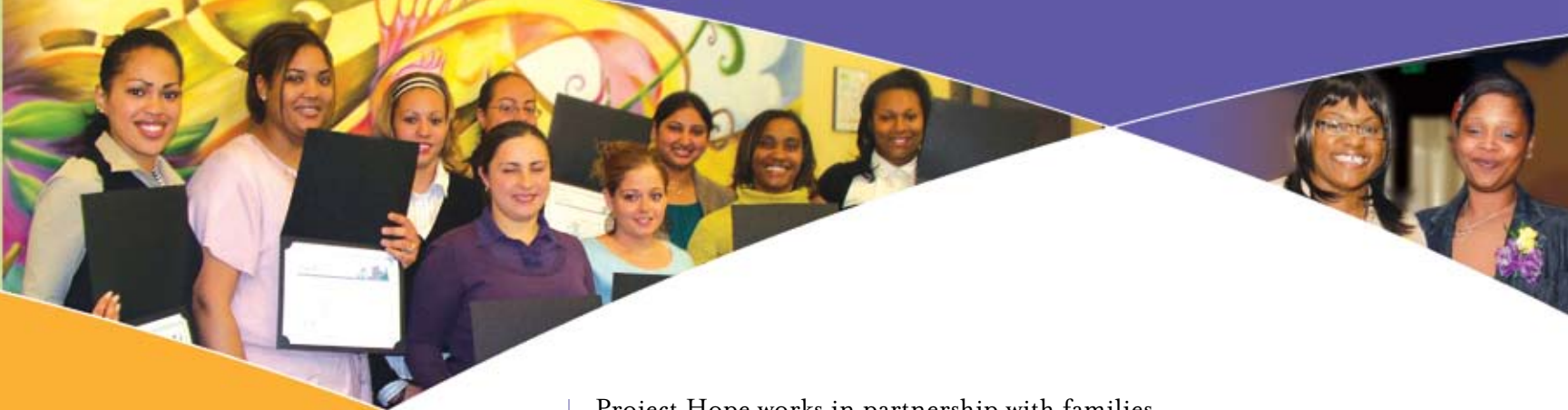


WHERE FAMILIES
MOVE UP & OUT
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OUR MISSION

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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A STATEMENT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sr. Margaret Leonard

Every day we are greeted with dire news about the world around us—sky-rocketing unemployment, disappearing jobs, and increasing amounts of families without a home. In these times, hope is a word families cling to as they see decreasing opportunities to move out of poverty. And yet, despite the bleak outlook, Project Hope has responded with innovative ways of helping families. In the past year, our programs provided creative solutions to helping community members gain job skills, avoid eviction, and advance towards furthering their education.

As the number of homeless families grew in the past year, Project Hope's commitment to helping them garnered national attention. We were able to help the *Today Show* and *Good Morning America* put a human face on homelessness in Boston. And in May we were honored to serve as the backdrop for a press conference held by U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner as he announced a new round of New Market Tax Credits. Project Hope's Community Building was constructed in part due to these credits, and we served as a national example of how this funding can truly transform a community. We believe our increase in national visibility will translate to meaningful benefits for the families we serve.

As the economy slowly emerges from the downturn, we will continue offering families services that provide real results. With committed partners and an increased understanding of the plight of low-income families, Project Hope will continue developing innovative ways to help families move away from the brink of homelessness.



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OUR PROGRAMS

Family Shelter

The Family Shelter represents Project Hope's roots. This welcoming environment provides a home for families as they work with case managers to find housing and overcome barriers to self-sufficiency. The Shelter's philosophy of empowering families through compassionate care is a theme that guides every program at Project Hope.

Children's Center

Reliable child care is crucial to a single mother's success. The Children's Center, a nationally-accredited Center, provides this support, care, and guidance for children in the community. As the homelessness rate rises, children are disproportionately affected. In this period of economic upheaval, the Center provides a beacon of hope and constancy of care for families and their children.

Family Child Care Business Enterprise

The Dudley Neighborhood College Initiative opens doors for family child care providers. Run by the Family Child Care Business Enterprise through a collaboration with Cambridge College, this program provides free college-credit courses to community members and child care providers seeking to expand their knowledge of early childhood development and earn their college degree. The Neighborhood College Initiative and the support offered by FCCBE helps improve the quality of the community's child care while providing an avenue towards long-term self-sufficiency.



Housing & Case Management Services

The drastic increase in homeless families demands bold solutions. Housing & Case Management Services has answered this call, launching two innovative pilot projects in the past year designed to keep families housed. The Early Eviction Prevention Project, in collaboration with HomeStart, provides on-site case management at five property sites throughout Boston to help tenants at risk of eviction. The Diversion Pilot Project, in partnership with several agencies and the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), placed case managers at the local DHCD office to maximize resources for families and help them avoid shelter stays. These pilots resulted in dozens of families maintaining their housing, and represents a promising, long-term remedy to ending homelessness.

Adult Learner Program

Education is key to achieving economic success. The Adult Learner Program (ALP) provides adult basic education and ESOL services designed to help low-income women overcome poverty through education. The truly innovative aspect of the ALP is the Foundation Classes, which teaches each woman she is a person worthy of respect and success. It is this combination of academics with empowerment activities that helps the women in the ALP accomplish their educational goals and move closer to financial self-sufficiency.

Transition to Work

Transition to Work continued to work closely with homeless families referred by partnering shelters in Boston. Staff assisted families with a wide range of services to address their goals and needs pertaining to education, training, and employment. Our collaborative partner, Greater Boston Legal Services, provided their invaluable assistance to our families. TTW and the Adult Learner Program collaborated on Women of Strength Career Explorers Retreats sponsored by Bank of New York Mellon.

Employer Partnerships

Access to careers which pay a supportive living wage is critical to helping families overcome their impoverished circumstances. For six years, Employer Partnerships has helped low-income community members gain jobs in mid- and entry-level positions in hospitals and health care settings. The economic crisis prompted Employer Partnerships to expand their offerings to serve even more community members, creating the soft skills workshop series known as the Professional Readiness Employment Program (PREP). PREP fills the training gap for the growing number of low-income community residents with limited work experience and who lack the basic skills necessary to secure a job in a hospital. Employer Partnerships continues to evolve with the growing needs of the community, providing support and training to help families move out of poverty.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Summary of Operations and Change in Net Assets for Year Ending June 30, 2009

OPERATING REVENUE

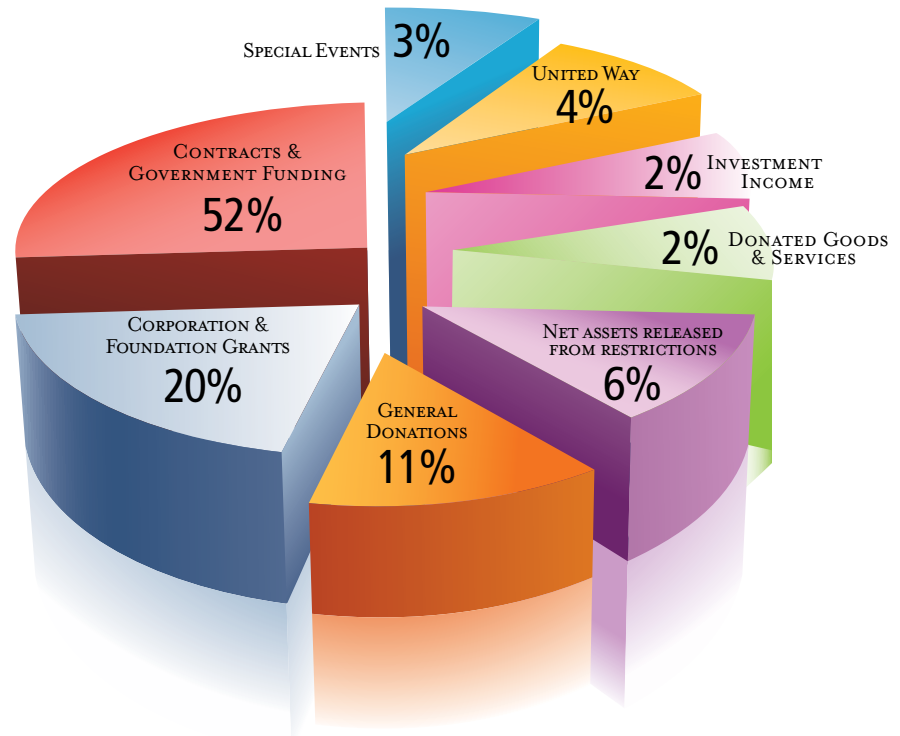
Contracts & Government Funding	2,493,564
Corporation & Foundation Grants	972,113
General Donations	509,515
Special Events	140,822
United Way of Massachusetts Bay	172,000
Investment Income	82,133
Donated Goods & Services	106,571
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>275,230</u>
	4,751,948

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services*	3,929,940
Fundraising	265,764
Administration & General	<u>726,089</u>
	4,921,793

Change in Net Assets from Operations
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009

(169,845)



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

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