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From the Executive Director

Dear Peace Family,

As we were preparing this Annual Report, Rose Martin passed away on January 22nd, 2013. For 30 years (1976-2006), she was our Executive Director and visionary. Words can never fully describe her influence and contribution to my life and the lives of so many throughout our community. I first met Rose in 1971 when I was ten years of age. She had recently moved to Ann Arbor from Camden, New Jersey and was the coordinator of a program called Operation Education. This program took low-income children on trips to educational places of interest around the country. The first trip I attended was a camping trip to Manistee. Even though I was only 10, Rose put me and Gary Cooper in charge of organizing the camp. That was the start of a 42 year journey!



Her example of living in service to humanity is her legacy to us. I shall continue to attempt to live up to that example. The tears I have cried have been tears of thanks for our lives crossing and intertwining. I have hundreds of Rose stories to hold in my heart and I'm so glad that many of you were able to breathe in her spirit as well. Hold that feeling in your memory and use it as inspiration to continue to serve those in need. I am!

In Service,

Bonnie Billups, Jr.
Executive Director

Please see some of the outpouring of remembrances of Rose from members of the Peace Family on page 8 and 9 of this report.



One Rose Blooming

In Remembrance Of the Life of

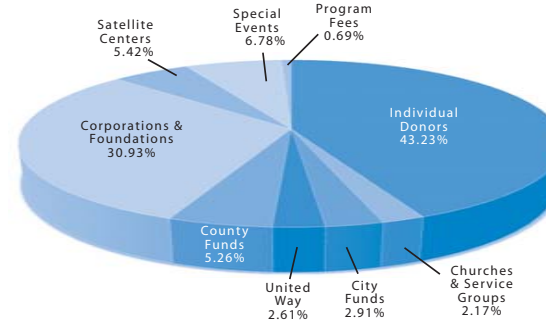
Rose Martin (1942 - 2013)

Financials & Programs



2012 Financial Summary*

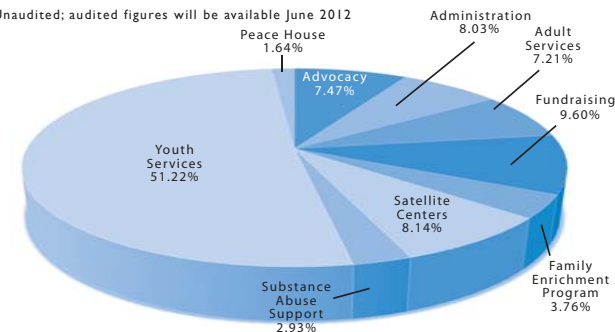
Revenue	
Individual Donors	\$299,120
Churches and Service Groups	15,003
Office of Community Development (City Funds)	20,160
Office of Community Development (County Funds)	36,400
Washtenaw United Way	18,030
Corporations and Foundations	214,024
Satellite Centers (Ann Arbor Housing Commission)	37,480
Special Events	46,901
Program Fees	4,760
Total Revenue	\$691,878



Expenses

Administration	\$51,488
Adult Services	46,256
Advocacy	47,890
Fundraising	61,501
Family Enrichment Program	24,100
Satellite Centers	52,220
Substance Abuse Support	18,780
Youth Services	328,450
Peace House	10,520
Total Expenses	\$641,205

*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

Leadership Development Camp

ADULT SERVICES

Substance Abuse Recovery

Advocacy

Eviction Prevention

Utility Assistance

Job Placement & Retention Services

Transitional Housing

Family Enrichment Program

Tutoring & After School

One of the cornerstones of Peace's mission is to break the cycle of poverty through its strong focus on education. In its four decades of 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-10th 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.



New Computers for Peace!

Peace Neighborhood Center would like to acknowledge First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor and the Jeane Seeley Fund for their generosity in supporting our efforts to revamp our Youth Programs' technology. Peace, in line with Ann Arbor Public School policy, has been able to replace our old computer lab with a fully-functional Computer Access Program designed for a 21st Century learning center. This wireless, Mac laptop-based program will serve our needs for years to come. A grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation's Youth Council was also instrumental in this effort.

Summer Day Camp



In 2012, campers experienced everything that the Ann Arbor area has to offer as they engaged in a number of organized activities and enrichment opportunities. Over the course of the six-week program, Peace staff members took participants on field trips to area parks and various other points of interest.



Leadership Development Camp

Beginning in 2009, Peace began to run a new middle school age program alongside the Summer Day Camp designed specifically to empower this age group and create tomorrow's leaders. Service and exploration is the central theme for Leadership Development Camp. In 2012, the LDC visited many locations on the campus of the University of Michigan. This included visits to the stadium and athletics department, the law school, the College of Education and the Department of African American Studies. LDC youth also participated in many community service projects throughout Washtenaw County.

The Peace Neighborhood Center "Youth on the Move" Summer Day Camp Program was established in 1982 and quickly became one of our most successful programs. Over the last 30 years, Peace has served over 1,000 different young people through SDC. Each camper has received the care and attention of staff members, as well as the mentorship and demonstration of positive role models of older youth who have returned to the program as camp counselors.



In addition to the annual trip to the Imagination Station in Toledo, youth had the chance to visit Tantre Farm, the University of Michigan School of Engineering, Skatin' Station II as well as a chance to perform community service with the Great Lakes Zoological Rabbit Sanctuary. Twice a week, campers got to explore the natural beauty of Michigan with visits to Silver Lake and area Metro Parks.



Thanks for Giving Dinner

On November 15th, over 150 of Peace's closest supporters gathered together for the 12th Annual *Thanks for Giving* Benefit Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church presented by Suburban Chevrolet Cadillac. The 2012 dinner honored the Pryor Foundation and the Buhr Foundation, two of Peace's most supportive donors for their many years of generous contributions to the families we serve.



Esther Pryor of the Pryor Foundation chats with Rose Martin prior to the evening's program.



In addition to the evening's festivities, attendees helped Peace raise the funds necessary to purchase a new van for use in its Transportation Services. Thank you to all of our donors for your assistance with this special initiative!



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



Satellite Centers Manager Kenya Hunter with Parent of the Year Award recipient Linda Dumas.

A Year of Fun & Change



Every year, the vans and the bus that make up Peace's Transportation Services spend many hours on the road. Between pick-ups at eight area elementary schools and five middle schools, drop-off transportation as well as field trips, Peace logged more than 23,000 miles in 2012!

The 2012 College/Career Prep Club partnered with UM's School Of Social Work, the Medical and Dental Schools, as well as several student organizations. During our annual Spring College tour, our students visited several colleges in Chicago, including Loyola University, Columbia College, DePaul University, Northeastern Illinois and Western Michigan University. Recently, the club visited the campus of Bowling Green, as well. Peace continues to work with our present college students to assure that they are staying focused and taking advantage of all opportunities. We are proud to announce our 2012 Peace Grads are attending WMU, EMU, WCC, and Great Lakes Christian College.



2012 saw over 200 individual volunteers provide 6,450 hours of tutoring for Peace Youth Services. In order to provide quality tutoring to each of our young people, these generous and devoted volunteers each completed math and reading training through our partnership with Ann Arbor Public Schools. We could not do it without them. Thank you!

Story of Change

While many stories of change came through Peace Neighborhood Center in 2012, the story of brothers Tevon and Darren and their mother is one that we'd like to highlight. Tevon was a senior in high school and Darren was attending Washtenaw Community College. When mom lost her job, the family quickly found themselves homeless and struggling. However, with the support of the Peace House Transitional Housing Center and a scholarship from the Washtenaw United Way, Peace was able to keep Tevon centered and on the right track as he graduated high school and enrolled in EMT training. Darren has now enlisted in the Navy and mom is back to work. The family has weathered the storm!



Remembering a Legacy of Love

"The world just got a little darker with Rose's passing and we're all saddened by her death. She did great work breaking down the barriers between races. I for one was greatly affected by having known her. It's times like this that cause us to pause and evaluate. In doing so, I can't help but think about the great community work she did and what you and the team at the Peace Neighborhood Center continue to do. Thanks for all your work, it matters."

- Dan Iverson



"Rose was my champion for different reasons. I'd tell her, 'Rose you're one of the reasons I went to college. I realize those trips weren't really free.' We'd laugh. Who knew that I was going to be paying for my own educational trip to Ghana, West Africa in May, volunteering, bringing dolls of color and school materials for children...paying it forward. Rose always told me that she was proud of me. I could read in her eyes that she really meant it. For some of us, we have had to do much on our own but Rose was a seed planter. She watered that 'I-can-do-itism' spirit. Fear and the feeling of inadequacy can be paralytic. For this she had a remedy too. She got involved and didn't always stay in a prescribed lane. I think she did this on both a professional and personal level; she successfully amalgamated the two."

- Marie Davenport

"For all intents and purposes, Rose Martin was like a second parent to me, but actually more like a big sister, who was wise, kind and generous. She had a way of looking at you with her sweet brown eyes while her lips were slightly angled to the side. I knew what the look really meant; it meant that I wasn't telling the whole truth, a partial truth and in some cases an outright lie. But Rose never treated anyone like a liar. In fact, Rose had a way of interacting with you, a way that let you know that she understood your inability to grapple with the truth, a truth that was grounded in all the ways in which a person struggles with low-self esteem, drug addiction, alcoholism, feelings of inadequacy or feelings of being abandoned by one or more parents. In true form she'd always have another story to tell you, words that made you realize that the shame you felt was unnecessary and stories that let you know that the pain you wrestled with was short term but more importantly, Rose always had this way of instilling an ounce of hope for better days. What I loved most about Rose was this idea that your past mistakes didn't have to define you and that with each new day there was an opportunity to start again."

- Charlotte Young Bowens



"Peace Neighborhood was her pride and joy. When she 'retired' from it a few years ago, she left it in the capable loving hands of Bonnie Billups, who grew up there. Rose then formed "Rose's Good Company" where her outreach was to prisoners in our Michigan prisons. She took many of them, and one by one saw that when they got out they had a place to stay, food to eat, and a place to belong. Rose didn't have much money of her own. She lived with one of her children. Her social security checks were used to further her ministry. Rose was an angel."

- Kay Hurst

"Rose Martin was so much more to me than a community activist or the director of Peace Neighbor Center. She was my mom, my friend, and my safe place. Being a child of parents who were/are addicts, I sometimes wonder what my life would have been like if I did not have Rose. She was always there whenever I needed her and she always reminded me of how much I was loved and how special I am. She scolded me when I needed it but never without hugging me and telling me she loved me afterwards. I often hear her voice ringing in my ears saying "Is this my Landa?", whenever I would call her on the phone. However, the words that will definitely stay in my soul are the last things she said to me, "Keep the struggle alive." At first I wasn't sure what that meant, but now I know. Rose, even though I want you here with me, I feel safe knowing that you're up there still watching my back. It's your time to rest and it's time for me to "keep the struggle alive." Thank you for making me a part of your family and for helping me to become the person I am. You are truly missed."

- Elanda Curry



"As a VISTA volunteer at Peace...I was lucky enough to experience the majesty and magic of Rose Martin. Words fall short in describing her greatness. In our hard work with children, teenagers and families, we learned the important life lessons from Rose about human dignity and human need. During those idealistic years, Rose was unstoppable. And the chemistry of Bonnie, Nondi and Rose all together sparked something so fiery, vibrant, magnificent and life-affirming that we all basked in their glow! Shortly after I joined the Center, my friend Larry Wahlberg came on board and added his own charisma to the mix. I watched them, wide-eyed and awestruck in those formative years in my early 20s when all of us at Peace saw limitless possibility in what we could do and how we could help. Rose and I even drove to Sleeping Bear Dunes one summer, where we holed up in a motel room in order to write the script to a musical that Rose had been planning! We never made it past a few pages on a yellow legal pad, but with Rose, it was all about dreams and aiming high—and laughing harder than you'd ever laughed along the way."

- Nancy Workman



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