



# ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

Room at the Inn

Shelter with a purpose, Clients with a future

## YOUTH AT RISK: FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

Young people affected by homelessness, addiction or abuse are not likely to ask for help. But early intervention with effective, integrated services is critical. And most of the services are available at no charge.

That is why the Nine Network is partnering with the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund to launch an initiative to connect people in our region to needed services. Youth at Risk: Finding Solutions Together will address a range of issues affecting youth from childhood to age 20, seeking to improve the effectiveness and visibility of resources, increase understanding and acceptance of mental health issues affecting young people, connect people who need help with those who provide it, and increase understanding of how effective mental health care positively impacts the community.

The Nine Network of Public Media and St. Louis County Children's Service Fund have selected 13 agencies, including Room at the Inn, to participate in this very important initiative.

Joann Nowak, O.S.F., program director, and Angela Hamilton, client coordinator, attended the June 8, 2011 partnership launch meeting and luncheon. Jack Galmiche, president and CEO of the Nine Network of Public Media, provided the opening remarks. Kate Tansey, executive director for St. Louis County Children's Service Fund, spoke about the importance of this collaboration.



Scott Hummel (right) of Our Little Haven, visits with Joann Nowak, O.S.F. at the initiative launch meeting on June 8, 2011.

"We can't do this alone. We need to involve the community," she said. "We can't just do it with the providers. We can't just do it with a good story. We really have to be able to engage a community."

The Nine Network is making Nine Academy video classes available to its Youth at Risk partners so they can learn how to use video to tell their organizations' important stories. Nine will also organize community conversations on the topic of mental health for young people and launch a website focused on the issue.

If you know a young person at risk, call the St. Louis County Children's Mental Health hotline at 1-877-928-2929 or visit [nineNet.org/YouthatRisk](http://nineNet.org/YouthatRisk).

**youth  
at risk**  
finding  
solutions  
together

Kate Tansey, executive director, St. Louis County Children's Service Fund, answers questions at the launch meeting on June 8, 2011.

### PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- Almost Home
- Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments (ALIVE)
- Behavioral Health Response
- Bridgeway Behavioral Health (Bridges to Success)
- Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis
- Children's Home Society of Missouri
- Epworth Children & Family Services
- Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – St. Louis
- Our Little Haven
- Preferred Family Healthcare
- Room at the Inn**
- Youth in Need



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## ROOM AT THE INN

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

#### REVENUES

Grants and Other Contributions	\$ 509,570
Sisters of Divine Providence	65,575
Interest	2,995
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 578,140</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Services to Clients	\$ 231,575
Management and Administrative	55,885
Fundraising	34,700
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 322,160</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$ 255,980
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 140,026
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 396,006</b>

#### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Partner congregations provided:

- At least 21,230 hours of overnight accommodations, plus transportation, meal preparation and service and other hospitality.
- Approximately 16,600 meals (two each day for up to 20 people).

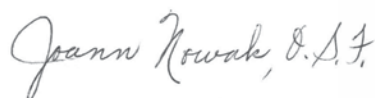
## THANK YOU

Dear Readers,

Collaboration and partnership are the ways Room at the Inn “gets the job done.” It is truly a blessing to work hand in hand with neighbors, patrons and donors on many levels. This publication is to acknowledge your gift to provide emergency shelter and a stabilizing support system for women and families and we are most grateful for your generosity.

Given the current economic climate, it is most humbling to see people stretching their budgets to include those who are truly suffering. It is just awesome. God blesses our clients through you. It really does happen. May *peace* be your reward.

Sincerely,



Joann Nowak, O.S.F.  
Program Director

On May 27, 2011, Betty Allen (left) presented Room at the Inn with a \$48,000 check on behalf of the recently closed Christ Memorial Baptist Church.



## CLIENT OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS FOR 2010-2011

Room at the Inn is one of only three emergency shelter providers in the St. Louis County Continuum of Care. We shelter nearly 200 people each year, about half whom are children.

*Our outputs for fiscal year 2010-2011:*

- 6,403 bed nights
- 189 people
- 80 children (42%)
- 109 adults
- 113 households
- 58 were single women
- 11 were pregnant

*The outcomes of the Client Self-Reliance Program include:*

- 100% of adult clients (staying longer than seven days) had physical-health, mental-health and substance-abuse evaluations. (Goal is 90%)
- 100% of clients (staying longer than four days) needing social



*Former client Keyanna and her sons, André and William, currently live with a family member and are doing well.*

services were made aware of available resources and were referred to appropriate agencies. (Goal is 95%)

- 98% of clients received transportation to employment, social service agencies and educational appointments as needed. (Goal is 100%)
- 100% of clients (staying longer than four days) were made aware

of, and assisted with applying for, longer-term housing as appropriate. (Goal is 100%)

- 100% of children started the enrollment process (within three days of entering Room at the Inn) or remained in school throughout the homeless episode. We empower parents through advocacy assistance about their children's educational rights. (Goal is 100%)
- While in shelter, 100% of clients (staying longer than four days) undertook at least two activities designed to break their cycle of homelessness, e.g., budgeting classes, group support, employment search, etc. (Goal is 85%)
- 48 clients (households) were ready for sustainable housing and were placed into permanent or transitional housing. (Goal is 40-50 households)

## GRANTS AWARDED

*The Sisters of Divine Providence and staff at Room at the Inn thank the following donors for their generous support during the past fiscal year:*

Ameren Missouri — Emergency Assistance Program	\$1,000
Combined Federal Campaign	\$3,237
Missouri Department of Social Services, Domestic Violence Shelter Tax Credit Allocation	\$44,444
Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis	\$3,600
Family Dollar	\$200
Fox Family Foundation	\$9,000
Jewish Fund for Human Needs	\$3,000
Missouri Housing Trust Fund	\$12,500
Old Newsboys Day	\$1,350
Racine Dominican Mission Fund	\$7,500
REALTOR® Housing Assistance Fund	\$2,000
St. Louis Christmas Carols Association	\$1,000
St. Louis County Children's Service Fund	\$24,903
St. Louis County Housing Resources Commission	\$45,000
Missouri Department of Social Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Emergency Contingency Fund	\$108,331
U.S. Bank	\$2,000



The Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Boeing St. Louis recently awarded Room at the Inn a grant of \$3,800 for a Client Self-Reliance Program. The ECF is a unique employee-owned and directed giving program that allows employees to support the needs of their local communities via tax-deductible recurring payroll deductions or one-time gifts.

The ECF has supported Room at the Inn for many years and we are grateful for their ongoing commitment to making our community a better place to live and work. For more information on ECF, please visit their website at [www.boeing.com/ecf](http://www.boeing.com/ecf).

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*The Sisters of Divine Providence are grateful for the contributions made to support the mission of Room at the Inn. Following are the names of those who made financial contributions to the shelter during the twelve months July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. We offer you abundant thanks from hearts full of gratitude.*

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*Former clients Demetrius (left) and his father Robert (right) left Room at the Inn in February 2011. They have since moved into permanent housing.*

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**Les Medley's 80th birthday**  
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**Robert Inlaw**  
Mary Michael McCulla, CDP

**Mary Jurica**  
John M. Jurica

**Rosaria Jurica, CDP**  
John M. Jurica



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## LOOKING AHEAD ...

### 2011-12 TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR GIFTS MADE PRIOR TO JUNE 30!

Room at the Inn has tax credits available for gifts made prior to the end of the State of Missouri's fiscal year, June 30. This means your gift equaling \$250 or more to Room at the Inn will allow you to take a credit in addition to the deduction you are allowed to take for charitable contributions on your Missouri State income taxes.

- The credit is equal to 50% of the amount of your gift, with a minimum gift of \$250.
- A \$250 donation can cost you as little as \$47.50.
- Gifts given between July 1 and December 31, 2011 produce a credit toward your 2011 taxes.



- Gifts given between January 1 and June 30, 2012 produce a credit toward your 2012 taxes.
- Individuals, corporations, LLCs and partnerships that pay Missouri state income tax can participate.
- When we receive your gift, we will send you a form with a self-addressed envelope. Then you simply verify your information, sign the form and return it to us.
- You can see more details or donate online at [www.roomstl.org](http://www.roomstl.org) or use the enclosed envelope.

For more information, please contact Gil Weyhaupt at 314-209-9181 or [gweyhaupt@divineprovidencesisters.org](mailto:gweyhaupt@divineprovidencesisters.org).

### SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 20, 2012 BREAKFAST WITH THE INN CROWD



"Be the change you wish to see in the world." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Be the change ... and join us for our fourth annual Breakfast with the INN Crowd on April 20, 2012, at the Marriott St. Louis Airport.

If you would like to join the planning committee, sponsor the event, or advertise in the program,

or if you have an item, service or experience to donate, contact Ana Schulz at 314-209-9181 or [aschulz@divineprovidencesisters.org](mailto:aschulz@divineprovidencesisters.org).

*We look forward to seeing you in the spring, but please keep our homeless neighbors in your thoughts and prayers this winter.*

### DID WE MISS YOU?

It is important to us that all our generous Partners in Mission be recognized. If your name has been left off this list, we apologize. Please let us know by contacting Colleen Price at 314-209-9181 or [cprice@divineprovidencesisters.org](mailto:cprice@divineprovidencesisters.org).

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to our generous friends who have chosen to remain anonymous. While your name does not appear on these pages, it is recorded in our hearts and spoken in our prayers.



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## GIVE HOPE BY SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS THAT BENEFIT THE HOMELESS

Give the gift of hope this Christmas season! We are selling these beautiful Christmas cards to benefit Room at the Inn. A former client, Jada (age 6), created the lovely Christmas angel artwork.

The cards will be sold in sets of 12 for \$10, plus \$2 for shipping. All proceeds will benefit shelter clients.

To purchase cards, please contact Colleen Price at 314-209-9181 or visit our website at [www.RoomSTL.org](http://www.RoomSTL.org). To order online, click on the link on the homepage.

You may also purchase cards at our administration offices during regular business hours at Providence Center, 3415 Bridgeland Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044. (Across from DePaul Hospital.)

## GRATEFUL FOR YOUR BLESSINGS?

Help those less fortunate by sending a gift to Room at the Inn. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

“FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU WHO IS  
MESSIAH AND LORD.”

~ LUKE 2:11



WISHING YOU THE PEACE AND JOY  
OF HIS LOVE AT CHRISTMAS  
AND ALWAYS.

*Inside messages include a scriptural passage (above) and a Christmas wish (below).*