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hunger and homelessness
affect children, seniors, veterans
and working adults



OPEN YOUR HEART

TO THE HUNGRY
AND HOMELESS

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

"I believe Open Your Heart is preparing each child for school by ensuring they are dressed properly and prepared to begin each school day, without their peers being aware of the crisis their family is in."

WOMEN'S ADVOCATES
Domestic Violence Shelter

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**Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless thanks these individuals who no longer actively serve on our staff or board of directors for the many contributions they have made to our organization.*

GRATITUDE

IN A TIME OF NEED

We are proud to present the 2009 annual report of Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless filled with successes and inspiration to all of those who believe that every person deserves to have adequate food and shelter.

2009 was a tough year for many people. The new Wilder Research Homeless Study reveals that homelessness in Minnesota rose 22 percent between 2006 and 2009, with about 13,100 people now homeless on any given night. One in ten Minnesotans relied on food shelves for support during the year as many families struggled with job losses, decreased hours and home foreclosures. We all know someone who has been personally affected by the economic downturn. We've seen them worry about not being able to pay rent or feed their families. And we know the hope and gratitude that come when a friend reaches out a hand to help them through their time of hardship.

Donors to Open Your Heart have been that helping hand, responding tremendously to the needs of their neighbors. Open Your Heart raised more than \$896,000 in contributions and pledges through our employee giving campaigns in 2009, the highest total in our 24-year history! Corporate and individual donors also gave generously, showing broad support for the work that we do.

This generous support allows us to continue giving not only where the need is greatest but when the need is greatest, responding quickly to agencies who are trying to serve more people with fewer resources. In 2009 we gave out 104 grants to food and shelter providers to help them obtain the things people experiencing hunger and homelessness need the most. Items such as new beds, fresh produce and school supplies give instant relief to people in crisis and help them build a new foundation for a brighter future.

As we enter our 25th year, we remember our roots in a small group of State of Minnesota employees who saw a growing need for food in their community and decided to do something about it. Their drive to raise money, food and awareness for Minnesota food shelves has grown into a statewide organization leading the charge against hunger and homelessness. We are proud to continue their mission and grateful to all of the volunteers, donors and partners who have journeyed with us. Together we will achieve our vision that every Minnesotan is free from hunger and homelessness.



Arna Yetter
Executive Director

Yoji Shimizu
Board President

AGENCIES FUNDED IN 2009

EDUCATION GRANTS

Education grants support homeless students who need supplies, clothing and money for school-related fees. Meeting these needs reduces pressure on the students and allows them to engage in school more fully.

Ain Dah Yung Our Home Shelter
St. Paul

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation *St. Paul*

Ascension Place *Minneapolis*

Bi-County Community Action Programs *Bemidji*

Bridge for Runaway Youth *Minneapolis*

Central MN Task Force on Battered Women *St. Cloud*

Churches United in Ministry *Duluth*

Cornerstone Advocacy Service
Bloomington

Dakota Woodlands *Eagan*

East Metro Women's Council *White Bear Lake*

Elim Transitional Housing *Minneapolis*

The Evergreen House *Bemidji*

Freeport West *Minneapolis*

Hope Coalition *Red Wing*

Houston County Women's Resources
Hokah

The Link *Minneapolis*

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
Minneapolis

Mid-Minnesota Women's Center
Brainerd

Minneapolis Public Schools/Special School District #1 *Minneapolis*

New Foundations *St. Paul*

People Serving People *Minneapolis*

Perspectives *St. Louis Park*

Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women *Duluth*

Safe Haven Shelter for Youth
Shakopee

The Salvation Army *Duluth*

The Salvation Army *Rochester*

The Salvation Army *St. Cloud*

Sharing and Caring Hands
Minneapolis

Shelter House *Willmar*

Sojourner Project *Hopkins*

Theresa House *Mankato*

Theresa Living Center *St. Paul*

Union Gospel Mission *Duluth*

Union Gospel Mission *St. Paul*

Waseca Area Neighborhood Center
Waseca

Women of Nations *St. Paul*

Women's Advocates *St. Paul*

Young Women's Christian Association
Duluth

Young Women's Christian Association
St. Paul

YWCA Cass Clay *Fargo, ND*



"With our new walk-in cooler from Open Your Heart, we now have enough space to store all of the fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products that our clients need!"

**COMMUNITY AID
ELK RIVER Food Shelf**



GENERAL GRANTS

General grants enable agencies providing food and/or shelter throughout Minnesota to secure the necessary supplies, equipment and improvements to their facilities in order to help people in need. Open Your Heart also funds statewide food distribution through Hunger Solutions Minnesota. This support provides funding for the six Feeding America food banks serving Minnesota and 160 local food shelves.

The Aliveness Project *Minneapolis*
Area Food Shelf *Argyle*

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency *Virginia*

Ascension Place *Minneapolis*

Asian Women United of Minnesota
Minneapolis

Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
Minneapolis

Churches United in Ministry *Duluth*

Community Aid Elk River *Elk River*

Community Emergency Service of Augustana Lutheran Church
Minneapolis

Concerned Citizens of Pinemill Court
Virginia

The Evergreen House *Bemidji*

Family Housing Fund / Project Homeless Connect *St. Paul/East Metro*

Family Housing Fund / Project Homeless Connect *Minneapolis/Hennepin County*

The Family Place *St. Paul*

Freeport West *Minneapolis*

Grace House of Itasca County
Grand Rapids

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
Minneapolis

Hastings Family Service *Hastings*

Hope for the City *Minnetonka*

House of Charity *Minneapolis*

Hunger Solutions Minnesota
Statewide

Indian Neighborhood Club on Alcohol and Drugs
Minneapolis

Keystone Community Service *St. Paul*

Lakes Area Food Shelf *Nisswa*

Life House *Duluth*

The Link *Minneapolis*

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
St. Paul

New Foundations *St. Paul*

Northland Counseling Center
Grand Rapids

Our Saviour's Outreach Ministries
Minneapolis

Ours to Serve House of Hospitality
Bemidji

People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM)
Golden Valley

People Serving People *Minneapolis*

Peta Wakan Tipi *St. Paul*

Range Transitional Housing *Virginia*

RS Eden *Minneapolis*

Sabathani Community Center
Minneapolis

The Salvation Army *Albert Lea*

The Salvation Army *Duluth*

The Salvation Army *Minneapolis*

The Salvation Army *Virginia*

Sojourner Project *Hopkins*

St. Paul Area Council of Churches
St. Paul

St. Stephen's Human Services
Minneapolis

Twin Cities Community Voice Mail
St. Paul

Vail Place *Hopkins*

Volunteers of America *Isle*

Wayside House *St. Louis Park*

Western Community Action *Marshall*

Young Women's Christian Association
Duluth

"Our employees believe strongly in Open Your Heart's mission to help those most in need."

WALKER ART CENTER



WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Charitable giving in the workplace provides the majority of Open Your Heart's funding. With this generous support, we are able to fund the food and shelter providers serving our community.

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REVENUE & EXPENSES

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions, interest and investment income, miscellaneous income and refunds of prior year grants

	2009	2008	2007
REVENUE	\$909,682	\$981,317	\$819,38
EXPENSES			
Program Services	\$784,030	\$786,204	\$644,844
Management	\$42,612	\$46,960	\$47,098
Fundraising	\$97,646	\$86,511	\$47,089
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$931,974	\$919,675	\$739,031

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