



Annual Report

2006



Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church
Community of the Streets Outreach



Message from the Executive Director

2006

During 2006, Lord of the Streets and Community of the Streets Outreach faced what I call extreme "growing pains", yet despite the challenges we remained steadfast, never losing sight of our mission and our goal to optimize every available resource and opportunity to its fullest capacity -- to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of individuals living in Houston who are homeless, disadvantaged or in transition.

As a result, we experienced tremendous milestones that will carry us into the New Year:

- 1) enhanced delivery of program services with a new database management system designed specifically to address the clients we serve;
- 2) created two new programs;
- 3) improved organizational infrastructure – realigning policies and procedures;
- 4) cultivated new collaborative community partnerships;
- 5) increased program services; and
- 6) developed a marketing plan to reposition LOTS/COTS within the mainstream of social services, and
- 7) created a development plan to enhance financial resources and generate new opportunities. We begin the New Year with great expectations for continual growth that will teach us to view challenges as opportunities and allow us to dream – larger than our imaginations can hold.

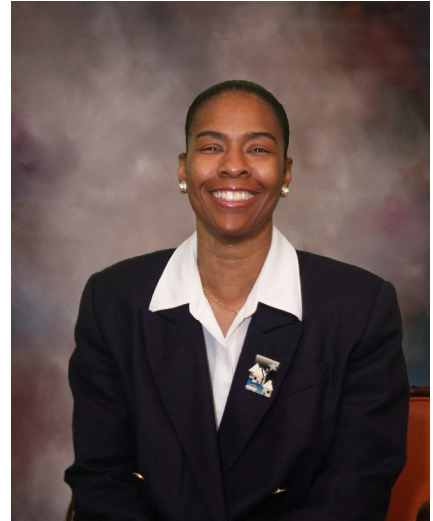
I am honored to serve under the direction of two dynamic teams of leadership – our Board of Directors and the Bishop Committee both dedicated and committed leaders duty-bound to answer the call of serving those less fortunate by creating a community where hearts are united as one.

Respectfully,

Thelisa Palmer

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

—Mahatma Gandhi



Our Leadership

Board Officers

President:
Max Patterson

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Rev. Garrett Wingfield

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Robin Cloyd, 2006 Board President

In 2006 Community of the Streets faced many opportunities and challenges. These came from a variety of sources as we attempted to increase our services to the homeless and those in transition. Additionally the fund raising environment remains challenging due to donor fatigue after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, the spirit of our staff has never wavered in the face of these challenges. Their dedication and commitment is awe inspiring and never ceases to make me ask myself, what else I could be doing to further the mission of Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church, the reason for Community of the Streets existence.

In order for Community of the Streets to be an effective agency to minister to

its clients, many new systems have needed to be developed and implemented, so that accurate data could be compiled about the numbers we serve. Thelisa Palmer, our Executive Director, is now in her second year and has implemented many changes that are bringing our Community of the Streets to a new professional level, while remembering its roots at Lord of the Streets. Murray Powell, our vicar, continues to reinforce this role through his work with the staff and clients on a case by case basis and his quality input in the Community of the Streets Board meetings. He also continues to work with the Bishop's Committee of Lord of the Streets in order to effectively integrate the efforts of both Boards to further

the goal of ministering to the homeless through a



Max Patterson, 2007 Board President

faith based organization.

I am both very proud to pass the gavel to the next Community of the Streets Board President, Max Patterson.

Max Patterson, 2007 Board President

As I take over the reins from Robin Cloyd, our outgoing President, I assume responsibility for an outstanding and extremely important outreach ministry within the Diocese of Texas. It gives me further pleasure to accept this position as a result of being a part of the growth of Lord of the Streets since its move

into the existing building on Fannin Street from Trinity Church. Addressing the needs of the homeless will continue to be very challenging with the growth and development of Midtown. Homelessness is a national problem and the churches and people of Houston have stepped forward to offer aid, assis-

tance and encouragement to our population. It is hoped that collectively we can move to a higher level as we continue to address this problem with renewed energy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Income increased from 2005 to 2006 by 7.9%. Three categories significantly contributed to this increase – Individuals (7.6%), Supporting Parishes & Other Churches (20.8%), and Special Events (69.9%)

Total Expense increased by 9.2%. Similarly, three categories signifi-

cantly contributed to this increase – Personnel (8.6%), Administrative Costs (41.2%), and Occupancy Costs (10.9%).

—The Rev. Garrett Wingfield, CPA
Treasurer



COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
Community of the Streets Outreach/Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church
Years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Foundations & Corporations | \$218,719 | \$212,893 |
| Individuals | 186,446 | 173,266 |
| Rental Income | 114,000 | 114,000 |
| Supporting Parishes & Other Churches | 98,347 | 81,408 |
| Diocesan Institutions | 81,722 | 79,453 |
| Special Events | 32,666 | 19,227 |
| Other Income | 7,516 | 5,266 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$739,415 | \$685,513 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Personnel | \$436,203 | \$401,470 |
| Program Expense | 70,188 | 66,433 |
| Church Activities & Programs | 25,943 | 27,314 |
| Administrative Costs | 43,768 | 31,003 |
| Fundraising Expense | 5,010 | 8,137 |
| Occupancy Costs | 143,973 | 129,832 |
| Property Taxes | 15,755 | 14,566 |
| Other Expenses | 7,493 | 6,748 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$748,333 | \$685,503 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | (\$ 8,918) | \$ 10 |
| FIXED ASSET ACQUISITIONS | (1,489) | |
| BEGINNING FUND BALANCE | 45,421 | 45,411 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| ENDING FUND BALANCE | \$ 35,014 | \$ 45,421 |

Community Volunteers

VOLUNTEER CONNECTION —Myra Mitchell, Director of Volunteer Services

Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church (LOTS) and Community of the Streets (COTS) community volunteers are a group of dedicated and caring individuals who give of their time and talents to carry out our mission – to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of individuals in Houston who are homeless, disadvantaged or in transition.



In 2006, LOTS and COTS community volunteers gave **19,768** hours of service through the tireless efforts of **1,195** volunteers. Our community volunteers are committed to making a

difference in the lives of individuals and families by giving their time and

using their skills to provide administrative support; assisting with mail-outs of newsletters and annual campaigns assembling hygiene kits, preparing sack lunches, and assisting staff with direct assistance. ♦

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Cook Teams:

Breakfast is prepared and served each Sunday.

- Good Shepherd-Kingwood
- St. Cuthbert's
- Trinity Episcopal
- Frost Bank
- Episcopal High School
- St. John's High School
- St. Dunstan's Episcopal
- St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
- Christ Church Cathedral
- St. Mark's Episcopal
- St. Martin's Episcopal
- Holy Apostle's – Katy
- The Branch School
- St. Mary's – Cypress
- Christ the King – Atascocita
- Holy Comforter Lutheran
- Westbriar Middle School
- St. Phillip's Presbyterian
- UT Medical School Students
- Klien United Methodist Church
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church-Youth
- St. Francis Confirmation Class
- St. Francis Episcopal Church
- Lakewood Church
- Carverdale Community COGIC
- Westlake Volunteer Fire Dept
- University of Houston-Pharmacy
- Antioch-Downtown
- Magnificat
- Youth Advocates
- T&T Association

- Living Word Tabernacle Pentecostal Church
- Living Word Tabernacle & Fountain of Praise
- Trinity Episcopal-Baytown.



VolunteerConnection offered opportunities for individuals and groups for Adolescents (13-17) through Adulthood. Some groups include:

- Asian American Baptist Church
- Christ the King Presbyterian Church
- St. Richard's – Round Rock, TX
- Ascension Episcopal Church-Houston
- Korean Church- Dallas
- St. Marks – Little Rock, Arkansas
- Church of the Epiphany
- Holy Spirit-DOK
- Church of the Ascension
- St. Mark's Men's Bible Class
- Holy Apostle's – Katy
- St. Mark's ECW
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- Holy Trinity Episcopal School
- Trinity Woodland

- Timberwood Middle School
- Mustang Engineering
- Eagle Scout Troop 686
- Dynergy
- Volunteer Houston-Youth
- Community of the Servant Savior
- St. John the Divine ECW
- Chase Bank
- Frost Bank
- Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- Income tax preparers

The **Center for Student Missions** provides mission trips to students from around the country who do their service in inner-city organizations. We were fortunate to have **227 students** from around the country serving at LOTS/COTS. Eight women came to us from **Bonita House of Hope** and provided community service as a way of gaining work experience through our *Community to Work* program. They volunteered over **100 hours** of clerical, facility and clothing room services. The **WorkSource-Houston** referred community service participants to our agency to gain meaningful work experience. Thirty two individuals contributed **2028 hours** service work through this endeavor.

The great leadership of:

- the COTS Board of Directors
- and the LOTS Bishop's Committee

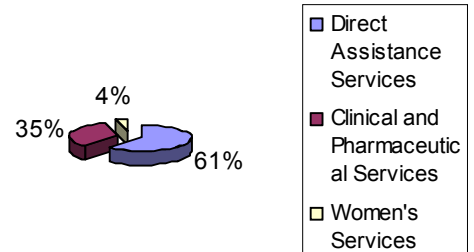
Program Services

PROGRAMS REPORT

Homelessness affects more people than just those with little or no income. Nearly 40% of homeless people work but can't afford housing. Even more devastating are the barriers to education that homeless children face. Because many homeless children have poor educational experiences, their future productivity and career pros-

pects may suffer. This makes the effects of homelessness much longer lasting than just the time spent in shelters. Our programs respond to the unique problems of homeless people by taking into account the varied needs of this population.

2006 Program Services



Direct Assistance —Harry Mills, Program Director

Direct Assistance this year has been challenging and rewarding. This year we increased our hours of service which resulted in an increase in the number of clients we were able to see. This also provided a better opportunity to spend more time with each client. Additionally, we realized an increase in the areas of Identification/ Birth Certificate referrals, Voice Mail offered, mailing address, counseling and referrals, clothing, HIV testing,

rental assistance, and hygiene and food packs.

Our increased hours also provided the opportunity for more volunteers to work directly with our clients. We had three consistent volunteers who assisted with client screenings and assessments throughout the year.

“To all who supported this ministry of providing services to those who were in need I say thank you.”

— Harry Mills, Program Director

Health Services

During 2006, the Caritas Health Clinic made a significant impact in the community of healthcare. For the first time since its' inception the Caritas Health Clinic organized two community health fairs – “What’s the Heat on Health” and “Back to School” providing primary health care, health educa-

tion, and prevention care to approximately 425 adults and 100 children.

The Caritas Health Clinic provided healthcare services to 1,826 individuals. This includes providing 349 individuals with vision services (reduced exams and discounted eyewear), 915 individuals with primary healthcare

(general exams, TB testing, well-woman exams, glucose testing), 562 individuals with pharmaceutical services, 204 information & referrals, and 46 individuals with HIV testing and education.

Community-to-Work —Harry Mills, Program Director

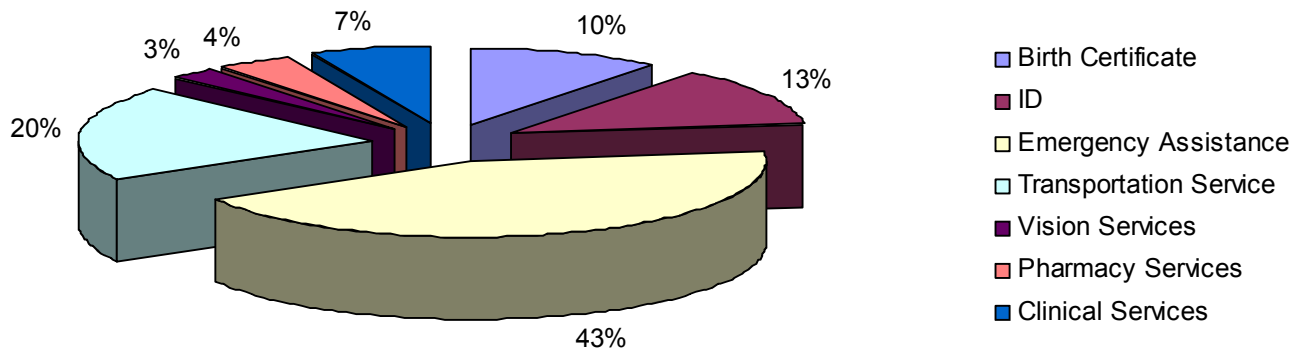
2006 was the first full year for our Community to Work Program. The Community to Work Program is a concentrated effort of the case worker and client working together to prepare for and seek employment. We assisted more than twenty-one clients in obtaining full-time employment at livable wages. The work each one our clients invested in becoming employed demonstrated their determination, desire and commitment to improve their current economic situation. Each client spent numerous ses-

sions developing a plan of action to secure employment.

Each client faced significant barriers, which help them overcome by assisting their own self-help efforts in order for them to obtain employment. We addressed each barrier individually as they were presented along the way. Some of the issues we confronted where housing, transportation, clothing, interviewing skills, completing applications, voicemail, housing and continued support.

We were also able to partner with more than ten different agencies that agreed to collaborate with us to assist or hire our clients who are participants in the Community to Work Program. Our goal for 2007 is to develop more relationships with employers who will partner with us in assisting our clients in moving from homelessness to self sufficient life styles.

2006 Program Services - Detail



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Sharing the Vision — Shaping the Future

Lord of the Streets and Community of the Streets are entrusted with the lives of those who are homeless, disadvantaged, or in transition. The majority of the people that we serve have suffered a tragedy or experienced an unforeseen circumstance, or endured a hardship that has produced a spirit of hopelessness and despair.

The spirit of community through the support of our volunteers and partners has enabled us to provide resources and supportive services that say “no” to a life of hopelessness and despair, and “yes” to a brighter future!

We appreciate the support of our faithful and generous supporters — and wish to extend a heartfelt — **Thank You!**

Supporting Parishes

Christ Church Cathedral
Christ the King - Atascocita
Good Shepherd - Kingwood
Holy Spirit
St. Dunstan's
St. Francis
St. John the Divine
St. Mark's
St. Martin's
Trinity - Houston

Community Partners

Anne Butler Foundation & George
Hildebrand Foundation
Howell Family Foundation
Keating Foundation
John P. McGovern Foundation
MacDonald Charitable Trust
Moran Foundation
Powell Foundation
Rambaud Charitable Trust
The RR Family Foundation
Simmons Foundation
Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word
Turner Foundation-Sterling
St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities

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Myron and Linnet Deily
Doug Eisele
Chuck and Kendra McDaniel
Ben and Sarah Powell
Sandra Sharp
Jack B. St. Clair

About Us



The work and mission of Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church and Community of the Streets

Outreach is to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of individuals living in

Houston who are homeless, in crisis or in transition.

Community of the Streets Outreach is committed to providing supportive services to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families. These services include

healthcare, food, clothing, personal hygiene kits, services to obtain identification, case management for employment, counseling and substance abuse services, and providing referrals to emergency shelter and permanent housing programs.