



## Room at the Inn

### NEW RECORDS SET FOR HOUSING PLACEMENTS AND NIGHTS OF SHELTER

Emma and her three-year-old son, Jeremiah, are representative of the 41 households that Room at the Inn helped get into transitional or permanent housing this fiscal year. Forty-one households, accounting for 69 people, were directed to and prepared for housing.



*Emma and her son, Jeremiah, both got to visit Santa in time for their Christmas at the shelter.*

Emma, 33, lost her job in June, just one of the estimated 125,000 Americans to do so that month. Her unemployment benefits did not kick in until September, so she paid her bills, including rent, from her savings. She lost her home and came to Room at the Inn before the end of the year.

Emma is one living, breathing example of the latest economic downturn. She is a friend, a daughter, a mother, and she needed help. We've seen many like her at Room at the Inn – hardworking, formerly middle class people who lost their jobs, then everything else. Emma was one of the fortunate ones: when she called the Homeless Hotline, there was space available at Room at the Inn. (In 2009, 3,231 people were turned away by the Homeless Hotline due to lack of space.)

After working with our client coordinator, Emma received a grant through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program for rent for one year, plus \$100/month for gas. The best part? The program recognizes that education and training are the best way to keep Emma from ever becoming homeless again. She began classes in January and will earn her licensed practical nursing license before the end of her one-year grant.

“I came here for help, and I got it,” Emma says about Room at the Inn. Acknowledging that Room at the Inn is about support, not a handout, she says, “When you show initiative, they help you. They give a lot of moral support and encouragement.” In addition to providing shelter and food for Emma and Jeremiah, Room at the Inn referred Emma to the St. Louis County program that administers the Rapid Re-Housing Program and Humanitri Housing. We helped her get her birth certificate, assisted with administrative issues and provided transportation to appointments. We've also helped to outfit Emma's new home.

Emma's future is brighter than ever, thanks to the help she received at Room at the Inn. She values her experience here, but vows she will never be homeless again.

**Room at the Inn served 178 people in fiscal year 2009-10 and had a record high of 6,442 nights of service. We did it with the help of nearly 900 volunteers who logged a combined 34,000 service hours.**

### Mission Statement

*Sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, Room at the Inn provides emergency shelter and a stabilizing support system to women and families in need in St. Louis County, using a collaborative, interfaith effort of congregations and organizations throughout the St. Louis region.*

# Funding in and out

## REVENUES



*Donations*  
\$109,542

*Grants*  
\$168,993



*Sisters of Divine Providence*  
\$65,625

*Fundraising*  
\$40,199



*Interest Income*  
\$2,536



## EXPENDITURES

*Services to Clients*  
\$245,624



*Management & Fundraising*  
\$94,110



Thank you!

## GRANTS AWARDED

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

2010 Census Partner Support Program	\$ 2,418
Ameristar Casino Resort Spa St. Charles	\$ 1,000
Combined Federal Campaign 2009	\$ 3,271
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$ 4,404
Emergency Food and Shelter Program - ARRA 2009	\$ 5,000
Family Dollar Stores, Inc.	\$ 200
Federal Emergency Shelter Grant	\$25,500
Harrah's St. Louis	\$ 500
Housing Resources Commission - 2010	\$45,000
Missouri Foundation for Health	\$11,000
Missouri Housing Trust Fund	\$12,500
Missouri Housing Trust Fund	\$24,000
Old Newsboys Day	\$ 1,050
Racine Dominican Mission Fund	\$ 5,000
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## PUTTING A FACE ON HOMELESSNESS

One evening I was sitting in the lobby of a convent (where Room at the Inn was housed) waiting for a friend. The clients started arriving, with all of their worldly possessions contained in a couple of plastic grocery bags. That put a face on the homeless for me, and I have been a volunteer with Room at the Inn ever since.

No one of us alone can erase homelessness, but with the hundreds of volunteers for Room at the Inn, we can begin to make a difference. The creative model of hosting clients at the congregations of many faiths enables many compassionate people to make their contribution toward ending homelessness.

~ *Rose Mary Green, Board Chair*



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**Angela A. Most**, Administrator, Employee Community Fund of the Boeing Company, St. Louis Area, answers questions about the Fund's support for Room at the Inn:

**Q. The Boeing Employees Community Fund has supported Room at the Inn for many years. What is it about the shelter that makes it worthy of your ongoing support?**

A. Room at the Inn not only provides quality, emergency shelter and care to local homeless families, but it also works with them to help identify the root cause of their problems.

**Q. What part of our program do you consider the most valuable?**

A. Programs, such as the Client Self Reliance program, that help clients regain self-sufficiency as quickly as possible.

**Q. What sets Room at the Inn apart from other shelters?**

A. Room at the Inn offers a safe environment with everything families need, including immediate shelter, food, personal supplies, transportation, shower, laundry facilities and more, but perhaps what sets this organization apart is its proven programs that help its clients realize that they can be self-sufficient.

**Q. How are Boeing and Room at the Inn helping to make our community stronger through this partnership?**

A. On behalf of the Boeing Employees Community Fund, I respect and admire the impact this organization has on so many lives. It provides a safe place for homeless families and teaches them the fundamental skills needed to break the pattern of homelessness.

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## ***YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!***

All the staff at the shelter made my family (husband and three children) feel welcome. I was so afraid about what would happen in a shelter. That fear is gone. We came needing clothes for the kids and myself. Through donations, we have adequate winter clothes.

*~ Client Anna Moruzzi*

*(Since Anna wrote this testimonial, her family was referred to housing and has moved to a home of their own.)*

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### *Breakfast with the INN Crowd*

Date: **Friday, April 29**

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Place: Marriott St. Louis Airport, 10700 Pear Tree Lane, St. Louis, MO 63134

Tickets: \$35/person, available online at [www.RoomStL.org](http://www.RoomStL.org) or by calling 314-209-9181

Join us for breakfast and an auction.

Do you have an item, service or experience to donate for the silent auction? Would you like to be a sponsor or advertiser? Contact Ana G. Schulz at 314-209-9181 or [aschulz@divineprovidencesisters.org](mailto:aschulz@divineprovidencesisters.org).

### *The Dueling Fiddlers (Rock Violin)*

Date: **Tuesday, June 21**

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Sheldon Concert Hall, 3648 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, 63108

Tickets: Pricing to be announced. Watch our website!

In the meantime, check them out at [www.duelingfiddlers.com](http://www.duelingfiddlers.com).



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