



Council for the Homeless 2007 Annual Report

Emergency Shelter Clearinghouse, Community Voice Mail

- ✓ Answered 14,753 calls from people in need of emergency shelter. Calls to the Clearinghouse in 2007 represented 3,753 people who needed emergency shelter in Clark County. Of those needing shelter, 38% were children, enough to fill 50 classrooms.
- ✓ Provided 177 highly vulnerable homeless people (including 65 children) with motel vouchers through the Clearinghouse and Police Voucher programs.
- ✓ Coordinated the 2006 – 2007 Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) program. In partnership with area churches, and Share, WHO served 346 single women and people in families (including 92 children), and 237 single men. For a second consecutive year, secured community funding for an AmeriCorps*VISTA position to coordinate WHO.
- ✓ Advocated for and coordinated the transfer process for 30 families between the three limited stay family shelters (Share Orchards Inn, Share Homestead, and YWCA SafeChoice) into Open House Ministries' longer term program.
- ✓ Coordinated 7 trainings for Clark County shelter staff. Topics included: Motivational Interviewing, Working with the GLBTQ population, Anger Management and Mandatory Reporting to Child Protective Services.
- ✓ 3,692 volunteer hours were amassed through the hard work of 20 volunteers, 3 AmeriCorps members and two college interns as Clearinghouse operators. 4 work-study students were also utilized, their wages paid through Clark College.
- ✓ Increased CVM marketing throughout Clark County via increased distribution point trainings and public meeting presentations. Continued development of corporate sponsorship through the "Gold Phone" program, work with WSU-Vancouver to create a marketing video featuring the testimonies of Gold Phone Sponsors. Increased utilization of the 'broadcast' capability of Unity-CVM to send users important information on housing, jobs and other relevant topics. 600 voicemail boxes in use, year-round. Completed Public Purpose Fund Grant, received \$10,000 from the Community Foundation and \$4,000 from Verizon.

Advocacy, Planning, & Coordination (including HMIS)

- ✓ Participated in advocacy efforts in the 2007 Legislative session which resulted in passage of an \$8.00 document recording fee, 90% of which will stay local and 10% remitted to the state. The local funds are to be used to carry out the programs included in the county's homeless housing plan (otherwise known as the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness). The Capitol Budget Committee, lobbied actively by housing and homelessness advocates across the state, allocated a record \$130 million to the Housing Trust Fund.
- ✓ Led a local collaboration to apply for the 2008 federal Continuum of Care Grant. Clark County received \$741,396 to fund housing and services, as well as street outreach and data collection, adding 4 beds at The Way Home (CSNW).
- ✓ Successfully coordinated and completed the 2007 one-day "Point in Time" count with 30 other partner agencies. A total of 1,392 people were homeless that night: 336 in emergency shelter, 828 in transitional housing, and 228 unsheltered.

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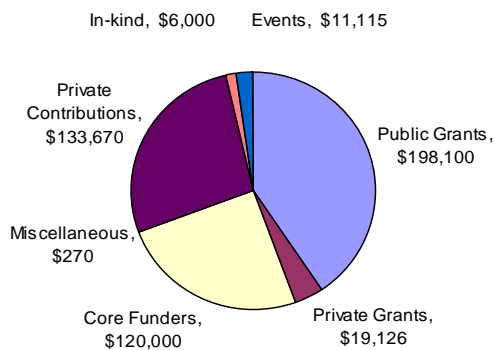
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- ✓ HMIS expanded its data collection points to include: Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program (Homeless Court), Clearview Employment, Ready to Rent and Bridges to Housing, and Share Homes Rental Assistance Program.
- ✓ In the pilot phase of Bridges to Housing (B2H), Share ASPIRE received funding from the Meyer Memorial Trust and the Gates Foundation to serve fifteen families at six scattered site properties in Clark County. The sites include strong community relationships and family amenities. Families began moving in during the fall of 2007. Evaluations have been incorporated into the pilot program, using data generated through the HMIS.
- ✓ Completed a lengthy, extensive nationwide search to hire for the position of Executive Director for CFTH. Craig Lyons of Juneau Youth Services was hired in effective August 1, 2007, replacing interim ED Paul Lipscomb.

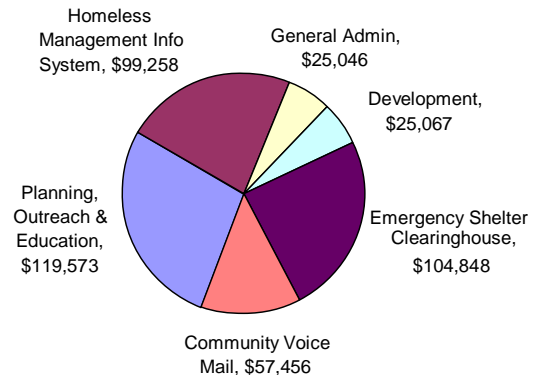
Outreach, Education, and Non-Governmental Fundraising

- ✓ Printed more than 7,500 pocket-sized resource guides, in English, Spanish and Russian that were distributed to people in need through providers of services in our community.
- ✓ Continued expansion of www.icfth.com, to provide resources and information for and about homelessness in Clark County, state of Washington and beyond.
- ✓ Participated in the Vancouver Peace and Justice Fair, engaging the public and providing information about homelessness and resources in Clark County.
- ✓ Coordinated Clark County's first "Homeless Persons' Memorial Day" to pay tribute to those who have passed, many of whom are overlooked or forgotten.
- ✓ Promoted the work of seven individuals dedicated to ending homelessness at our 8th annual Recognition Luncheon. The 2007 luncheon was attended by over 300 people, generating \$11,000 in ticket and sponsor revenue, \$10,000 in post-luncheon donations and a Ray Hickey Donor Match grant of \$9,350.00.
- ✓ Two issues of the Council newsletter "Coming Home" were distributed to 1,750 households, businesses, service agencies, the faith-based community and nonprofit organizations. Staff conducted additional outreach via speaking engagements and presentations to area schools and community organizations.

2007 INCOME



2007 EXPENSE



Notes to charts:

- Data extracted from 2007 unaudited financial statements.
- Difference between Income and Expenses due to restricted program funds collected that will be dispersed in 2008.
- Planning, Outreach, and Education includes collaborative resource development and grant writing for Continuum of Care Service Providers.