

# Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network

## 10 Years of Service



2009-2010

ANNUAL REPORT

# A Message from the Director

*Sister Mary Herrmann*

There is a famous quote attributed to Meister Eckhart, a medieval philosopher, that says:

*“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.”*

That message seems appropriate for our annual report. The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network is completing its 10<sup>th</sup> year of ministry. We started small by seeking out the needs of the people and attempting to meet those needs. Today many programs have been developed. We have been able to respond to many of the needs and we are starting to see neighborhood improvement in many areas. While there are challenges ahead, we believe that there is improved quality of life for the people that we serve. None of this would have been possible without the support of so many as reflected in this report. It is with this in mind that I offer my prayer which is to say THANK YOU.



## Our Mission Statement

The SSJ Neighborhood Network sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania provides leadership, advocates for local residents and partners with the broader community to develop opportunities for both personal growth and neighborhood revitalization

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## Our Ministries

The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network was established for the purpose of meeting the needs of the people of a specific neighborhood and work toward revitalization of the area. In meeting the needs of the area, several programs have been created in addition to meeting the emergency needs of the people. The services provided are:

- Emergency Assistance
- Reading tutoring and enrichment programs for children
- Mentoring Program
- Community Garden (CHAMPS program in cooperation with the Erie School District)
- Time Out for Moms
- Soup Kitchen (weekly)
- Leading and serving the Revitalization of Historic Little Italy
- Genesis House. (Mentoring Program for potential home owners while providing safe affordable rental housing)
- Forging alliances and advocating for improved housing and home ownership in the area
- Housing Rehabilitation via the lead program

Our Soup kitchen and emergency food program are open to anyone in need regardless of resident location. Our clients for the programs are those who reside within our designated geographic boundaries. The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network ministers in the area of 12th to 26th, State to Cranberry Streets which includes the area of Erie known as Little Italy.



## Our Stories

“I thought I was dumb but now I know I’m not.”

*Sarah, after learning to read*

“I practiced a way to calm myself that I learned from *Time Out for Moms* and it worked.”

*Katie*

“I don’t know what I would do without the Sisters.”

*Teresa*

“Thank you for creating a place of beauty.”

*Neighbors regarding the Community Garden*



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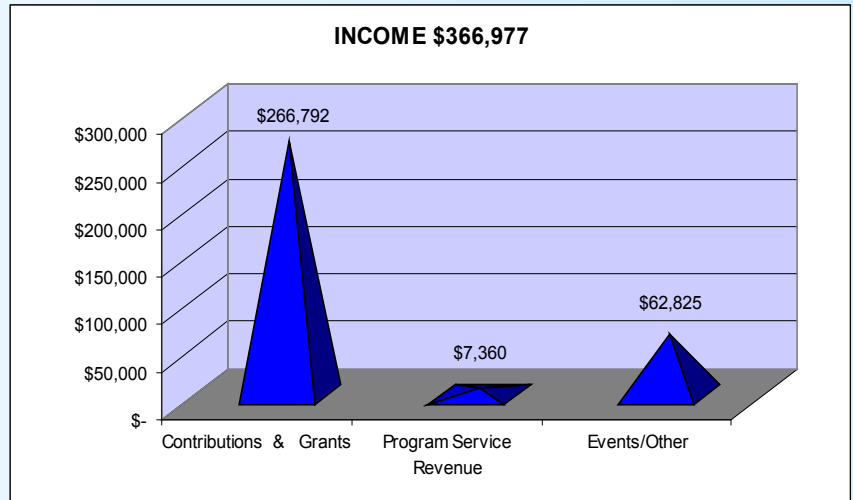
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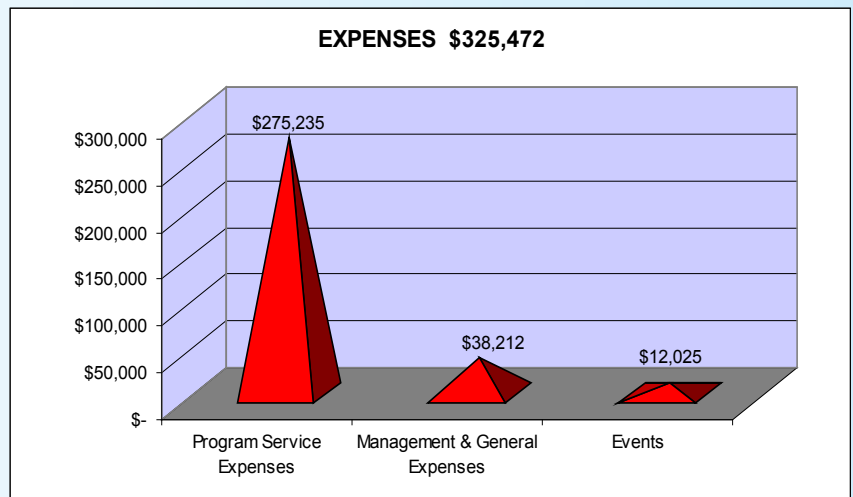
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Contribution & Grants	79%
Program Services & Revenue	2%
Events & Other	19%



## Disbursements

Program Service Expense	84%
Management & General Expense	12%
Events/Other	4%



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