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### Values

The Dominican Center for Women believes:

1. that all people are created by God and as such have great human dignity. All deserve love, respect, opportunities and encouragement to grow to their maximum potential to create a better world.
2. that spirituality, faith, goodness and holiness are at the heart of each person.
3. that it is in community that trust and confidence grow and great things are accomplished.
4. that by assisting others to discover their own self-worth, their self-esteem will grow and they will discover the power within to make a significant difference in their families and neighborhood.
5. that by serving others well, the Center effectively models the power of transformation through nurturance and love.
6. that the Dominican Center is called to share its vision which changes obstacles into challenges to build a better future.
7. that the world becomes a just and peaceful society one person, one family, one neighborhood and one community at a time.

### 2009 - 2010 FINANCIALS

#### INCOME & EXPENSES

##### Income

Corporation Gifts	\$4,200
Church Gifts	\$9,057
Foundations	\$62,368
City of Milwaukee	\$290,350
Milwaukee Archdiocese	\$6,680
Religious Orders	\$30,117
Individual Gifts	\$58,490
Resale Shop	\$2,395
Interest/Dividends	\$9,760
Fundraiser	\$31,933
Other	\$1,995
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$507,345</b>

##### Expenses

Program	90.8%
Administrative	9.2%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$507,345</b>



## Dominican Center for Women, Inc. Annual Report 2009—2010

### Our Mission

The Dominican Center for Women partners with the community to maintain and enhance a beautiful, stable, healthy and safe neighborhood consisting of residents who are community-minded and are striving to be meaningfully educated and employed.

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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present to you the 2009-2010 Annual Report. It summarizes for you, what has been for us, a most productive year. We hope you will take pride in your support of our mission.

Sincerely yours,

*S. Ann Halloran, OP*

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#### 2009—2010 In Review

##### Education

- Assisted 25 students achieve their personal academic goals.
- Educated 24 learners in in computer classes to become proficient in word processing and Internet usage.
- Conducted a poetry class, compiling their writings into a published book sold at our annual fundraiser.
- Developed a needs-specific writing class to help strengthen writing skills. Students were encouraged to help each other in strengthening their academic skills.
- Provided weekly enrichment classes in jewelry-making, poetry, art, public speaking and healthy living.
- Expanded the number of tutors.

##### Housing

- Created a new staff position, Resource Coordinator, to assist participants in accessing available resources.
- Rehabbed 20 owner-occupied homes to be healthy, safe and code-compliant.
- Assisted individuals with their personal finance needs, including establishing budgets, and beginning savings accounts and working to erase personal debt.
- Connected with the City of Milwaukee Health Department to address lead-poisoning concerns and asthma abatement triggers present in neighborhood housing stock. We now have 2 1/2 staff working in that area.
- Developed the 24th Street/24th Place Investment Group—a focus group consisting of residents, DC staff and community partners, organized to address foreclosed and abandoned homes and other neighborhood issues. In only a few months since the group's inception, neighbors and landlords have gotten involved together to work effectively for a safe and secure neighborhood.
- Encouraged the growth of the following community-based groups: a Saturday Home Action Group, a Senior Homeowner Group and the 24th Street/24th Place Investment Committee. These groups meet monthly at DC to encourage and share ideas; consult with resource professionals on homeownership issues, and plan group action on neighborhood issues. The goal of the DC housing program is revitalization through resident leadership. This is cultivated and encouraged at each step.
- Worked with a Nicolet student by planning with and supervising his Eagle Scout project. Micah earned his Eagle badge by rehabbing a front porch for a DC resident.

- The Housing Trust Fund Grant made it possible for the DC to assist 13 families to obtain the necessary repairs on their homes. These repairs included siding, roofing plumbing, electrical work, plus interior and exterior carpentry repairs.
- Designated as a Target Investment Neighborhood.

##### Community Outreach

- Organized in partnership with the YMCA a Healthy Housing Fair for 300-500 neighborhood residents. This event, through its 50 plus vendors, provided resource information on housing and health issues.
- Hosted the DC second annual Back to School Festival. This event offered information on healthy living, lead testing for the children, and games and activities to encourage an active lifestyle. Over 300 book bags filled with school supplies were distributed to children and youth returning to school.
- In addition to visiting neighborhood homes, Healthy Housing staff made presentations to schools, daycare facilities and after-school programs to engage neighborhood residents in education about asthma triggers and lead poisoning in their home. Often, these residents were integrated into the housing program to address other rehab needs.
- Continued to support and serve at a monthly meal at Guest House Homeless Shelter.
- Continued to work in partnership with Hephatha Lutheran Church's Work Ministry to provide service to neighborhood residents through clean-ups and yard work for the elderly.
- Organized 3 neighborhood clean-ups in partnership with community partners, District 5 Police, residents and other volunteer organizations.
- Jointly hosted with COA (Children's Outing Association) seven gatherings to bridge the communication gap between elders and teenagers.
- Partnered with Justice 2000 to provide community service hours for eight persons.
- Planned and executed a successful fundraiser, "The Dream Lives On," whose dual purpose was to raise funds for DC programs and to build community among the diverse groups of DC supporters.
- Partnered with community residents and MSOE students and faculty to design and implement a community garden on 24th Street. The beds were built and the seeds planted on May 22.
- Partnered with a variety of young adult volunteers from Dominican High School, Nicolet High School, St. Francis Youth Ministry, Divine Savior High School and Creighton University.
- The DC was recognized by LISC for its outstanding service to the community at the annual LISC sponsored Mandi Awards.
- For the 7th year, Catholic Heart Workcamp donated a week of service to DC members. This year 20 residents had a crew of young volunteers to assist them with rehab and landscape activities.
- Partnered with Legal Aid so that DC had a resident lawyer, Nick Toman, present Monday—Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In addition to foreclosure issues, Nick was of great assistance in other areas requiring legal expertise.

July 1, 2009 - June 25, 2010

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