



2008 Annual Report of Gifts

Offering Dignity, Hope & Real Options in Difficult Times



*The
Franciscan
Center*



Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of our needy brothers and sisters, staff, and the board of trustees, we would like to share with you our Annual Report of Gifts.

At the Franciscan Center, we offer dignity, hope and real options in difficult times. In 2008 we celebrated 40 years of commitment to the poor and hungry in Baltimore.

In recent months we have seen an increase in the need for our services. Because of the economic downturn, we are seeing a more diverse group, including people who, in better times, were on the giving rather than the receiving end of charity. We are assisting unemployed painters, truck drivers and office workers. With layoffs and business closures at their highest levels in decades, our disadvantaged brothers and sisters now compete with more and better-educated applicants for fewer jobs. We have been obediently answering the call from God to feed and cloth His people, but we urgently need you to help us continue this work.

Please help us meet the current surge in need for the emergency services we offer. We invite all those who are in a position to give time, talent and treasure to help us deliver hope to God's people.

May God bless you,

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2008 Revenue

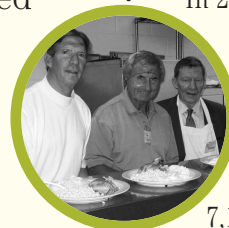
Total.....	\$1,105,972
Contributions.....	541,977
Grants.....	454,181
Non-Cash.....	176,413
Investment Income.....	(66,599)

2008 Expenses

Total.....	\$1,112,744
Emergency Services.....	321,059
Food Services.....	266,267
Management & General.....	201,764
Fundraising.....	136,866
Lunch Program.....	135,823
Clothing.....	50,965

Who We Serve

In 2008, the Franciscan Center:



- Served an average of 402 hot meals a day for a total of 97,315 hot meals
- Interviewed and screened 7,103 brothers and sisters for eligibility of emergency/support services
- Provided 6,725 emergency support and outreach services to our brothers and sisters in need
- Provided clothing and hygiene products to 2,338 men, women and children
- Distributed 2,367 bags of groceries
- Served 3,766 homeless, 2,654 disabled, and 471 elderly brothers and sisters
- Provided 822 emergency and support services to our HIV/AIDS-affected brothers and sisters
- Provided 104 computer sessions, including training and assistance with online job searches, for 372 brothers and sisters

Programs



Emergency Services

Those who face eviction or are unable to pay for medical supplies, prescriptions, transportation or other basic needs receive emergency funding through this program.

Food Pantry

Families and individuals are supplied with enough groceries for three days of nutritious meals.

Lunch Program

We serve a nutritionally balanced meal for as many as 650 hungry men, women and children Monday through Friday.

Clothing Program

We provide emergency men's clothing for recently-released prisoners and

others who need attire for a job interview or a funeral.

Hygiene Program

Essential personal care items such as toothpaste, soap and shampoo are supplied to men and women.

HIV/AIDS Outreach

We provide emergency and support services to adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Health Department

Baltimore City Health Department technicians visit the Center weekly to screen for sexually transmitted diseases. The Franciscan Center helps those with positive HIV results access the services they need.

St. Clare Medical Outreach

Once a week, health care professionals treat medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Those requiring further care receive it without charge from St. Joseph Medical Center specialists.

Technology Resource Center

Men and women who are entered in a community job training program access free internet, help with basic social skills, life skills, financial literacy and resume building. TRC supplements adult literacy, job training and job placement offered by other local organizations.



2008 Highlights

40th Anniversary

Block Party and Health Fair

There was dancing in the streets of Charles Village when the Franciscan Center threw a block party, health fair and clothing giveaway for Baltimore's needy, all in celebration of our milestone anniversary.

During the event, retired Baltimore Colts served lunch to clients and a new prayer room was dedicated in memory of volunteer Dick Hayden.

The joyful celebration brought together clients, staff, volunteers, neighbors and board members with our nonprofit partners, corporate supporters and government officials.

First Thanksgiving Celebration

With the help of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Rho Xi Omega (RXO) chapter, the Franciscan Center served clients a Thanksgiving dinner on the Saturday before the holiday, a first for the Center. RXO partnered with corporations, nonprofits and student groups for an extravaganza that included dental, stress management and resume writing workshops, health screenings, and a clothing giveaway. Although the Center has never before opened on a weekend, word got around quickly; more than 500 meals were served.

Fundraising Events

The Franciscan Center Charity Golf Tournament set records for corporate support and the size of the live and silent auctions held at the dinner following the tournament, raising a record-breaking \$53,000.

The Paint & Powder Club, one of the nation's oldest performing arts organizations, selected the Franciscan Center to be the beneficiary of several events, resulting in a donation of \$27,750.

Parishioners in 21 churches, individual and corporate donations participated in the annual *Souper Bowl of Caring*, raising more than \$14,600.

New Mural Honors

Sr. Mary Gray

An inspirational mural covering a full wall of the Center's dining area was dedicated to the memory of Sister Mary Gray, OSF, who initiated the Franciscan Center and served on its staff and board.



Increased Corporate Support

Corporate support included CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, donating \$30,000 to support our Health Services Initiative. New donors included UPS, donating \$10,000 for kitchen equipment; and Toyota, donating \$3,000 for food.

New Web Site is Launched

The redesigned Web site includes our history, archival newspaper articles dating back to 1978, photographs of recent events, announcements of upcoming events, and more. Please visit us: www.franciscancenterbaltimore.org

Donors

We extend our gratitude to those who supported the Franciscan Center in FY 2008. We wish to give all of our donors the credit they deserve for their generous gifts. If we have unintentionally misprinted or omitted your name, please accept our apology and notify our Development Office at 410-467-5340, x 115.

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