

# Advocates<sup>★</sup>

## Moving Families Forward

SINCE 1988



**Empowering motivated families to  
overcome homelessness in  
Frederick County**

ANNUAL REPORT  
2009

January 1—December 31 2009



216 Abrecht Place  
Frederick, MD 21701

Advocates for Homeless Families, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Advocates for Homeless Families empowers motivated families to overcome homelessness. Our families achieve success through a structured two-year program of education, housing and support services.

**Our motto:  
“At Advocates... we give a hand-up, not a hand-out.”**



**Dear Friends,**

It is with great pride that we bring to you our 2009 Annual Report. We dedicate this publication to YOU, our supporters. Without you, we would not be able to continue to serve the needs of homeless families and families at risk of homelessness in the Frederick County community.

Non-profit organizations throughout the nation continue to face extraordinary financial challenges resulting from one of the worst economies in decades. Nonetheless, I am happy to report to you that we closed out fiscal year 2009 with a positive cash reserve balance.

Despite the economy, in 2009 Advocates provided housing and case management services to 107 previously homeless or at-risk individuals (39 parents and 68 children). Our family participants are rebuilding their lives through work, education, volunteering, and sheer determination.

We couldn't accomplish the work we do without the volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to help us fulfill our mission. Collectively, you have moved furniture, built a deck, repaired and moved washing machines, written grant proposals, tutored children, painted housing units, maintained gardens, and performed myriad administrative tasks. We thank you for all of your efforts on our behalf.

I know I speak for the Board, staff, and our family participants when I tell you how heartening it is to have such a base of support for our organization throughout the Frederick community. Our donors and volunteers help us make a difference in the lives of our Frederick County neighbors who need a hand up, not a hand out.

Respectfully Yours,

Joe Case  
Executive Director





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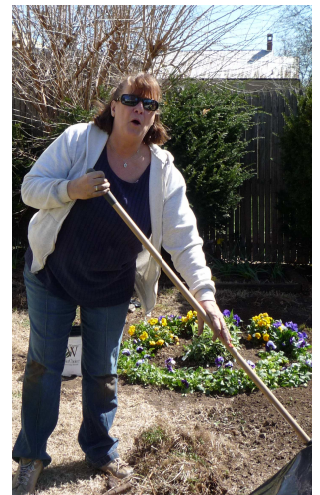
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**2009  
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**From the Board Chair...**

Dear Supporters,

How much can change in one year? Thanks to all of you, a tremendous amount! It is because of you - your dedication and support of Advocates - that we were able to continue to fight against homelessness for families – mothers, fathers, and children in Frederick County.

The poor economy has been a burden to everyone – individuals, families, businesses, and non-profits. Despite the obstacles, you have continued your faithful support of Advocates – not only through your generous donations, but also gifts of your time and resources.

Homeless parents call daily, asking for help. We have a waiting list that continues to grow. Every one of these calls represents *at least one child* who has no place to call home. These callers are not people looking for emergency shelter; each caller represents a family who is ready to work – and work hard – for up to two years in order to break the cycle of homelessness for themselves, their children, and their children’s children.

Some families are struggling to stay in their homes. They are not yet homeless, but could easily become so. For these families, Advocates offers help – and hope – so they can remain independent.

To say “we couldn’t have done it without you” may sound clichéd, but it is said with sincerity and gratitude. Thanks to you, our families have a hope and a future. Because your faith in us has never faltered, our families are learning to have faith in themselves. Our participants, our Board, and our staff join with me in thanking you for your support of Advocates.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bunny O'Dell".

Bunny O'Dell  
Board Chair

## **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

### **Transitional Housing Program**

A two-year structured program designed for families who are in crisis due to homelessness. Family participants live in transitional housing while participating in an education and training program. As part of Advocates curriculum to promote financial independence, participants in the transitional housing program pay a monthly housing fee which is based on their income (less childcare expenses).

Families Served in 2009: 22  
Head of Household: 22 Female      1 Male  
Adults: 23; Children: 36 (19 Boys; 17 Girls)  
Individual Participants: 59 (Adults and Children)  
Program Graduates: 3 families

### **Families Forward**

A preventative education and training program for families at risk of becoming homeless. The two-year structured program is designed to help families who are in economic crisis to strengthen their self-sustainability and independence.

Families Served in 2009: 16  
Head of Household: 15 Female      1 Male  
Adults: 16; Children: 32 (12 Boys; 20 Girls)  
Individual Participants: 48 (Adults and Children)  
Program Graduates: 8 families

### **Grand Totals (Both Programs)**

**Families Served in 2009: 38**  
**Individual Participants (Adults & Children): 107**  
**Graduates: 11 families**

### **Services**

- Access to higher education and/or career training.
- Weekly workshops and support groups focused on life skills education/training.
- Weekly case management meetings with Family Advocate to set goals, monitor progress, and provide support.
- Connections to resources in the Frederick Community.



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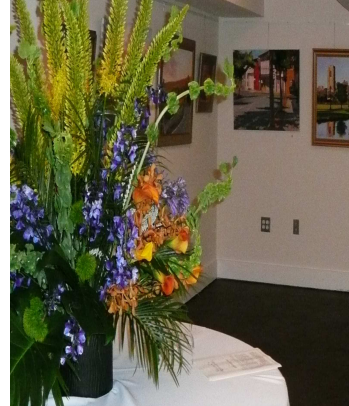
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<b>Financial Statement</b>			
<b>Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009</b>			
<b>Condensed Statement of Activities</b>			
<b>Support and Revenue</b>			
	Individual, Corporate and Foundations	\$221,443	
	Government Grants	\$145,673	
	Program Income	\$24,580	
	Interest and Other Income	\$379	
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>			\$392,075
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Total Program Costs	\$299,526	
	Support Services	\$67,944	
	Fund Development	\$54,328	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$421,797
<b>Decrease in Net Assets</b>			(29,722)
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of the Year</b>			584,518
<b>Net Assets at End of the Year</b>			\$554,796

<b>Condensed Statement of Financial Position</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 104,915	
	Contributions and Grants Receivable	22,170	
	Prepaid Expenses	4,976	
	Rental & Other Property & Equipment (net)	790,319	
<b>Total Assets</b>			922,380
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
	<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	17,172	
	Notes Payable	350,413	
	Total Liabilities		367,585
	<b>Net Assets</b>		554,795
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			922,380