In 2009 I had the distinct honor of shepherding Grace Church Community Center through its thirty year anniversary. On May 14th we welcomed back many long time supporters as we gathered for the 30th Anniversary Celebration of Grace Church Community Center, Inc. (GCCC).

For thirty years our staff, supported by the Board of Directors, volunteers and donors throughout the community have worked to feed, house and serve our most vulnerable neighbors by providing stable, nurturing environments where individuals can find the guidance and support they need to lead more independent, productive and healthy lives.

From its roots as a mission outreach program of Grace Episcopal Church, GCCC has grown to become a county-wide agency with a dedicated staff of over 160 that annually assists more than 3,500 men, women and children. In 2009 alone, GCCC served 102,000 meals to the hungry and provided 28,000 nights of shelter to the homeless along with a host of other services through its nine programs.

Grace Church Community Center has truly become an Oasis of Hope.

As we look back on our rich history we are proud that our agency grew out of the dedicated efforts of the parishioners from Grace Episcopal Church. These were pioneers who saw human suffering in the midst of one of the wealthiest counties in the nation and had the foresight, courage and commitment to do something about it. They started a long legacy of service to the disadvantaged, underserved, unprotected and unheard residents of Westchester County.

During the past three decades, the mission work of Grace Episcopal Church has expanded beyond the confines of the parish walls to flourish as a truly ecumenical and community-based organization supported by individuals and congregations from a wide range of religious traditions and strengthened by partnerships with numerous community organizations and social service agencies.

As Executive Director of this wonderful agency I am continually inspired by the passion demonstrated by our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, government officials and generous donors, all of whom have helped us carry out our mission of serving the poor and underserved of our community.

At our 30th Anniversary Celebration we honored and paid tribute to those courageous visionaries who played such an instrumental role in shaping our 30 year history and who have helped lay the foundation for a future of continued service to our neighbors.

We celebrate the impact of your collective contributions to the 30 years of Leadership and Accomplishments of Grace Church Community Center. Thank you for being an integral part of our work; past, present and in the decades to come.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Anderson-Winchell
Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

In 2009, as the challenging economic conditions in our country persisted, Grace Church Community Center redoubled its efforts to reach individuals in our community suffering from poverty, hunger and homelessness. It has been our goal to help needy individuals and families maintain their dignity and build more stable lives with the help of a supportive and committed community.

While lines at our soup kitchen were longer this year, our volunteer and donor rolls swelled to meet this demand, the stubborn determination and fierce dedication of our supporters never waning.

We wish to thank all who made this year’s accomplishments possible, as we look ahead and stand ready to strengthen our existing programs and meet new challenges in the year to come.

Ken Berman
GCCC Board Chairman

Paul Anderson-Winchell (left) with Bill Mooney, President Westchester County Association and Ken Berman.
2009 Highlights

30th Anniversary Celebration

GCCC celebrated its 30th Anniversary at The Ritz-Carlton, Westchester on May 14th. The evening paid tribute to the individuals and organizations that helped lay the foundation for the agency’s history of service in the community.

Entrée to Hope

For six weeks in May and June, GCCC in partnership with The Food Bank for Westchester, Literacy Volunteers of Westchester and 45 Westchester restaurants ran a promotion called “Entrée to Hope” to raise money to provide “Food, Shelter & Education for Westchester’s neediest.”

Golf FORE the Homeless

On September 25th, 100 golfers enjoyed a day of golf at Hudson Hills Golf Course in Ossining. $27,000 was raised to support GCCC programs.

Open Arms Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On October 22nd, Open Arms invited friends, supporters and residents, past and present, to join in celebrating 20 years of serving homeless men.

Soup Kitchen

The GCCC Soup Kitchen is the only location in White Plains where the homeless, hungry and working poor of Westchester can regularly receive a nutritious mid-day meal every Monday to Friday and on all holidays. No one is ever turned away.

The greatest impact of the recession was felt by the working poor and, as more individuals lost their jobs and homes, the Soup Kitchen experienced a 33% increase in demand for services. The biggest surge in demand came from the Hispanic community where day laborers were unable to find seasonal employment at landscaping and construction firms.

Throughout the year, more than 1,000 hungry men and women came to the Soup Kitchen, seeking free meals as well as clothing, informal counseling, referrals and camaraderie. Another 300 individuals had Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s meals delivered to their homes.

The Soup Kitchen receives no government funding and is dependent on donations from individuals, corporations and religious groups. It is fortunate to receive ongoing contributions of food from numerous community groups, churches, synagogues, schools and the general public who organize food drives and donate prepared meals on an occasional or regular basis.

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Recession Results in Increased Demand for Services

- 1,000 unduplicated clients assisted.
- 23,000 meals served.
- 3,000 meals provided on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.
- Meals served by Grace Church volunteers on President’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.
- More than 300 individual and corporate volunteers served or prepared meals and sandwiches, delivered meals to the homebound on holidays, donated food or organized food drives.
Housing Services

Housing Services works to prevent eviction and homelessness through programs that provide financial management counseling, housing referrals, rental assistance and emergency financial assistance to more than 300 households each year. Target populations include individuals with a history of mental illness or substance abuse and those living with HIV/AIDS.

In 2009, contracts included:

**Housing for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)** – a long term, full subsidy rental assistance program for people living with HIV/AIDS. GCCC is the largest provider of HOPWA services in Westchester.

**Ryan White** – a short-term rental and utility assistance program for people living with HIV/AIDS. GCCC is the only Ryan White Housing provider in the county.

**Shelter Plus Care** – a federal Housing & Urban Development (HUD) program to provide long-term, full subsidy rental assistance for the mentally ill. GCCC operates 40 Shelter Plus Care apartments.

**Eviction Prevention** - funding from Westchester County and the United Way Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) is used to provide one-time eviction prevention services.

Project Trust

In 2005, GCCC received a 5 year grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH) to establish Project Trust, an outreach services program for chronically homeless men and women. 2009 was the program’s last full year of operation; the nonrenewable grant is scheduled to end on June 30, 2010.

Since its inception the program has assisted over 1900 individuals by providing counseling and referral services, shower and laundry facilities and three meals a day and has helped 407 individuals find housing.

GCCC is currently seeking alternate sources of funding to keep the program running to ensure that the chronically homeless are not forced to return to the streets.

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Homeless

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Through our Summer Camp and After-School Mentoring Programs, GCCC works with homeless and underprivileged children from the age of 5 throughout their college years and sometimes beyond. We strive to maintain consistent contact with a group of 70-90 children, providing them with year-round access to enriching programs and a group of caring adults. Our goal is to keep kids off the streets, encourage them to stay in school and inspire them to seek a college degree so that they can break out of the cycle of poverty.

Summer Camp
The Summer Camp, which began in 1976, runs for five weeks in July and August and provides traditional activities such as arts and crafts, swimming and sports, as well as reading/writing activities to help children ages 5-13 maintain or improve their academic skills. It also provides job training and employment opportunities for at-risk youth through its Counselor-in-Training and Counselor programs.

After-School Mentoring Program
The After-School Mentoring Program, started in 2002 as an extension of the summer camp, maintains contact with campers and high school age counselors throughout the year by providing tutoring, guidance and college prep activities including extensive SAT tutoring, four days a week. Older students have the opportunity to act as peer mentors and college students/graduates are encouraged to return to the program to speak to children about their college experiences.

A major indicator of GCCC’s success is the fact that each year an increasing percentage of high school seniors are enrolling in either two year or four year colleges depending on their capabilities. All are first generation college attendees. GCCC provides scholarship assistance to promising students throughout their college years to ensure that they are not forced to drop out due to financial hardship.

The academic achievement gap between poor and wealthier students is well known. Low-income children consistently fall behind their peers in test scores, graduation rates, college enrollment, and other measures of academic success. Only 6% of low-income students earn a bachelor’s degree, compared to 51.3% of students from wealthy families.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS
- 87 children attended Summer Camp.
- Approximately 70% of camp counselors were once campers.
- 70 children participated in the Mentoring Program.
- 14 former Mentoring students were enrolled in college; 3 graduated from college, one with an MPA.
- 9 college students received GCCC Scholarships averaging $4,000 each.
- An increasing number of participants in both programs showed signs of depression and aggressive behavior as a result of the recession.
- Donations to youth programs declined significantly.
Rainbow Outreach

Rainbow Outreach provides two programs to serve developmentally disabled individuals.

The Rainbow Drop-In Center provides a safe and therapeutic social environment for 20-30 developmentally disabled adults. Through this program participants gain self-esteem and a sense of purpose and belonging while acquiring valuable social skills. The group meets every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Grace Church Parish Hall.

Rainbow Outreach is a Saturday morning program that meets 1-2 times per month to provide services to developmentally disabled individuals and their families. The program targets traditionally under-served communities and minority groups and provides a wide variety of social and educational programs. Families also receive case management services to ensure that they are connected to, and receiving support from, the full range of services to which they are entitled.

Neighbors Home Care Services

Neighbors Home Care Services, our Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA) continued to expand in 2009, serving 50% more clients than in the previous year. This growth is significant as Neighbors is GCCC’s only fee-based program. Profits generated help support other agency programs which are primarily dependent on outside fundraising.

As the population ages and demand for home health care increases, agencies throughout the nation have been hampered by a severe shortage of trained aides. To address this need, Neighbors opened its own Training Center to certify Home Health Aides (HHAs) and Personal Care Aides (PCAs) in 2009. The first fifteen students graduated in September and all received employment offers from Neighbors. Collectively, the new aides contributed 5,550 hours of service during their first four months of employment.

Going forward, GCCC plans to offer three PCA/HHA Training Sessions each year. This will provide Neighbors with a sustainable stream of certified aides and position it to better meet the growing need for home care services.
STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Year Ended December 31, 2009*
*(UNAUDITED)

REVENUES
Government Contracts 4,697,513
Fundraising
Grants 109,657
Contributions 210,014
Capital Campaign-Building 3,100
Events & Mailings 142,656
United Way Allocations 1,500
Program Service Fees 3,018,296
Client and Third Party Repayments 51,581
Investment Income 1,287
Other 143,726
TOTAL REVENUES 8,379,331

OPERATING EXPENSES
Program Services 7,682,241
Management and General 682,127
Fundraising 39,477
TOTAL EXPENSES 8,403,845

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (24,514)

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1,502,558

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR 1,478,044

ASSETS
Current Assets
Cash and Cash Equivalents 6,943
Receivables 1,429,327
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets 8,102
Fixed Assets
Property and Equipment Net of Depreciation 2,352,318
Other Assets
Security Deposits/Notes Receivable 84,991

TOTAL ASSETS 3,881,681

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE
Current Liabilities
Accounts Payable 129,494
Accrued Expenses 61,219
Notes Payable-Line of Credit 614,132
Current Portion of Notes Payable 15,869
Current Portion of Mortgage Payable 30,219
Other Current Liabilities 141,893
Long-Term Liabilities
Notes Payable 9,461
Mortgage Payable 1,401,351

TOTAL LIABILITIES 2,403,637

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted 1,402,502
Permanently Restricted 75,543

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE 3,881,681
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Grace Church Community Center wishes to thank each and every one of our donors. Without the help of the individuals, corporations, foundations, community groups and religious organizations who so generously support us every year through their financial and in-kind donations and their volunteer services, we would be unable to continue to assist our most vulnerable neighbors. If your name or organization has been omitted from our List of Donors in error we apologize.

Please contact the GCCC Development Office at (914) 949-3098 ext. 135 to advise us of any corrections or to obtain additional information about our agency or its programs.

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Volunteers from Singer Direct lend a hand at the annual Summer Camp Carnival Day.

Betsy Davis, Key Bank and Cindy Hecht, Hitachi with Lesma Howard-Zepeda, Director of Neighbors Home Care Services and Paul Anderson-Winchell at HHA Graduation.

TD Bank donated space for a corporate reception. From left - Diane Wilhelm, Branch Manager, Bill Mooney, President Westchester County Association, Paul Anderson-Winchell and Ale Frederico, TD Bank.

Charles Cohen (left) of Cohen Brothers Realty donated coats from a coat drive run with Cappelli Enterprises, Calano & Calano, LLP and the New York Power Authority. Also shown, Paul Anderson-Winchell and Mayor Joseph Delfino.

Volunteers Barbara Marciano and Pat Caruso help out at the GCCC Tag Sale.

Rainbow Outreach volunteers, Eleanor Smith and Diane Anderson.

Mike Rotundo assists a Tag Sale shopper.

Sharon Hernandez from Avon attends “Women of Strength Day”.

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