

End of the Year Report 2006—2007



Dominican Center Staff



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From the Executive Director's Desk

Dear Friends of the Center,

Annually we take a look over our shoulder to review where we have been and what we have done for the past 365 days. The view this year is both pleasing and amazing. We are pleased with the growth and vitality and amazed at what the team of staff, participants, board members, volunteers and you, our supporters, have been able to accomplish. Let me highlight a few of those accomplishments:

- Six students were honored by MATC's annual writing competition: 3 writings were published and 3 received honorable mention.
- A weekly art enrichment class was initiated for those in the education program including jewelry making, Tai Chi, budgeting, mandala making.
- We offered computer training classes.
- We facilitated employment for 11 women.
- We continued to work with Habitat for Humanity. Habitat will build 25 new homes in our community over the next three years. Our goal is to have 10-15 of our members eligible for a Habitat home.
- We brokered five homes in the neighborhood—our total is now 67.
- We partnered with Rebuilding Milwaukee Together to help rehab homes for three of our senior citizens.
- We gave six revolving loans, seven bartering grants; facilitated seven minor home repair loans, two bridge loans, and provided assistance to one participant to obtain a mortgage.
- A major rehab and sale of a home built in 1890 was completed. Although we did not break even, it was a great learning experience, making us even more conscious of the demands and dedication required of Dominican Center homeowners to make their dream of home ownership come true.
- Mayor Tom Barrett and Archbishop Timothy Dolan were two of the over 200 welcomed guests.
- Over 130 teams of Catholic Heart Work Campers were welcomed. They helped with rehab for a week for 22 of our participants.
- We organized our third annual Parade of Homes. The parade was followed by a cookout at Dominican Center's 26th Street community garden.

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- Teams of teens were welcomed and provided with urban experience. They came from Dominican High School, Nicolet High School, St. Ben's Urban Plungers and parish outreach groups.
- We cleared \$22,390.70 at our successful second annual fundraiser: **"Dare to Dream."**
- We assisted in a monthly dinner service at the Guest House, a shelter for homeless men. The dinners were prepared by former Center students, Jackie and Archie Williams.
- We worked intensely to test area children for lead poisoning and to make neighborhood homes lead free and windows lead abated.
- We partnered with Hephatha Lutheran Church Work Ministry group doing weekly clean ups and flower planting in the neighborhood.
- We balanced our budget and assisted Dominican Center members to balance theirs.

Goals for the coming year are fourfold:

1. Assist 5-8 senior homeowners in the area to bring their homes up to code.
2. Facilitate 5-10 home purchases which includes partnering with Habitat for Humanity so that the Dominican Center members can acquire new Habitat homes.
3. Assist 20-30 persons to advance toward their GED.
4. Work diligently to make neighborhood homes lead free and the children lead tested.

These goals are easily stated; however, to accomplish them requires a host of resources, connections and dedicated workers. We invite you to assist us with your resources, connections and dedication to make 2007-2008 a stellar year.

Sincerely yours,

SAnn Halloran, O.P.

Sister Ann Halloran, OP
Executive Director



*"I dare to dream that I can accomplish
whatever I dream...
That I will always dare to serve my fellow men
by clothing the naked
feeding the hungry
and sheltering the homeless."*

Edwinia Scott

Our Photo Album



Sr Sue Felice and helpers from Hephatha Lutheran Church

"...I Dared to Dream that when I turned 40 I would own my own home, something I always wanted. ...By the grace of the Almighty God I came to the Dominican Center. Coming here was the biggest gift that God could have given me, because now I am a homeowner."

Alma Cherry



Sr Dorothy Kennedy and Minnie Dyson

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Lisa gardening for the Youth Work Ministry



Doris Klein and Mary McCabe at the 2007 Fund Raiser

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Dominican High School Campus Ministry on their way to tend the garden at 26th and Locust (near Hadley)

"...Through the Dominican Center, I am now obtaining my G.E.D. and I am also in the process of being a first time home buyer and learning how to be a volunteer and a blessing to someone else. I tell people all over Milwaukee, if you need love or a hug, hot meal or someone to talk to, stop in at the Dominican Center..."

Carolyn Robertson



Nicole Lester joined the Dominican Staff in June, 2007 as our Healthy Housing Community Organizer.

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Insulating a home

*"I had a dream to get me a house.
I got me a house and my dream
came true.*

*I had a dream to get me off drugs.
I got off drugs and my dream came
true.*

*I have a dream to get my G.E.D.
I've enrolled at the Dominican
Center and my dream will come
true. "*

Dorothy Simond



Staff and Students of the Center go to hear Gwen Moore

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"My Dream is to be a teacher. To do that, you have to finish school and go to college and leave nonsense behind....I love working with kids so I am going to The Dominican Center for some help to make my dream come true."

Juanita Stewart

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Jewelry class with Sr. Edna Lonergan, OSF

"I dream of getting my G.E.D. I work hard on my math and reading...I keep on going when things try to stumble me..."
Gwen Coates



Rebuilding Milwaukee

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2006-2007 Financials

REVENUES

Corporation Gifts	5%
Church Gifts	5%
Foundations	24%
City of Milwaukee	13%
NCCHD	1%
Milwaukee Archdiocese	2%
Religious Orders	20%
Individual Gifts	24%
Resale Shop	1%
Interest/Dividends	3%
Other	2%
Total Revenue	\$349,496

EXPENSES

Program	91%
Administrative	9%
Total Expenses	\$349,496



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Sr. Stella De Venuta, OSF works with Gwen Coates at the computer

"I understand why I am going through what I am going through, yet there are still times when I want to give up. However, I have gone too far to give up. I tell myself: Don't be afraid to ask for help or to fail, just keep on trying."

Doris Gant



Sr. Ann Halloran, OP with Mary Garth and her daughter

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