

Advocates for Homeless Families inc.



Empowering
motivated
families to
overcome
homelessness
for
20 Years...

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2008**

2008

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Dear Friends,

Our 20th Anniversary year has been gratifying and fulfilling for the organization and our families. Family participants were actively engaged in the Frederick County community through education, training, employment, and volunteering. Their outstanding efforts and achievements are much to be admired and congratulated.

Our volunteers comprised of students, families, professionals, and individuals have extended themselves in service to our mission and programs. The generosity of our donors and members of the community has been remarkable in light of the economic challenges that so many of us are facing at this time.

Reflecting on our anniversary year we honor our families, volunteers, and donors who in partnership are helping to overcome homelessness in Frederick County. As we look ahead to the future we remain committed to our founding when a group of individuals and organizations led by All Saints Episcopal Parish came forward to address homelessness in our community.

This year we not only celebrate our mission and the families served throughout the years but we also celebrate You – our volunteers and supporters.



Cheers and Happy 20th Anniversary Advocates!!

Best Regards,

Bunny O'Dell

OUR MISSION

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.

PROGRAMS

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.

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, strengthen their self-sustainability and independence.

Families Served: 15
Head of Household: 14 Female 1 Male
Adults: 15; Children: 25 (14 Boys; 11 Girls)
Individual Participants: 40 (Adults and Children)
Program Graduates: 5 families

Transitional Housing

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. Housing fee is based on their income and minus childcare expenses.

Families Served: 17
Head of Household: 15 Female 2 Joint
Adults: 19 ; Children: 28 (13 Boys; 15 Girls)
Individual Participants: 47 (Adults and Children)
Program Graduates: 6 families

Grand Totals (Both Programs)

Families Served: 32
Individual Participants (Adults & Children): 87
Graduates: 11 families

HIGHLIGHTS

- All family participants were engaged in an education program during 2008 which included attending college, pursuing bachelor's degree, pursuing a GED, and on-line coursework.
- Family educational goals also included working toward a B.A. with teaching certification, attending beauty school, and a family participant graduating from Frederick Community College's Nursing Program.
- Several family participants graduated from the Transitional Housing Program establishing stable housing. One family participant purchased a home, and a second family was approved for a home through Frederick County Habitat for Humanity.
- Special gift baskets were donated by civic groups, businesses, and faith congregations to families in celebration of **"Mothers Day."**
- 2008 Make a House a Home Gala** held in August, brought families, volunteers, supporters, and community leaders to celebrate Advocates' 20 years of empowering families to overcome homelessness.
- The Frederick County Community, once again, displayed enthusiasm and support for this year's **"Back to School with a Smile"** with school supply donations for Advocates' families.
- Dearbought Community, Walkersville, MD, held **"Paws on the Path"** fundraising event in November to benefit Advocates' programs. Many families and their pets participated in the event and walked the path along the Monocacy River.
- Advocates' **Adopt a Family for the Holidays** was an outstanding success during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Families received gift card donations to purchase their holiday meals and special gifts for their children.
- City Magnolia Day Spa, Urbana, MD, during the holiday season donated a full-day of services and adopted a family in support of Advocates' mission. Special ornament sale during November and December raised additional funds for the organization.
- Frederick Gymnastics Training Center and over 500 female gymnastic students in December participated in the **"Cartwheels for Charity"** event raising funds to benefit Advocates and its families.

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FROM THE TREASURER

The Board of Directors works closely with our Executive Director to ensure that Advocates for Homeless Families responsibly manages the funds from our generous donors, thus allowing us to continue our mission of serving homeless families in Frederick County. Advocates continues to strive to create more efficient ways to manage the funds entrusted to the organization by carefully reviewing all financial systems and closely monitoring expenses in order to guarantee that we will continue our tradition of ending the cycle of homelessness. Additionally, Advocates undergoes a complete annual financial audit which is performed by an outside, independent accounting firm. The statement below reflects the outcome of our 2008 audit.

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

Condensed Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue

Individual, Corporate and Foundations	\$208,410
Government Grants	130,454
Program Income	24,221
Interest and Other Income	481
Total Support and Revenue	\$363,566

Expenses

Total Program Costs	\$419,903
Support Services	47,483
Fund Development	42,460
Total Expenses	\$509,846

Decrease in Net Assets	(146,280)
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Net Assets at Beginning of the Year	730,798
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Net Assets at End of the Year	\$584,518
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Condensed Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	88,282
Contributions and Grants Receivable	38,424
Prepaid Expenses	1,199
Rental & Other Property & Equipment (net)	834,280
Total Assets	962,185

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	20,659
Notes Payable	357,008
Total Liabilities	377,667

Net Assets

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	962,185
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