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22 Years of People Helping People

2008 President's Annual Report

For more than 22 years, LEAVEN has been turning hardship into hope for needy families in the Fox Valley. While a lot has changed in the community since LEAVEN was founded, many things remain the same.

The results of our 2008 fundraising efforts indicate that the community remains dedicated to helping the less fortunate. Over a million dollars was donated in 2008 to help individuals and families seeking assistance with their basic needs.

In addition to the generous financial contributions, the community responded by in-

vesting over 17,500 volunteer hours at LEAVEN, helping 18,371 people.

That is an incredible accomplishment when you consider LEAVEN has only a few paid staff coordinating the efforts of hundreds of volunteers.

The team of staff, volunteers and board of directors are committed to playing a major role in creating a bet-

ter world for the less fortunate, collaborating with others in the community to help move them out of poverty.

We have demonstrated over the years that LEAVEN is uniquely qualified to administer emergency and prevention services to the poor and the 2008 results are further confirmation.

I am proud to serve as board president and I can assure you that LEAVEN is an outstanding steward of all donations from the community.

Thank you for your donations to help people in need.



Board President
Barb Holly-Fox

WHO WE HELPED...

6793 households
(56.7% included children)
(18,371 individuals)
\$526,251 housing
\$166,847 utilities
\$47,694 transportation
\$11,053 other
\$1,882 medical related

WHERE THEY LIVE...

58.1% Outagamie County
33.2% Winnebago County
7.3% Calumet County
1.4 % Other

WHO HELPED US...

Individuals: \$169,073
(Includes contributors to the endowment funds)
Foundations: \$506,715
Churches: \$113,571
Government: \$120,145
Businesses: \$51,835
Service Groups and Other Organizations:
\$33,728
Donated Goods- Gas Vouchers/other: \$24,937
Volunteer Hours: 17,541 hours donated
(200 volunteers)

A Report From the Executive Director

The past year is going to be rated by historians as a most remarkable one.

Our election of an African-American president in the midst of a worldwide recession will long be remembered.

Here at home, obviously our devastated economy had a huge impact as many of our neighbors and friends lost their employment.

Thankfully, we are part of a generous community with a network of helping agencies, supportive donors and some very talented volunteers to address poverty-related emergencies and issues.

Hats off to the dedicated staff at LEAVEN who worked very hard to ensure we met, and exceeded, all of our goals in 2008. With the help of 200 volunteers who contributed 17,541 volunteer hours we assisted a record 6,793 households (18,371 people).

We spent \$753,727 directly on client assistance, with most of the money allocated for housing, utilities and transportation.

In spite of the troubled economy, donors rallied to help raise money for LEAVEN, resulting in a record year with more than a million dollars in donations to our program.

I also want to recognize the generous businesses and organizations that provide thousands of dollars of in-kind donations in gas vouchers, office supplies, paper products,

diapers, coffee, office phone system, answering service, furniture, warehouse storage, computers and plumbing. We have come to rely on these gifts which help to keep our administrative costs very low. It was a humbling experience for all of us on the receiving end of the community's generosity.

LEAVEN took action and assumed a leadership role, collaborating with others to fight poverty in the Fox Cities. For the second year, I co-chaired Project Promise Poverty Coalition with Jon Stellmacher from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The Coalition continues to be a cooperative effort of providers, supporters of social services, businesses, community members and all others who seek to advocate for the needs of people in our community.

By pulling these groups together, the coalition works to keep the attention focused on poverty and ways to fight it.

LEAVEN partnered with the Community Foundation of the Fox Cities, Prospera and several other businesses, church groups, agencies and organizations to assist in a major relocation of residents of April



Jennifer Wanke

Aire Mobile Home Park from their condemned homes to new locations where their families could live safely.

We also partnered with the Fox Valley Emergency Shelter on a new initiative, the High-Risk Prevention Program. Aspects of work previously done by both agencies are now done at LEAVEN with the help of the shelter's program manager, DeAnna McGill.

She develops and administers individual case plans providing intensive case management and additional new follow-up services.

Program funding came from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Basic Needs Giving Partnership supported by the U.S. Oil Open Fund for Basic Needs within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and the J.J. Keller Foundation.

We welcomed another satellite office when Community 2000 in Seymour joined the LEAVEN network by donating a site for weekly interviews.

Other satellite offices are located at the Chilton courthouse, St. Therese Catholic Church and Zion Lutheran Church in Appleton and St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Hortonville.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for helping us make a real and meaningful impact in the community. We are so grateful for everything you do!

Proof that LEAVEN is succeeding in its mission is not in statistics but in the many stories of compassion and care that define it

LEAVEN Financial Summary

	2,007	2008
	<u>Actual Audited</u>	<u>Actual Unaudited</u>
<u>CURRENT OPERATING REVENUE</u>		
Churches	128,118	113,571
Businesses	62,831	51,835
Individuals	125,461	169,073
Private Foundations	296,661	506,715
Government	113,399	120,145
Other Organizations	70,843	33,728
Donated Goods-Gas Vouchers	14,410	15,455
Est. Value Donated Materials	5,198	9,482
Miscellaneous		
<u>Subtotal, Financial Revenue</u>	816,921	1,020,004
 <u>ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS</u>		
Contributed to Endowments	111,435	123,113
Volunteer Labor*	255,238	305,211
TOTAL REVENUE	1,183,594	1,448,328
 <u>DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE</u>		
Housing	413,635	526,251
Utilities	135,084	166,847
Transportation	31,261	47,694
Medical & Related	8,423	1,882
Misc./Food, Clothing & Household	8,843	8,653
Donated Goods	2,180	2,400
<u>Subtotal, Direct Client Assistance</u>	599,426	753,727
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Additional Client Assistance Expenses**	425,049	463,297
Less Endowment Fund Distribution	<u>(11,147)</u>	<u>(12,066)</u>
ALL PROGRAM EXPENSES	1,013,328	1,204,958
 Management & General	 94,992	 99775
Less Administrative Endowment Distribu- tion	<u>(46,540)</u>	<u>(51,150)</u>
ALL ADMIN. & FUND RAISING EXP.	48,452	48,625
 Donor Directed to Endowment	 111,435	 123,113
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 1,173,215	 1,376,696
 Unduplicated households served	 6,182	 6,793

*Labor calculated at \$16/hour (2007) and calculated at \$17.40/hour (2008)

**Totals include (per Audit requirements) the value of volunteer hours & in-kind materials donations.

A Sincere Thank You To All Supporters of LEAVEN's Mission of Hope

More and more families and individuals are turning to LEAVEN for assistance. We want to sincerely thank all of you, our generous supporters for the **contributions, in-kind support, and memorials** that made it possible for us to respond to these requests.

Your generosity has touched many lives, but there is more to be done. We ask that you continue to support LEAVEN's mission — to provide emergency assistance to those who have nowhere else to turn! Included here are the names of all of you who have provided donations throughout the past year. If we have missed your name, please let us know. All of us at LEAVEN thank you.

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The Legacy Society was created to recognize donors who contribute \$1,000 or more to the endowment fund or those who name LEAVEN in their wills.

The goal, ultimately, is to fund all administrative costs through the annual distributions generated by the fund.

Making that possible will free up all other donations to be used solely for client assistance. Please consider joining the list of donors below.

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This award is given to someone who has helped LEAVEN along its way toward becoming a more effective reality. It is named after Father Robert Udulutsch who had an idea that ultimately became LEAVEN. We are pleased to announce that the 2008 winner of the award is:

Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region

Long a faithful supporter of LEAVEN as well as many other worthwhile charities in the near area, the foundation's mission is to strengthen our community for current and future generations by helping people make a difference in the lives of others. It does this by:

- Accepting and professionally managing financial gifts for the long term in a flexible, easy and efficient way.
- Partnering with people to help engage in giving that fulfills their charitable dreams.
- Awarding grants that achieve results and sustain a vibrant community for all, forever.
- Using their knowledge of community needs to lead and organize people around issues and opportunities.

The foundation leadership and the donors who support it recognize the importance of funding basic needs and have made it a priority to address community poverty issues. These funding opportunities have provided LEAVEN with hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years.

The Community Foundation manages an endowment fund for LEAVEN that provides annual distributions to offset administrative costs.

In 2008, the Community Foundation responded to an emergency crisis in the community. It joined with LEAVEN and several other agencies to help relocate residents of April Aire Mobile Home Park from their condemned dwellings to other locations.

When the economy worsened, the foundation helped stimulate donations for area non-profits by hosting a one-day opportunity for gifts to the agencies to be matched by the foundation and its partners. This campaign raised over a million dollars that day to be used to support 400 non-profit entities.

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