



VISIONS Community Services
2008 Annual Report

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VISIONS Community Services (VCS) is a non-profit organization established in 1981 and located in the West End of Cincinnati at 425 Ezzard Charles Drive. VCS serves young parents and their children from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. VISIONS provides a unique blend of services to parents and children. We assist teen and young parents to obtain their high school diploma, GED, pursue post secondary education and obtain and maintain meaningful employment. Our early childhood education program provides a safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment while preparing children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed. It has achieved quality ratings from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and Ohio's Step Up to Quality program. Our philosophy is that education is the most effective way to escape poverty.

Mission Statement

VISIONS Community Services is a community-based organization committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing human services that strengthen families and promote self-sufficiency. Our interactions with the families we serve, our volunteers, funders and community partners will reflect our core values of caring, respect, integrity and a commitment to excellence in all we do.

Our key strategies for fulfilling our mission include:

1. Provide nationally accredited childcare services for children 6 weeks – 5 years that address the educational physical and behavioral needs of children, enabling them to enter kindergarten ready to learn.
2. Work closely with parents and provide family support services, crisis intervention, and education/support groups that help them achieve their goals.
3. Collaborate with other groups who have a vested interest in the community, including social service agencies, community leaders, and public safety and school officials, to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our efforts and to identify and meet emerging needs.

To learn more about us call (513) 651-2229 or visit our website at www.visionscs.org



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Mission Highlights Annual Meeting 02/2009

Mothers served: 101

of Moms enrolled in school: 20

Schools: Taft High School, Life Skills, Virtual High School, Cincinnati State College, Brown-Mackie College, CPS ABLE/GED, University of Cincinnati: Raymond Walters College, Kaplan College, Southwestern College of Business, Miami Jacobs (formerly Academy of Court Reporting)

of employed Moms: 81

Places of Employment: Walgreens, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Grifols Plasma Care, Hair Stylist: Self-Employed, Hampton Inn, Kroger, McDonald's Dillard's, Roly Poly restaurant, YWCA, and UPS

Children served: 165

# of children age 6 weeks – 1 years old: 21	# of children 4-5 years old: 20
# of children 1-2 years old: 27	# of children 5-6 years old: 11
# of children 2-3 years old: 41	# of children age 6 – 10 years old: 18
# of children 3-4 years old: 27	# of children transitioned to kindergarten: 12

Volunteers: 270

Companies and/or organizations that volunteered include Fifth Third Bank, US Bank, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Crossroads Church, Mars Company, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Bishop Brossart High School, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and Accenture Company

Barbara Ellen McElroy Scholarship Recipients

Barbara Ellen McElroy was a member of our Board of Directors for many years. This endowed scholarship fund was established by her family after her death. The scholarship is a living memorial to Barbara's dedication to the Moms and children served by VISIONS. This fund awards scholarships to our Moms who have graduated from high school so they can continue their education. Each applicant was awarded \$750.00

Dalana Davis _ University of Cincinnati: Raymond Walters College_ Nursing

Kadaysha Davis _ University of Cincinnati _ Psychology

Christyna Finklea _ Western Hills School of Beauty

Daphney Thomas _ Miami Jacobs _ Applied Business

We are very proud of this year's high school graduate_ Nicole Smith, Harmony School

Raising of the Green

Raising of the Green was held March 15, 2008 and was co-chaired by Ted Mechley and Terry Horan. The gross income was \$73,712. Sponsorships included: Macy's (Presenting Sponsor), Western & Southern, Cincinnati Bell, The Kroger Company, Thompson Hine LLP, Loveland Pet Products, Paycor, Inc., Chavez Properties and General Cable Corporation.

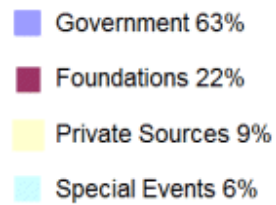
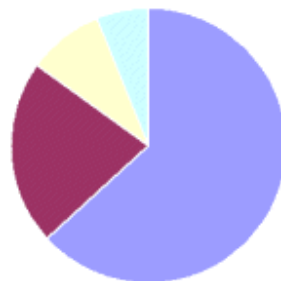
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Results from Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2008

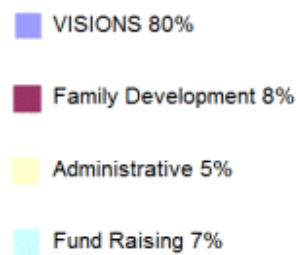
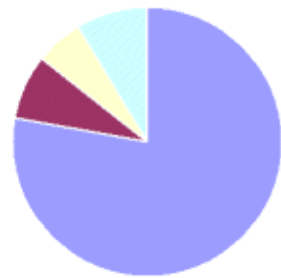
SOURCES OF FUNDS

Total Revenue: \$1,194,101



USE OF FUNDS

Total Expenditures: \$1,190,158



NET ASSETS

Total: \$762,102