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2011 Organizational Highlights

Advocacy

- NEOCH helped organize a hearing before the new Cuyahoga County Council Health and Human Service Committee regarding the need for minimum standards at the shelters. Homeless people sleeping in the shelters met with many of the Council members as they took office.
- NEOCH staff did a great deal work on national and local level regarding the dramatic changes taking place with regard to funding for shelters, and the federal cuts to housing and services.
- Staff restarted the resident council at 2100 Lakeside to allow those who sleep at the shelter to talk about issues with senior staff operating the facility.
- Staff held a leadership position with the National Coalition for the Homeless, and chair the National Homeless Civil Rights Organizing Project.

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Advocacy Continued
- Assisted with collecting signatures to allow Ohio citizens to vote on the poorly designed changes to the procedures for voting by the state legislature.
- NEOCH raised attention regarding the loss of eviction money by citizens in Cleveland Hts.

AmeriCorps*VISTAs
- This program ended at NEOCH after 17 years of hosting young professionals coming out of college and full of ideas for how to reduce poverty in Cleveland.
- Assisted with the publication of four Cleveland Street Chronicle newspapers.
- The VISTAs did a great deal of work on the 2011 Stand Down serving 1,500 individuals over three days with winter clothing, social service help, and health care screenings.

Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance
- Lawyers operated 12 different clinics and were able to see 440 clients in 2011.
- Lawyers collaborated with Legal Aid attorneys to staff a monthly pro se divorce clinic.

Organizational Highlights

Thanks to the Interns from 2010
Jazmine Reed

Thanks to the Board Members who had their term end in 2011
Jacquelyn Comeaux
Jennifer Kocan
Shelia O’Donnell

2011 Advocate of the Year

Subodh Chandra
Subodh Chandra has represented the Coalition in a lawsuit against the State of Ohio regarding the requirement that voters present some form of identification in order to cast a ballot when voting. We settled this suit in 2010, and Chandra helped to challenge a violation of our settlement in Hamilton County. This settlement will govern the 2012 Presidential election and has forced the state to count provisional ballots in a consistent manner in every county. Chandra operates the Chandra Law Firm and was the previous law director for the City of Cleveland. He is a former federal prosecutor and graduate of Yale Law school. He is married to a civil rights attorney and father to triplet sons.
Five Years of the Homeless Congress
Organized by the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
Residents of the shelters and those who are resistant to shelter meet monthly at the Bishop Cosgrove Center. The members discuss problems that have an impact on all homeless people or at least a large group of the population. Here are some of the successes from these meetings and the work done:

♦ **Learning about what is going on in the community.**
This meeting is to exchange information about upcoming events or changes that have taken place for homeless people. The Congress members are informed of special events in the community including the Stand Down, Memorial Day, Job Fairs, Health Care events, Census counts, elections, and immunizations), and they are notified of changes within the shelters and services such as Housing Choice Voucher waiting lists, closing of Disabled Men’s Shelter, move of the Women’s Shelter, overflow issues at Lakeside, voting changes, and the available funds for identifications and birth certificates.

♦ **Meeting with elected officials.** The Congress has met with a majority of the new County Council as well as cabinet members of the City Administration. They regularly meet with State elected officials and pushed an agenda to educate and better serve homeless people. Some of the things that have resulted from our meetings include, the State of Ohio designated December 21 as state homeless memorial day, a majority of the Cleveland City Council and Cuyahoga County Council have endorsed rules to regulate the shelters (still waiting for action), held a hearing before County Council on homeless issues in 2011.

♦ **Commented regularly on Public Policy that impact homeless people.** The Homeless Congress has tried to influence decisions that change policy at the local level to make it better for homeless people. Some of these were successful including, the Office of Homeless Services presented the extreme weather policy locally to assure people were not left out in the cold, made sure in cooperation with Cuyahoga County that homeless people were counted locally as part of the US Census in the best way possible. Members of the Congress became plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the State of Ohio regarding voting rights. That case was successfully settled in 2010 and assured that people who show up to vote in person but do not have ID will have their provisional ballot counted. Congress pushed the County to continue to fund overflow shelter. Congress members successfully argued that homeless people should not be subject to the co-pay at MetroHealth Hospital.

♦ **Received attention for the Issues of homelessness locally.** The Congress has been featured in local newspapers and media including the Plain Dealer, Channel 5, Homeless Grapevine and Chronicle. Also, many of the members got tickets to the Browns and Indians last year.

♦ **Homeless Congress has appointed members to local boards.** The Congress has recommended candidates for local boards and members have successfully served including the NEOCH Board, OHS Advisory, and the Organize Ohio work group.
Organizational Highlights

Public Education

- The NEOCH website had 37,300 unique users viewing the site.
- Housing Cleveland website which we co-administers had 30,700 units with 4,100 landlords listed on the site, and 139,000 unique users in 2011 conducting almost 1 million searches.
- Sent staff and Street Voices speakers out to 30 presentations at churches, colleges, and schools in the region.
- The Coalition assists with the monthly Cuyahoga Affordable Housing Alliance monthly meetings and featured State Rep. Mike Foley, COHHIO Director Bill Faith and a forum on affordable housing in the suburbs in 2011.
- Collected and distributed over 3,000 winter blankets in 2011.
- Hired an interim Executive Director and conducted a marketing study along with a new logo and website in 2011.
- Assisted hundreds in the online application process for a space on the Housing Choice Voucher program waiting list. (64,000 people applied for one of the 10,000 spots for a housing voucher).
- We read the names of 49 individuals who passed away in 2011 and had some experience with homelessness as part of our 25th Annual Candlelight Vigil/Memorial.
- Staged another Hand Up Gala to provide a four star meal to homeless people at the Cosgrove Center, and held a series of Fair Housing educational training sessions.

2011 Donors

Anne Rossi
Anshe Chessed Fairmount Temple
Anthony Pettil
Charles and Rosamond Davis
Church of St. John Newman Youth
Church of St. Francis Xavier
City of Cleveland
Community Shares
Cyrus Eaton Foundation
Frederick and Elizabeth Welfel
First Unitarian Church of Cleveland
George and Roberta Tyna
Gloria Yaeger
Grace Uhle
Housing Research & Advocacy Cntr
Ida Jones
Irene Lanese
James and Michelle Patton
James Onysko
James Rocalli
Jean Sommer
Jennifer Kocan
Jewish Community Foundation
Jill Tague
John and Sue Singleton
John Knox Presbyterian
Katherine Marshall
Kathryn & Robert O’Brien
Lake Erie Monsters
Larry Smith & William Wright
Lenore Ireland and Jeri Lee Ireland Green
Mary Norman Miller
Mr and Mrs James Saks
Mt. Gillion Missionary Baptist Church
Nestle
Our Lady of Lourdes
Patton & Company
Presbyterian of Western Reserve
R. Wilkinson
Richard & Virginia Larus
Richard/Judith Pegher
Roger Cram

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### 2011 Revenue

**NEOCH Revenue 2011**

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**Total** $100,531

**2010 Revenue** $117,710

*unaudited financial report. These will be adjusted by an independent auditor. Does not include depreciation or donated items.

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### 2011 Donors Continued

Roldo Bartimore/Ann Abid  
Leonard - Glenda Sayforth  
Ronald McCutcheon  
Rosemary Stehr  
S.L. Werner  
St. Hilary Parish  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Thomas & Theresa Pretlow  
United Way  
University Hospitals  
Ursuline Academy of Cleveland  
Western Reserve Folk Arts

Thanks to all the 2011 Donors to NEOCH.

Thanks to those who donated blankets and winter items. Thanks to all the donors to the Hand Up Gala and our membership which are not released.
2011 Expenses

NEOCH Expenses 2011

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Donated Goods/Services | $3,290 |
2010 Expenses          | $109,712 |

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David Westcott NEOCH Volunteer of the Year 2011

Brent Stowe

When the Cleveland Street Chronicle restarted in late 2010, Brent Stowe stepped up and offered his design and production skills to the Coalition to assist with the publication of the paper. Stowe works at American Greetings and has a background in digital graphics and preparing artwork for printing. He is a graduate of Kent State University and resident of Lakewood. Brent may be joining the NEOCH Board in the near future. We could not print the paper without his help.
Nicole Evans receives the Social Service Provider of the Year award during the 2011 Annual Meeting in March 2011.

Ice and Leslie attended the 2011 Hand Up Gala at the Bishop Cosgrove Center.

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NEOCH's mission is to organize and empower homeless and at risk individuals to break the cycle of poverty through public education, advocacy, and the promotion of nurturing environments.