

Serving Ann Arbor Area Children, Families, and Adults for 35 Years



Peace  
Neighborhood  
Center

# 2006 Annual Report

# Dear Friends,

I am excited and honored to address you for the first time as Executive Director during a special period of growth and transition. We finished 2006 with Rose Martin's retirement after more than thirty years of her service to children, families and individuals in our community. She was a catalyst for change in thousands of lives during her tenure at Peace Neighborhood Center and served with selflessness and commitment that can only be considered Herculean. A simple "Thank You" does not demonstrate the depth of gratitude and appreciation we heard from many of you during this past year concerning Rose's retirement. Rose has always believed in and seen the possibilities in all of us.

Two examples of her steadfast belief in possibilities are Paul Johnson, our new Program Director, and me. We are two men whose lives and dreams have been molded by the influences of Peace programs, staff, volunteers, and supporters throughout our childhood and into manhood. To say that Peace is a major influence in our lives would be an understatement. We both, after living and working in other parts of the country, returned to Peace - our home, a place we believe in, a place we see miracles happen, a place we know *works!*

Our plan is simple ...to continue to believe in the possibilities in all of us, to stay true to the mission of Peace Neighborhood Center, to remain trusted stewards of Peace funds, and to grow Peace services and programs to meet the needs of this wonderful community.

We are two of thousands that grew up in and benefited from Peace programs and services. As we look forward to four decades of service, the on-going support of friends like you will be essential to our ability to continue to meet our promise of serving at-risk youth, adults, and their families.

Peace makes a difference! You make a difference!



Bonnie Billups, Jr.  
Executive Director



PS: I want to welcome Allan Newman as our new Board President and acknowledge the tireless and valuable contributions to the agency made by our outgoing Board President, Tim Damschroder. Thank you, Tim, for your outstanding leadership during the last 4 years. We also welcome 3 other new Members to the Board of Directors - Seth Kopald, Amy Pachera, and Kathy Sample - and thank Delphia Simpson and Larry O'Connell, our Treasurer, for their six years of service. Peace enjoys a long history of strong support from its Board of Directors and hope you will join us in applauding their selfless efforts.



**For nearly four decades,** Peace Neighborhood Center has piloted and maintained programs for children, families, and individuals to promote self-sufficiency and positive community involvement. We are proud to report that since 1971, we have provided critical services and opportunities to more than 12,500 people in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. Through a wide range of comprehensive programs, Peace helps people discover options, enhance skills, and make choices that promote education, health, well-being, and fiscal independence. Our services include: advocacy, emergency assistance, substance abuse recovery and prevention, after-school programs, summer day camp, college and career preparation, individual and family counseling, and employment assistance.

## Clients Served

**Peace Neighborhood Center served more than 1,572 clients in 2006.**

- 19,051 meals were served
- 84 families received emergency food
- 176 youth participated in Summer Day Camp
- 127 youth participated in after-school programs
- 27 youth participated in College/Career Prep Club
- 3,728 hours of tutoring provided
- 74 clients placed in jobs and/or maintained employment
- 23 evictions prevented
- 108 families received assistance with utilities

Peace's core beliefs include respect for the diversity of our clients, recognition of the value and dignity of people, and acknowledgement of their potential. We strive for diversity among Board Members, staff, and management so that we are able to serve our client population efficiently.



# Youth and Family Services

*"I like being able to spend the summer with my friends. The field trips are fun too."*



**PNC's Summer Day Camp**, started in 1974, is the largest summer camp program of its kind in Washtenaw County. For eight weeks, campers participate in structured recreational activities, one-on-one tutoring, and enrichment groups focusing on topics such as science, drama, music, computer skills, and character-building. They are served a nutritious breakfast and lunch every day and are taken to local parks, museums, and educational sites in buses. We also transport many of the campers to and from their homes in the mornings and afternoons. Children are encouraged to participate in special clubs such as drumline, step dancing, drama, martial arts, digital photography, and soccer. The program ends with our annual Summer Day Camp Celebration, where the children showcase their accomplishments for their families and friends.

*"My children are safe at Peace. I am grateful my children have a place to go after school so I can work."*



**After-school programs**, for children in kindergarten through 8th grades, operate on Tuesday and Thursday between September and June. Youth are engaged in creative activities which promote development of social skills and a healthy, positive attitude. With the help of more than 150 volunteer tutors, they receive additional assistance with their schooling. After-School Programs features the "Community of Character" curriculum, a program plan that assigns themes to all activities monthly. Past themes included topics such as responsibility, communication, peace and justice, and integrity. Older children in grades 6-8 are engaged in more advanced, thought-provoking activities and group discussions that emphasize academic performance and development of leadership skills. Teens in this program are also encouraged to participate in activities beyond Peace, and many of them are volunteers in the community, participate on athletic teams, and are engaged in social issues. Both Summer Day Camp and After-school programs are also operated by Peace at satellite facilities on public housing sites located at Maple Meadows and North Maple Estates.



## Satellite Centers

In 1998, with the generosity of a grant from the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Peace began operating youth and family programs in community centers located at two local public housing sites on the west side of Ann Arbor. We continue to operate after-school programs, summer day camp, and other programs. With our support, these communities are establishing a sense of ownership in their neighborhood and are taking responsibility for its beauty.



**Adult services** continue to be a much-needed commodity in Washtenaw County. In 2006, we provided a myriad of services that included everything from financial to emotional support. Whether it is preventing a family's heat from being shut off, helping a parent navigate the financial aid system so their child can go to college, or simply driving a client to a job interview, Peace staff find creative ways to cut through red tape and provide services when families need it most.

*"I was laid off and couldn't find new employment. Peace was there for my family with gifts of food and assistance with my energy bill."*

**Other programs and services** include College & Career Prep Club, Rising Sons Mentorship for Boys, Substance Abuse Recovery Support, Alternatives for Youth, Leaders in Training, Performance Arts Academy, Job Placement & Retention Services, and Advocacy. All of these programs together are a part of the unique "wrap-around" approach Peace uses to help families struggling with poverty, underemployment, addiction, or medical disabilities.



# Statement of Operating Revenue & Expenses\*

Individuals	\$ 294,944	48.7%
Churches and Service Groups	26,690	4.3%
City of Ann Arbor	23,425	3.9%
Washtenaw United Way	150,943	24.9%
Corporations and Foundations	50,120	8.3%
Satellite Centers	25,415	4.2%
Special Events	22,300	3.7%
In-Kind Gifts	12,000	2.0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 605,837</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Administration	\$ 26,708	4.3%
Adult Programs	39,157	6.3%
Advocacy	83,677	13.5%
Fundraising	69,790	11.3%
Job Placement	19,240	3.2%
Satellite Centers	41,107	6.6%
Substance Abuse Support	79,485	12.8%
Youth Programs	260,239	42.0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 619,403</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Unaudited; audited figures will be available June 2007

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## Mission

Peace Neighborhood Center's mission is to provide programs for children, families, and individuals who are affected by social and economic problems. Peace helps people discover options, enhance skills, develop positive attitudes, and make choices that lead to self-sufficiency and positive community involvement.