

STRENGTHENING FROM WITHIN

2007 Annual Report



The Place

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Strengthening From Within

A Message from the Board Officers and Executive Director

Once again, we look at another year gone by with much to be proud of as well as much to think about. Through 2007 the agency continued to work hard at strengthening the foundations of successful programs while asking the tough questions of programs that were not meeting expectations.

Along with the program evaluations, the board of directors began the lengthy process of reviewing all the inner workings of the agency, including the structure and results of the management, board of directors, committees and policies that make up the entire leadership structure. Slowly, and with much patience and deliberateness, change began to take shape. Programs that were not yielding results or where funding was ending, were wrapped up at logical points, like the end of a contract cycle. Staff either went on to new and bigger opportunities outside the agency or shifted their focus to work on new programs. At the board level, committees were renewed, policies updated and the beginning framework of a long term strategic plan was put in place. From the outside, this work is often invisible and unappreciated, occasionally it draws criticism from those who don't understand or find fear in change. This kind of work is never easy, however to ensure longevity it's critical to the continued long term success of any organization.

As 2007 comes to a close, much of the work continues. With the progress made in 2007, the next steps include putting more of the specific details into place and more importantly, making these plans become reality through planned and deliberate action. Without a doubt, 2008 is shaping up to be an exciting time as we continue this important work. In addition, late in 2007 the New York State Office of Children and Family Services announced The Place was approved as a new grantee for the Advantage After School Program funds. This new grant will enable the agency to expand our after school programs to include more staff for tutoring, counseling and support of youth and their families by being an advocate working with the school district to help participants improve academic performance against state education standards. The Place's program goes further to also address participants needs to develop socially as well. Much more on this as 2008 unfolds.

As always, the work we do is vital to our communities' future and it happens each and every day through the talents and dedication of the staff, volunteers and of course the youth who make *The Place*, the unique and very special agency that reaches so many youth in so many positive ways. To everyone who has or continues to be part of our family we say thank you, and for those who may be interested, we invite you to stop by and join us at the big blue house in the middle of Norwich, simply called *The Place*!



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS, CHENANGO COUNTY:

- 24 youth served through the Core Match Program
- 60 youth served through the School Based Mentoring Program provided to students in partnership with Oxford and Norwich City School Districts.
- 34 youth are currently on the waiting list
- 7,864 hours of mentoring provided

2007 Board of Directors

Officers

Dr. James Butterfield, President, Community Representative
Thomas Wilkinson, Vice President, Broad St. United Methodist Church.
Karen Sastri, Secretary, Community Rep. (NBT Bankcorp)
Robert Handy, Treasurer, First Baptist Church Rep.

Members

Rosalie Alger, Community Representative
David Harris, Community Representative (NBT Bankcorp)
Emanuel Polizzi, First Baptist Church Rep.
Mandy Burlison, Community Rep. (Partner's Trust Bank)

Staff

Shelly Bartow, Service Learning Program Assistant
Diane Chase, Case Manager, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chenango Co.
Paula Crawford, Director - School Age Program
Heidi Foster, Director - Service Learning Program
Jenifer Fuller, Accountant (May '06)
Lori MacDuff, Office Manager (March '06)
Dennis Madden, Custodian
Sean Ryberg, Director - Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps Field
David Sheldon, Executive Director
Lex Supensky, Director - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chenango County
William Wagner, Director - Teen Development
Patricia Yaddow, School Age Program Assistant

School Age Program:

- 85 Youth served in 2007 with a waiting list of 20 more.
- 42 different families served
- Complete 4 community service projects:
 - MLK day of Caring
 - Visits to NYS Vets Home
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- Summer programs from 5:30 am To 5:30pm Mon - Friday
- School year 2:30pm – 5:30pm with full days on Holidays and Snow Days.



2007 Program Highlights

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chenango County Celebrated it's 30th Anniversary serving youth within Chenango County with a special celebration dinner at the Broad Street Methodist Church. Special recognition went to the "Big" and "Little" of the year as well as special thanks to long time board member Suzanne Cleveland.
- The Place was contracted by Chenango County Department of Social Services to run a Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. The Place manages the education and direct labor supervision for summer work crews totaling 77 youth 14 – 20 years old. This program continues to grow and receive high praise from the State for its work with youth.
- HYCC finished one of its most ambitious seasons with two large crews working in many sites around the county. Millbrook reservoir, Rogers Nature center were once again "home base" for each crew with additional project sites including Bowman Lake State Park, Camp Thompson, Rotary Park, Environmental Education class and field work in partnership with Morrisville State College.
- The Place was certified by the New York State Unified Courts to be Chenango County's provider of the Parent Awareness and Education program. This 2 session course is built on the PEACE program developed at Hofstra University and serves parents dealing with custody / separation & divorce and the impact on the children.
- The School-based Service-Learning Program supported K-12 teachers and students with the development of district wide recycling programs, health and wellness outreach, wetland preservation and many other service projects responding to countywide literacy and human needs.
- In 2007, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Norwich City School District school based program grew throughout the year, the match numbers increased significantly. The Oxford School district grew slowly, but consistently throughout the year. With additional promotion, education, and persistence, we are looking forward to another stellar year of growth and success in 2008.

Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps:

- 22 Youth served in 2007
- Crew members provided 6,900 hours of community and conservation service.
- Crew members received over 1,700 hours of education via classroom instruction, hands on experience in the field, and interaction with outside professionals from state and private organizations such as Rogers Environmental Education Center and the Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- HYCC Crew members earned a combined \$20,000 in education awards.
- The HYCC crew which was assigned to work at New Berlin's Millbrook Reservoir constructed a pavilion and helped to further establish the new trail system in place for hikers and cross-country skiers.
- Continued education services with 4-H of the Cornell Cooperative Extension providing environmental educators during the summer, continuing well established and developed summer education programs.
- HYCC continues to maintain regular partnerships with eleven organizations, government agencies, businesses and schools. The Place is the lead agency for HYCC.



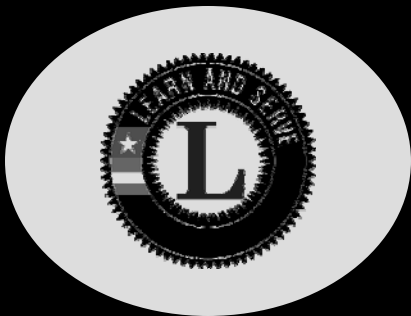
2007 Donors

Teen Development:

- 77 Youth in Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, 9 Worksites around Chenango County
- Chenango Place Products completed Summer / Holiday Sales Season with a staff of 10 youth.
- AmeriCorps Ed award program grows to serve XX youth. Earning \$XX,XXX in Education awards.

Service Learning:

- 2,383 Kindergarten through 12th grade students provided a collective 96,605 hours of service outreach to local communities.
- 100+ preK – 12 educators and administrators trained.
- 11 School Districts participated in the Service Learning Program
- Collaborated with 99 Community Agencies serving over 5,000 members of the community.



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Bernardi, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
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Brightman, Mrs. Julia
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White, Ms. Patricia
Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. Hank
Winans, Ms. Janella

Businesses

Broad St. United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church
Giltner's Paint & Floor Covering
Hayes Office Products
MeadWestvaco Corporation
New Berlin Rotary
New Covenant Immanuel Baptist Church
North Guilford Church
Norwich American Legion Post 189
Oxford Fire Department
Preferred Mutual Insurance Company
Skillin's Jewelers
Walter O. Rogers
Wilber National Bank

Two Anonymous Donation

2007 Funders and Supporters

Clubs & Organization Support

- American Legion Post 189, Norwich
- BPO Elks Club, Norwich
- Chenango Piecemakers Quilter's Guild
- New Berlin Rotary Club
- Norwich High School Student Body
- Norwich Rotary Club
- Otsego County Conservation Association

Church Support, Including Committee and Mission Donations

- American Baptist Churches, NYS/USA
- Broad Street United Methodist Church
- Church of the Holy Apostles
- First Baptist Church, Elmira
- First Baptist Church, Norwich
- First Baptist Church, South New Berlin
- First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge
- Granville Baptist Church
- New Covenant Emmanuel Baptist Church, Norwich
- North Guilford Church
- Preston Methodist Church
- St. Theresa's Church of New Berlin
- United Church of Christ, First Congregational, Norwich

Education-Government Funding & Partners

- Chenango County Department of Social Services; Betty Osborne, Commissioner.
- Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES: *Learn & Serve America School Based Program*;
- NYS Department of Health- *Child and Adult Care Food Program*
- Chenango County Child Care Coordinating Council-*Child Care Scholarships*
- Chenango County Youth Bureau: *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Chenango County; Leaders of Tomorrow Program*
- New York State Corps Collaboration: *AmeriCorps-Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps*
- NYS Unified Courts

Foundations Support & Private Grant Funding

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Community Foundation of South Central New York
- Otis A. Thompson Foundation
- Chenango County Healthy Heart Coalition
- Chenango United Way

Partners Contributing Project Matching Funds or In-Kind Contributions

- Stacie Edick, Environmental Educator
- Central New York Resource Conservation & Development
- Chenango County Office of Employment & Training
- Chenango County Planning Department
- City of Norwich
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County
- Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Norwich Family YMCA
- Norwich School District
- NYS DEC Division of Lands and Forest
- NYS DEC Rogers Environmental Education Center
- Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Planned Parenthood of South Central NY
- SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF NORWICH, INe.
dba THE PLACE

STATEMENT OF ACTNITIES

Year ending December 31, 2007

With comparative totals for 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily	Totals	
		Restricted	2007	2006
Revenues and support:				
Grants and contracts	\$ 430,451	\$	\$ 430,451	\$ 559,389
Contributions	117,117	1,600	118,717	92,493
In-kind contributions	4,983		4,983	3,370
Teen Development sales	5,295		5,295	9,011
Unrealized gain (loss) on investment	(4,046)		(4,046)	7,110
Other income	5,974		5,974	2,387
Investment income	1,991	62	2,053	2,337
Subtotal	561,765	1,662	563,427	676,097
Net assets released from restriction:				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	5,000	(5,000)		
Total support and revenue	566,765	(3,338)	563,427	676,097
Operating expenses:				
Program services	586,871		586,871	611,641
Management and general	64,210		64,210	74,456
Total operating expenses	651,081		651,081	686,097
Change in net assets	(84,316)	(3,338)	(87,654)	(10,000)
Net assets, beginning of year	314,537	15,353	329,890	339,890
Net assets, end of year	\$ 230,221	\$ 12,015	\$ 242,236	\$ 329,890

CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF NORWICH, INC. dba THE PLACE

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,475	\$ 57,925
Cash - Restricted	12,015	15,353
Grants and contracts receivable	40,732	70,078
Inventory	1,374	431
Prepaid expenses	6,965	7,011
Total current assets	<u>85,561</u>	<u>150,798</u>
Long term investments	62,923	74,791
	114,510	<u>118,409</u>
Property and equipment, net		
Total assets	\$ 262,994	\$ 343,998

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,101	\$ 2,691
Accrued expenses	14,157	8,917
Deferred revenue	2,500	2,500
Total current liabilities	<u>20,758</u>	<u>14,108</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted net assets:		
Board designated	62,923	74,791
Undesignated	167,298	239,746
Total unrestricted net assets	<u>230,221</u>	<u>314,537</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets	12,015	15,353
Total net assets	<u>242,236</u>	<u>329,890</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 262,994	\$ 343,998