

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Vine Maple Place Partners,

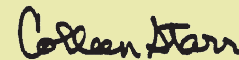
We were prepared for 2009 to be a year of reduced income and curtailed activities. How humbled and thankful we are for God's continued provision...we actually grew in 2009! It wasn't easy but we are encouraged by the continued support of our community. Some of the key developments of the year:

- We maintained our focus on building long-term sustainable funding by developing relationships with people who share our passion for helping homeless children and their parents.
- Our Hope Builders Alliance continues to be the foundation on which we grow our long term sustainable funding. This special group of supporters has made substantial five year commitments, thus giving us the ability to make wise financial decisions based on a consistent projected income.
- The new Safe Landings program was launched this year, which allowed us to increase the number of families we can help during these especially difficult times.
- We are now debt free! Using the unpaid Executive Director and Director of Operations salaries plus some funds above reserves, we were able to completely retire the debts on all properties. We are thrilled to know that 14 apartment homes and a small office building will be available to help homeless families for many, many years to come. This also positions us to help even more families in the future.
- 170 guests attended one of our one-hour Vision of Hope Tours at Vine Maple Place. Each person learned more about homelessness and what Vine Maple Place is doing to combat it.
- There are now thirty area churches supporting our efforts with financial and volunteer contributions. Many businesses and groups also continue to support our efforts, making this a true grassroots effort!

By far the most difficult aspect of our work is coping with the dramatic increase in the number of calls from families facing homelessness during these economically difficult times. With the elimination of our property debt we are preparing for future growth in order to help more families escape the clutches of homelessness and poverty. That need for growth is urgent.

We know we have challenges ahead, but are confident that with our experience and the faithful support of our community we will continue to strive towards our dream of a safe, stable home for every child and parent. Thank you for joining with us as we work together to help families at Vine Maple Place build lives of hope, stability, and greater self sufficiency. Your questions and comments are welcomed. Please feel free to contact me at any time!

Sincerely,



Colleen Starr
Executive Director

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men"
Colossians 3:23



Bringing hope, help, and housing to homeless children and their families



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2009 Staff Members

Executive Director:	Colleen Starr
Director of Operations:	Ron Starr
Lead Case Manager:	Linda Jacobs Pederson
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Accountants:	Debbie Braden and Linda Marburger (p/t)

Vine Maple Place is a Christian-based social service agency and serves families in crisis. Vine Maple Place does not discriminate against housing applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, family status, sexual preference, or physical or mental disability.



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Vine Maple Place 2009 Annual Report



Parents and children learn to set and accomplish goals, such as obtaining an accounting degree or improving their school grades. Each success is rewarded through the Accomplishments Rewards Program!

OUR MISSION

Vine Maple Place is a Christian organization that helps homeless families with children build lives of hope, stability, and greater self-sufficiency by providing them with transitional housing and support services.

OUR VISION

A safe, stable home for every child and parent

Parents and children learn how to manage their money while at Vine Maple Place. "I know now that living on a budget leads to reaching my long term financial goals", explains this mom.



Family Services Activities

SERVICES FOR PARENTS

- Provided hope, help, and housing to 22 mothers and 2 fathers who were formerly homeless
- Helped 9 mothers and 13 children transition out to new lives of opportunity
- Launched the Safe Landings program, allowing us to serve up to three more families
- Initiated the Accomplishments Rewards Program, which is successfully teaching parents the importance of expending effort to receive rewards
- Began implementation of the Family Metrics outcomes and client tracking program, which will result in more efficient and effective use of resources
- Weekly Life Skills training continues to be foundational to our program, with topics such as money management, financial coaching, goal setting, healthy relationships, nutrition, parenting skills, ready to work skills, and more

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

- Provided help to 44 children, ages infant to 18 years
- Expanded Children's Life Skills Program, utilizing 10 volunteers to serve about 30 children in 4 different age groups each week
- Children's Accomplishments Rewards Program was initiated to help teach the children responsibility and reward their efforts
- Implemented the Family Metrics program to help measure progress of the children in areas such as school work, attendance, goals, and emotional and physical development
- Meetings between parents and our Child Advocate resulted in reduced stress and trauma for children
- Every child received consistent 1:1 attention and the parents had help in assessing the children's needs, leading to stronger, healthier families

INCREASE IN NEED

The shocking increase in calls received in 2009 indicates the dramatic increase in family homelessness during these difficult economic times. Calls to Vine Maple Place represented over 2,800 children and parents desperately seeking help, which is more than **double 2008!** We remain committed to fighting this battle against family homelessness and poverty for both current and future generations!

DID YOU KNOW?

The leading causes of homelessness include lack of affordable housing, low paying jobs, substance abuse, poverty, and domestic violence.

27% of the homeless in King County last year were children under the age of 18 (most of them were under five years old)

76% of jobs in King County don't pay a living wage for a single parent with a toddler and school-age child.

VOLUNTEERS ARE KEY

Volunteers donated nearly 12,000 hours to Vine Maple Place in 2009. That equates to an in-kind value of over \$220,000. Volunteers assist with everything from fundraising to tutoring, car repairs, yard work, painting and prepping homes for new families and much more. We love our volunteers!

Financial Summary

* 2009 Preliminary financial results

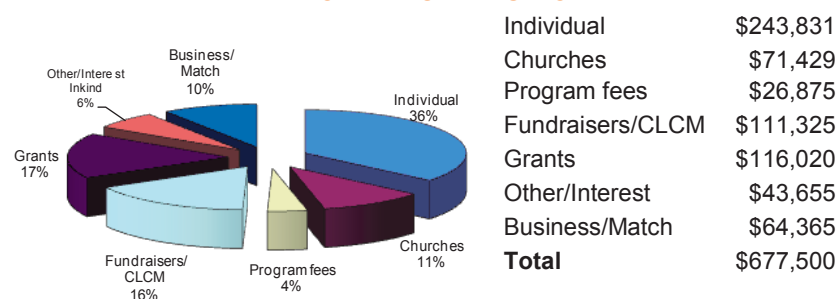
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	
Total Current Assets	\$1,059,488
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,342,617
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,402,105
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 432,821
TOTAL EQUITY	\$1,969,284
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$2,402,105

COMMENTS TO FINANCIAL

- Any income above expenses is invested in debt reduction, maintaining adequate reserves, and future growth.
- All property debt was eliminated in December 2009.
- Salaries for Executive Director and Director of Operations are included in the expense budget but not actually paid at the request of those staff members. Those funds are set aside for investment in debt reduction and growth.
- Expense distribution reflects reclassification of expenses according to ECFA standards.
- Our commitment to continued growth requires ongoing investment in fundraising efforts.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION



EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

