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Working Hard for a Brighter Future

By Crystal Baxter, Program Director

When I began working for BHA in November, one of the first people I met was Felicia. She came to the office to meet with her Program Coordinator and took time to welcome me to BHA.

Recently, I had the pleasure of spending more time with Felicia as she shared her life and experiences with me for our Christmas newsletter. When I asked Felicia about her experience at BHA she responded, "I love it here, it helped me become a better person." Felicia feels that she has become a better parent to her daughter and she has improved her decision making skills.

Felicia came to BHA in October of 2010 with her daughter. The staff have been very supportive and she has developed an especially strong relationship with her Program Coordinator, Natashia Woods. Natashia has always been there for her and provides the support she needs.

Prior to coming to BHA, Felicia describes herself as a workaholic until she became pregnant. Being unable to work she moved in with a friend. When her daughter was four months old, she was no longer



Felicia (right) joins Crystal in our recently renovated Community Room. We recently welcomed Crystal Baxter (left) as our new Program Director.

able to live there and with no other options, she entered an emergency shelter. After leaving the shelter, she rented an apartment but it was infested with mice and unsafe for her and her daughter.

While she was in shelter, her case worker referred Felicia to BHA and she had applied for the Transitions Program. Thankfully, after just a month in the apartment she completed the interview process and was accepted into BHA.

During her time at BHA, Felicia has focused on finishing her education, getting her driver's license and obtaining permanent housing. Felicia is in her third semester at Harrisburg

Area Community College studying Early Childhood Education. She is working very hard in school and thinks she will get two A's this semester.

Felicia's daughter is now 18 months old, enrolled in daycare and thriving. She feels that a stable home is the most important goal to accomplish for her daughter because she knows how it feels to lack stability and she does not want her daughter to have that experience. She wants to obtain her degree so that she will have better employment opportunities. She does not need to be rich but wants to have enough to pay her bills.

For the first time in a long time, Felicia is able to plan for a brighter future. Her dream is to have "a small house in the country with a white horse and to be able to travel with my daughter." Felicia is making great progress on her goals and with her determination these dreams can come true. The BHA family is very proud of her and prays for her continued success. ■

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Campaign Goal Area #2:

Restoring our City Block

THE VISION

Completely restore our city block and expand facilities to meet needs of expanded services. This provides families in our program with a stabilizing influence in a distressed neighborhood.

COMPLETED

- **Storage Barn:** Churches collaborated on an urban barn raising, constructing a new service and laundry facility on our street
- **Community Room:** Upgraded to a more useful meeting space for life skills programs and other events with families.

WHATS NEXT?

- **The Diener House:** Complete rehab of this two-unit apartment building at 203 1/2 Hummel Street in memory of Ray Diener.
- **The Bartimaeus House:** Purchase and rehab another apartment building in our neighborhood for 2-3 more homeless families.
- **Block-Wide Improvements:** Make full use of the community yard space, and improve security and lighting on the entire block.
- **Volunteer Service House:** Create living space for full-time volunteer staff (such as Brethren Volunteer Service or Americorps workers), allowing staff to grow in an efficient manner as we serve more families.

Campaign Goal Area #3:

Investing in Youth and Long-Term Collaboration

THE VISION

To truly break the cycle of poverty we must impact the next generation. While the ministry of BHA helps homeless families today, the 20/20 Vision also takes a long term view toward breaking the cycle of poverty through these forward looking efforts.

COMPLETED

- **Hired Youth Mentoring Coordinator:** Jill Kane's focus is impacting the youth in our housing programs.
- **Launched the Allison Hill Mentoring Partnership:** We helped form the Allison Hill Mentoring Partnership with five partner agencies.

WHATS NEXT?

- **Growing Youth Mentoring Program:** In both vision and size, along with our community partners.
- **Seek Collaborative Solutions:** To common barriers faced by our families, such as lack of adequate childcare and employment opportunities; we will seek creative solutions to these barriers so families can achieve greater self-sufficiency.



Tameika and Brandy enjoy the security of having a laundry facility in our new storage barn right outside their back door.

The 20/20 Vision

A three-year organizational expansion campaign

1. Serving More Families: Three years of program investment and expansion	\$1,510,000
2. Restoring Our City Block: Completing renovation projects to expand facilities	\$450,000
3. Investing in Youth and Collaboration: Three years of program enhancements	\$290,000
TOTAL GOAL over three years (2010-2013)	\$2.25 Million
Amount Raised as of November 30, 2011	\$1.32 Million

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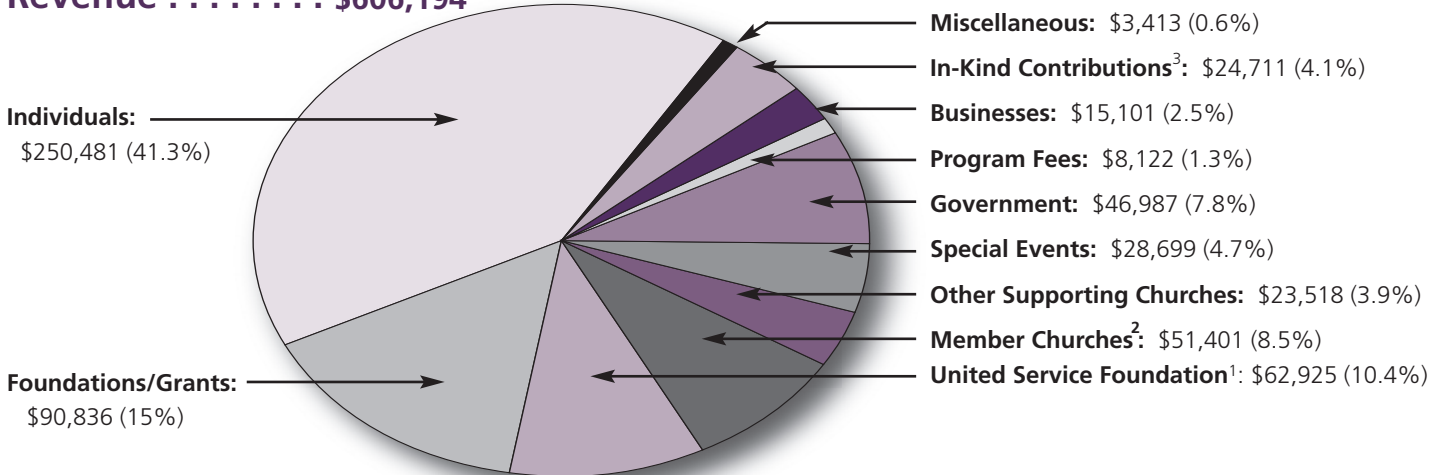
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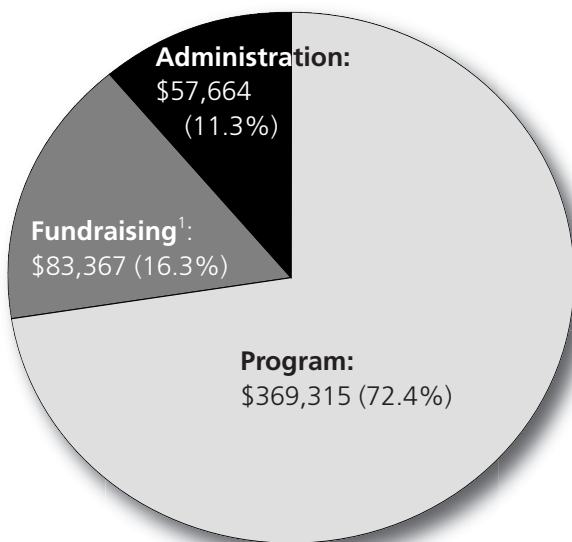
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on Documents > Annual Report Ending March 2011 > Donor Listing. Sharing our donor list this way reduces our printing costs and environmental impact.

Revenue \$606,194



Expenses \$510,346



Program Breakdown

Staffing	\$201,465
Utilities	\$39,139
Program Expenses/ Supplies	\$21,058
Depreciation	\$18,022
Public Relations	\$17,292
Next Steps Rental Assistance	\$16,670
Interest	\$11,596
AHMP Expenses ⁴	\$11,259
Office Rent ³	\$9,000
Repairs & Maintenance . .	\$7,712
Insurance	\$6,021
Office Equipment/ Supplies	\$5,274
Other	\$4,816
Program Subtotal . . .	\$369,315

Administration Breakdown

Staffing	\$42,596
Accounting/Audit	\$9,510
Office Rent ³	\$1,800
Utilities	\$1,309
Other	\$2,449
Administration Subtotal	\$57,664

Fundraising Breakdown¹

Staffing	\$45,590
20/20 Vision Expenses . .	\$17,580
Events/Mailings/ Supplies	\$16,710
Office Rent ³	\$1,200
Utilities	\$666
Other	\$1,621
Fundraising Subtotal .	\$83,367

The official registration and financial information of Brethren Housing Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

1. BHA was awarded a three year grant from the United Service Foundation to fund a fulltime Director of Development. The focus of the grant was to help BHA expand, which led to the 20/20 Vision Campaign. The third year of funding concluded March 31, 2011. The USF grant is listed separately from Foundation/Grants to indicate its singular focus and highlight its coverage of 75% of our fundraising expenses this fiscal year.

2. A member congregation is a church that affirms the vision and mission of BHA and commits to: (1) pray for BHA; (2) contribute financially to BHA through the annual church budget or other clear alternative plan; (3) encourage volunteer service to BHA; and (4) appoint an advocate from the congregation to communicate with the congregation about BHA's work.

3. Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren graciously provides donated office space to BHA as part of their membership in the Brethren Housing Association. Our auditing firm places a value on this donation and lists it as both an in-kind donation and off-setting expense in our audited financial statements. Other in-kind contributions consist primarily of donated furniture and household goods provided to BHA families.

4. BHA serves as the fiscal agent for the Allison Hill Mentoring Partnership (AHMP), a partnership of youth mentoring agencies funded through a grant from Messiah College. BHA's partners in AHMP are: Danzante Community Arts Center, The Joshua Group, Brethren Community Ministries, Center For Champions and Allison Hill Community Ministries.



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give hope,

change

lives.



It has been a busy fall at BHA.

A work team from Grantham Brethren In Christ Church (above) invested several days of labor in the rehab of the Diener House. And behind the volunteer efforts of Elizabeth Schwartz (top left), Janice Ruhl (top right) and many others, our Community Room has been renewed! Special thanks to Peg Thilo who painted the tree mural pictured.

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