

2010 Annual Report

Community of the Streets Outreach
Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church



Greetings from our 2009 President



Andy Harvin, President, 2009 COTS Board of Directors

Good things can come out of difficult and challenging times! Last year, I reported that our Board was committed to engaging in meaningful collaboration with other organizations in mid-town and downtown Houston. That is exactly what we did through the leadership of Thelisa Palmer, our Executive Director. We joined with the Beacon and the Palmer Way Station in forming the Episcopal Homeless Initiative designed, to coordinate the provision of food, clothing, medical care and referral services in a way that reaches more of the homeless on a daily basis. We proudly joined with those organizations in applying for our first joint development grant, funded through the government's economic stimulus program. We are excited about this development as we believe that systemic change in the lives our clients can be best realized through effective collaboration with other homeless organizations sharing common goals. In 2010, I have turned the reins over to our new president, Joel McGlasson, who has spent countless hours working to improve our facilities at COTS. With the faithful support of our volunteers and donors, we ask that you join us in our effort to improve the lives of so many in the Houston area who are homeless or in transition.

Thank you for Caring



Joel H. McGlasson II, President, 2010 COTS Board of Directors

As we start 2010, the news about Community of the Streets Outreach and Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church mirror what we have all been reading in the newspapers and seeing on the television about the "Great Recession", exploding growth of unemployment nationwide and the tragic impact on many that have lost their jobs, homes and assets . Indeed COTS' building is bursting at the seams, filled with these new homeless coming to us for the basic necessities of life. This surge is taxing our staff's and volunteers' ability to provide these services. With charity giving down, the importance of you, the individual donor

and volunteer, has never been clearer and more needed.

During these tough times, Community of the Streets Outreach, as a Jubilee Center needs to keep focused on our goals to provide empowerment, education, outreach and advocacy for individuals living in Houston who are homeless, disadvantaged or in transition.

Speaking for the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our staff for all of their patience and vigilance in responding to ever increasing and challenging conditions at COTS. We would like to thank all of the volunteers, who have unselfishly donated their time and treasures. With your help 2010 will be a brea

2009 Annual Report: Executive Director Statement



Thelisa Palmer, Executive Director

Homelessness has escalated to the point of becoming an epidemic and is a problem that needs to be addressed on every level. The problem that surrounds homelessness varies and so does the solutions yet only one solution is most important -- *We must become more focused on ways to maximize community impact with the probability of limited resources.*

In 2010, we are faced with the challenge of a declining and unstable economy along with an increase in number of individuals and families becoming homeless – and the possibility that things could get worse before they get better. Therefore, we have become committed to maximizing our impact on the community by developing resources with our neighboring community partners -- other homeless providers that share our mission.

One of the most effective ways to address resource development is based on the old adage that states; “two heads are better than one”—the art of collaboration. As a result, we have learned that one of the most effective methods for preserving our resources is through collaboration. In 2009, through our collaboration efforts we have achieved the following goals; our energies have become more focused on long-term sustainability, we have decrease and in some cases eliminated duplication of services, we achieve a better return on our charitable dollars, and lastly, our ultimate goal is achieved -- a greater impact on the community.

Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church (LOTS) Community of the Streets Outreach (COTS) 2009 VolunteerConnection

The mission of VolunteerConnection is to augment and complement the mission and vision Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church and Community of the Streets Outreach.

In 2009, individual and group volunteers continued to make a tremendous impact in the lives of Houston's homeless, disadvantaged or in transition through their tireless participation in community service. We received 33,267 volunteer hours of service through the sacrifice of time, talents, and resources of 1,251 volunteers. According to the Independent Sector, a non profit coalition, volunteer time is valued at \$20.80 per hour for the state of Texas. For Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church and Community of the Streets Outreach this calculates to a total \$691,954 of valued volunteerism.

- Twenty-seven cook team prepared and serviced over 13,000 hot breakfast meals.
- 7,760 homeless individuals were provided clothing from volunteer groups conducting clothing drives – equates to a monetary value of clothing at \$125,225.
- 700 underserved children were provided school supplies and uniforms through a Back-to-School Drive collaboration with Christian Community Service Center (CCSC).

Our Mission Statement:

The 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.

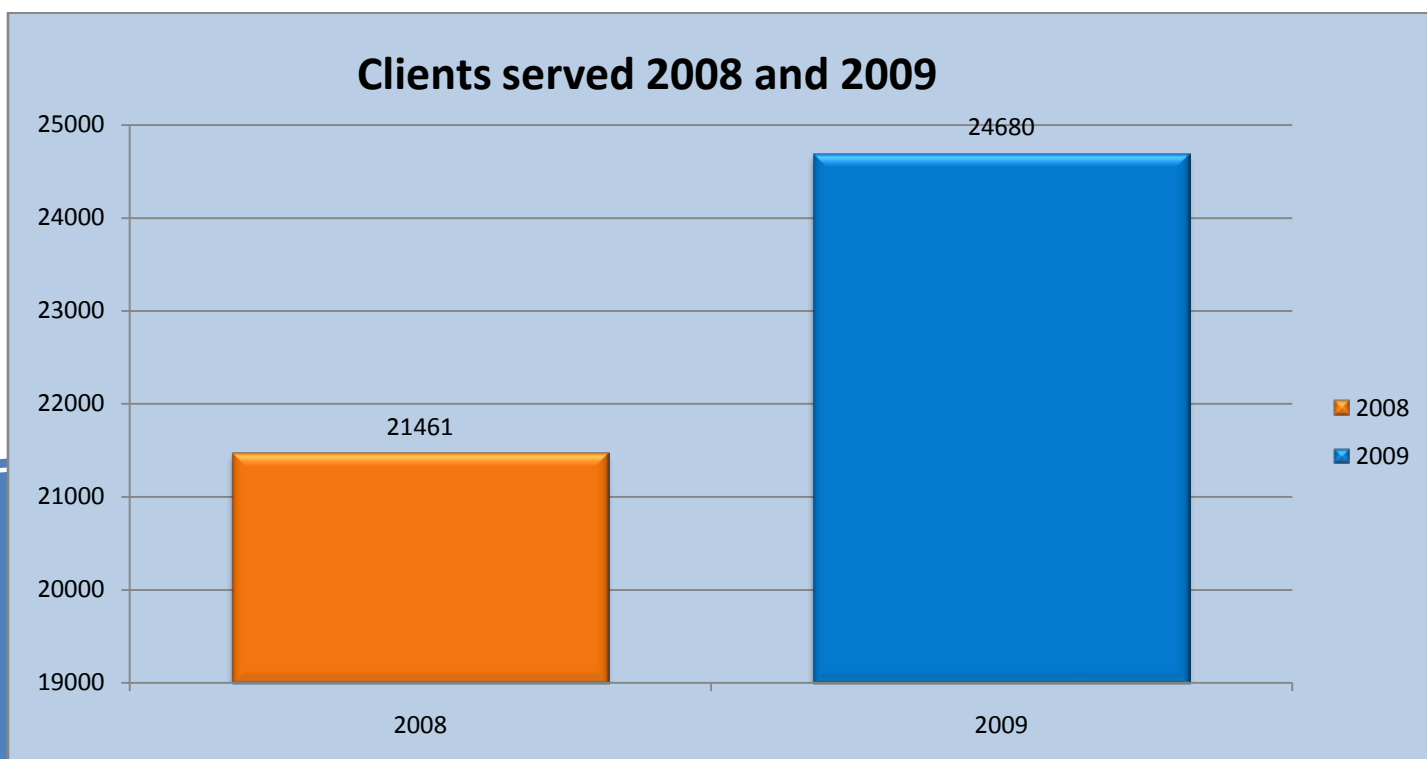
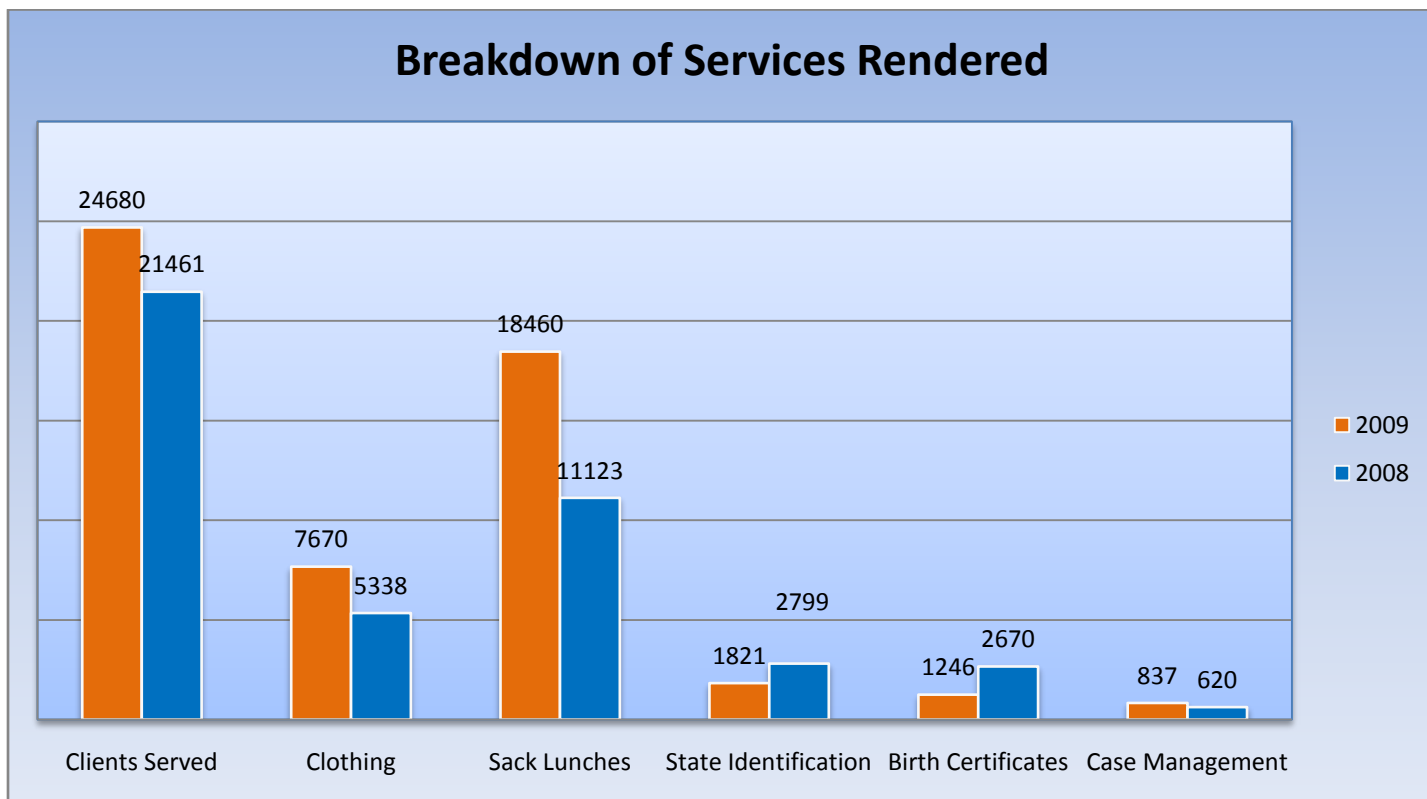
Our Values Statement:

- **Challenge** – We strive to learn, to grow and to challenge ourselves to exceed our own, our clients, our donors and our volunteers' expectations.
- **Respect** – We treat each other with respect and value the differences of other's.
- **Minister** – We minister to the inner man; both heart and mind
- **Service** – We service the needs of those less fortunate to enhance and improve the quality of their life
- **Integrity** – We exemplify the qualities of integrity, trust and competence in our interaction with one another and those we are committed to serve
- **Honesty and ethics** – We speak and act in a truthful manner and always aim to do the right thing, contributing to our organization, community, and our society in positive ways
- **Balance** – We strive to create balance between; spiritual man/physical man, hard work/fun, Focus/flexibility, quality/quantity, work/life, family/friends, etc.

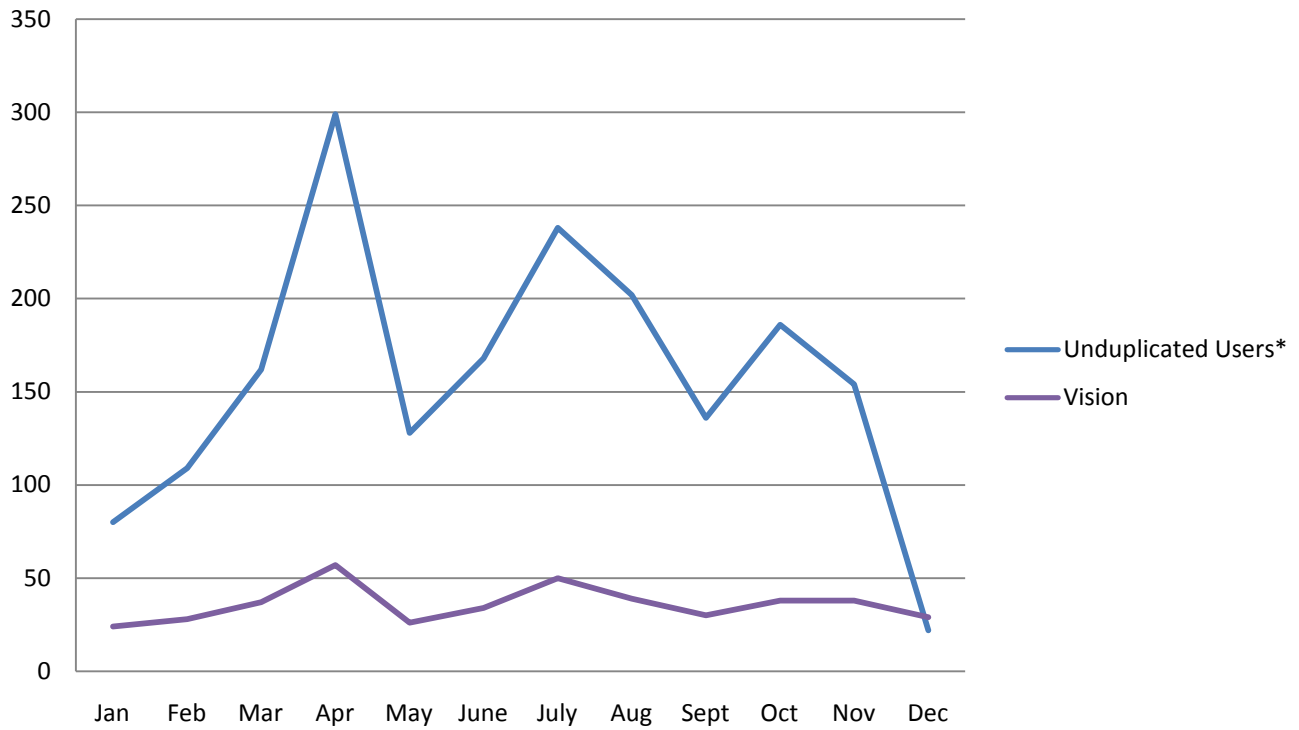
Our Vision Statement:

1. Community of the Streets Outreach is dedicated to embracing the opportunities of systematic change that will impact our communities by addressing a broader spectrum of barriers that contribute to the plight of homelessness.
2. Community of the Streets Outreach is part of a three-agency collaborative, called The Episcopal Homeless Initiative Partners in Stabilizing Lives, which is dedicated to improving the health and well being of Houston's homeless by working together to assess their needs and provide pathways to stability through collaboration, innovation, and education.

In 2009, COTS provided crisis management services to 24,680 homeless individuals, a 15% increase from the previous year of 2008. COTS is committed to serving individuals and families experiencing a dramatic increase in chronic or sporadic homelessness caused by a steady growth of foreclosures, mental illness, lack of living wage, affordable housing, and physical illness or injury.

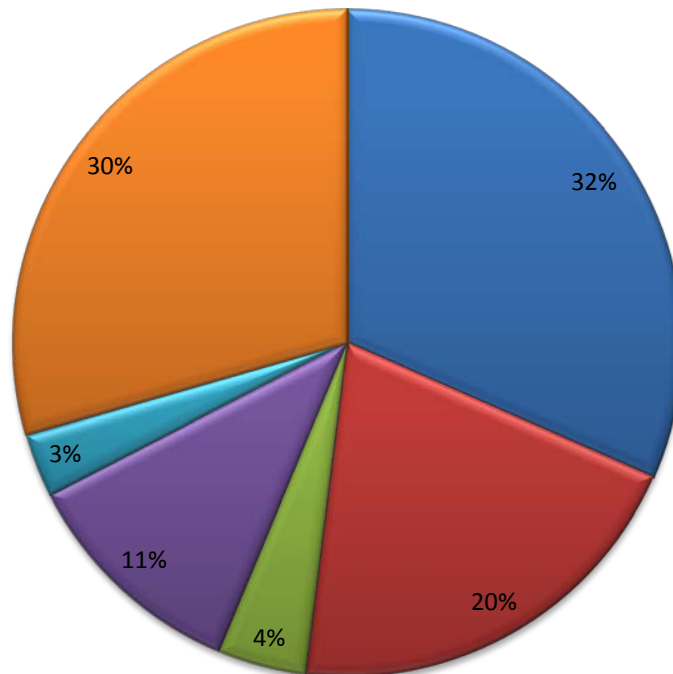


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Incidents of Diagnoses/Treatments

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Depression
- Obseity
- Mental health
- Gold Cards



Community Partners

Amegy Bank of Texas
 Episcopal Diocese of Texas
 The Frees Foundation
 Hildebrand Foundation
 Houston Bar Association
 Houston Endowment
 Mustang Engineering, L.P.
 The Powell Foundation
 Intermarine Incorporated
 Sterling Turner Foundation
 St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities
 The Simmons Foundation
 Tellepsen Foundation
 United Way of Texas Gulf Coast
 Westlake Fire Dept.
 Ray C. Fish Foundation
 Ruth Jones MacDonald Charitable Trust
 Center for Student Missions
 Greater Houston Community Foundation
 George and Anne Butler Foundation
 Richard Stodder Charitable Foundation
 George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation

Collaborative Partners

AIDS Foundation Houston- Project Life Roads
 AIDS Foundation Houston- Project N.O.A.H
 Harris County Hospital District
 Soper Enterprises
 University of Houston School of Optometry
 Drs. Kemp and Peterson
 Main Street Ministries
 Thomas N. Heap D.D.S. Inc.
 Palmer Way Station
 Beacon

Supporting Parishes

Christ Church Cathedral
 Christ the King, Atascocita
 Church of the Holy Spirit
 Good Shepherd, Kingwood
 Good Shepherd, Tomball
 St. Anne's Catholic Church
 St. Dunstan's
 St. Francis
 St. John the Divine
 St. Mark's
 St. Martin's
 St. Mary's
 St. Stephen's
 Trinity, Houston

Distinguished Partners

Rev. Helen Appelberg
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Treasurers Report

Total income stayed relatively level with 2008. Rental Income was realized for twelve months as budgeted.

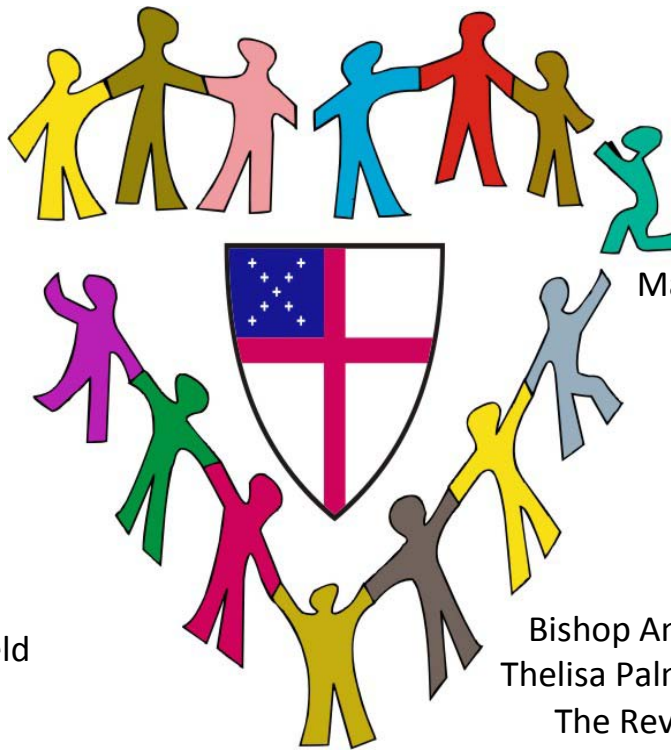
Total expenses decreased from the previous year mostly as a result of a decrease in Occupancy costs due to fewer major repairs (Hurricane Ike repairs were reflected in 2008).

Income	2009	2008	\$ Change	% Change
Foundations & Corporations	223,651	195,825	27,826	14.21%
Individuals	173,938	184,583	(10,645)	-5.77%
Rental Income	123,975	63,823	60,152	94.25%
Supporting & Other Parishes	68,988	107,447	(38,459)	-35.79%
Diocesan Institutions	32,539	26,724	5,815	21.76%
Special Events	43,665	115,886	(72,221)	-62.32%
Other	26,870	27,090	(220)	-0.81%
Total Income	693,626	721,377	(27,752)	-3.85%
Expense	2009	2008	\$ Change	% Change
Personnel	308,685	302,562	6,122	2.02%
Program	131,523	137,689	(6,166)	-4.48%
Church Activities/Programs	-	-	-	0.00%
Administrative	70,705	62,884	7,822	12.44%
Fundraising	15,026	13,724	1,302	9.49%
Occupancy	94,047	125,663	(31,616)	-25.16%
Property taxes	7,780	3,689	4,091	110.91%
Other	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Expense	627,766.38	646,211	(18,445)	-2.85%
Net Income	65,859	75,166	(9,307)	-12.38%

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" Anne Frank

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