# The Impact You Make Through Shalom











# 2010 Annual Report

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#### **Our Mission**

The Shalom Community Center is dedicated to aiding and empowering people experiencing homelessness and poverty in South Central Indiana.

#### **Our Vision**

Shalom Community Center envisions a community that honors every person's fundamental right to sustenance, a safe home, quality health care, and meaningful work. We see ourselves as a key leader in providing the full range of support and services for people dealing with poverty and homelessness in South Central Indiana.

#### **Our Values**

HOSPITALITY: We extend community beyond the margins to include those unserved by society. We invite all people into our safe and welcoming space. Recognizing the many challenges our guests struggle with on a daily basis, we place as few barriers as possible between our guests and our services and resources.

DIGNITY: We value the worth and dignity of every person, treating all with compassion and respect. We honor the lives, concerns and stories of people who have been marginalized by society and expect our staff, volunteers and guests to do the same.

EMPOWERMENT: We strive to increase the economic and social strength of people in need. We help people develop confidence in their own capacities. We support people to make choices that improve the quality of their lives.

HOPE: We believe in the possibility each person possesses to create a sustainable, healthy and happy life. We work to nurture that hope in all people.

#### Dear Friends,

Early in my time at Shalom, a mother of two came to me desperate and on the verge of eviction from her home. She had some unexpected medical bills and needed some extra help to make the rent. When I told her we could help, she began to cry with tears of joy and relief. That's why I love working at Shalom. It's always clear that what we do matters.



Indiana has been particularly hard-hit by the economic meltdown. We have a poverty rate higher than the national average as well as a higher percentage of people working jobs that don't pay well or provide enough hours. On top of that, Monroe County has the highest poverty rate in the state at 22% and also the highest cost of housing.

It is no accident that we are experiencing a dramatic increase in the demand for our services. In the midst of 2011, we are seeing double digit increases in our meals served and casework contacts.

Yet, thanks to generous supporters like you we are meeting the need. For 11 years, we have used your gifts responsibly to serve some of the most vulnerable among us. And we offer a special thank to you for helping us move into our new home at 620 S. Walnut. On the verge of homelessness ourselves, you came through for us so that we could keep providing the services to our guests that you so wonderfully support.

This report both shares with you the impact you have made through your generosity to us and offers our thanks for your extraordinary efforts on behalf of those experiencing homelessness and poverty.

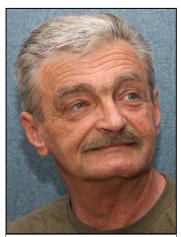
If you'd like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact me at (812) 334-5734, ext. 33 or forrest@shalomcommunitycenter.org.

Sincerely,

Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director



# Why We Do It: A Shalom Story of Success



Pete Domanovic was homeless for over 4 years due to a very difficult struggle he was put through to get a driver's license. He now has a job and is saving for a new home.

"When I came here, everyone was willing to help... here if you have a problem that you need worked on, they will help you, any problem that's in your way, they help you."

Pete had been homeless for four years because he couldn't get a driver's license. He had the skills to pass the test. His driving record was clean. He just couldn't get the right documents.

He was born in Germany, but his mother immigrated to the United States when he was one.

After 9/11, the rules for getting driver's li-

censes became much more strict. At first, he was told he needed his birth certificate. Several months later, it finally arrived from Germany. Then Pete was told he needed not a birth certificate but a certificate of citizenship! Negotiating down the \$450 fee and pressuring an emergency rush on the certificate, 5 months later, Shalom got his certificate. Within a month, Pete was working as a taxi driver and soon had his own car and a place to live. Pete gives back by tithing to help people in need and writing a blog about homelessness.

"The counselors are really doing what they are supposed to be doing. It's not a mill where people come through and you hand 'em a ham sandwich and then get out. Shalom's dealing with the real problems."

# **Voices of Support**

"Shalom has changed my life and it's changed Melisa's life. It's a good environment and a good opportunity to better yourself, to become the person you want to be."

- Doug Magness & Melisa Whitten





"If Shalom wasn't here, we probably would have starved. We wouldn't have been able to get access to the resources you provide."

- Amy Boyce & Rob Deckard

"Oh my God! If Shalom wasn't here, it would be real ugly. I would probably be in trouble somewhere... No one's in here drinking. No one's in here doing drugs...You're safe when you're in the Shalom Center."

- Joyce Berry





"I don't know if people really understand what Shalom does. They think of it as a soup kitchen. That's great, but I think that's the smallest part of what Shalom does... Can you really make a difference? You can. Shalom made a difference for me."

- Kent Johnson

# The Impact of Shalom

#### Life Essentials

Last year, Shalom provided 2,188 hours of shelter, 1,806 loads of laundry, 3,453 showers, ID for 208 people, storage for 75 people at any one time, and mail services for over 400 people.

#### **Hunger Relief**

Shalom served over 69,000 meals and provided 1,577 gifts of groceries to families in need.

#### **Homelessness Prevention**

Shalom helped house or prevent homelessness for 273 households, including 117 families. In partnership with the HUD-VASH program, over 50 homeless veterans moved into new homes.

#### **Case Management**

Our case managers served 1,308 people and made 4,996 contacts (a 25% leap from the previous year), providing support for housing, employment, health care, and other essentials.

#### **Employment**

Shalom helped 665 people improve their resumes and presentation skills, search out job leads, attend interviews, and begin new work.

#### **Legal Clinic**

Shalom helped 261 people over 419 visits resolve 382 legal issues and referred the remainder to collaborative agencies.

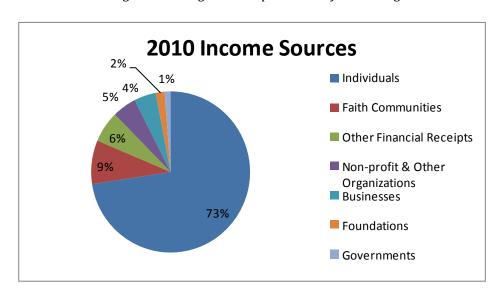
#### **Agency Access**

Visiting agencies, like St. Vincent de Paul, HAND, WIC, Positive Link, and many others made 5,135 contacts with our guests.

# **2010 Revenue and Expenses Report**

Revenue		Expenses	
Financial Grants &		Value of Volunteer Time	\$292,338
Contributions:		Payroll Costs & Taxes	\$231,663
Individuals	\$422,724	Hunger Relief	\$215,919
Faith Communities	\$51,430	Renovation of New Building	\$208,221
Non-profit & Other		(not including new mortgage)	
Organizations	\$35,200	Guest Services & Supplies	\$91,476
Businesses	\$25,671	Rent (In-kind)	\$36,895
Foundations	\$10,505	Professional Fees & Insurance	\$29,048
Governments	\$7,000	Office Supplies & Equipment	\$16,659
<b>Total Financial Grants</b>		Utilities	\$14,953
& Contributions	\$552,530	Fundraising	\$15,569
Other Financial Receipts	\$29,860	Interest & Banking Fees	\$11,069
<b>Total Financial Receipts</b>	\$582,389	Custodial Service &	
In-kind Contributions	\$293,960	Maintenance	\$8,047
Value of Volunteer Time	\$292,338	Communications	\$4,530
		Miscellaneous Expenses	\$359
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$1,168,687	Total Expenses	\$1,176,746

The 2010 audit showed that 90% of the Shalom Community Center's expenses were directed toward program services with the remaining 10% directed to management and general expenses and fundraising.



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# We are so grateful to all those who offered their generous financial support to help our community's most vulnerable members:

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Volunteers are absolutely essential to Shalom Community Center's mission. In 2010, 1,585 volunteers completed 16,205 hours of service. With a staff of only ten, we are truly a volunteer-driven organization. We offer a special thanks to those who volunteered more than 50 hours last year.

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### A New Home for Shalom



The Shalom Community Center officially opened the doors to our new home on Monday, August 2nd, 2010.

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