

**Family Promise of Monmouth County
Annual Report
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

Some of our more important accomplishments

We provided shelter and counseling to 19 families, which included 30 children (14 of them under the age of 5) and 21 adults. 14 of the families secured permanent or transitional housing with our help.

Our volunteers contributed more than 10,200 hours of service to guest families and served them 11,781 meals during the year.

Our host congregations provided 2927 “bed nights” for our guests.

Four families took advantage of our **Step Up** program funded by a two year grant (2009-2011) from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Step Up provides single parents with job training and education for independent living for up to two years after graduation from our shelter program. It also provides rent subsidies and childcare costs, and covers utilities, transportation and other living expenses while parents receive case management services.

Eight families participated in our **Family Pride** program, which uses funds from the Hope for Children foundation to keep families in permanent housing. Counselors specially trained in family stabilization work meet with families at least twice monthly for a year to help them navigate life’s challenges.

We provided \$56,345 in benefits to guest families through our **Hand Up** program. This program, which is also sponsored by the Hope for Children Foundation, moves families into homes more expediently. It means transportation vouchers for working parents, funds for used cars, security deposits, and rent for graduating families.

We grew to 36 participating congregations, with 11 acting as our hosts and 25 providing supporting services. Monmouth Church of Christ joined us as a host, and both First Baptist of Manasquan and the Monmouth Reform Temple joined us as supporting congregations. St. Luke’s United Methodist changed from a host congregation to a support congregation.

We hired a new Executive Director in July 2009 and a part-time Case Manager in April 2010. Both are experienced, licensed social workers.

About the nineteen families we served this year

Two of the families were headed by single fathers, two had both parents, and fifteen were headed by single mothers.

All of our guests were homeless, but eight of the 19 families had at least one working parent.

Sixteen of the families were from Monmouth County, three were not.

Six families were white, nine were African American, and four were Hispanic.

“My experience with this program was amazing. Everyone has been so kind to my children and myself.”- V.T.

The families stayed with us for an average of 79 days. Twelve secured permanent housing when they left us, three left to live with other family members, and two chose not to stay with the program for other reasons.

Four families were on public assistance when they left us.

Looking Toward the Future

We will be moving into a new day center in November, 2010. The new day center is located on Kings Highway in Middletown. Substantially larger (and with more bathrooms!), the new location will continue to provide a safe haven for families during the day and on the weekends. It is professionally staffed five days a week from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm, open from 9 am until 5:00 pm on Saturdays and 7:30 am until 5:00 pm on Sundays.

Although we have been very successful in our first nine years of operation, the future holds many challenges. Monmouth County continues to have among the highest costs of living in New Jersey, and finding a job that pays a livable wage is increasingly difficult. Transitional housing is almost nonexistent, and demand for social services is at an all time high. With the national economy at its worst point since the Great Depression, the need for services for homeless families – our most vulnerable population — is vital.

Our community has an increasing awareness of our organization and homelessness in Monmouth County, evidenced by over 27% of our recent funding came from individuals and congregations. Our first annual Cardboard Box City fundraiser will be held September 24, 2010. Through this event, we hope to further increase public awareness of Family Promise and homelessness in Monmouth County, particularly in the current tough economic times.

Statement of Income and Expenses (unaudited)

We are a 501(c)3 organization. The following summarizes our income and expenses for the year ending June 30, 2010:

<u>Income</u>	
Government:	\$53,793
Foundation Grants:	48,500
Organizations/Service Clubs:	3,156
Faith Community Support:	43,106
Individual Donations:	10,046
United Way:	17,898
Fund Raising Events:	14,604
Other:	<u>1,302</u>
Total:	\$192,405

18 Congregations
contributed financially.

<u>Expenses</u>	
Program Services:	\$197,342
Administrative Expenses:	\$77,455
Fundraising Expense:	<u>\$23,544</u>
Total:	\$298,341

End of the Year Bank Balances:
Operating: \$84,008
Restricted for Client Expenses: \$74,006

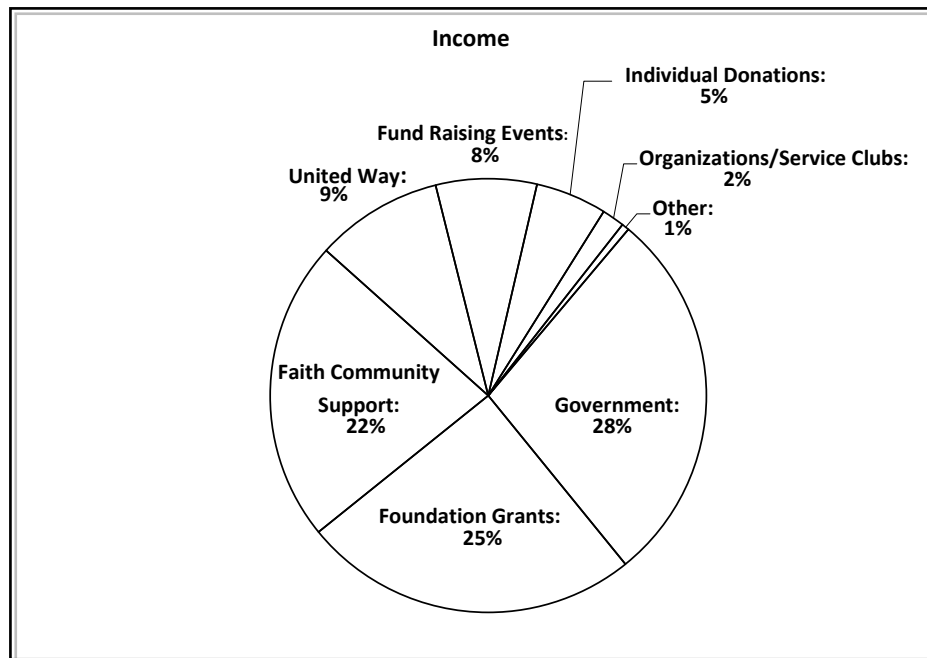
In-Kind Donations

The following equivalents summarize donations given by our volunteers and congregations during the year ending June 30, 2010:

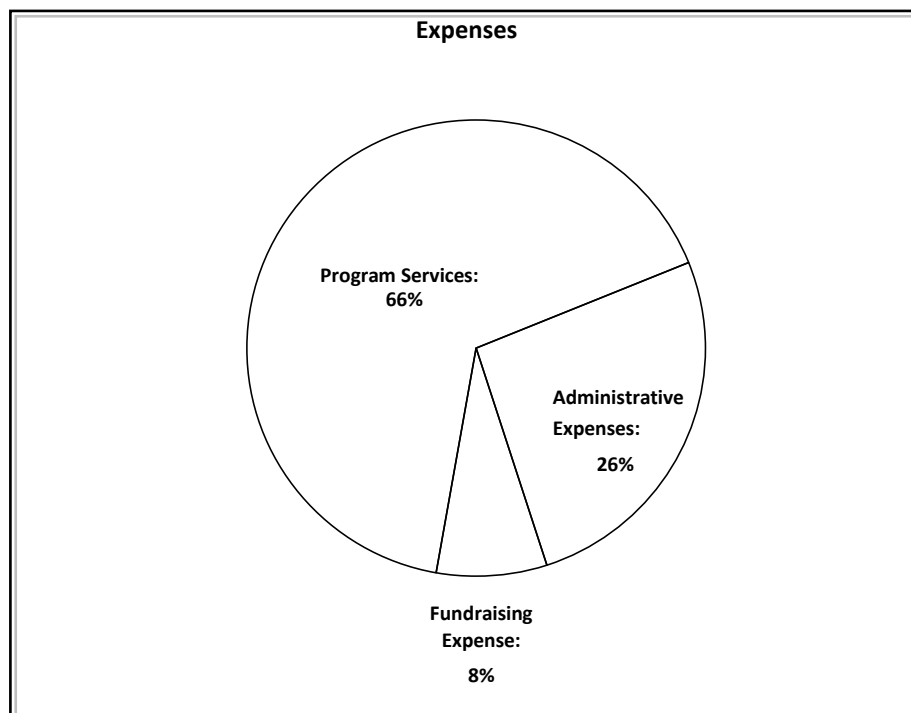
Lodging:	\$431,970
Meals:	\$219,912
Linens:	<u>\$5200</u>
Total:	\$657,082

Distribution of Income and Expenses

As the following Income chart indicates, 75% of income was derived from Government funding, grants from Foundations and Faith Community contributions.



And, as shown in the Expense chart, 92% of expenses went towards the direct provision of services and administration of the Family Promise program.



Host Congregations

Christ Episcopal Church
Church of the Nativity
First Baptist Church of Long Branch
First Presbyterian Church of Freehold
Grace Christian Church
Hamilton United Methodist Church
Middletown United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church of Rumson
St Anselm's Roman Catholic Church
St. George's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church
St. John's United Methodist Church

Support Congregations

All Saints Memorial Episcopal Church
Colts Neck Reformed Church
First Baptist Church of Manasquan
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Holmdel Community Church of Christ
Lincroft Presbyterian Church
Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Monmouth Church of Christ
Monmouth Reform Temple
Old First Church
Presbyterian Church on the Hill
Presbyterian Church of Shrewsbury
Red Bank United Methodist Church
St. Agnes' Roman Catholic Church
St. Anthony De Padua Catholic Church
St. Dorothea's Roman Catholic Church
St. James' Roman Catholic Church
St. John's Episcopal Church
St. Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
St. Veronica's Roman Catholic Church
Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Temple Beth El
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Staff

Shanna Goldstein, Executive Director
Erika Huggler, Family Case Manager
Michael Siciliano, Transportation Coordinator
Jeri Held, Bookkeeper

2010 Board of Trustees

Loryn Lawson, President
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Our board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Colts Neck Reformed Church at 6:30 pm. Officers hold one year terms and board members serve three year terms.

Mission & Non-Discrimination

Our mission is to provide food, shelter and comprehensive services to homeless families in Monmouth County in cooperation with a network of interfaith congregations while advocating innovative solutions to chronic homelessness, and we take a leading role in this effort.

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, or religion. Although we are a faith-based program, we believe in putting our faith into action, not words. Proselytizing is strictly forbidden and guests need not participate in religious activities to receive services.