



2010 ANNUAL REPORT



"Oh Gods of glass I pray to thee, a crystal girl I wish to be."

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.

One Two Three!

The next morning, at the crack of dawn, she jumped out of bed and ran to the window. She took a deep breath. "One, two, three!" she said, and drew the curtains.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

AMANDA (AMY) L. GOOD

As sunlight poured in and she raised

her hand to shield her eyes, she was blinded by a dazzling array of colors. Her room was awash in a hundred different shades of blues, greens, reds and yellows.

Dear Friends:

We are proud to have successfully come through the difficult financial period of this past year, supported by our powerful and committed community of friends and supporters. We are inspired as always by the hard work and perseverance of so many girls and women who will not be daunted by the obstacles in their paths.

In our last annual report, we announced that we were facing our most compelling challenge — the need to diversify our funding base. Indeed, during this past year, with support from private foundations and generous individuals, we have created and begun to implement our business plan aimed at doing just that. We are gratified that philanthropic and business leaders have stepped forward and made a commitment to do what it takes to ensure that AFG will be here, and financially stable, in the long term: We will raise funds to create an endowment and a working capital reserve fund, and to fund our critical programs, as part of the campaign to Secure AFG's Future.

We invite you to enjoy our Annual Report, and in particular to share in the joyful stories of girls and young women you'll find herein—their struggles and triumphs are the future that AFG is building. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to making a positive future a reality for each one of them and for thousands more who need us—all of us.

Amanda (Amy) L. Good

Joya Harris-Sherron

Board Chair

PROGRAMS



She looked at her hand but could

not see it. She looked at her legs but could not see them. At that moment she realized that her dream was no longer just a dream. She had become...the glass girl.

PREVENTION

This is where girls and young women learn to find self-esteem, get help to improve their GPAs, reject drugs and alcohol, choose abstinence, connect with a mentor, and even discover untapped talents. Whether they're with us for a short period or for many years, using summer and after-school programs, study groups and girls' clubs, the AFG Prevention program supports girls 5 to 18 years of age and helps them build a foundation of positive choices.

AFG/SHELTER/TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENT LIVING

This where lives change forever. For the many homeless girls and young women who face extreme adversity and overwhelming obstacles, AFG provides the assistance and encouragement they need to stand on their own feet again. From finishing diplomas and advancing toward degrees, developing a strong work ethic and gaining financial literacy, to finding self-esteem and support for young or expectant mothers to improve their parenting skills, this is where AFG participants redefine themselves.

AFG STREET OUTREACH

This is where women of all ages find the lifeline they desperately need to get off the streets and remove themselves from harmful situations and activities. To help improve their well-being, AFG volunteers provide harm-reduction kits, transportation to AFG and other safe places, referrals, and direct links to lifesaving and support services.

She had become ... the glass girl.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2009-2010

THE AFG SHELTER

- Sheltered 104 homeless young women and their children
- 5 young women graduated from high school, 18 enrolled in an educational program, and 7 were accepted into college
- 64 young women obtained permanent housing

THE AFG PREVENTION PROGRAM

- 70% of girls and young women participating in after-school workshops maintained a 3.0 GPA or increased their GPA by half a point
- 100% of young women old enough to graduate from high school not only graduated, but went on to college 10 years, running
- 93% (90 of 97) of girls and young women participating in after-school workshops remained drug-free

THE AFG OUTREACH PROGRAM

• 3,215 youth and women on the streets and in the community received information and resources

• 100% of leadership training attendees self-identified their own strengths, increased their leadership skills, and developed self-appreciation and self-respect

"100% of our Prevention participants old enough to graduate from high school not only graduated, but went on to college"





FINANCIALS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 2010	
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:	
Revenue:	
Donated goods	\$80,149
Contributions	\$103,566
Grants:	
Federal	\$1,657,667
Local	\$38,615
Special events (net of direct expenses of \$98,325)	\$205,234
Investment and rental income	\$75
Total Unrestricted Revenue	\$2,085,306
Net Assets Released from restrictions	\$982,747
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$3,068,053
Expenses:	
Program Services:	
Transition to Independent Living	\$1,330,351
Southwest Detroit Prevention Program	
Outreach and Education Program	
Total Program Services	\$2,262,808
Supporting Services:	
Management and General	
Marketing and Development	
Total Supporting Services	\$628,922
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,891,730
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Net Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$176,323
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:	
Contributions	\$775,880
Net Assets Released from restrictions	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year.....\$3,548,339

Net Assets, End of Year.....\$3,517,795

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 the building.



FINANCIALS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Assets

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Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$212, 523
Investments	\$18,119
Grants receivable (no allowance considered necessary)	\$400,274
Pledges receivable—current portion (net of allowance of \$60,181)	\$94,004
Prepaid Expenses	\$21,607
Total Current Assets\$74	
Other Assets:	
Assets held for endowment	\$79,718
Pledges receivable (net of current portion) (net of allowance of \$26,931)	\$8,137
Fixed assets (net of accumulated)	\$3,107,975
Total Other Assets	\$3,195,830





FINANCIALS CONTINUED

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable\$108,957	
Accrued payable and related liabilities\$21,298	
Accrued compensated absences \$84,815	
Deferred grants	
Lease payable—current portion	
Mortgage payable—current portion\$18,538	
Total Current Liabilities\$252,163	
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Lease payment (net of current portion)\$0	
Mortgage payable (net of current portion)\$172,399	
Total Long-Term Liabilities\$172,399	
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* Served in 2009 (first part of fiscal year) + Served in 2010 (second part of fiscal year)



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Not Mr. Winkley, her neighbor. Or Rufus, his dog. Not Mrs. Ezekeil, her teacher. Or even Nicole, her best friend.

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\$25,000+

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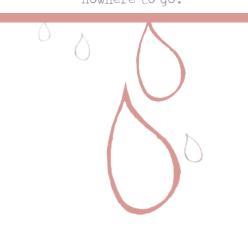
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Alan Young



Everyone looked at her, but no one saw her. What was she to do? She was alone, she had no one to turn to and nowhere to go.



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MY STORY

ADRIENNE



"Now that my life is back on track, I have set high goals for myself and I plan to accomplish each and every one of them."



My name is Adrienne, and I'm 18 years old. I've been a resident in AFG's Shelter for about 6 months. Before I came to Alternative For Girls, my home life was pretty chaotic. My family was having really bad financial problems. Because of that we moved from place to place. Life was very unstable. Before I came to AFG, my life was a total and complete mess.

When I first came to AFG and I saw the building for the first time, I was shocked because I had never heard of AFG and also because it didn't look like a shelter. I thought it was a huge apartment building and believed I had the wrong address. Since then, I've come to be at home at Alternatives For Girls. Yes, I said "home" because to me AFG is home.

A home is where people care about you and love you and there are people that you can depend on. At AFG I get all that in one plus I found a family that I could be proud of. Now that my life is back on track, I have set high goals for myself and I plan to accomplish each and every one of them. I'm set to graduate from high school this June, which could have never been possible without the help, love and support from Alternatives For Girls. Before, I barely had a 2.5 grade point average, and I now have a 4.0 GPA. When I graduate, I plan to attend Wayne State University this fall for college where I have already been accepted and I plan to major in Obstetric Nursing. Being here at AFG has gotten me focused.

MY STORY

MARIA

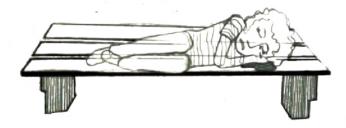


"I've learned positive engagement, better leadership skills, networking, honesty and how to be more open and friendly."



Being a part of AFG has been amazing! We all come here to work together and make a difference in others as well as ourselves. Being a part of Young Women Changing Communities has been extremely beneficial. I've been able to build relationships and gain trust with the girls in YWCC. We talk to younger girls and show them a more positive way to be, using our own experiences and the knowledge.

Being able to change someone's life with just your words means a lot to me, and there aren't many young women that take the time out to interact with the youth of today. That's why I appreciate the girls I work with so much because without forethought they enjoy putting a smile on the young girls' faces and actually becoming a role model for them. And they do this because they want to, not for the recognition. As a member of YWCC, I've learned positive engagement, better leadership skills, networking, honesty and being more open and friendly. I hope to continue being a part of the agency for a long time to come, because being here makes it possible for me to connect with others and give them as much as I can offer.



That night, before she slept on a park bench, she closed her eyes and whispered, "Oh Gods of glass I'm as broken as can be, please, please, please change me back to the girl I used to be."

MY STORY

CHASITY



"I've learned plenty of new ways to communicate effectively and how to respect myself, mind, body, and soul." My name is Chasity. I am 18 years old and a Peer Educator Team Leader at Alternatives For Girls. My life before Alternatives For Girls was filled with nothing but idle time. So I kind of stayed in trouble. I met my first love, my first heartache, and was into risky behaviors.

While all of this was going on, my home life was chaotic. My mom has a drinking problem, and my sister has mental health issues. My other two sisters just seem lost in it all. I became depressed and isolated. I contemplated suicide on several occasions.

But that was two years ago. Since then, I've become involved in Alternatives For Girls' Peer Education program, where I speak to young ladies my age about self-esteem, the dangers involved with drug use, conflict resolution, violence prevention, and many more things. Honestly, when I first was introduced to Alternatives For Girls, I didn't know what I was getting into.

But now I'm proud of what I do. I've learned plenty of new ways to communicate effectively and how to respect myself, mind, body, and soul. I've become more focused, independent, timely, and developed a great work ethic. I've learned to lead with my eyes open, actually practicing what I preach, inspiring others to learn all they can about what's going on in the world, and how to be safe.

I graduate from high school this year. After high school, I hope to attend the International Academy of Design and Technology, working towards becoming an interior designer, graphic designer, or fashion designer. Thank you for continuing to support AFG. It gives girls like me the tools we need to create a positive future.



"Simple," the old lady answered.

"They'll see what I saw - how wonderful you really are."



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