

EAST END COMMUNITY SERVICES

Serving East Dayton Families for 10 Years!



2008 Annual Report

Through the Eyes of Our Children

We gave our East End kids cameras and asked them to go out and take pictures. We didn't give them much direction, mainly because we wanted them to bring back pictures of what *they thought* was important, not what *we told* them was important.

As you look over the images in the next few pages, you will see that what our children focused on is exactly the same as what we and our donors focus on...**children.**

East End Community Services has always been about kids. Our first program in 1999 was Miracle Makers. Today, we still have Miracle Makers after school and summer programs for kindergarten through fifth grade. This year we introduced the innovative **streetpeace** for middle school children, and the Youth Center continued serving older teens. More than 150 volunteers, including 70 tutors, made a difference.

From our kindergarteners through our oldest teens, donors support programs that focus on academic success, cultural enrichment, community involvement, making the right choices, and setting goals for the future.

The support from our donors also funds programs that help parents find work. Your gifts help them with resumes, job skills, GED preparation, ESL classes, financial literacy, and anything else they might need to help them move out of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency so their children can live in stable, healthy, caring families.



In 2008, we celebrated 10 years of service to the community. Our most significant accomplishment in this last year was the opening of the new Ruskin School. This event was a striking example of our neighbors' and our community's commitment to children. The partnership between Dayton Public Schools and East End Community Services is breaking new ground in how communities and schools can work together to rebuild neighborhoods while improving the lives of children.

Ruskin is one of the five neighborhood schools involved in an innovative project with Dayton Public Schools, University of Dayton, The Dayton Foundation and many other funders.

In 2008, we were awarded a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project with partners, St. Mary Development Corporation and Oberer Thompson that will build 40 new homes for our families in 2009.

While this report contains facts and figures, the real story is told by the faces in the photographs. These are the lives that are changed because of the donors and volunteers at East End Community Services. We could not do it without you!

As you look at the photos, you'll notice that our kids are usually smiling, often flashing the peace sign, and frequently hugging one another. They are our future, and our future looks good. We thank you for making this possible!

Frank V. Surico

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2008 Highlights

Dayton Public Schools and Ruskin PK-8

- East End Community School, a charter school, merges into Dayton Public Schools and a five year agreement is signed. Ruskin PreK-8 Neighborhood School's Management Council includes two East End reps, two reps from the Dayton Public School Board of Education, one parent and three non-voting members, including the principal, a faculty rep and a member of the Dayton Education Association.
- The Ohio State University begins study of our model, and other cities show interest in replication.
- Miracle Makers increases tutoring services aimed at closing Ohio Achievement Test gap at Ruskin School. Scores show major improvements in reading and math.
- **streetpeace** established for sixth, seventh and eighth graders, and youth begin extensive service projects.
- East End staff and volunteers mobilize support for Dayton Public Schools levy in target neighborhoods and the levy passes!

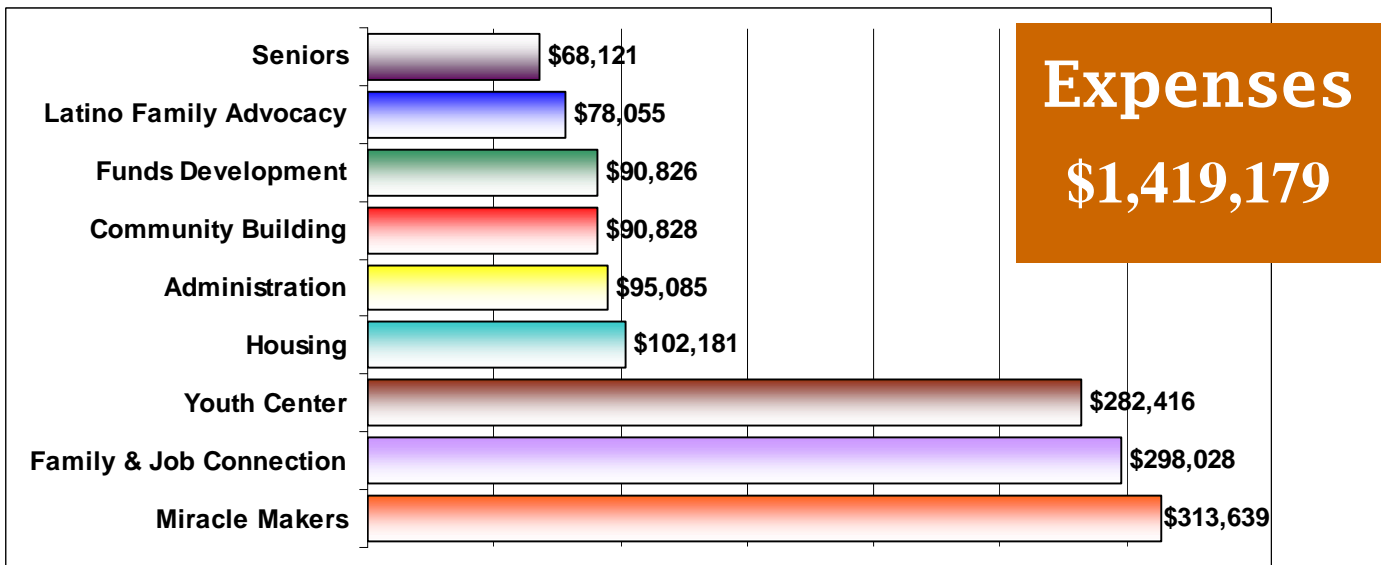
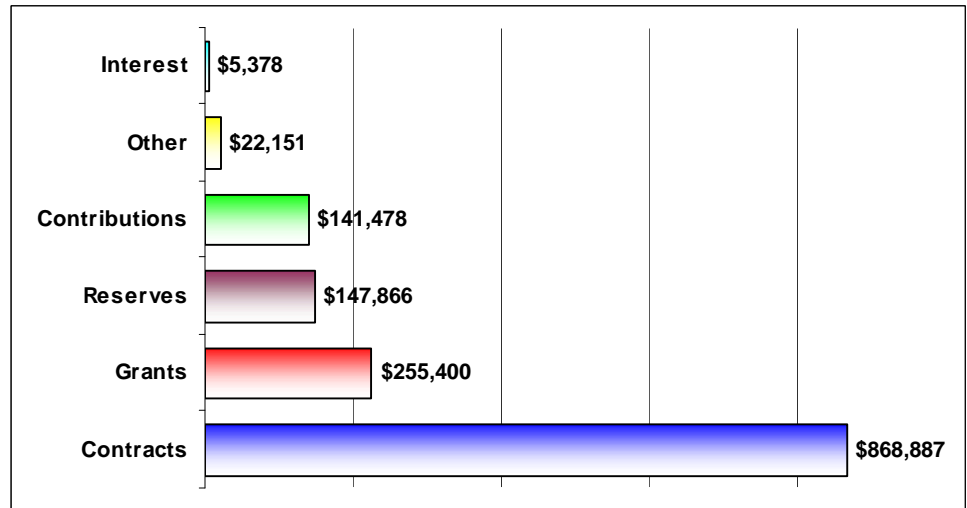
Serving Youth, Families and Community

- The Youth Center begins a new effort that provides bus passes to high school students, provides Drivers Education, and moves into the new Iddings Room.
- Program evaluation indicates youth are remaining in high school, improving grades and planning for college—more than 93% want to attend!
- Our assistance funds youth programming through Affecting Community Transformation and Dayton Christian Center.
- With help from Dayton Power and Light Company Foundation—hundreds of windstorm families are fed, and emergency help is provided.
- East End staff, donors, neighbors, and volunteers celebrate a decade of service to the community with performances from Appalachian, African American, Latino and Middle Eastern artists.
- The work of community citizens and many partners results in funding construction for 40 new homes.
- 88% of all persons who complete our pre-employment process are placed in jobs.
- More than 600 individuals participate in community building educational programs, cultural events and neighborhood meetings.
- We assist more than 100 persons with Prevent Blindness Applications for new glasses and eye exams.



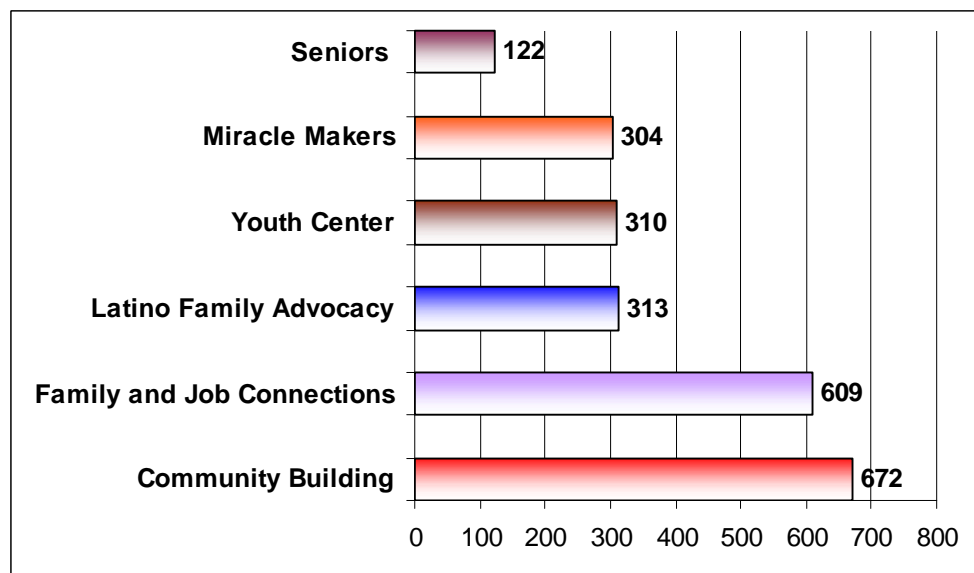
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\$1,444,160



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* Some persons attended one or more different types of programs. Approximately 2,000 unduplicated persons were served in 2008.



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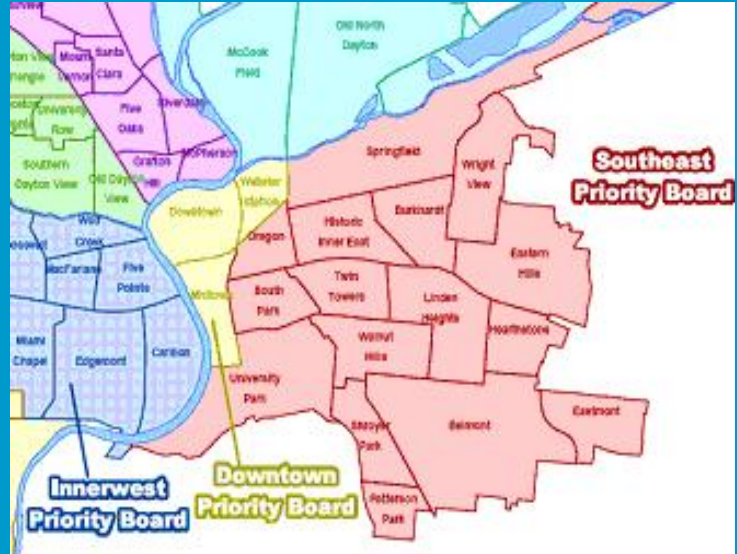
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