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## A STATEMENT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Sr. Margaret Leonard**

As I review the past year I can proudly report that Project Hope is alive, greening, and growing. Our sun-filled building on Dudley Street is brimming with activity; weekdays, weekends, and evenings, too.

If you were to drop by on any given day you could find yourself learning about child development in a classroom full of family child care trainees; or in a gathering of adult learners working on their reading, math and English skills; or in a workshop enhancing communications skills for members of our new Speakers Bureau. Each activity is vibrant because the Project Hope participants who gather are eager to give their families the opportunity to move out of poverty, and to be freed from the threat of homelessness. It is in their determination, and in their desire to give back to Project Hope, that we find our strength.

And if you had a bird's eye view of the places where long range plans are made and where opportunities for families are generated, you would find us in City Hall or the State House, where we advocate for housing access for families; or at hospitals that partner with us in job-training programs; or in board rooms where business executives strategize on the best way to offer their expertise to Project Hope. These are our partners for change. In them, too, we find our strength.



## OUR MISSION



Project Hope works in partnership with families so they can move up and out of poverty. We do this by: being a catalyst for change in the lives of families and in the systems that keep them poor; developing and providing family support solutions for homelessness and poverty; and advocating for just public policies which strengthen families. We do this in collaboration with a multitude of organizations which support these goals.

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### FAMILY & CHILD NETWORK

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#### Emergency Family Shelter

Savannah was financing college through work study, financial aid and loans, when the birth of her child forced her to seek emergency housing. Once the family's basic needs were met, and with support from her Shelter case manager and housing advocate, Savannah was able to complete her studies. The self-sufficiency she yearns for is now within reach.

#### Children's Center

Andrew, an imaginative child who lived in the Shelter and was enrolled in the Children's Center, loved his friends and story telling. When he and his mom moved across the city into permanent housing, they chose to rise at 5:30 each morning to catch buses that would take him back to the Center. Andrew graduated this past spring and continues to thrive in kindergarten.

#### Family Child Care Business Enterprise

Claudette never misses an opportunity to learn. Trained as a child care provider in 2006, she earned her national Child Development Associate credential in 2008 through Project Hope's partnership with Cambridge College. With 6 children in home-based child care, Claudette's hands are full, but she always takes the time to develop materials that engage and motivate children.

## PROJECT HOPE MEASURES SUCCESS BY THE IMPACT MADE ON THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES



  
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### HOUSING SERVICES

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#### Housing Support Services

Jeiry, a former Project Hope Shelter resident, was selected to participate in Housing First, an initiative that placed her in a subsidized unit. Jeiry enrolled in ESOL, took workshops on money management, and set aside savings. Successful in her housing search, she was able to furnish her apartment from her savings. Though shy and soft spoken, Jeiry has found her voice.



### EDUCATION

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#### Adult Education

Lorena, a former resident at Project Hope's Shelter, credits the foundation class with building her self-esteem and releasing a well guarded positive attitude. Lorena sped through her studies at Project Hope, and went on to pass her GED exams in Spanish and enter a medical assistant training. With a firm goal of economic security, and a knack for turning hopes into action, Lorena has plans to become a nurse.

#### One Family Scholars

Tanya was placed in a series of domestic violence shelters with her 3 children. Her efforts to earn a living wage were unsuccessful until she completed Project Hope's Employer Partnerships program. Encouraged by staff to apply for One Family Scholars, a program that promotes leadership as well as providing mentors and scholarships for higher education, Tanya earned a place in the entering class of 2008. For Tanya, back to school is a phrase with a joyful sound.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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#### Transition to Work

Yahaira, a mother of four, was once homeless and lacked employment skills. She began her transition to work by attending a career retreat where she gained insight into her strengths and job preferences. With staff support, she made the transition to being a student again. After completing her studies, she found the job of her dreams, helping others as a medical assistant. She describes her office as others describe her - warm and welcoming.

#### Employer Partnerships

Alexia began studies in fashion design but changed direction when she realized there would be no financial security in that field. She moved through two training programs at Project Hope, Community Partners in Health Professions and Partners in Career and Workforce Development. Alexia is now a medical records clerk with a flair for fashion, and a dynamic member of Project Hope's Speakers Bureau.



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Summary of Operations and Change in Net Assets for Year Ending June 30, 2008

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**INCOME**

Government Funding	2,067,442	46.07%
Corporation and Foundation Grants	1,497,904	33.38%
General Donations	295,000	6.57%
Special Events	259,843	5.79%
United Way of Massachusetts Bay	165,000	3.68%
Investment Income	111,455	2.48%
Donated Goods & Services	90,901	2.03%
	<u>4,487,545</u>	

**EXPENDITURES**

Program Services*	3,412,615
Fundraising	279,563
Administration & General	888,190
	<u>4,580,368</u>

Change in Net Assets from Operations  
 Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2008 (92,823)

\* Family Shelter, Adult Learner Program, Transition to Work, Housing Services, Family Child Care Business Enterprise, Children's Center, Family Works: Case Management, Employer Partnerships and External Affairs.

