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Peace  
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Center



## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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## From the Executive Director

Dear Peace Family,

2011 marked the 40th anniversary of the existence of Peace Neighborhood Center. On behalf of all of us in the Peace Family, I want to thank you for your support and generosity over the course of this forty-year journey. We could not have reached this milestone without your help. We ask that you please take a moment to feel proud of what you have helped achieve. This past year alone, Peace Neighborhood Center offered after school programming to 145 area children and Summer Day Camp activities to 160 kids throughout Washtenaw County. We also provided Eviction Prevention, Utility Assistance & Family Enrichment activities to 180 families, as well as helping an unprecedented 320 families with Holiday Toy & Food Assistance. Overall, Peace touched the lives of over 3,000 individuals throughout 2011. What a year! The greatest part is that this kind of service is the norm for a year at Peace Neighborhood Center.



Having once been a youth in programs, I have had the pleasure of seeing this organization from all angles over the last thirty-plus years – first from the perspective of a client, then as a staff member and now the Executive Director. I know firsthand the important roles Peace has played and continues to play in the lives of those we serve. Since its earliest days, Peace Neighborhood Center has been a shoulder to cry on, the friend to rely on and the voice of reason to countless individuals mired in the most difficult of circumstances. We have helped keep the lights on, the eviction notice off the door, the car running and food on the table. We have stepped in when addiction and psychological issues have wounded families. We have advocated on behalf of those in trouble with the law, fighting for their second chance and helping to mitigate the damage to their family. Perhaps most importantly, Peace has played the role of parent for those children in need of a strong, caring and capable mom or dad.

From Peace's humble beginnings in the old Peace Lutheran Church building to the robust continuum of services we offer today, it has been its wonderful supporters who have allowed us to do the work that needs to be done in this community. We thank you for your stewardship and ask for your continued support as we look forward to the next forty years and beyond!

In Service,

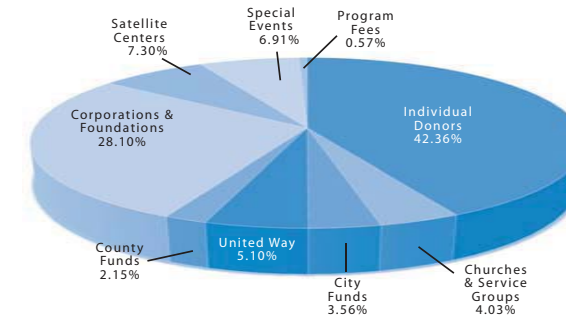
Bonnie Billups, Jr.  
Executive Director

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# Financials & Programs

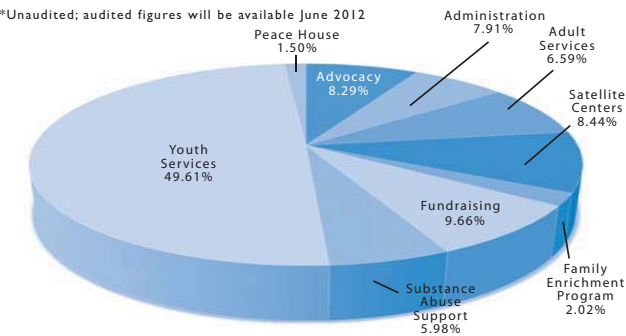
## 2011 Financial Summary\*

Revenue	
Individual Donors	\$287,450
Churches and Service Groups	27,330
Office of Community Development (City Funds)	24,160
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Washtenaw United Way	34,502
Corporations and Foundations	190,387
Satellite Centers (Ann Arbor Housing Commission)	49,543
Special Events	46,887
Program Fees	3,870
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$678,589</b>



Expenses	
Administration	\$49,845
Adult Services	41,489
Advocacy	52,169
Fundraising	60,872
Family Enrichment Program	12,745
Satellite Centers	53,144
Substance Abuse Support	37,692
Youth Services	312,455
Peace House	9,455
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$629,866</b>

\*Unaudited; audited figures will be available June 2012



## YOUTH SERVICES

REACH After School Program

Alternatives for Youth

College & Career Prep

Leaders in Training

Rising Sons Mentorship for Boys

STARS Mentorship for Girls

Performance Arts Academy

Summer Day Camp

## ADULT SERVICES

Substance Abuse Recovery

Advocacy

Eviction Prevention

Utility Assistance

Job Placement & Retention Services

Transitional Housing

Family Enrichment Program

# Youth Services

One of the cornerstones of Peace's mission is to break the cycle of poverty through its strong focus on education. In its 40 year history, Peace Neighborhood Center has helped youth affected by lower economic and social standing to discover options and make choices that lead them to self-sufficiency as they transition into successful adult lives.



Peace's Youth Services include the REACH After School Program for K-5th grade students and the Alternatives for Youth After School Program for 6th-8th grade students. Additional educational and emotional support to each child is provided by: Performance Arts Academy, Rising Sons Mentorship for Boys, STARS Mentorship for Girls, Summer Day Camp, Leadership Development Camp and the College & Career Prep Club.



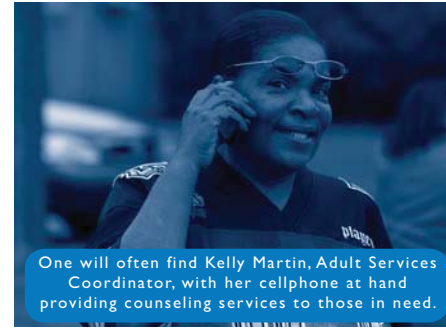
## Stories of Change

This year, more than 110 youth participated in our summer learning project as a part of Summer Day Camp. Our two week Academic Camp assisted 25 youth with academic refresher activities utilizing teachers from Ann Arbor Public Schools as well as community volunteers. This program was designed using evidence-based methods to improve academic outcomes. We are proud to report that we have seen tremendous academic growth from this group of kids in the current school year.



# Adult & Family Services

The declining economy in Washtenaw County has continued to negatively impact the families we serve. Unfortunately, Peace is not equipped with enough staff members or resources to help everyone. In 2011, Peace addressed this problem by shifting our focus for Adult & Family Services to those families already directly connected with our programs.



One will often find Kelly Martin, Adult Services Coordinator, with her cellphone at hand providing counseling services to those in need.

Even with limiting our scope, your generous donations allowed Peace to help 117 households to stay in their homes and/or maintain their utilities. PNC Adult Services also touched the lives of over 270 individuals this past year through its substance abuse recovery programs and N/A & A/A supported activities.



Peace Neighborhood Center Adult & Family Services is comprised of a number of programs. These include: the Family Enrichment Program, Counseling Services, Jobs Placement and Retention Services, Emergency Assistance and Advocacy Programs. Whether it is preventing a family's heat from being shut off, helping a parent navigate the financial aid system or simply driving a client to a job interview, Peace staff members find creative ways to provide services when families need it most.



## Stories of Change

Peace Adult & Family Services perhaps more than any other part of Peace programs support change. Like the changes in the lives of Jason and Latina who were afraid to go back to school. Thanks in large part to their involvement with Peace, both found the courage and means to do so and are now both Certified Nurse Assistants.

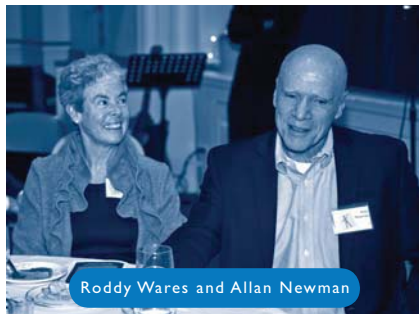
Change like this happens regularly at Peace. Take Candice, a single parent of four children. With help from both our Adult and Youth Services, she recently graduated with a teaching degree for secondary education. These programs help to break cycles and chart new paths for the generations to come.





# Thanks for Giving 2011

On November 23rd, close to 200 supporters gathered together for the 11th Annual Thanks for Giving Benefit Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church. The 2011 dinner honored former board president Allan Newman and former staff member Roddy Wares for their many years of generous contributions and tireless effort on behalf of Peace Neighborhood Center and the families we serve.



Roddy Wares and Allan Newman

As always, the food was delicious, especially Rose's famous ribs and sweet-potato pies!



In addition to the evening's honorees, the crowd was treated to a wonderful performance by the young members of Peace's Performance Arts Academy, accompanied by University of Michigan School of Social Work intern Joe Reilly.



Current Board President Amy Pachera addresses the crowd.

# College & Career Prep Club



Talasha relates her inspirational story.

Peace took the opportunity at this year's dinner to talk about this important program by inviting back Talasha, a recent graduate of Southern University with a degree in rehabilitation counseling, to talk about her experiences at Peace and how they helped her succeed.



Peace teen Khalil accepts his Leadership Award from Program Director Paul Johnson.

## Stories of Change

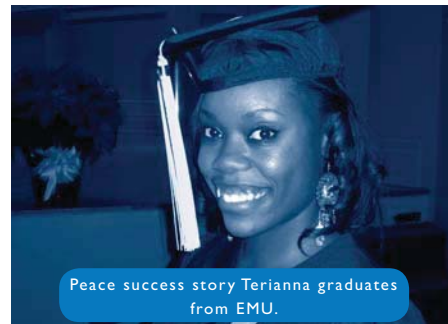
This year, Peace's College & Career Prep Club has celebrated change with many young people who have come up through Peace's Youth Services to achieve great things. In addition to Talasha (above) who is now employed as a counselor at a residential group home for teen girls, 2011 also saw Brian graduate from EMU on his way to attending graduate school at U of M and Terianna graduate from EMU on her way to accepting a position as a registered nurse. The Peace family is very proud of all these first generation college students and will continue to support them as they set new courses for success.

The youth Peace works with often come from low-income homes. Most do not believe that higher education and a stable career will ever be a reality. Most of their family members haven't attended college and are either under-employed or not employed at all. Those who aspire to go to college typically don't have the guidance and support needed to take the right courses in high school, complete the proper paperwork for admission or even to visit a college or university – much less the support needed to succeed once they reach the next level of education. The Peace College & Career Prep Club (CCPC) seeks to change all that by focusing on getting young people ready for that next crucial step in life.



Peace teen Nikko graduates from high school on his way to attending Washtenaw Community College

With an outpouring of generosity, Peace was able to raise more than double the goal to help fund the program for the current year in the span of just a few minutes! We would like to thank our supporters once again for this unexpected and truly special night. Thank you!



Peace success story Terianna graduates from EMU.

# Forty Years of Helping Hands



Over 300 of our closest friends helped us put an exclamation point on our first 40 years.



State Senator Rebekah Warren bestows a state proclamation on Peace.

On June 23rd, Peace Neighborhood Center celebrated its 40th Anniversary. Commemorating this milestone, Peace held a Birthday Block Party Celebration sponsored by local area businesses and organizations. In addition to being a fun time, the event gave Peace a chance to honor Rose Martin for her many years as the driving force behind the organization. It was terrific to reconnect with so many of the individuals who have been integral in Peace's success over the years and we now look forward to the next 40 years!



Former Executive Director Rose Martin accepts an award honoring her lifetime of service.



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## Thank You to Our Donors!

Since Peace's beginning forty years ago, we have been blessed with a committed group of donors who have ensured that Peace can not only afford its primary programs, but can continue to evolve to meet the needs of those it serves. 2011 saw even more need than usual, with many donors contributing to special funds geared toward specific programs. Thanks to these donors, Peace Neighborhood Center's Summer Day Camp program, College & Career Prep Club and the Rose Martin Tribute Fund for Adult Advocacy saw significant increases in support that allowed them to assist more individuals than ever before. Additionally, this year's Thanks for Giving Benefit Dinner was the most successful in its 11 year history. Thanks to an outpouring of support from contributors, Peace also served over 320 families through inkind donations and holiday help.

Please use this key in acknowledging the following donors for their tremendous efforts throughout 2011:

- ◆ Summer Day Camp Contributor
- College & Career Prep Club Contributor
- # Youth Services Leadership Gift Contributor
- Rose Martin Tribute Fund for Adult Advocacy Contributor
- ⌘ Thanks for Giving Benefit Dinner Contributor
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We apologize in advance if in the process of assembling this report, we have left any of you out. Thank you for your understanding!

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