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northeast ohio coalition for the homeless

2010 Annual Report

Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
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2010 Organizational Highlights

Advocacy

- After 2 years, we settled our lawsuit with the State of Ohio over homeless people voting and the counting of provisional ballots. This settlement was used as the basis for settling an election dispute in Hamilton County.

- NEOCH staff did a great deal of advocacy at the national and local level regarding the dramatic changes taking place with regard to funding for shelters, housing and services.
- Lobbied for improved conditions within the local shelters, expanding the VISTA program in Ohio, protection of budgets at the state level for food and shelter, and improving safety within the homeless social services.
- Staff have a leadership position with the National Coalition for the Homeless, and the National Homeless Civil Rights Organizing Project.
- NEOCH partnered with Cuyahoga County to assure that every homeless person was counted as part of the 2010 US Census.
AmeriCorps*VISTA/Interns
- Produced a report on couples living in the community and not able to find shelter.
- Created a new Street Card specifically for families in Cuyahoga County.
- Worked with Cleveland Bridgebuilders/Leadership Cleveland to develop a plan for employing homeless and low income people in a transitional job.

Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance
- Lawyers operated 11 different clinics and were able to see 400 clients in 2010.
- Lawyers collaborated with Legal Aid attorneys to staff a monthly pro se divorce clinic.

Public Education
- The NEOCH website had 36,900 unique users viewing the site.
- Housing Cleveland website, which we co-administer, had 26,000 units with 5,000 landlords listed on the site, and 97,000 unique users on the site in 2010.
- We assisted with the Homeless Stand Down which served 2,100 people with winter clothing and a wonderful health and social service fair at the Cleveland Convention Center.
- Sent staff and Street Voices speakers out to 31 presentations at churches, colleges, and schools in the region.
- The Coalition assisted with the monthly Cuyahoga Affordable Housing Alliance meeting, by bringing government and advocates together to preserve and expand affordable housing.
- Resurrected the street newspaper with the help of a group of poets in Cleveland who conducted fund raisers to restart homeless journalism with the Cleveland Street Chronicle.
- NEOCH did a great deal of media work including media attention on the rise in family homelessness in Cleveland in 2010, and the impact of the downturn on the population.
2010 Advocate of the Year
Tim Walters (pictured on the left) retired from the May Dugan Center last year, but has continued working to protect the rights of low income and homeless people. Tim is an authority in Cleveland on public utilities and how low income residents navigate this complicated system. Tim has helped create the state advocacy group, ABLE, in order to help lower income families lobby for justice in the state budget. Walters regularly volunteers with the Metanoia Project and Project Save. He attends the Homeless Congress to listen to the views and opinions of homeless people. Walters has helped improve the outreach safety net in Cleveland and has successfully integrated advocacy with the human service needs of homeless people to support the NEOCH mission.

David Westcott Volunteer of the Year 2010
Larry Davis (pictured on page 2) came to NEOCH in 2006 as a volunteer by way of the Cleveland Tenants Organization. He is a veteran of the US military who has taken a leadership role within his church and the apartment buildings that he lives in. Larry, previously was an AmeriCorps VISTA for a year and a half, and now is a Mature Services member doing community organizing for CTO. He regularly volunteers 20 hours a week at NEOCH to help with the Street Voices project and assigning volunteers useful work for the organization. Larry is a key member of the Stand Down leadership committee and started a blanket and winter clothing drive at NEOCH in 2009.

Homeless Social Services Person of the Year
Nicole Evans (pictured to the right) is the current program director at the Bishop William Cosgrove Center that provides hundreds of meals to homeless and very low income individuals every day. She has worked for Catholic Charities since 1999, and before that worked for the Cleveland Foodbank. Nicole is currently enrolled at Cleveland State University pursuing a degree in urban studies. She has always been willing to go the extra mile to help people in need with programming and a healthy meal at the city’s largest day shelter. In 2010, Nicole worked with NEOCH to successfully stage the Hand Up Gala, which provided a wonderful fine dining meal to 85 low income individuals. Nicole has also worked for years to prepare the food for the Homeless Stand Down.
2010 Donors

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- Presbyterian of Western Reserve
- PPG Industries Foundation
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- Ronald & Brenda Brown
- S.B. Snider
- St. Colman Outreach
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church
- St. Vincent De Paul Society
- Holy Spirit Catholic Church
- Stephine & George Hrbek
- Steven Smith
- Tessy Maridoaes
- Trinity Cathedral
- United Church of God in Brooklyn
- Veterans for Peace
- Chapter #39
- Western Reserve Folk Arts—Woodchopper
- William and Dorothy O'Neill Foundation
- William Wright
- Yashiko Ikuta

Thanks to all the 2010 Donors to NEOCA. Donations made as part of membership are not released.


### 2010 Revenue

#### NEOCH Revenue 2010

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**Total** $117,710

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**2009 Revenue** $222,526

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**Award Winners Continued**

**Special Events Volunteer of the Year**

**Dominica Dearing**

is a graduate of Ursuline College and is currently attending Tiffin University for her Master's Degree. She regularly comes to NEOCH to volunteer, and helped with the Hand Up Gala in 2010. Dominica is the caretaker of a number of family members while she raises her son and oversees a real estate company. Dominica was able to work with her son's music teacher at Brush High School to bring them to the Cosgrove Center last year and sing for the guests at the Hand Up Gala. This was mentioned as one of the highlights of the afternoon by many guests. Dominica is the NEOCH Special Events Person of the Year.
### NEOCH Expenses 2010

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**Total** $109,712

**2009 Expenses** $244,874

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HousingCleveland.org, the website that NEOCH coordinates with 211/First Call for Help has 28,000 units on the site. In 2010, 97,300 unique users conducting 726,000 searches—a 16% increase over 2009.

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2010 Homeless Memorial Day to remember those who passed away over the previous year. In 2010, the memorial was held at St. Patrick’s meal site on December 21 in Ohio City. The list of names of those who passed away are on our website.
Can you spare a little social change?
Below Image is of the 2010 Homeless Stand Down at the Cleveland Convention 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.