

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY: 2009



Our Mission

Founded in 1987, Alternatives For Girls helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation, and helps them to explore and access the support, resources, and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong, and to make positive choices in their lives.

Program Highlights of Fiscal Year 2009

THE AFG SHELTER:

- Provides counseling to residents and helps them acquire the skills they need to lead independent, productive and fulfilling lives
- Sheltered 172 homeless young women and their children last year
- 7,607 nights of care were provided to homeless young women and their children
- Participants receiving Emergency/Crisis Shelter stayed an average of 54 days

“I aspire to be a woman who is intelligent, confident, and successful. Everyday, I am becoming more empowered, spiritually awakened, self-sufficient, and everything else that is making me the best person I can be.”- Tempest, former Shelter participant

“Now you see the youth standing up—we’re not just the future, we’re now and forever. Now is our time to shine.”

- Lawnya, TAP member (Teen Advisory Panel)

THE AFG PREVENTION PROGRAM:

- Works with girls ages 5-18 who are at risk of teen pregnancy, gang involvement, abusing drugs or alcohol and school truancy
- Of 164 participants, 90% are drug free
- 96% of girls and young women participating in after-school workshops reported an increase in self-esteem
- 100% of young women old enough to graduate to graduate from high school not only graduated, but went on to college—9 years running!



THE AFG OUTREACH PROGRAM:

- Helps teens and women engaging in high-risk activities understand risks and transition to safe choices and healthy lives
- 6,128 youth and women on the streets and in the community last year received information and resources
- 80% of women who actively participate in New Choices and utilize case planning services obtained legitimate and safe housing

FINANCIALS



Statement of Activities

For the year ended
September 30, 2009

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

REVENUE

Donated Goods	\$133,939
Contributions	\$198,683
Grant Revenues	\$1,880,651
Special Events (Net of Related Expenses of \$87,025 in 2009 and \$81,115 in 2008)	\$211,946
Investment Income	\$817

Total Unrestricted Revenue **\$2,426,036**

Net Assets Released from Restrictions \$747,464

**TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE
AND OTHER SUPPORT** **\$3,173,500**

EXPENSES

Program Services:

Transition to Independent Living	\$1,503,420
Prevention Services	\$510,240
Outreach & Education Services	\$494,838
Total Program Services	\$2,508,498

Supporting Services:

Administrative Services	\$298,875
Marketing & Development	\$261,599
Total Supporting Services	\$560,474

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$3,068,972**

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS \$104,528

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS \$87,464

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN
ASSETS \$191,992

NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year \$3,356,347

NET ASSETS, End of Year \$3,548,339

Note: Alternatives For Girls owns a 32,000 square foot building that was financed by a capital campaign. Alternatives For Girls does not fund depreciation on that building.

Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2009

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$202,629
Investments	\$14,956
Grants Receivable	\$279,368
Pledges Receivable--Current portion (Net of Allowances)	\$95,284
Prepaid Expenses	\$17,967

Total Current Assets **\$610,204**

Other Assets:

Assets Held for Endowment	\$39,269
Pledges Receivable (Net of Current Portion) (Net of Allowances)	\$96,118
Fixed Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	\$3,225,002

Total Other Assets **\$3,360,389**

Total Assets **\$3,970,593**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$63,537
Accrued Payroll and Withholdings	\$28,979
Accrued Compensation Absences	\$93,337
Deferred Grants	\$18,992
Line of Credit	\$0
Mortgage Payable--Current Portion	\$211,581
Capital Lease Obligation--Current Portion	\$4,595

Total Current Liabilities **\$421,021**

Long Term Liabilities:

Lease Payable (Net of Current Portion) \$1,233

Total Liabilities **\$422,254**

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$2,954,255
Temporarily Restricted	\$594,084
Total Net Assets	\$3,548,339

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$3,970,593**

HONOR ROLL 2009



2008-2009 ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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\$25,000 and greater

- Neighborhood Support Services
- City of Detroit Planning and Development
- Clark and Associates Block Grant
- Hudson-Webber Foundation
- The Kresge Foundation
- McGregor Fund
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority
- National AIDS Fund
- Jim and Ann Nicholson
- The Skillman Foundation

\$15,000-\$24,999

- Michigan AIDS Fund

\$10,000 to \$14,999

- Charter One Foundation
- Combined Federal Campaign Metro Detroit
- Agnes D. and Dennis Hagerty
- John Jacobs
- Nino Salvaggio Charitable Foundation For Children in Need
- Rite Aid Foundation
- The M.A.C. AIDS Fund

\$5,000 to \$9,999

- Albert & Doris Pitt Foundation
- CREW-Detroit
- Detroit Derby Girls
- Ford Motor Company Fund
- GMAC Financial Services
- Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
- Latino Family Services
- PVS Chemicals, Inc.
- The Elizabeth, Allan & Warren Shelden Foundation

- The TJX Foundation, Inc.
- United Way Community Services

\$2,500 to \$4,999

- AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch
- Scott and Lesley Atton
- Susan J. Berman
- The Bing Group
- Christ Church Grosse Pointe
- Comerica Charitable Foundation
- Community Foundation for Southeast MI
- James and Mary Conway
- Detroit Chapter Jack and Jill
- Detroit Free Press Charities, Inc.
- GlobalHue
- Health Alliance Plan
- Frederick and Karen Henderson
- Henry Ford Health System
- Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation
- Junior League of Detroit, Inc.
- Allen and Polly Ledyard
- William & Geraldine Lovejoy
- MGM Mirage Voice Foundation
- Penske Corporation
- Peter & Dorothy A. Solomon Foundation
- Right Management Consultants
- Pamela Rodgers
- Kristin Shelden
- St. John Health
- The Roeper School
- Trinity Health

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\$2,500 to \$4,999 (cont'd)

- University District Community Association
- Women Lawyers Association of MI
- Young Woman's Home Association
- Youth Development Commission

\$1,000 to \$2,499

- Jeanette M. Abraham
- AIDS Partnership Michigan
- AT&T United Way Employee Giving Campaign
- Autodesk Inc.
- Biker Bob's Harley-Davidson Motown
- Elsie Bowers
- The Brinker Group
- Christ Church Cranbrook
- Susan M. Cischke
- Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC
- Detroit Industrial School
- Diamond Wire Spring Company
- Joseph Dillon
- Drusilla Farwell Foundation
- First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
- David Finkel & Amanda Good
- Karl and Margo Hannum
- Allen C. & Marcella S. Holmes
- Bernadette Lane
- Master Craft Floors Inc

- Metropolitan United Methodist Church
- MGM Grand Detroit Casino
- Michigan Chronicle
- Microsoft Giving Campaign
- Elizabeth M. Misco & Thomas Neumann
- Pepsi Bottling Group
- POH Regional Medical Center
- Glenda Price
- Protestant Episcopal Church Diocese of Michigan
- Barbara Quilty
- Robert and Susan Rahaim
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Phyllis G. Rozof
- Bryce Rudder
- John & Marilyn Rusche
- Kristen Sarri
- Rosemary Sarri
- Kim & Victoria Siegfried
- Ronald & Maria Szymanski
- TEC-Detroit, Inc.
- The John Guido Helping Hand Foundation
- James Trask
- The Village Woman's Club Foundation
- WDIV Local 4
- Wanda & Bill Wheeler
- Zonta Detroit II

\$500 to \$999

- Barbara L. Arrigo
- Diane S. & Patrick Arsenault
- John & Catherine Berbiglia
- Shane Bernardo
- John H. and Jean C. Burdakin
- Virginia Cassar
- Charity Motors
- William and Kathleen Cosgrove
- The Curtis L. Carlson Family Foundation
- Nida Donar
- Bill and Margaret Dunifon
- David and Katie Elsil
- First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
- Girls Rock, Inc.
- Virginia B. Gordan
- Charles F. and Princella E. Graham
- Judy A Gruner
- Jean Gust, Ph.D.
- Carole Ilitch
- Mary G. Jolliffe
- Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook
- Mary L. Kramer
- Richard Lueders
- Maddalena Design
- Masco Corporation
- Michigan Community Service Commission
- Markeisha Miner
- Francine Parker
- Presbytery of Detroit, Inc.

- Chad Randall
- Judith Riley and Ron Citkowski
- Rosemary Rivera
- Steven and Linda Ross
- Rush Trucking Corp.
- Schechter Benefits Advisors
- Don A. Schiemann
- David Schon
- Charles Sheppard
- St. Andrew Catholic Church
- St. James Episcopal Church Women
- Shirley R. Stancato
- Jason and Sharon Stoner
- Strategic Partners, Inc.
- Steven & Patti Tapper
- Carol Tarnowsky
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Marianne Udow-Phillips
- Margaret Van Meter

HONOR ROLL 2009



\$250 to \$499

- AAUW Dearborn Branch
- Barbara Allushuski
- Alps Automotive, Inc.
- Effie K. Ambler
- American Express Company
- Robert & Catherine Anthony
- John Baines
- Barbara Belfore
- Karen Berkery
- Stanley and Gertrude Berlin
- William and Joan Beutel
- Julie and Sam Beznos
- Birmingham Unitarian Church
- Terese E. Blask
- Karen Breasbois
- Nancy Brownrigg
- Ulysses and Jacqueline Burdell
- Calvary Presbyterian Church
- John Canzano and Ms. Rebecca Dudash
- Joan Cleland
- Co-Op Services Credit Union
- Communicating Arts Credit Union
- Dearborn Village Community Credit Union
- Cheryl Derezhinski
- Nancy J. Diehl
- Shirley Edson
- Fidelity Investments Charitable Gift Foundation

- Maha Freij
- Gabriel Richard High School
- Joanne K. & Joseph F. Galvin
- Sherry Glenn
- Edward and Justine Good
- Pat Greenwood
- Jonnie Hamilton
- Patricia and Tom Hardy
- Carmen Harlan
- Carol Hollenshead and Bruce J. Wilson
- Kathryn Savoie and Kim and Anika Hunter
- IBM Employee Services Center
- Jeffrey and Joanne Ishbia
- JPMorgan Chase Foundation
- John W. and Julie Ann Keros
- Richard Kitch
- Rick and Ellen Kroopnick
- Monica Labe
- Frank F. Lanzilote
- Dominic Liburdi
- Susan Lilienfield
- Leonia Lloyd
- Krystal Lyons
- Mark Malin
- Denise C. Markovich
- Aaron and Francine Martin
- Jade Mathis
- Kimberly & Kevin McCarthy

\$250 to \$499 (cont'd)

- Myra McInerney
- Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions
- Karen Meyers
- Michigan First Credit Union
- Richard and Stephanie Najarian
- Our Lady Star of the Sea
- William G. Parker
- Lynne Pierce
- Renee Prewitt
- Alida D. Quick, Ph.D.
- Reit Management & Research LLC
- Donald and Patricia Rennie
- Vicky and Ricardo Reyes
- Barbara Rice
- Chrystal Roberts
- Angela Ryan
- Daniel Schottenfels & Dr. Anita Regalado
- Silvique Jewelry
- Kimberly Smith
- Linda Solomon
- St. John's Episcopal Church-Plymouth
- St. Michael's Episcopal Church
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church
- Howard and Susan Tapper
- Judy Tatum
- Stuart and Barbara Trager
- Barbara Trunsky

- Christine Valitutti
- Sammye E. VanDiver
- Walter Goolsby Enterprises
- Kathy Zelenock

VISIT AFG!

Twice each month at Alternatives For Girls, we invite the community in to get to know us. We share stories from our programs, our successes, and hear from the amazing girls and young women we serve. Each open house lasts just one hour. Open houses are held the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm and the fourth Thursday at 9:00 am each month. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Chavon Clark at (313)361-4000 ext. 223 or cclark@alternatives-forgirls.org.

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GISELLE: SINGING A SONG OF SUCCESS

I came to AFG because I had nowhere else to go. I was just 17 years old, and a junior in high school. When I first arrived at AFG's Shelter, I didn't know what to do. I thought, "How long am I going to last here?" and "What's going to happen next?" But I quickly started to feel comfortable, and felt stable for the first time.

Now I feel like I am independent. The chores, schedule, and meetings at AFG gave me a vivid understanding of what I'm supposed to be. I've become more responsible and stable and I have learned the skills that I need to be successful on my own.

Since being at AFG, I've been able to focus on school and my ultimate passion, music. This is the first time I've been on the honor roll! I've brought my grade point average up from a 2.7 at the beginning of the year to a 3.7 at the end of the year. I also joined Mosaic Youth Theatre, where I was able to enhance my musical skills.

I just graduated from high school, and I am going to Kentucky State University in the fall. I knew that graduation would get me close to my dream. I want to become successful and have unlimited happiness.

VOLUNTEERS AT ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS

"I've been a mentor to 3 lovely girls since they were 13. Although I'm no longer officially involved with AFG's mentoring program, these ladies are still in touch with me regularly. Two of them are mothers now themselves, and one is at college doing great. I found this experience to be so incredible for myself. I love these girls as if they were my own daughters. I had to let go (just like all parents do) to let them make their own choices, but I've loved to see them in their journey." -Dawn Denise New-Echlin, former AFG Mentor

In FY 2009, over 300 volunteers gave over 9,300 hours of service to Alternatives For Girls. Some of their amazing accomplishments included:

- Mentoring over 150 at-risk youth
- The Pierce Girl Scout troop planned, solicited, and implemented activities for a full-day volunteer project at AFG
- Roeper School students volunteered with Prevention; assisting with Parent/Daughter Day, tutoring, and elementary school workshops. They also planned a Talent Show, which raised money to support AFG
- Twenty-five students affiliated with United Way of Southeastern Michigan spent MLK Day at AFG cleaning the shelter
- Ford Employees volunteered three times for their Acceleration Action Days this year painting, landscaping, organizing the garage, and performing carpentry work
- The Compuware Women's Association donated gifts, supplies, dessert, and volunteered for Prevention's School Incentive Party

Would you like to become more involved?

Visit www.alternativesforgirls.org for more information.