

THANKS TO YOU ...



35,121 meals were delivered to men, women, and children in Fairfax

16 people now have homes because of the Home Connections Permanent Supportive Housing Program

24 people who were homeless are participants in the Home Connections Transitional Supportive Housing Program

3,036 individuals received services from FACETS' Client Resource Center, Outreach to the motels, and the Community of Faith food pantry

2008 Annual Report

FACETS
We Open Doors! 



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Message from FACETS' CEO & Board President

Dear FACETS Supporters,

We are very pleased to present to you our annual report for fiscal year 2008, which ended on June 30, 2008.

As our mission statement says, we celebrated 20 years of "building strong families and safe communities by improving the quality of life for impoverished men, women and children through comprehensive programs addressing physical, spiritual and emotional needs."

FACETS has always been about forming partnerships. We strive to form partnerships with our individual donors, our many faith communities, foundations and civic organizations, and local and federal government. But most of all, FACETS has been about forming partnerships with our consumers ... the individuals and family members who are working hard to improve their own life and that of their loved ones. It's been a real privilege. We will continue to form partnerships into our next 20 years!

In last year's annual report, FACETS committed itself to move from "managing homelessness" to ending homelessness by providing permanent housing "for up to ten people within 18 months." We are thrilled to report that, with the help of generous and committed partners, we have provided such housing to sixteen people within eleven months!

While this is very good start, it is only a start. Today nearly 2,000 people, including those with mental health and addiction disabilities, remain homeless. Some sleep on the streets, in the woods or in their cars (if they are fortunate enough to have one). Some families live in motel rooms; others hop from one friend or family member to another. Some are fortunate enough to get into one of the six emergency shelters in Fairfax (did you know that the waiting list just to get into a shelter is months long?)

This year's audit, like all previous audits, gives confidence to all our stakeholders that our accounting practices and financial controls are sound, but as of this writing our country, state, and county are experiencing a serious financial crisis. Times are getting tougher for all of us. It is precisely because of this impending crisis that FACETS will redouble its efforts to intervene in the lives of those who have little. While hard times impact all of us, they especially impact the homeless. There will be fewer places for them to stay. There will be fewer jobs for them to get.

Now more than ever, FACETS – with the help of our generous donors – must find housing for those who live in the woods;

Now more than ever we must provide a daily hot meal to anyone who is hungry;

Now more than ever we must provide job counseling, referral to medical services, transportation services, emergency food and supplies and medication prescriptions;

Now more than ever we must provide hypothermia relief in the form of shelter and meals for men and women during the winter;

Now more than ever, we need your support and assistance!

In the upcoming year, FACETS is committed, with your support, to strengthening our existing services and continuing to end homelessness by permanently housing at least another 10 people. Now more than ever...

Jerry Roje
President

Jim Brigl
Chief Executive Officer

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Who We Are

Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services, Inc. (FACETS) was founded in 1988, and incorporated in 1989 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3). FACETS has been a supportive haven for impoverished men, women and children in Northern Virginia for the past 20 years. Providing emergency and transitional services, FACETS' comprehensive programs address the needs of families and individuals who are homeless or in need of help.

In fiscal year 2008, FACETS provided services and programs for more than 3,000 individuals who were homeless, precariously housed, or living in public housing communities in Fairfax. Open Monday-Friday from 8:30am – 5pm, the FACETS office serves as a walk-in center for individuals and families who need immediate assistance or counseling. Through a scheduled rotation, social workers respond to individuals who walk into the office, providing guests with transportation, food, water, hygiene items, sleeping bags, tents, and other items as needed. In addition, phones, computers, and the internet are available for use and allow guests to identify resources and schedule appointments.

Additionally, FACETS provides supportive housing, outreach, medical assistance, counseling, educational programs, a hypothermia prevention program, and a daily hot meals program in a unique effort to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

Mission Statement

Our mission at FACETS is to build strong families and safe communities by improving the quality of life for impoverished men, women and children through comprehensive programs addressing physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

FACETS' Vision

Our vision at FACETS is to be the trusted, primary catalyst for bringing together those who have a need with those who can help meet the need to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in Fairfax, Virginia.

Guiding Values

♥ Dignity of our clients

FACETS values the dignity of our clients, accepts people wherever they are – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Whenever possible, FACETS works one-on-one with clients. Consistent with our Christian roots, FACETS makes a heart connection, listens and guides but does not judge.

♥ Commitment to our staff, volunteers, partners and donors

FACETS values our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners and donors as our most important assets. They provide, manage and leverage all of our resources.

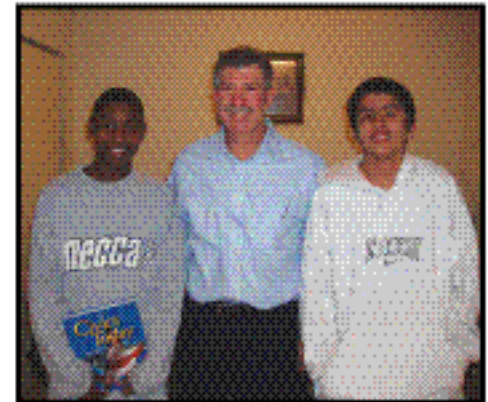
♥ Integrity and professionalism of our operations

FACETS values excellence of management and professionalism of service delivery and is a superior steward of the resources of the community.

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A Place to Come for Help: **FACETS' Outreach Services**

FACETS' programs promote self-sufficiency and provide a continuum of supportive services to families and individuals who are homeless or living in poverty. Most of all, FACETS is a place to turn to for help. Through comprehensive case management, emergency support services, basic needs (clothes, emergency food, tents, etc) and medical assistance, FACETS' social workers provide outreach services, counseling, budget assistance, and support in the areas of job readiness training, language instruction, mental health counseling, medical services, and substance abuse treatment. These programs stabilize people who are in crisis and promote their transition to economic independence by providing them with the services and programs they need to become self-sufficient.



A Daily Meal:

FACETS' Hot Meals Program Celebrates 20 Years of Feeding the Hungry

For the past 20 years, FACETS has provided meals to men, women, and children who are homeless and hungry in Fairfax. Founded in 1988, FACETS' first program, Hot Meals, began with the partnership of three faith communities who committed to delivering meals to people who were homeless and living on the streets of Fairfax. Since then, this incredible program has expanded to include partnerships between FACETS and 35 faith communities. Last year, more than 400 committed individuals cooked and delivered 35,121 delicious hot meals to hungry individuals each and every night and, since April, Sunday morning breakfasts, as well.

Shelter from the Cold: The Hypothermia Prevention Response Program



HPRP Appreciation Event with FACETS' CEO, Jim Brigl, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Board member Art Smith, and FACETS' Board President, Jerry Poje.

Each winter for the past four years, FACETS has partnered with Fairfax County and local faith communities to shelter and feed men and women who are unable to find refuge from the elements. Although the Hypothermia Prevention Response Program has changed substantially over the past four years and has needed to be flexible to the realities of available resources, one constant is the support faith communities have extended to this effort. Volunteers often say they get more out of the experience than the guests, who are homeless and in need of shelter. The heart and soul that faith communities breathe into the program goes beyond the hot dinner each night; it creates a rich fellowship that lifts spirits.

Last winter, the area's faith communities demonstrated their passion for this ministry as they supported guests not only at their own locations, but also at a static site in the Seven Corners neighborhood. Volunteers provided hot dinners and, through music, movies, and games, created a warm, inviting atmosphere our guests often do not receive.

In the end, the program goal each year is simple: no hypothermia-related deaths. As a result of this effort, in fiscal year 2008, more than 400 unduplicated guests received nutritious meals and a warm place to sleep each night and there were zero casualties.

Brian Weaver, the program leader for HPRP in 2008, offers his perspective: "Last year a very reluctant volunteer cautiously offered her time during the week her church hosted the Hypothermia Program. By the end of the week her heart had bloomed with a love for the guests she'd come to know. That's the wonderful surprise of the hypothermia experience. We come together with a straightforward goal of ensuring that shelter is available to anyone in need during the coldest months. It turns out, as that once reluctant volunteer discovered, the warm space we offer in faith communities across Fairfax County to those 'in need' ends up breathing new life into our own hearts and spirits."

— In 2008 more than 400 individuals were given shelter and meals throughout the winter months because of the Hypothermia Prevention Response Program —



Meghan, Jory and Baby Emma
(see testimonial on back cover)

A Place to Call Home:

The Home Connections Supportive Housing Program

The Home Connections Supportive Housing Program

After 20 years of working with families and individuals who are homeless, FACETS has acted on its increasing concerns about the cycle of homelessness in Fairfax County and has initiated the Home Connections Supportive Housing Programs. The emergency shelter system in Fairfax is able to accommodate only a fraction of the growing number of homeless families and individuals, and many people are forced to live in their cars, in tents, in parking garages, or to move from place to place, staying intermittently with friends and families. Therefore, the Home Connections Supportive Housing Programs have been modeled after the Housing First methodology, which is premised on the belief that vulnerable and at-risk individuals are more responsive to interventions and social services support *after they are in their own housing*.

The Permanent Supportive Housing Program



Since February 2008, FACETS has moved 16 individuals into *permanent housing*! The Permanent Supportive Housing Program enables people to regain the self-confidence and control over their lives that they lost when they became homeless. This program is especially helpful for individuals who may have mental health disabilities or addictions. Through supportive services and regular counseling from FACETS' social workers, individuals participating in this program are able to focus on addressing the various elements in their lives that prevented them from gaining independence in the past.



It is truly amazing to witness someone receiving the keys to their own home after spending countless years struggling to survive on the streets. Their gratitude is overwhelming and they are truly touched by the generosity of everyone involved in helping them receive the opportunity to live in a home. As one man said as he sat down in his apartment for the first time, "I never thought this would happen... it's just so beautiful. I'm so grateful to not have to sleep outside anymore. Thank you, thank you for all of this."

The Transitional Supportive Housing Program

The Transitional Supportive Housing Program is very similar to the Permanent Supportive Housing Program and offers hope to families and individuals who are homeless by "opening a door" to a place they can call home. Through partnerships with individuals, businesses, and faith communities, FACETS houses people in two and three bedroom apartments for up to two years, while providing them with a coordinated system of care that offers them social work supports, mentors, and financial assistance. Individuals and families work to develop the skills that will enable them to live independently after that time. The main components of this program are identical to the Permanent Supportive Housing Program, but individuals in this program face fewer obstacles in their personal lives and are more likely to be able to graduate from the program after two years and find housing on their own. This program has been in operation for more than eight years and has helped numerous families develop the skills they need to live independently. Currently, twenty-four individuals are participating in the Transitional Supportive Housing Program.

Preventing Homelessness in the Future: Community Development Programs



FACETS' Community Development Programs are committed to preventing homelessness in the future by working with families in public housing to prevent evictions, and by providing numerous educational and enriching programs and services for children who are at-risk. FACETS provides after-school programs for children and continuing education programs for adults living in three Fairfax County public housing communities: Barros Circle (Centreville), Ragan Oaks (Fairfax), and Robinson Square (Fairfax). Many special programs are also held throughout the year that improve the quality of life for impoverished families and include holiday assistance and parties, backpacks and school supplies, summer camps, Study Buddies, and recreational activities.

One of the dedicated volunteers who devotes his time throughout the year to these important programs is Dan Mondloch. Christine Jones, one of FACETS' Community Development Advocates, shares that Dan "has demonstrated an incredible level of commitment to the children of Robinson Square. Not only does he remain a pillar in the youth programs but he aids in all special events. He has utilized his teaching background when assisting with Homework Help and brought his love of sports to the Outdoor Rec program during the summer. Dan has brought his family in on the action, having two of his sons pitch in. This fall Dan will be leading Homework Help three days of the week! He has expressed that he sees the structure that many of the kids need. His actions show that he is willing to work to meet that void."

Dan says he gets the most out of "interacting with the children and seeing that they are really benefiting from my giving. Hopefully by helping the children with their homework, they will be successful in school and break the cycle of homelessness. Before volunteering at FACETS, I had no idea of the scope of the problem of homelessness and how many children are affected. Anytime I pass a wooded area now I wonder if there are individuals or even families who are trying to merely exist inside where we cannot see them." He continues, "You can NEVER give of yourself too much! I receive such a sense of satisfaction that I am helping in any way I can, no matter how small it may seem."

Partners in Service



FACETS actively partnered with 74 faith communities in Northern Virginia during fiscal year 2008 and these dedicated groups support the work of FACETS in countless ways, invaluable contributing to the success of programs like the Hot Meals Program, the Hypothermia Prevention Response Program, and the Home Connections Supportive Housing Programs. Additionally, numerous foundations, civic organizations, and local and federal government organizations donate their time and resources to FACETS' mission by assisting with the annual school and holiday drives, donating to the Fall for FACETS auction, sponsoring food drives, donating financially to various programs, and much more. By supporting FACETS' programs financially, through in-kind donations, and through the volunteer work of their members, FACETS' partners deeply impact the fight against homelessness.

FACETS also partnered with 2,906 individuals who volunteered their time in fiscal year 2008. With a small paid staff, volunteer support exponentially extends the reach of FACETS' services and programs by allowing many more people in need to receive assistance. From the volunteers who dedicate their time to the Hypothermia Prevention Response or Hot Meals programs, to those who donate items to the annual Fall for FACETS Auction or walk in the Help the Homeless Walkathon, to those who lead programs at one of the three public housing communities, the support of everyone is vital to FACETS' vision of breaking the cycle of homelessness in Fairfax County.

Donors

FACETS is grateful to have such incredible support from its donors. Thanks to their generosity, FACETS was able to serve more than 3,000 people who were in need during fiscal year 2008.

FACETS is appreciative of all of its supporters, but space limitations necessitate that the FACETS Annual Report only recognize donors who contributed \$250 or more between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

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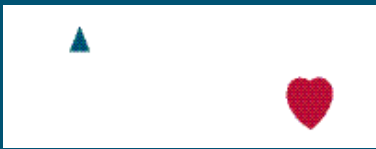
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 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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 Living Savior Lutheran Church
 Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Lord of Life Lutheran Church,
 Dayspring Woman's Group
 Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
 Metropolitan Community Church
 Mount Calvary Baptist Church
 New Hope Fellowship
 Northern Virginia Mennonite Church
 Oakton United Methodist Church Men
 Oakton United Methodist Church Women
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 Parkwood Baptist Church
 St. Albans Episcopal
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 St. Mark Catholic Church
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church - WELCA
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 St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church
 St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
 St. Thomas Episcopal Church
 Sydenstricker Methodist Church
 The Church of the Holy Comforter, Episcopal
 The Church of the Holy Comforter, Women
 The King's Chapel
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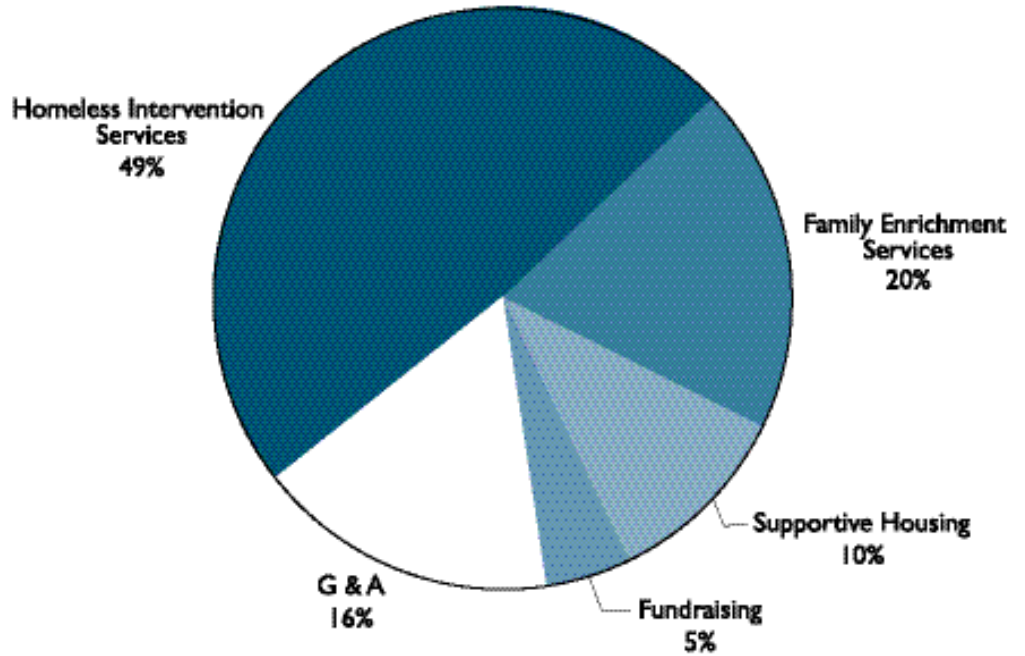
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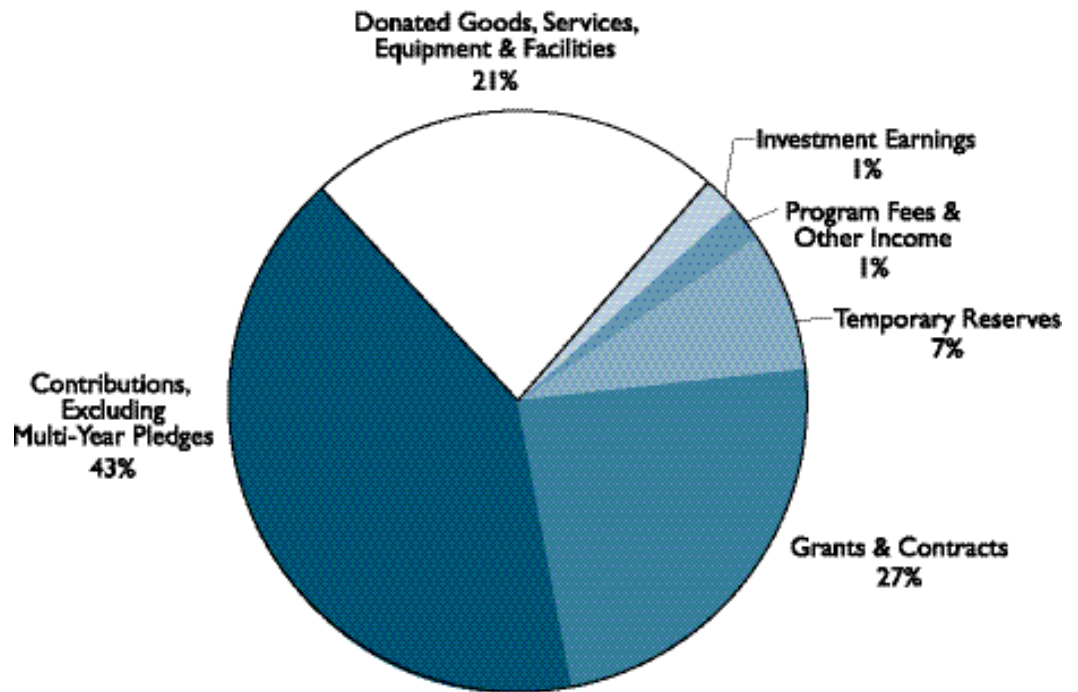
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To the FACETS Board of Directors for their willingness to devote their time, talent and treasure to help break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in their community. Their commitment to FACETS' mission is the cornerstone of FACETS' success! Thank you!

Expenses: Total \$2,142,815



Sources of Income: Total \$2,142,815



Partners in Change: How Your Support Has Saved Lives

Client Testimonials

♥ "My name is Meghan and some of you who volunteer or donate to FACETS know me, and many more of you have heard of me, I'm sure. I was the VERY pregnant girl, who was homeless with her boyfriend in the Hypothermia Prevention Response program during the winter of '08. We have had a very hard life and the latest challenges began when we placed our three boys in Foster Care in 2007 because we were not stable enough to provide for them. Since then we have been trying to get our lives situated and back on track. We came to the Hypothermia shelter at the end of February in 2008, and we were told a few weeks later on March 12th that if we did not have a home by the time our daughter was born in the middle of April that the County would place her in foster care, as well. My boyfriend, Jory, worked 6 days a week, 12 hours a day and I waddled around pregnant for most of the winter. Being in the Hypothermia shelter gave us a place to sleep at night. It also gave us a meal twice a day, and people to talk to and just vent about the general frustrations we were facing. When we told FACETS that we could possibly lose our daughter, FACETS began to advocate for us. Because of their efforts, we were able to get into an apartment the day the Hypothermia program ended on April 1, which was also Jory's 28th birthday. We have since maintained our apartment and I have just recently started a job; we are doing so much better. Without the help from FACETS we might have lost our daughter, and we would not have been able to get ourselves into a stable situation. We are so grateful that this organization exists, without it we would have been lost." — Much Thanks, Meghan, Jory and Baby Emma

♥ I have been homeless for seven years. In that time, I've been raped twice and my former boyfriend knocked out my front teeth because I refused to pan-handle for his drugs. A woman really needs a guy around when she's living in the woods. It's been hard, but the hardest thing has been trying to get and maintain a job while living in the woods. I'm married now, but in a lot of ways it's even more stressful for married couples who are homeless. It's just terrible living in the woods. We get tents from FACETS and then put them up on planks so the rain won't get in. Most days I have to get up at 5am to catch a bus so I can find a place to get a shower before catching another bus to go to work or look for a job. Then at the end of the day, I have to come back to the campsite and figure out what to do for food. We have a small propane grill now and we use FACETS' Hot Meals program, but it's still hard.

I think a lot of people just think homeless people are a bunch of addicts, but most of us aren't. Most of us are trying to make things work and to just keep a job so we can get into housing. There are some people, though, who prey on the rest of us who are working or trying to work. You never know when someone is going to come by your tent with a knife. My husband works in construction and gets a check everyday, so a lot of times people will also just show up at our campsite and want to use his money so they can party. It's hard for him, too, because his job is so exhausting, so it's really difficult to do construction all day and then come back to a tent and sleep on the ground. The woods take a lot out of you. I mean, we'd like to come home and just watch TV and relax, like a lot of people. Luckily we do have a little radio so we can listen to some news and the weather. The weather channel can be especially important because trees fall all the time, especially in storms, and we always have to be careful – two years ago we were sitting in our tent and watched four trees near us fall like dominoes.

FACETS has helped us so much. The Hypothermia Prevention Response program and the Hot Meals program have been a huge help to us, but FACETS also gives us tents, flashlights, tarps, sleeping bags – without them, what would we do? They've also helped me a huge amount with medical and dental issues. I recently went to the dentist with Bob Schon, FACETS' Medical Outreach Worker, and I am now scheduled for at least four more appointments. Now, I can get dentures for my upper front teeth so I can have a better appearance when I'm looking for a job as a receptionist. FACETS has also helped me with my résumé and job searches, because, most of all, my husband and I just want to get out of the woods and into housing. — Anonymous, FACETS' client



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