

July 1, 2008
through June 30, 2009

President's Letter



Like many non-profit organizations in Berks County, this past fiscal year has provided many challenges and few opportunities. The economic hardship many have faced over the past year has resulted in a significant increase in the number of individuals and families seeking our services as well as a decrease in public support for program operations. This resulted in a decision to reduce staff, eliminate pay raises, and slash salaries while at the same time try to meet the needs of those who sought our services. Many thanks to all of our staff who stepped up to fill the void caused by the layoffs and dedicated themselves to meeting the needs of our clients.

One of the bright spots for Opportunity House was being selected to serve as the lead agency for the City of Reading to implement the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. This program, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is intended to serve persons who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance and can remain stably housed after receiving this temporary assistance. Temporary financial assistance, such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, and moving assistance will be made available to those who qualify for the programs. Additionally, housing relocation and stabilization services such as case management, legal search, housing search, and credit repair will also be available. This three year grant will provide much needed support to individuals and families who have recently lost their jobs and are struggling to remain in their homes.

Our Capital Campaign continues to raise money to expand the Second Street Learning Center. Our new facility will be home to a technology center for up to 150 school aged children. By providing computer access, instruction, and support, we hope to bridge the “digital divide” that currently exists between inner city students and their suburban counterparts. Construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2010 and be completed by the end of next year.

Throughout 2009 we have celebrated twenty-five years of services at Opportunity House. Since our inception and right up until our 25th Anniversary one factor that remains consistent is the overwhelming level of volunteer support. Our volunteers continue to play an integral role in the day to day operations of Opportunity House. From serving meals in the shelter, helping out in the day care, serving on committees and the Board, working during our special events, planting flowers in our gardens, to stocking shelves in our food pantry, over 250 individuals volunteer their time each month. I'd like to take this time to thank each and every person who has volunteered over the years. You are truly the unsung heroes of this organization. Without your efforts, we could not succeed!!

Modesto D. Fiume
President

Human Resources Update at Opportunity House:



Much as Opportunity House provides a wide and diverse range of services, so our employees are a very diverse group of individuals. Opportunity House prides itself on the ability of our employees to work together providing services to our clients in all areas. At any given time should you ask an employee what they like about their job at Opportunity House or what keeps them here, the answer is almost always the children, the clients or the ways we help people. They are dedicated to doing the best they can to assist our clients.

Over the past year Opportunity House has employed an average of 97 employees in any given month. 70% of these employees have been with us for over one year. In addition, we have 18 employees with five or more years of service and seven employees with 10 or more years of

service. Over the last six months of our fiscal year fourteen employees have had perfect attendance and five of them had perfect attendance for the entire year.

Unfortunately as with many businesses in today's economy we had to make a very difficult decision and eliminate some positions over the last couple months. Employees in administrative and clerical positions took a reduction in hours and salaried personnel took a temporary 10% pay cut. Due to the dedication of our employees almost all of the salaried employees chose to continue working their normal hours despite the temporary pay cut.

Opportunity House remains committed to providing a challenging and rewarding experience for all of our employees. Dedication of our employees to the mission of Opportunity House will continue to be the cornerstone which will allow us to maintain quality employees to implement quality services.

Professional Administrative Day at Opportunity House - April 2009

In celebration of Professional Administrative Day, our administrative staff received special treatment compliments of East-West Therapeutic Massage on Park Road in Wyomissing. Our employees deserve only the best for being the best. We thank all our staff for their dedication to insure the security of Opportunity House and our programs.



*We are proud to have the
greatest team!*

Our Programs

Shelter Services

In “The Shelter “we have been experiencing the affects of the recession on our community. This is reflected not so much in the numbers served but by the length of stay. Entry level positions are the first to be cut and these have traditionally been the positions that our population has filled. Without jobs, people are unable to pay rent and they find themselves (many for the first time) looking for shelter. Without employment, rent does not get paid. Our focus remains on helping people achieve self sufficiency.

Once again camp Manatawny offered one week camper-ships to the children in our housing and daycare programs. Fifteen children went camping over a period of 6 weeks. From the first timers to the returning campers the general consensus was “can’t wait to go back next year!”

Permanent Housing

It has been three years since our permanent housing units opened. Two of the families that had been in the program from the opening date transitioned out of the housing program into housing in the community. Those two units are now reoccupied with two new families. The tenants in this housing program credit the supportive services they continue to receive through Opportunity House for helping them to stay focused on setting and achieving their goals. This summer a group of Eagle Scouts added new bushes and plants to the landscape around the units.

Two families in our transitional housing program got married this year. One of the couples met here at Opportunity House so we had a small gathering of friends after the wedding.

Children’s Alliance Center (CAC)

Partnerships this year included the following:

About Women managed by Reading Hospital Group to do exams on post-puberty kids that have made an allegation of abuse.

Dr. Johanna Kelly and Dr. Cyndi Schadder to do exams on pre-puberty kids that have made an allegation of abuse, we now have Dr. Renee Riddle (trained at CHOP) to help with pre-puberty exams as well.

Pennsylvania State Police, Troop L - arrange to have all children that make an allegation of sexual abuse in their area brought to the Children’s Alliance Center of Berks County.

New Staff:

The Children’s Alliance Center welcomed Erin Frees as its first staff Forensic Interviewer, Erin previously worked for Berks County Children and Youth, one of the partnering agencies at the CAC.

Child Sexual Abuse Statistics:

The CAC (Forensic Interviewer, Erin Frees) performed 273 forensic interviews in the period from 7/1/08-6/30/09.

Second Street Learning Center (SSLC)

Provides services to nearly 300 children annually. It is the first 24/7 center of its kind in the State of Pennsylvania. Parents bring their children (between the ages of six weeks and thirteen years old) to the center when they are at work. It is a safe, affordable place that provides valuable learning opportunities for all children.

In 2009 Opportunity House kicked-off a Capital Campaign to expand the Learning Center. A technology center to serve up to an additional 150 children is being planned at the campus of the Opportunity House (400 block of North Pear Street, Reading).

Our summer Intern Anastasia (Stacey) Fagan—from Notre Dame enjoyed providing art lessons and activities throughout the summer months at the Second Street Learning Center Camp. Stacey attended GoggleWorks with the children, Reading Museum Camp, and GoggleZone. They then would continue projects they had started at the camps back in the center, and also teach the children that had been unable to attend back at the Learning Center.

The Summer Memories of 2009 included our first partnership with Camp Adahi. Eleven students attended camp for the whole summer and one child was given a full scholarship to participate in their Leadership in Training Program. As the summer progressed 3 more children also joined in the program; while their younger peers enjoyed hiking, fishing, swimming and outdoor activities that were age appropriate.

Camp Manatawny is another partnership we are proud to share. Typically only shelter children attend this camp, last year they offered overnight camp to any child that attended SSLC. Students would leave from the daycare Saturday and return the following Saturday. Twelve students were able to participate in the Christian based camp.

Gogglezone-In addition, Body Zone and the Goggle Works Center for the Arts have partnered to create a summer camp called GoggleZone unlike any other in Berks County. Children ages 6 to 13 will spend the mornings at GoggleWorks, then hop on a bus to spend the afternoon at Body Zone making it a fun-filled day of creativity, art, sports and physical activity. Goggle Works activities include time in the glass, ceramics, photography, and painting studios. Campers will explore a different activity each day, at both locations.

Goggleworks-Children and their parents/caretakers will get a chance to explore texture, color, lines and shapes using a variety of media, as we learn, create and imagine together. Your child will play with clay; make vibrant paintings, collages and/or sculptures, all while cultivating self expression and positive social skills.

Camp Byndenwood-Surrounded by nature, Bynden Wood's outdoor mountaintop facility provides campers with a unique summer camp experience. The Day Camp hours are from 8:30am to 4:15pm, Monday-Friday. Bynden Wood's programming is based on the four core values of the YMCA (Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility) along with the promotion of safety, fun, education, and individuality. Although our camp is run predominately outdoors, there are indoor spaces available in the event of inclement weather. Campers are divided into tribes by age with a minimum of one counselor to eight camper ratio. Tribes travel together throughout the day to all program areas. The programs are structured to provide a wide variety of activities for each tribe to explore. The summer camps provided a fun, interactive and educational opportunity for the children to experience the arts, science and technology.

We're now affiliated with the State of PA – Keystone STARS Program:

Keystone STARS- On March 23, 2009 we received our Star 2 Status, a 31, 500 Mera Award, and KEYSTONE STARS add-on bonus for Title XX children enrolled in the daycare. The process keeps going in our current building, as we look toward opening our new building we are better prepared to start the process of earning a STAR rating for our Technology Center. All staff get involved to meet the education requirements. Additional training and involvement in the early learning community are mandatory for all. Our families are able to see we are working above and beyond the DPW regulations to achieve a higher rating in our daycare.

What is Keystone STARS? - Improving the quality through:

- Standards
- Training/Professional Development
- Assistance,
- Resources and Support

Keystone STARS is an initiative of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania. The Keystone STARS Performance Standards provide the foundation for the program. The Performance Standards are grouped into four levels: STAR 1, STAR 2, STAR 3, & STAR 4. Each level builds on the previous level and utilizes research-based best practices to promote quality early learning environments and positive child outcomes. The standards address staff qualifications and professional development, the early learning program, partnerships with family and community, and leadership and management. Keystone STARS is managed through a partnership of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and the Pennsylvania and Regional Keys.

Pre-K students participated in Neighborhood Bridges Program:

Neighborhood Bridges is a comprehensive program of storytelling and creative drama for elementary, middle and high schools. Curriculum based, it develops children's critical and cultural literacy, their vocabulary, writing and communication skills. It is recognized by the Department of Education's Office of Improvement and Innovation as an effective model for integrating the arts with standards-based education programs, Neighborhood Bridges (Bridges) is being requested across the country. *The Program:* Bridges is a 32-week or 12-week program of literacy through storytelling and creative drama for elementary, middle and high school students intended to help them:

- develop their abilities to write, speak, and think clearly;
- improve their achievement in reading and writing; and
- achieve state and national standards for theatre;
- recognize their capacity to become storytellers of their own lives.

During the 2008-09 School Year, Neighborhood Bridges with the Institute of the Arts was a part of the Second Street Learning Center schools' curriculum - a year round Preschool version.

Martin Luther King Day Activities:

Students in the school-age rooms enjoyed activities at Reading Area Community College (RACC) on MLK day. Thirty children participated in reading events held at RACC. No fees were charged for any children to participate. Participants received a t-shirt, folder of activities to share with their families and a book.

Learning Center Recycling Poster Contest For School Aged Children

The school aged children who are enrolled in the Second Street Learning Center were given the opportunity to participate in a recycling poster contest. They have been learning about recycling, building green and how this will be implemented in our new Technology Center (the expansion of the Second Street Learning Center). Everyone had fun and great creativity! The winners of the 2008 Recycling Poster Contest.... Second Street Learning Center students with Opportunity House President, Modesto D. Fiume. Both winners received a backpack with goodies and gift certificates.



Shamya Mathews



Maureen Mercado



Volunteers - Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Opportunity House could not begin to provide all of the services that we do without the assistance of many dedicated volunteers. They help us in almost every program that we offer; from preparing and serving meals 365 days a year to painting rooms throughout our buildings. They are an integral part of everything that we do. Listed below are just a few facts about our volunteers this past year: In the Second Street Learning Center we had volunteers that tutored in our after school Homework Room, those that rocked and held infants, while others who were reading and playing with our active pre-schoolers. Many came in on a weekly basis, while others came in with groups to host special events. We also had individuals that helped with organizing our supplies and there even were groups that cleaned the buses and vans that are used to transport the children on a daily basis. On average, we had 10 - 15 volunteers helping out in the Second Street Learning Center each week.

In the Shelter, dinner was prepared and served by volunteers 355 days last year along with lunches on weekends. We had over 20 groups that came in once a month to serve a meal while two special groups were here twice each month. These groups are from various churches, businesses, schools and individuals that just wanted to help out. We also have one individual that helps to prepare lunch with the clients twice each month, offering valuable cooking instruction each time she is here. There are many volunteers that offered countless hours throughout the year by serving on committees and boards that helped to raise funds for Opportunity House as well as provided operational guidance to the agency. Another way that volunteers were involved is by collecting donations of supplies that were used throughout the year by our clients.

Board of Directors Annual Planning Session

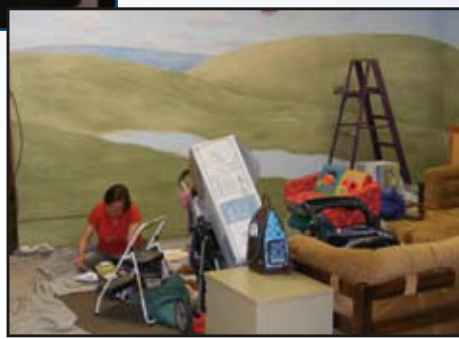


The Board of Directors met with the management staff of Opportunity House on April 28, 2009 to plan for the next fiscal year. The half day session took place at the Penn National Gaming, Inc. Training Center in Wyomissing and was lead by Al Webber of Tweed Webber in Reading, Pa. This was an annual follow-up session to the original Strategic Planning Session in 2002.



Volunteers are Calling.

Committee volunteers and board members reached out to our donors to thank them for their holiday gifts. The third annual Telefunding campaign took place in the offices at Opportunity House in February. It helped to raise an additional \$2,200 towards our holiday campaign.



Mural in the Womens Dorm:
Marcia Traff - Designer



To ALL of our WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS, we say THANK YOU!



Volunteer Jane Foltz (center) teaches healthy cooking to our clients



Cooking groups provide Meals.



Souper Bowl & Preview Volunteers



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Holiday Party 2008

Many thanks to our volunteers cooking groups

Alcon Research
Allegheny Lutheran Church
Atonement Lutheran Church
Bausman Memorial UCC
Bellman Church
Bell Tower Salon Spa
Berks county Democrats
Bethany United Methodists Church
Bethel Dunkard Brethren
Burton Family
Calvary United Methodists Church
Chris Talarico & Associates
Christ Episcopal Church
Christ Lutheran Church
Covenant Church Youth Group
CTCE Federal Credit Union
Davis Family
Evans Family
Faith Christian Center of Reading
Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church
Frieden's UCC
Fromm Family
Fromuth Tennis
Greggor Family
Good Shepherd UCC Boyertown
Good Shepherd UCC Reading
Hamburg High School National Honors Society
Hodnik Family
Holy Cross United Methodist Church
Hope Lutheran Church
Immanuel UCC
Jane Fultz
Junior League of Reading
Keshner Zion Synagogue
Kissinger's Lutheran Church
Kiwanis Club of Reading
Kurtz/Naugle Group
Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Laura Rader
Leisawitz Heller
Lincoln Park Community United Methodist Church
Lord Family
Living Word Fellowship
Maidencreek Church
McDonnough Family
Mohrsville Church of the Brethren
National Penn Bank
Noon Family
Open Gate
Papademetriou Family
Penn State Berks Student Activities Office
Pennside Presbyterian Church
Phillips Van Heusen Corporation.
Raylon Corporation
Reading Hospital & Medical Center Housekeeping Department
Reading Hospital & Medical Center Care Management Department
Reading Friends Meeting (QUAKER)
Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom
Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church
Robeson Lutheran Church
Rehoboth 7th Day Adventist Church
Salem Shalters Lutheran Church
Schuylkill Valley High School National Honors Society
Schwartzwald Lutheran Church
Shillington Church of Christ
Sophie's Portico
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
St. Francis DeSales Church
St. John's Lutheran Church of Kutztown
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reading
St. John's Gernants UCC
St. John's Lutheran Church of Shillington
St. John's Reformed Church
St. John's UCC Fleetwood
St. Paul's UCC
Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church
Teleflex Medical
Thorton Family
Tice Family
Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading
Trinity Lutheran Church of Robesonia
Trinity Lutheran Church of Wernersville
UGI Utilities, Inc
West Lawn United Methodist Church
Wilson National Honors Society
Zerbe Family
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Zion's Union Church Maxatawny
Zion's UCC

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Fundraisers & Special Events

12th Annual Golf Tournament

Once again, the sun shown brightly for the 12th Annual Opportunity House Golf Tournament, sponsored by Penn National Gaming Foundation. The event took place at the Berkshire Country Club on Monday, June 1, 2009. Over 100 golfers took part in a wonderful day of golf, preceded by a buffet luncheon and concluding with happy hour and a rousing live auction by Committee Chairman, David Waligurski.

As in the past, many sport celebrities joined in the day's events. Fred Baxter, Brad Scioli, Jim Nelson, Kenny Jackson, Omar Easy, and Jeremiah Trotter all took part. This year's auction took on a much different face, than in the past. Many large packages were put together by the committee, ranging from a Dine around Berks County package to a Premier Golf Package. One of the most sought after items offered was a dinner for 8 catered in your own home by renowned area chef, David Brennan. The auction raised over \$13,000.

In a difficult year due to the economy, over \$50,000 was raised to help support the many programs that Opportunity House offers. We thank the dedication and efforts of the Golf Committee and the generous support of our many sponsors.



Souper Bowl & The Preview Party

The 7th Annual Souper Bowl was held on May 4, 2009, at the Inn at Reading. This year's event surpassed all preceding years in attendance, number of bowls donated, and number of restaurants that participated. Over 650 people attended and were treated to a pottery selection provided by 14 area schools as well as more than 15 professional potters. This year, GoggleWorks served as the official pottery partner of the Souper Bowl and offered many bowl making workshops throughout the year. Bowls made at these workshops were then donated to the Souper Bowl. Along with choosing a bowl, each attendee was able to feast upon a selection of hearty soups provided by 28 area restaurants and caterers; the largest number of food providers to participate to date! As they did in 2008, the Inn at Reading graciously donated all of their ballroom space for the event. Prior to the doors opening for the Souper Bowl, we hosted the Souper Bowl Preview and 25th Anniversary Party. For a charge of \$75, guests at the Preview received first choice of a pottery bowl a cocktail party and a presentation by Curt Pearson, Apprentice at Breininger Pottery. Also at the preview party Grammy Award Winning musician, David Cullen provided wonderful background music for all to enjoy. At the conclusion of the Preview, all guests were invited to attend the Souper Bowl. The success of these events is due to the assistance of our many sponsors, restaurants, potters and other businesses and individuals that supported us with in-kind donations. None of this could take place without the hard work and dedication of the Souper Bowl & Souper Bowl Preview Committees. In a very challenging economic time, we are proud to report that the combined efforts of these two signature events raised over \$41,000 for Opportunity House.



Other Fundraising at Opportunity House: Celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

We are fortunate to have multitudes of friends in Greater Reading. We extend our sincere thanks to all of those businesses, clubs, religious congregations and individuals who have supported us throughout the year with fundraisers, in-kind donation collections and more. On the next page are just a few who are included in this long, long list.



PA State Police Gift Certificate Presentation



Teens for Society – Halloween 2008

Teens for Society held their fall 2008 event to benefit various non-profit agencies. Opportunity House was one of them. \$5,000 of the profits was donated to the agency for shelter and housing services. It was the third year for this event.



UGI Employees Collected Personal Items:

In the spring of 2009 employees from UGI collected personal hygiene items for our clients. They had boxes and boxes of items that our clients appreciated very much! Many thanks to our friends at UGI!

CTCE:

Night at the Reading Phillies took place on May 29th to benefit Opportunity House. Thanks to our friends at CTCE Federal Credit Union it was a great night at the ball park. First Pitch was handled perfectly by Glenn A. Potteiger, CTCE Federal Credit Union President and Modesto Fiume, Opportunity House President. The National Anthem was sung by April Reed Schmehl, Vice President of the Children's Alliance Center. Funds were raised by the sale of tickets to the game. CTCE donated \$500 to Opportunity House to help build our new technology center. Special thanks to CTCE Federal Credit Union and the Reading Phillies Ball Club.



Stuff the Bus:

Sovereign Bank employees coordinate a Stuff the Bus event every year to benefit many organizations in Greater Reading. It was held at the Fairgrounds Square Mall for three days in August. They have always included Opportunity House in this effort. Items such as school supplies, crafts, backpacks and other educational items were donated to the Second Street Learning Center and school aged children who live in the shelter and housing programs.

Boscov's Shopping Passes:

We sold Boscov's shopping passes for \$5 and raised nearly \$500. The passes were good for one day on October 7th... and offered the purchaser a 25% discount all day from 9 am to 9 pm. This was a Win-Win situation!

Community Breadbox™ Program

One of Panera's Operation Dough-Nation programs



The universal spirit of bread is sharing®. That's why Panera Bread is committed to helping the communities they serve! For the calendar year 2009 (beginning in January, Opportunity House was selected by Panera Bread to be the Community Breadbox' recipient for their bakery-cafe located in Reading, Pennsylvania. Panera Bread will match the gifts made by the community. We will have an update for the full year in our next Annual Report.



Bollman Hat Company – keeping our clients warm: During the holiday season the folks from Bollman Hat Company in Lancaster County, Pa. dropped off boxes of new wonderful hats for men and women at Opportunity House. Everyone had a great time trying on and wearing their new hats all winter season.

Annual Grants Update

Many Sincere thanks to our funders

Shelter and Housing Services

- United Methodist Church – Needlework Grant awarded \$500 for emergency shelter operations.
- Wachovia Foundation awarded \$5,000 for “Code Blue” emergency shelter operating support.
- United Way of Berks County awarded \$77,154 for emergency shelter operating support
- FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program awarded \$57,345 and an additional \$21,366 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for emergency shelter support.
- United Way of Berks County awarded \$5,000 to administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and \$10,438 for HMIS data entry services. HMIS is a county-wide data base that contains information on homeless individuals. HMIS is a requirement of the Department of Housing & Urban Development. The United Way is the grantee designated to implement the HMIS.
- City of Reading - Emergency Shelter Grant funds were awarded in the amount of \$128,250 for emergency shelter operations.
- State of Pennsylvania - Emergency Shelter Grant funds were awarded in the amount of \$45,850 for emergency shelter operations
- Weinberg Foundation awarded \$50,000 as the third of a three year grant of \$150,000 for emergency shelter operations and employment assistance services.
- *Berks County – Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA)* awarded \$16,048 to support drug & alcohol abuse education and case management services in the emergency shelter.
- *Berks County – Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)* awarded \$34,000 for the Aftercare Program which provides case manager services to clients that successful exit Opportunity House.
- *BJ’s Charitable Fund* awarded \$5,000 for “Code Blue” emergency shelter support.
- *FirstEnergy Foundation* awarded \$5,000 for local workforce development support.
- *Henry Janssen Foundation* awarded \$8,000 for emergency shelter support.
- *Land O’Lakes Foundation* awarded \$5,000 for emergency shelter support.
- *Berkshire Charitable Foundation* awarded \$10,000 for emergency shelter support.



Supportive Housing

- *Bartlett Foundation* awarded \$3,000 to support the transitional housing program for families.
- *Citizens Charitable Foundation* awarded \$2,500 for transitional family housing support.
- *Penn National Gaming* awarded \$15,000 to OH to support the transitional housing program for families.
- *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* awarded \$234,983 for transitional and permanent housing.

Children's Alliance Center (CAC)

- *Berks County - Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)* awarded \$21,459 to OH to support case manager services at the CAC.
- *National Children's Alliance* awarded \$9,941 for forensic interviewer salary support.

Second Street Learning Center

- *United Way of Berks County* awarded \$66,636 to OH for Learning Center operations.
- *Community Services for Children, Inc.* awarded \$31,500 to OH for quality improvement of the Keystone STARS program
- *Royals Charities of Berks County Community Foundation* awarded \$2,500 to send homeless children to summer day camp. This was a joint proposal submitted with South Mountain YMCA.
- *Finish Line Youth Foundation* awarded \$5,000 to send homeless children to summer day camp. This was a joint proposal submitted with South Mountain YMCA.
- *Teleflex Foundation* awarded \$3,500 for the purchase of three laptop computers and one printer for the Tween Room program.

2009 We're Building A Kids' World Capital Campaign Grants

- *Sovereign Bank Foundation* awarded \$25,000.
- *Colonial Oaks Foundation* donated \$150,000.
- *County of Berks* awarded \$60,000 from the *Affordable Housing Program*.

The Royals Charities Fund of Berks County Community Foundation (\$2,500) and the Finish Line Youth Foundation (\$5,000) each awarded Opportunity House with grants to send disadvantaged children to summer day camp. A total of 55 children spent one or more weeks at the Bynden Wood Day Camp operated by South Mountain YMCA. The kids engaged in activities designed to encourage creative expression, develop new interests, promote sportsmanship, build leadership skills, foster spiritual awareness and establish physical fitness.



The Teleflex Foundation (\$3,500) awarded Opportunity House with a grant to provide the Second Street Learning Center Tween program with three laptop computers, a printer, flash drives and software needed to implement a computer literacy program. Children enrolled in the Learning Center between the ages of 10-13 will be taught the skills to create a document, a spreadsheet, and a slide presentation that they can then utilize in their school work.

The Federal Emergency Food and Shelter program awarded Opportunity House \$57,345 for operation of the emergency shelter. They also provided an additional \$21,366 of support for the shelter from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Fundraising

Thanks to the many generous donors for your financial support

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Fidelity Investments Charitable Gift Fund
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United Way of Berks County
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The Bartlett Foundation
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Ms. Rose Zobian

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United Way of Southeastern PA
Wyomissing Pediatric Associates

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LEADERSHIP CLUB (\$500.00 - \$999.00)

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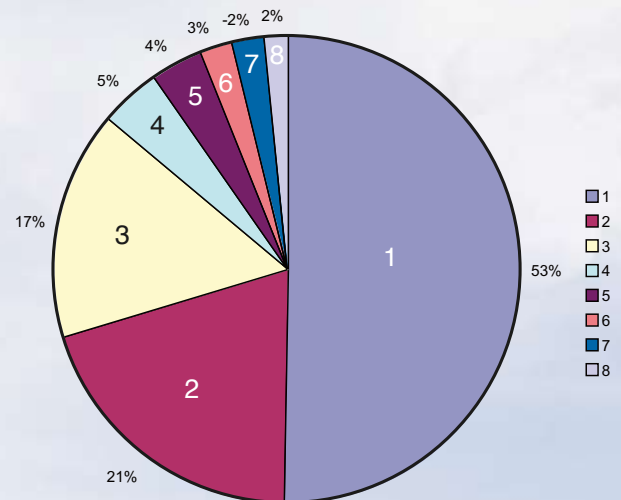
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Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

Operations Revenue and Other Support

1) Learning Center Income	\$1,851,005.00
2) Contributions	\$735,702.00
3) Government Grants	\$582,379.00
4) United Way	\$159,524.00
5) Rental Income	\$128,177.00
6) Special Events (Net)	\$88,368.00
7) Investment Income	(\$79,513.00)
8) Miscellaneous Income	\$60,059.00
Total Unrestricted Revenue and Other Support	\$3,525,701.00

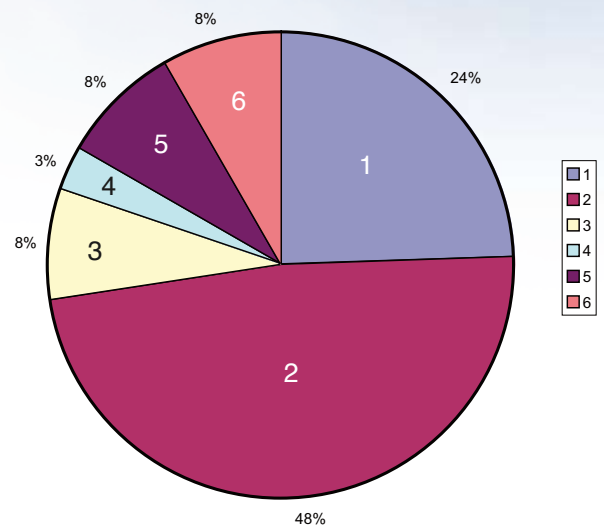
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



Expenses Program Services

1) Shelter Services	\$907,242.00
2) Learning Center	\$1,778,664.00
3) Housing	\$295,449.00
4) Children's Alliance Center	\$113,122.00
5) Management and General	\$303,151.00
6) Fund raising	\$310,897.00
Total Expenses	\$3,708,525.00

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

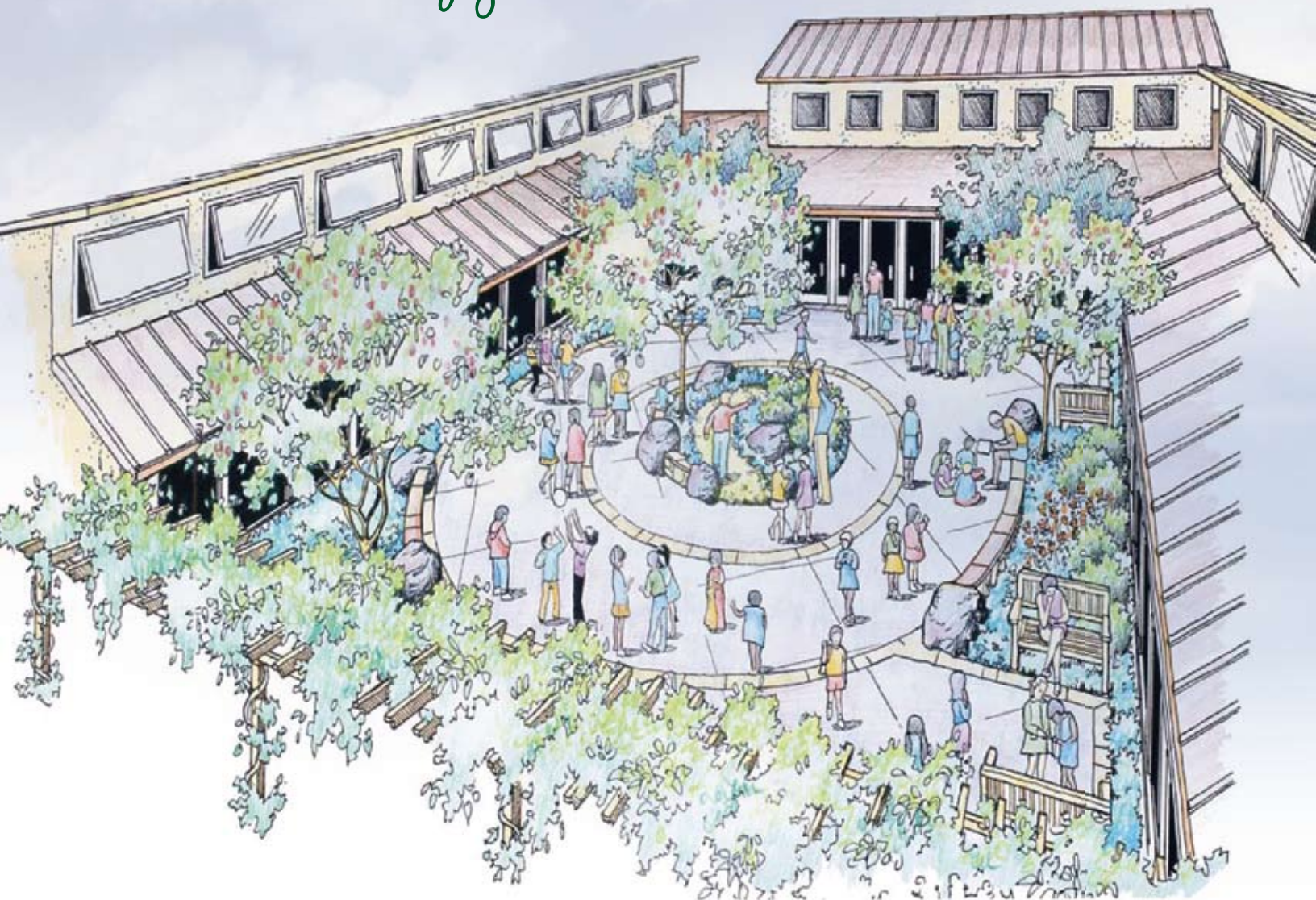


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2009 Capital Campaign

WE'RE BUILDING A KIDS' WORLD

A NEW technology center



Students from Second Street Learning Center participated with excitement by rolling out the red carpet for our Capital Campaign kickoff and some became movie stars in the Campaign video.

Please see our website for additional detail

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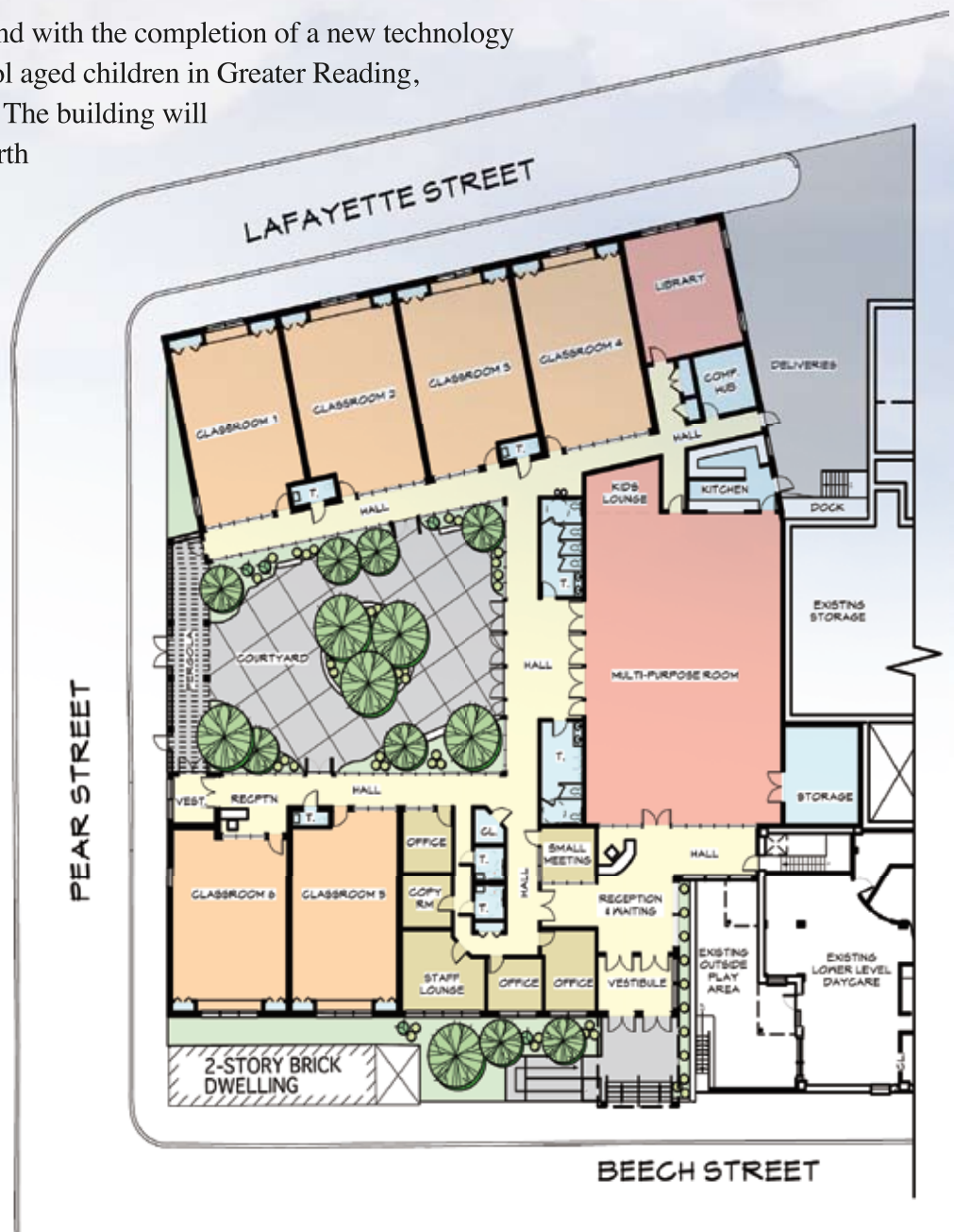
The Second Street Learning Center Continues to Grow... Expansion will include a technology center for the school aged children. We're Building A Kids' World!

In November 2009 we kicked off the expansion of the Second Street Learning Center. As we embarked on an extensive and impressive campaign everyone was included in our efforts. Some of the children from the Learning Center attended the kick off for the new Center at the new Reading Movies 11 and IMAX (Second and Washington Streets – just down the road from where our new building will be). As the red carpet was rolled out, our children welcomed more than 200 guests to help us in the celebration. The Campaign video, which was produced by Ann Howe, from *Howe Creative*, was displayed on the “big screen”... very exciting indeed!

This exciting Capital Campaign will end with the completion of a new technology center to serve an additional 150 school aged children in Greater Reading, on the campus of Opportunity House. The building will be constructed on the 400 block of North Pear Street.

With the need in Reading for safe, affordable child care and after school care, the new expansion will address the “digital divide” by providing state-of-the-art equipment to school aged children who go to the Second Street Learning Center at Opportunity House. This campaign will allow the opening of needed space for a waiting list in Reading of hundreds of children and their families. Among other needs, it will give kids a chance to learn how to use a computer and help them to improve all skills including reading, writing and math.

The goal is to raise 2.8 million dollars to complete our plans. Through fiscal year end (June 30) we raised a total of \$1.9 million.



2009 Building a Kids' World Capital Campaign

November 13th, 2009 – Kick-off
Hosted at the Reading Movies 11 & IMAX Theaters



Opportunity House 1984-2009 25th Anniversary

Opportunity House Mission Statement

Opportunity House is a multi-service organization...
that improves the quality of life for children, adults and families
who face various obstacles, and supports their efforts to
achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and well-being.

