

# Living Our Legacy

Mission & Outreach  
at Christ Church Cathedral

**2010 ANNUAL REPORT**



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The Mission and Outreach Committee of Christ Church Cathedral seeks to give of “ourselves and our resources,” as “we strive to care for one another and the world beyond our church.” It is a sacred responsibility.

Twice a year, a subcommittee makes recommendations to the cathedral vestry for grants to area programs that serve the needs of some of the most vulnerable communities in Greater Cincinnati. The recommendations are built upon the following priorities:

- Services to at-risk children and youth;
- Services that meet basic human needs, health care and housing;
- Services to our neighborhood;
- Services that promote reconciliation, social justice and advocacy.

The primary source of funding for these grants comes from the foresight of church members in generations past who established the Mission Endowment Fund. Additional funds and donations, again thanks to the generosity of church members, both living and deceased, support other efforts. In 2010, all totaled, the cathedral awarded over half million dollars in grants.

In the following pages, you can read about some of these grants, the work of the agencies that they supported, and the lives that have been changed because of the cathedral's commitment. (The names in all the stories have been changed.) We also have included a section on support provided for several key ministries carried out by members and friends of the cathedral.

I am grateful to the almost 200 volunteers who make the outreach efforts of the cathedral so successful. I am also indebted to the members of my committee. Each is a model of what it means to give one's talents and time to better the lives of others. It is an honor and a privilege to work with these individuals in carrying on the legacy of this cathedral.

Dr. Marcia Irving-Ray  
*Chair, Mission & Outreach Committee*  
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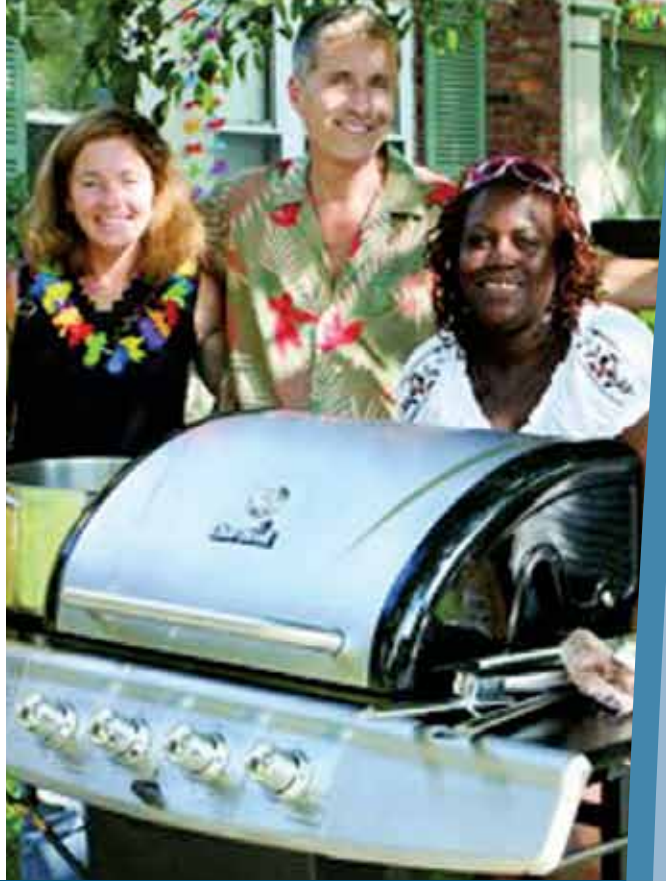
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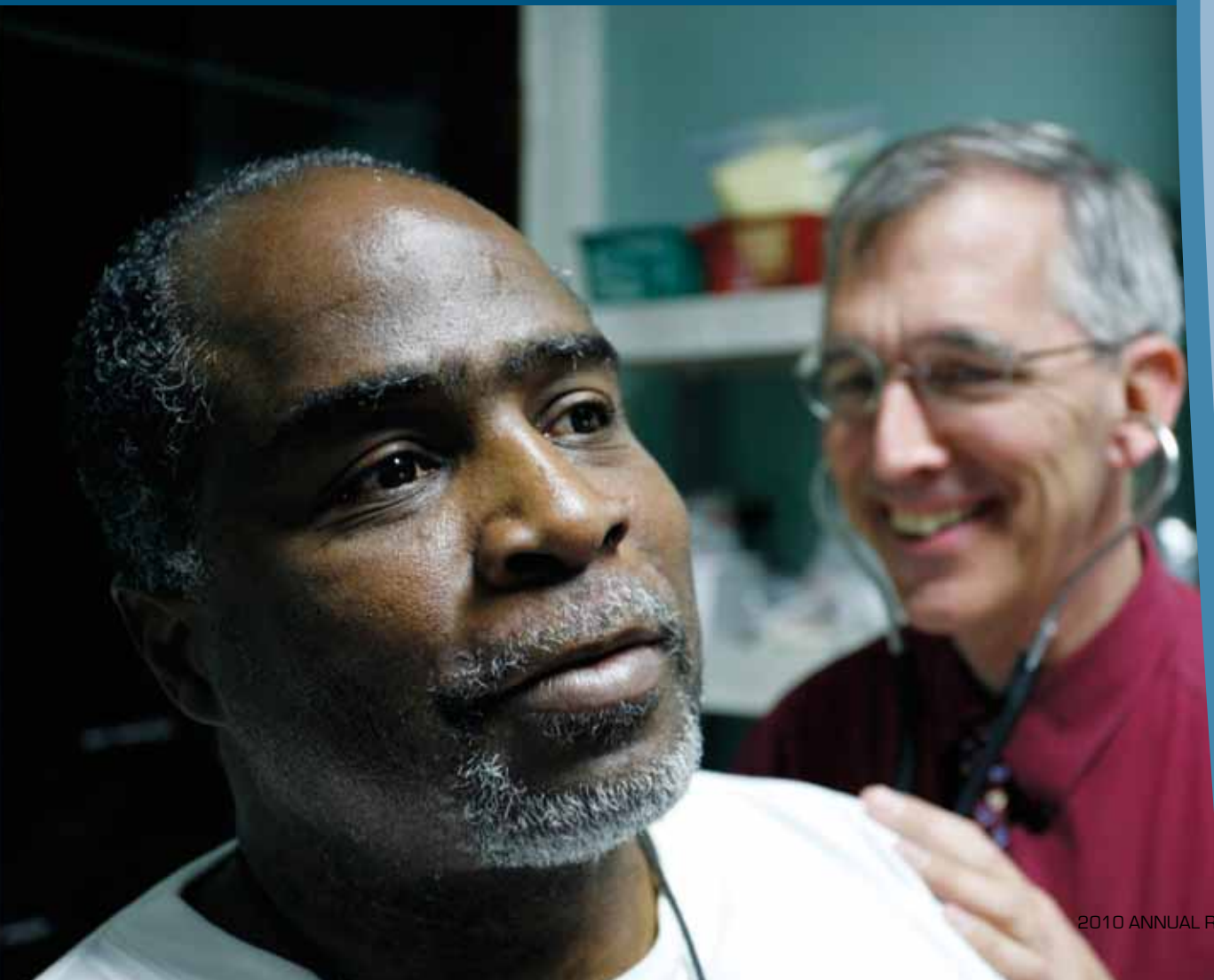
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## Housing & Health



# Caracole

1821 Summit Road, Cincinnati 45237  
Mission Endowment Fund: \$35,000

“Caracole is a small, lean non-profit.” – Jane Page-Steiner, grant shepherd

Caracole offers safe, affordable housing and supportive services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. It has served over 1,200 people since its founding in 1987.

The Caracole House provides comfortable, transitional housing for 11 low-income single adults living with HIV/AIDS. Services include case management, referrals and a progressively structured environment to support residents working toward self-sufficiency.

The Caracole Recovery Community provides transitional housing and a supportive, structured environment for single adults living with HIV/AIDS and who are also homeless, low-income and chemically dependent. The program’s primary focus is to help clients re-learn their individual strengths so that they are able to live without drugs or alcohol.

These transitional housing programs are integral to the process of individuals seeking to stabilize their lives and move toward independence.

The cathedral grant covers the operational costs of two transitional housing programs, Caracole House and Caracole Recovery Community, that are not covered by public or other private grants.

## ■ Mary’s story

Mary, 35, was homeless when she was admitted to Caracole in 2010. She had multiple health problems relating to her HIV/AIDS, as well as untreated mental illness. She was also diabetic and had severe back problems. With the help of her Caracole case manager, she was able to secure treatment from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services to address her mental illness.

Mary stayed at Caracole House for six months before moving onto permanent housing. She continues to receive its case management services. Since her discharge, she has gotten married, obtained an income, relinquished her housing subsidy and is now working on obtaining her GED.

# Center for Respite Care

3550 Washington Avenue, Cincinnati 45229  
Mission Endowment Fund: \$25,000

“Our grant (helped) them bridge a period until additional HUD funds would kick in.” – Ed Burdell, grant shepherd

The Center for Respite Care provides housing and needed care for patients who do not have homes to return to after being released from a hospital. (Hospitals and shelters cannot provide extended post-treatment care to patients who are homeless.) It operates a 14-bed, 24-hour facility with medical care and support services that promote effective healing while providing assistance to break the cycle of homelessness. Since 2003, Respite Care has cared for over 1,000 sick and injured people who are homeless.

Along with its nursing facility, it operates a housing program for those who no longer need the services of a post-hospitalization facility, but who do need stable housing and case management. This program has 40 apartments located throughout the city.

The cathedral grant was used to support the housing program.

## ■ Ben’s story

After a tragic accident that shattered his shoulder and left him unable to work, Ben lost his apartment and found himself at a homeless shelter. The doctors at the hospital had told him he might lose his arm. Several surgeries and many months of healing were his only hope.

Despite the pain and possible further damage to his shoulder and arm, he had to remove his bandage each day to wear a coat because the shelter was closed during the day. He needed to wear the coat to stay warm.

Fortunately, Ben was referred to the Center for Respite Care. The care and coordination provided by the staff at Respite Care enabled Ben to make it through the reconstructive surgeries at the hospital, saving his arm. After his shoulder and arm finally healed, Ben left Respite Care for the last time and moved again into his own apartment.



Clockwise from top left: Caracole staff gather for a cookout outside of one the agency's transitional houses ■ Dr. Bob Donovan of the Center for Respite Care examines a patient ■ A resident moves into an apartment after years of living on the street.

## Over-the-Rhine Community Housing

114 West 14th Street, Cincinnati 45202

Mission Endowment Fund: \$15,000

“The previous for-profit owner and management company had deferred repairs to the point of serious neglect, so it is essential for the continued occupancy of the 28 units that funding be secured . . .” – Pat Coyle, grant shepherd

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing has provided affordable housing to lower-income households in Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods for over 30 years. At the core of its mission is the belief that housing is a fundamental human right. Yet, workers holding basic service positions, such as a nurse's aide, teacher's aide, janitor, school bus driver, cashier or hotel housekeeper, often earn only minimum wage – a little over \$15,000 a year – and market-rate housing is out of their reach.

OTRCH has 360 housing units in 92 buildings under its management. All are occupied by workers or retirees who have low incomes. In addition, OTRCH owns and manages 76 units of supportive housing. These units provide housing with support services for men and women who were homeless and who struggle with mental illness, chemical dependency or physical or developmental disabilities.

Another OTRCH housing offering is the Jimmy Heath House. The 25 formerly homeless residents who live there receive counseling and support services, medical care, community meals and a safe place to call home. “The Jimmy Heath House is the safest place I've ever lived in,” said one tenant.

The cathedral grant provided needed matching grant funds for essential repairs to 28 of the conventional rental housing units.

### ■ Greg's story

Greg, 62, spent the last seven years going from the streets to the shelters and back to the streets. This Vietnam veteran, who once worked for Procter & Gamble, found a home at the Jimmy Heath House just before the holidays. Greg heard about the Jimmy Heath House from other homeless men while living on the street.

For someone who has stayed at many shelters, tried many treatment programs and occasionally ran into trouble with the police, Greg has found a new start at the Jimmy Heath House. His new home gives him “peace of mind and time to reflect.”

His current goal is to take care of his medical issues and find employment. A former college basketball player, Greg helps coach the new Jimmy Heath House basketball team. The staff is pleased to have Greg as a resident of the Jimmy Heath House.



## Arts & Education



# Elementz

## Hip Hop Youth Arts Center

1599 Central Parkway, Cincinnati 45214

Mission Endowment Fund: \$25,000

“Elementz is continuing to expand on its mission. ...  
My visit to Elementz confirms that the concept  
is still working well.” – Olden Warren, grant shepherd

Elementz, founded in 2005 with some cathedral assistance, is a safe place for young people in Cincinnati’s West End neighborhoods. More than 300 primarily African-American youth (ages 14-24) find an alternative at Elementz to the well-organized street gangs and drug dealers with their get-rich-quick culture that prey on young people in inner-cities. Its focus is on the positive values of hip hop culture that attracts young people with its energy of music and dance. The Elementz brand of hip hop encourages respectful urban storytelling through music, poetry, dance and visual arts.

Many of the Elementz youth come from one-parent homes. Several have no established place to live and are effectively homeless. Some are victims of street violence – including being shot. Some are in high school. Others have dropped out of school but are working on their GED. Then there are those attending local colleges. However, all of the young people at Elementz are enthusiastic about their future, love Cincinnati and look to their peers at Elementz to be their extended family.

In 2010, Elementz initiated a program to bring advanced instruction in music, audio production, dance, DJ’ing and graffiti

arts to the older young adults. Funding from the cathedral’s grant provided for instruction, along with opportunities to perform. After the first year of the program, several Elementz artists are performing on their own in the community, earning a small income and developing a following.

### ■ Jeff’s story

Jeff grew up in a particularly tough neighborhood and the violence around him convinced him to try another way. He is now an established artist who is known for both his gritty stories about the street, and the hope he sees for the future, as shown in this song that he wrote:

*Woke up this morning, with a strong feeling  
Head drop back, eyes roll to the ceiling  
Thinking ‘bout my guy, who rose to the skies  
Who are gone and who died, sad feelings, starting to reveal them  
They either in jail or people chilled them  
To the families ya hearts I feel them  
Tough pains even Tylenol can’t heal them  
But a sense of peace is worth rebuilding ...*

# Madisonville Arts Center

## Performing Arts Collaboration

5021 Whetsel Avenue, Cincinnati 45227

Mission Endowment Fund: \$25,000

“This is an extremely professionally run center, and the  
potential is great for the amount of children  
they would be able to reach.” – Kelli Bell, grant shepherd

The Madisonville Arts Center Performing Arts Collaboration was founded in 2003 and opened the doors of newly renovated facility in 2008. It provides a unique venue for live theater, music, visual arts and educational arts programs. Through the nurturing of artists and their patrons, of arts educators and their students, the MAC PAC provides a needed and positive influence in the lives of Madisonville’s residents and those of Greater Cincinnati, bringing energy and momentum essential to true urban renewal.

Among the MAC PAC offerings is a modular arts program that can be tailored for individual school needs. The program, which

includes classes in hip hop, acting, poetry performance, circus techniques, gardening and cooking, was developed to help bring arts back to Cincinnati Public Schools.

Research completed by the cathedral’s Children at Risk Committee has shown that children benefit academically, and are less likely to drop out of school, when they are actively engaged in the arts. The cathedral grant provided for the implementation of MAC PAC’s modular arts program in five

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area schools. Many of the students participating have never before been involved in an after-school arts program. Plans call for the work of the students to be showcased in each of the schools, as well as at the Circus Mojo headquarters in Ludlow, Kentucky, and at Madisonville Arts Center.

#### ■ One School's Story

One school where MAC PAC initiated its modular arts program is a juvenile residential treatment facility for boys ages 12-18. No after school arts programming has ever been offered there. MAC PAC introduced a pilot training program produced by Circus Mojo. Nineteen of the 42 students who saw the opening demonstration signed up for the weekly three-hour course. Within the first two weeks, two students had mastered the juggling of three rings, while the whole class was able to walk on stilts. Paul Miller, Circus Mojo creator and motivational clown, said he has never seen that rate of mastery in ten years of teaching.



Clockwise from top: A tutor helps a student learn English at Lower Price Hill Community School ■ A youth performs at Elementz to an appreciative audience ■ Youth learn to juggle through Madisonville Arts Center Performing Arts Collaboration

## Lower Price Hill Community School

2104 St. Michael Street, Cincinnati 45204

Mission Endowment Fund: \$20,000

“... the work of the program fits well into our social justice mission.” – Jane Page-Steiner, grant shepherd

The Lower Price Hill Community School was founded in 1971 by neighborhood parents and grandparents tired of seeing their children drop out of the formal public school system. What started as small GED instructional classes in a windowless basement has turned into a modern learning facility that encompasses an entire floor of the old St. Michael school building. Its core programs include classes in GED preparation, adult basic literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Lower Price Hill is considered a gateway for many people who come to the Cincinnati community with limited resources when they first enter the United States. For example, the school's ESOL students in recent years have come from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Venezuela, Ecuador, Morocco, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Mali, Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Cambodia and Vietnam. The ESOL program helps these individuals improve the quality of their lives and become active and engaged participants in the Cincinnati community.

The cathedral grant helps cover the costs of its expanding ESOL instruction, which served over 64 students last year.

#### ■ Nelda's story

Nelda and her three children arrived in the United States from Haiti in the weeks following the devastating earthquake. Their house was destroyed, but they were grateful to be alive. A member from her church introduced her to the ESOL program at LPHCS. Her children were rapidly absorbing English and she wanted to learn as well.

Nelda enjoys studying at LPHCS because of the small classes and the childcare services that are available. She comes to class faithfully and is eager to learn. She enjoys singing and reading the Bible. And she tries to keep in touch with friends and relatives back in Haiti via phone calls and emails. She misses them but is also grateful for all the people who have helped her and her family since they arrived in the United States.



## Community Support



# Peaslee Neighborhood Center

215 East 14th Street, Cincinnati 45202

Mission Endowment Fund: \$20,000

“Christ Church has long played a significant role in Peaslee’s history, and this would be the continuation of the work done last year in an effort to help Peaslee survive in a transitioning neighborhood.” – Kelli Bell, grant shepherd

The Peaslee Neighborhood Center was created 27 years ago by the residents of Over-the-Rhine as a place where the community members could foster among themselves creative expression, self-determination and social change. In 2009, a team of Christ Church Cathedral volunteers worked with the Peaslee directors to complete a study that identified programs that it could offer that do not duplicate what is offered elsewhere in the community. New Peaslee leadership is now steering the center toward a more sustainable and stable future.

Through Peaslee’s arts and music program, children receive private piano instruction throughout the year. Other students from nearby St. Peter Claver Latin School learn African drumming. Peaslee also offers a program for service learning and outreach for elementary through college-aged students and others who wish to learn about poverty and its impact on families living in the inner city. Its child development center, opened with cathedral support, serves 47 preschool children. The Peaslee building is also home to seven other non-profits with a focus on peace and justice.

The cathedral grant covered the operational expenses involved in implementing some of the outcomes of the previous year’s analysis.

#### ■ Notes from the Music Room

“R’s self-confidence has really grown this past year. I think music both helps her self-esteem and reveals it!”

“Z has a lot of natural talent. He memorizes music quickly and shows creativity in his improvisation.”

“B has been a tremendous asset to our piano program. Her determination, reliability, friendliness and support are contributions and qualities other students recognize and emulate.”

The music teachers at Peaslee made the above comments about their students. Besides teaching the children, the teachers work closely with parents to encourage support for their children and to model good parenting skills.

# Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses

901 Findlay Street, Cincinnati 45214

Mission Endowment Fund: \$20,000

“What they are accomplishing with the resources they have is remarkable.” – Julieta Simms, grant shepherd

Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses provides a range of community services to families, mainly single parent households, that live at or below the poverty level. Because of funding shortfalls the center has slashed its staff of 56 from five years ago to seven employees today. Yet, with the help of volunteers and donations, Seven Hills continues: to serve a free community breakfast (primary for senior citizens); to run an after-school tutoring and mentoring program; to maintain an additional activities program, again for young students, who are fed a hot supper; and to provide a community meeting space. Staff oversees this effort despite a 35 percent reduction in salaries that offer no benefits.

Over 200 individuals take advantage of the programs offered during the school year. Over 100 children enjoy the summer programs. Those whom the center serves pay minimal fees or none at all.

Collaborative partners play a vital role in maintaining high levels of service without the added costs. Through this effort, they receive the help of skilled volunteers, nutritious meals and supplies. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church is one of the partners.

The cathedral grant helped cover overhead expenses.

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### ■ James' story

James, 14, followed his friends to an after-school program on Findlay Street that is operated by Seven Hills. He was failing most of his classes and his behavior was disruptive. The staff began intervention tutoring with James and learned that he was smart and capable – but uninterested in school. One tutor, Ms. A., asked him about his career aspirations. James said he wanted to be a janitor because that's all he knew how to do. Ms. A. knew James was making and selling CDs for cash. She also saw that he kept a notebook of Spanish words. She spoke to him about becoming an entrepreneur or even an interpreter – careers more in line with his interests. James began to light up at what he could one day become.

His behavior and academic performance improved. But then, his family moved into a shelter when his mother could no longer afford the rent. James began to slip back into old patterns. Seven Hills became pivotal not only in James' life, but in the lives of his other family members as well.

James and his family are still going through a difficult time, but they know that there is a consistent place that gives them safety, support and love.



**Clockwise from top: Children make frames for drums at the Peaslee Neighborhood Center ■ A volunteer gets a hug after reading to children at Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses ■ Students in an adult education class work together at the East Price Hill location of the Urban Appalachian Council**



## Urban Appalachian Council

2115 West 8th Street, Cincinnati 45204

Mission Endowment Fund: \$20,000

**“Though in this case (the grant) is being used to support development efforts and leadership transition, it is for the people.” – Julieta Simms, grant shepherd**

For 37 years, the Urban Appalachian Council has successfully provided services to the urban Appalachian community residing primarily in the Lower and East Price Hill and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods. Through its direct human services, community education support, and research, advocacy and public information, UAC is a valuable resource for its constituents.

UAC programs focus on providing education, leadership development, family and human services, cultural celebration and access to employment and training. Its services revolve around responding to crises, seeing that basic needs are met and helping individuals and families stabilize their life situations to re-establish self-sufficiency.

In 2010, UAC provided community education services to over 850 individuals, while its individual and family strengthening programs served over 2,000 households. Another 2,000 individuals benefited from UAC human services. These are the building blocks for UAC's success.

The cathedral grant supported the development efforts during a year of leadership transition as the executive director of 27 years prepared to retire. The grant insured the continuation of critical community services.

### ■ Wendy's story

Wendy has faced many challenges in her young life. She first started coming to UAC as child with her mother, who was a student in the GED program. Her mother earned her GED when Wendy was still in elementary school. When Wendy's mother passed away, Wendy, who by then had dropped out of high school, decided she would do as her mother did and obtain a GED certificate. Wendy worked very hard in the classroom, but failed the test twice. On her third try, she passed. She is now working at local retail store and going to school full-time for an associate degree to improve her employment opportunities.

# Ministries OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



Judy Beiring meets with a client in the Plumb Line ministry ■ A visit by fire fighters delighted children staying at the cathedral through the Interfaith Hospitality ministry.

## The 5000 Club

Mission Endowment Fund: \$22,256

Outreach Parish Fund: \$2,088

Since June of 2006, the 5000 Club of Christ Church Cathedral has been true to its mission by “feeding hungry people in our city, in a welcoming, respectful and generous manner.” Although officially classified as a soup kitchen, soup has never been served at a 5000 Club meal. Instead, each dinner consists of an entrée and sides served on the cathedral’s china. Volunteers have clocked in an estimated 20,000 hours since the program’s inception.

During 2010, a total of 9,677 meals were served at an average cost of \$2.30 each. Weekly attendance averaged 155 guests.

The 5000 Club also offers a weekly prayer service before the meal. Approximately 40 guests regularly attend. Several now regularly attend Sunday services at the cathedral.

## Volunteer Friend/Homeless Assistance

Mission Endowment Fund: \$20,300

In the spring of 2010, Christ Church Cathedral partnered with the FreeStoreFoodBank to create a Volunteer Friend/Homeless Assistance program. Its purpose is to better meet the needs of the cathedral’s Tuesday evening dinner guests who are homeless, unemployed or have low incomes, through the assistance of an outreach worker and volunteer friends.

By the year’s end, six volunteer friends, working with 611 individuals, had the following accomplishments to show for their efforts:

- 42 people secured permanent housing;
- 50 people found full or part-time jobs;
- 40 people were referred for medical assistance;
- 89 people were referred for mental health services;
- 28 people received treatment for substance abuse;
- 150 people secured birth certificates and other legal identification, as required for other assistance.

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Outreach Parish Fund: \$2,552

Through its participation in the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati, the cathedral provided hospitality for 22 families who were homeless – opening its doors one week each in March, May, June and August of 2010. That equates to good food and safe shelter for approximately 80 individuals, most of whom were children ranging in age from infants to older teens.

Approximately 40 volunteers, primarily from the cathedral membership but also with assistance from Calvary Church, prepared and served 420 hot evening meals, fixed breakfasts

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and helped parents pack lunches. They played with children and slept over with the families in the undercroft. They cleaned up and did laundry at the end of each week.

On her first night at the cathedral, one mother said she spent a month living in her car with her three school-age children before space was available in the IHN program. IHN ran a waiting list for families seeking help in 2010.

### Plumb Line

**Mission Endowment Fund: \$90,253**

The Plumb Line ministry provides rental assistance to individuals who have fallen behind in their rent and are facing eviction. Each week volunteers interview clients to consider their needs for assistance. The clients are vetted and referred by major social service agencies within the community.

When awarding assistance, volunteers consider the ministry's funds, funds other agencies may be able to contribute, and other resources the client may be able to provide.

Plumb Line is one of the largest providers of rental assistance in Hamilton County. Through generous donations of the members of the congregation, Plumb Line also assists its clients with food and personal hygiene items throughout the year. The cathedral grant monies go entirely toward the rental assistance.

In 2010, 427 clients (out of 477 interviewed) received an average grant of \$209. The families of those receiving help included 581 children.

### Christmas on the River

**Outreach Parish Fund: \$686**

Christmas on the River is a project of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey, which recruits churches to provide gift packages to the crews of tugboats along the inland waterways. In 2010, the cathedral created 500 boxes for the crews of 50 boats along the Ohio River, thanks to the 29 volunteers, the largest group ever for this project, who in one spirit-filled Saturday morning wrapped gifts and assembled the items for delivery.

Each box contained a small gift, homemade cookies, a hand-knitted scarf, a homemade card from a child and an inspirational message from Interim Dean Ron DelBene.

For this project, the cathedral had assistance from area Episcopal churches and those of other denominations, Summit Country Day School, Seven Hills School and the Sisters of the Community of St. Joseph – an ecumenical partner that provided the largest number of cookies for packing.

### Summer in the City Choir Camp

**Mission Endowment Fund: \$2,952**

The cathedral's Summer in the City program consists of two camps that provide opportunities for enrichment and spiritual growth. Vacation Bible School is funded by the cathedral's Children Ministries budget. Choir Camp is an outreach effort.

In 2010, 11 children participated in morning prayer, sang, learned about music theory, played instruments, created art and simply had fun. On the last day, the campers headed to the Taft Museum for a field trip. That evening, the families of the participants came together for a meal and a celebration of the Eucharist in which the children sang and play instruments.

### Community Issues Forum

**Outreach Parish Fund: \$10,000**

The Community Issues Forum launched its 30th year of forums in September of 2010. Established as a program that reflects the commitment of the cathedral to the public life of the city, the forum features luncheon presentations on important local and state issues. Scheduled on alternate Thursdays from September through May, forums begin at noon and are open to the public.



Children play xylophones during choir camp.

# Parishioner Volunteer Grants



The Renegade Garage Players of the Marjorie Book Society perform Karel Capek's science fiction play R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots).

Christ Church Cathedral's Parishioner Volunteer Grants are awarded to organizations in which members of the congregation are involved as volunteers. The cathedral awarded five PVGs of \$500 each in 2010. These grants are drawn from the Mission Endowment Fund.

#### **Clippard Family YMCA**

8920 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati 45251

This grant was used to support the Y's Autism Inclusion program, which provides over 100 tri-state families affected by autism with a free monthly family fun night. Attendance at these events averages 125 individuals, except over the holidays, when the figures jump to 175. Parishioner supporter: V. Anthony Simms-Howell

#### **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce USA**

2637 Erie Avenue, #206, Cincinnati 45208

This grant allowed for the Hispanic Chamber's ongoing distribution of the booklet, *Cincinnati: A City of Immigrants*, free-of-charge to junior high school students. The booklets tell of the struggles of immigrants to find their place in the Queen City since the 1830s. Parishioner supporter: V. Anthony Simms-Howell

#### **Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society**

2373 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati 45211

This grant supports Marjorie Book, also known as the Renegade Garage Players, in its mission to provide opportunities for people with and without disabilities to perform, learn and serve together at the post secondary level. Along with the theatre troupe, the organization offers classes in Spanish, German, yoga and Tai Chi. Parishioner supporter: Barbara Koerner

#### **Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)**

632 Vine Street, Suite 606, Cincinnati 45202

This grant was made in support of MARCC's social advocacy work, including homelessness, affordable housing and employment. For 35 years, the organization's Jewish, Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Protestant and Muslim members have worked together to address local concerns. Parishioner supporter: Pat Coyle

#### **Santa Maria Community Services**

2918 Price Avenue, Cincinnati 45204

This grant was used for the Santa Maria's Meals-on-Wheels program, which began in 1972. In 2010, the agency brought meals to 270 elderly adults, helping them to continue to live independently in their homes in Delhi, Western Hills, Covedale, Sedamsville, Fairmount and Price Hill. Parishioner supporter: V. Anthony Simms-Howell

# 2010 Mission & Outreach Grants

During 2010, Christ Church Cathedral and its members donated over \$500,000 to community organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area and for service projects elsewhere. The organizations to which the funds were awarded, their purpose and the amount of each grant are listed here.

## Grants from the Mission Endowment Fund

Plumb Line Ministry: Rental assistance	\$90,253
Caracole: Operational costs of two transitional housing programs	\$35,000
Crossroad Health Center: Primary health care for uninsured families	\$35,000
Center for Respite Care: Housing program support	\$25,000
CSR Academy: Technology expenses	\$25,000
Elementz Hip Hop Youth Arts Center: Instruction for advanced classes	\$25,000
Madisonville Arts Center Performing Arts Collaboration: Implementation of a school modular arts program	\$25,000
Tender Mercies: Support of transitional housing	\$22,504
The 5000 Club: Weekly neighborhood suppers	\$22,256
Neighborhood Outreach: FreestoreFoodbank assistant for the homeless	\$20,300
Lower Price Hill Community School: English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) instruction	\$20,000
Olyer Community Learning Center: Parental involvement; student incentives, mentoring & work study opportunities	\$20,000
Peaslee Neighborhood Center: Operational expenses	\$20,000
Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses: Operational expenses.	\$20,000
Urban Appalachian Council: Leadership transition	\$20,000
Over-the-Rhine Community Housing: Matching funds for repairs for rental housing	\$15,000
Episcopal Community Services Foundation: Grants to churches in the Diocese of Southern Ohio for outreach efforts	\$10,000
Greater Cincinnati Foundation: Weathering the Economic Storm grants	\$10,000
Summer in the City Choir Camp: Operational expenses	\$2,952
Clippard Family YMCA: Fun night for families living with a child with autism <sup>†</sup>	\$500
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce USA: Booklet on immigration for area students <sup>†</sup>	\$500
Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society: Post secondary opportunities <sup>†</sup>	\$500
Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati: Social advocacy work <sup>†</sup>	\$500
Santa Maria Community Services: Support for Meal-on-Wheels <sup>†</sup>	\$500

<sup>†</sup>Parishioner volunteer grants support organizations at which members of the congregation volunteer.

## Grants from the Outreach Parish Fund

Community Issues Forum: Program administration	\$10,000
The Drop-Inn Center: Monthly meals	\$3,502
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati: Hospitality support	\$2,552
The 5000 Club: Community outreach	\$2,088
Christmas on the River: Gift boxes for Ohio River tugboat crews	\$686

## Grants from other funds and donations from cathedral members

Native American Council: Six grants benefiting Native American institutions	\$29,780
The Nikah Project: Medical supplies and sun ovens for the benefit of children in Haiti (Christmas offering)	\$6,052
Foyer de Sion: Sun ovens for the benefit of children in Haiti (Easter offering)	\$5,368



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