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# Dominican Center For Women, Inc. Annual Report 2007-2008



Dorothy Simond



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Georgniana Bond



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*Our mission is to help create a beautiful, secure,  
and safe neighborhood consisting of  
homeowners and renters who are well educated,  
well employed and community minded.*



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## From the Executive Director's Desk

Dear Friends of the Center,

Today as I write this message we in Milwaukee are enjoying the most beautiful day we have had this summer. I might also say that 2007-2008 was one of the beautiful years we have experienced at the Center. Why? Because we have been able to build on our strengths in so many ways. Let me name a few key examples:

- The steadfast, creative, exciting and monetarily rewarding partnership with Professional Dimensions. We are particularly grateful to the champions Anne Curley, Margaret Henningsen, Susan Cerletty, Fran Bauer, Kimberly Noon, and Diane Hammann for their outstanding leadership and dedication.
- The intense dedication of the 174 Catholic Heart Workcamp young volunteers and their adult supervisors. They helped out in 22 locations – truly making a difference.
- The extraordinary dedication of the DC staff, all of whom have helped bring us to our present productive position. Together we are poised and ready to begin our 4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Process in September.
- The emergence of a pilot project. The mission of this project is to make homes in the neighborhood healthy, safe, energy efficient, and affordable. Under DCW leadership we start with the rehab of 16 homes owned by long-term members of the neighborhood. The 16 homes will be the seeds of neighborhood redevelopment. Most of these homes need about \$22,000 for rehabilitation. Most are eligible for focus on energy or low income weatherization and hazard reduction grant money. With coordination we will be able to maximize the impact of grant funded rehab. We know there will be a gap of 10-15 thousand dollars if we are to do the job right and make this housing safe, efficient and affordable for generations to come. A challenge for the work group will be to find ways to bridge the \$15,000 funding gap. We believe that from our grass roots work a model will emerge for community redevelopment with rehabilitation of existing housing as one of the key components.

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Church Gifts .....	7%
Foundations .....	34%
City of Milwaukee .....	13%
Milwaukee Archdiocese .....	3%
Religious Orders .....	11%
Individual Gifts .....	24%
Resale Shop .....	1%
Interest/Dividends .....	4%
Other .....	1%
Total Revenue .....	\$331,184

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Administrative .....	9.93%
Total Expenses .....	\$331,184

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- Our ongoing partnership with Hephatha Lutheran Church under the leadership of Pastor Mary Martha Kannass. Together we work to create a community of service, love, and stability.
- The creation of a new video, "Common Vision, Many Voices" filmed and edited by Tess Gallun, media professor from UWM. You will be hearing about this heartwarming and provocative film highlighting lives from the Center.
- The wonderful dedication of our volunteers who are always willing and ready to serve wherever they are needed. They come from a variety of sources: walk-ins, friends, friends of friends, PD members and others. We could not function well without them.
- And finally the spirit, will, courage and determination of the women and men who walk through the Center doors. They are the heart beat of the program and the source from which all our growth is initiated, supported and brought to fruition.

With gratitude to you all for making this a lively and lovely year.

Sincerely yours,

*Sister Ann Halloran, O.P.*

Sister Ann Halloran, OP  
 Executive Director



*In my dream all the people of the world will be saved. All the people will have a safe world to live in. All the children will be able to grow up to be respectful men and women in their communities. In order for me to accomplish everything in my dream, I need the people to keep their faith.*

Edwinia Scott

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Two Hephatha youth assist Wes with yard cleanup



Happy faces abound on Mark Wagner's team.

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Hard at work doing cleanup!

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Dominican / Hephatha Spring Cleanup Teams



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