

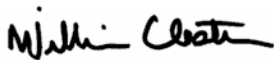
FAMILIES FORWARD
HOPE. CONFIDENCE. SUCCESS.



Annual Report 2007-2008

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Families Forward I am pleased to present our 2007-2008 Annual Review. This past year has been full of challenges as our community dealt with the fallout from the mortgage and housing industries and the general economic recession. It is particularly gratifying that with the support of thousands of donors, volunteers and other contributors Families Forward was able to expand services to more families. We are proud of our reputation as conscientious stewards of donated resources and trust that this Annual Review reflects that commitment.



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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional Housing is an intensive program that provides the resources and support necessary to help a family make a lasting change to financial independence. We have twenty-six single-family transitional homes spread throughout the community. Families work one-on-one with a skilled case manager to mutually set goals and develop a plan to achieve financial independence.

44 Families Served, including 83 children
90% of the families that graduated achieved self-sufficiency.

HOMELESS PREVENTION

Keeping a family in financial crisis from losing their home while working with them to return to self-sufficiency is the objective of this comprehensive program. Through the case manager approach, families are provided with an array of services such as rent assistance, life skills, budget planning, career coaching, food pantry and other services.

35 Families served, including 68 children
96% were able to remain in their home and regain self-sufficiency.

FOOD PANTRY

In 2008, demand for food pantry services began a dramatic increase. No child in our community should go to bed hungry. All food provided is donated by the community and the food pantry is almost entirely operated by volunteers. Families are provided with food, basic toiletries and infant supplies. For many families the availability of the food pantry alleviates pressure on tight monthly budgets, allowing them to make their rent payments as they recover and regain self-sufficiency.

3,556 served - a 46% increase over the previous year.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Serves families with children under the age of 18 with counseling, support groups and other services oriented toward protecting our children's mental health. These programs offer critical support to help children and their families in developing essential skills and communication techniques for success at home and at school.

408 people served.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

We all remember the one saving grace of the end of summer and the first day of school – new supplies! But for many students in Orange County, the cost of new school supplies is more than a family can afford. Thanks to the support of corporations, individuals and others in the community we were able to support the dignity and self-confidence of at-risk children by providing new backpacks and essential school supplies for that all-important first day of the school year.

906 children served - a 42% increase over the previous year.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

The community comes together each year to make sure low income families can enjoy our national day of thanks and celebration by providing all the fixings for a home-cooked meal.

426 families served.

HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY

Providing gifts and practical gift cards makes the spirit of the holidays come true for hundreds of children of low income families each year.

545 families served, including 1,277 children.





VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are vital in helping Families Forward strive to achieve our mission of helping families regain self-sufficiency. Last year, volunteers contributed over 10,200 hours, helping to change the lives of thousands of struggling families in our community.

Volunteers serve in every capacity, from our seasonal programs to providing client services to developing community relations. Families Forward could not survive a year, a month, a week or a day without our dedicated volunteers.

SEASONAL

Thanksgiving • Adopt a Family • Back to School • Gala

CLIENT SERVICES

Front Desk • Food Pantry • Drivers • Homes • Legal
Medical • Dental • Financial

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Marketing • Website • Public Relations

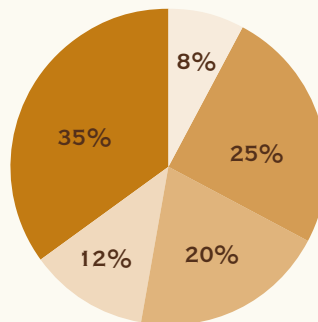


Thank you to everyone that donated their time and expertise to help families in our community!



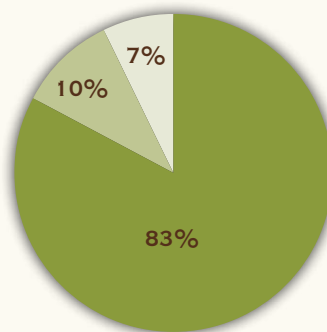
FINANCIALS

October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008



Revenues: \$2.2 M

- 35% - Cash Contributions
- 25% - In-Kind Contributions
- 20% - Government
- 12% - Annual Gala
- 8% - Other



Expenses: \$2.2 M

- 83% - Program
- 10% - Fund Raising
- 7% - Admin

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Current Assets	\$1,200
Homes & Other LT Assets	\$4,500
Total Assets	\$5,700
Liabilities	\$300
Net Assets	\$5,400
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$5,700

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