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Special Edition—Annual Report Fiscal Year 2008—2009



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3230

Number of people Iris House helped in 2009, 51% were female and 97% were Black or Hispanic.

2008—2009 Accomplishments

In a City where the number of new HIV infections is still on the rise, **Iris House touched the lives of 3230 people**. Of that number **547** individuals, along with family members, were enrolled as **active clients in one or more of our programs**—among them Housing, Food & Nutrition, Women’s Supportive Services, Harm Reduction, Mental Health Counseling and Intensive Case Management. Thousands of others benefited from “one-touch” services such as rapid HIV testing.

The overwhelming majority of active clients maintained or improved their health status as measured by “hard” biological data (CD 4 count, viral load, Body Mass Index) collected and tracked by Iris House case managers and counselors who design service plans geared to the needs of each individual.

Hard hit by the recession, increasing numbers of people in our community turned to Iris House for food. With limited resources **we distributed 5461 grocery bags and 6562 bagged lunches and served 5340 hot lunches**.

We responded to the CDC's warning about continuing high rates of HIV infection in Harlem and the South Bronx: On site at Iris House or at collaborating organizations (Harlem Children’s Zone and Harlem Hospital) **we offered 17 prevention education workshops** and other events that reached more than 200 teens. In partnership with 95 businesses, **we distributed a million condoms and we tested 1,797 individuals** at various locations including sites frequented by very high-risk individuals.

We raised awareness of how HIV/AIDS continues to affect women and families, especially in low-income minority communities. Agencies in affected communities across the nation are turning to us for advice. Our 4th Annual **Women as the Face of AIDS Summit** attracted nearly 300 professionals, community leaders, clients and at-risk youth. Now, we’re planning the Fifth Annual Summit, expanded to two-days to accommodate a broader range of topics and constituencies.

Donor Profile

Kate Campana is a long-time friend and generous supporter of Iris House who has served on the agency’s board since 2003. Kate was introduced to Iris House by a friend who was a board member at the agency. Her passion for helping women and families inspired her to join the Iris House board and later to serve as its Chair for over five years. She enjoys hearing the stories of the women served by agency and how they have triumphed through adversity, depression, substance abuse and a myriad of other issues to now lead healthy, active lives while dealing with an HIV/AIDS diagnosis. Involved with many fundraising projects on behalf of the agency, Kate has connected Iris House to new friends and donors and worked tirelessly to ensure the agency has a stable foundation upon which to grow. Iris House wishes to thank Kate and other loyal donors for their continued support of our mission. Join Kate and get involved by contacting Iris House at 646-548-0100.

Client Profile

Ms. Ferguson (P.F.), a 54 year-old African American female diagnosed as HIV+ in 1999, enrolled in the Iris House Housing Program in January 2009. She was a victim of domestic violence—her son was her abuser. Since enrolling in the housing program, PF maintains a stable home, visits her medical provider regularly and benefits also from the Iris House Food & Nutrition Program. P.F.’s medical history since enrollment improved from a CD4 of 533 and Viral Load of 460 to 649 and 75 respectively, almost undetectable. In August 2009, P.F. entered a training program which she successfully completed to become a certified Home Health Aide. She is now employed full-time. Her success can be attributed to the case management received through the Iris House housing program and coordination with other service providers.

A Message from the Executive Director

Ingrid Floyd



In March of 2010 Iris House will celebrate 17 years of service to women, families and communities infected by HIV/AIDS. Since opening our doors we have helped thousands of people live successfully with their HIV diagnosis. Our staff has worked hard to ensure clients are connected to medical care, have access to treatment options, maintain stable housing, improve their diets and a myriad of other services to improve the lives of those who come through our doors.

After almost 30 years since the first AIDS diagnosis we continue to see increases in the number of new infections. **The CDC estimated that approximately 56,300 new infections occurred in the U.S. in 2006 which is 40% higher than their former estimate of 40,000 new infections.** This estimate is still presumed to be low given that many people living with HIV have not been tested to learn of their diagnosis. The NYC Department of Health reported that as of December 31, 2008 there were **more than 105,000 New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS.** Also important to note is that **more than 80% of new HIV/AIDS diagnoses in 2008 were among blacks and Hispanics.** These statistics highlight the continued need for the services provided by Iris House.

The agency completed its 5-year strategic plan in June of 2008 and has used this plan to determine future programming and priorities. One priority is to preserve the family atmosphere that clients surveyed indicated is the reason they come to Iris House. They appreciate the non-clinical atmosphere and that the staff know their names and make them feel comfortable as soon as they walk in the doors. This family atmosphere is what makes Iris House unique and aids in our ability to improve the health of our clients. Another priority of this strategic plan is to launch YOU! Young, Outstanding and Unique, Iris House's new adolescent and young adult program. The agency piloted this program in 2009 with support of NY Community Trust and the Magic Johnson Foundation and collaborations with Harlem Children's Zone, Harlem Hospital and Partnership for Family Health. In 2010 this program aims to provide prevention education to over 200 adolescents and young adults in New York City.

I want to thank our outgoing Board Chair, Ms. Kate Campana, who worked tirelessly to ensure Iris House was well positioned to move our mission forward. And I welcome Dr. Theresa Mack as the new Chair of the Board.

Your generosity will help us continue to offer services and not turn anyone away. We thank you, our donors and supporters, for your continued support of our mission and our work.

Message from the Chairman of the Board

Theresa Mack, M.D.



It was an honor to be elected Chair of the Iris House Board in November 2009, after serving as a Board member for three years. As a physician who treats HIV/AIDS patients on a daily basis, I understand in a very intimate way the agency's vital mission and its impressive accomplishments in the midst of a continuing health crisis in low-income communities of color.

Iris House distinguishes itself from other HIV/AIDS serving organizations because of its family-centered approach. It was the first agency anywhere to address the particular needs of women—and especially economically disadvantaged women of color—living with HIV/AIDS. Because many of these women were mothers—and often single-family head-of-household—from its inception, the agency implemented programs to help their children thrive despite very adverse conditions. We make sure that families have a safe, comfortable place to live, and that children of clients get health insurance, nutritious food, educational and recreational opportunities, and financial aid for education. We bring joy to children of all ages at family picnics and holiday celebrations as well as trips to educational and recreational facilities that would otherwise be unaffordable to the 95% of Iris House families who have annual incomes below the poverty line.

Our goal for each client is self-sufficiency—and that goal extends to the next generation. We offer teen-aged children of clients internship opportunities at Iris House and the chance to become peer leaders in prevention education and outreach programs. The agency will rapidly grow prevention programs in the next year in response to the alarm sounded by the CDC about the continuing high rates of new infections in low-income minority neighborhoods—rates significantly higher than those that had been predicted just a few years ago. Iris House has a history of responding quickly and nimbly to new circumstances. We're serious about protecting the health of our young people and the future health of our entire community. We know we can count on you to help us meet the challenge.

Financials

88¢

For every dollar received, Iris House spends 88 cents directly on programs and services that support those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Statement of financial position at June 30, 2009 and 2008 as follows:

Assets	2009	2008
Cash and cash equivalents	569,630	664,016
Security deposits	65,783	62,681
Prepaid expenses	31,830	37,636
Contract and grant receivable (Note 4)	842,445	686,077
Other receivable	63,979	47,218
Fixed assets	1,519,425	1,616,024
Total Assets	3,093,092	3,113,652

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	99,544	125,683
Payroll taxes payable	3,994	1,793
Contract advances	123,992	122,184
Current and long term liabilities	46,078	20,236
Net assets	2,819,484	2,843,756
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,093,092	3,113,652

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

Revenue and Other Support

Contributions	653,345	826,043
Contract revenue	3,241,595	3,060,810
Special events	216,724	57,737
Donated services and in-kind support	848,517	208,452
Other revenue	136,005	160,272
Total support and revenue	5,096,186	4,313,314

Expenses

Program services	4,515,481	3,814,042
Support services	327,244	565,599
Fund raising	277,733	339,338
Total expenses	5,120,458	4,718,979

Change in net assets	(24,272)	(405,665)
Net assets, beginning of year	2,843,756	3,249,421
Net assets, end of year	2,819,484	2,843,756

Change in Net Assets After Depreciation	\$ (24,272)	\$ (405,665)
Depreciation Expense	96,559	96,047
Change in Net Assets Before Depreciation	\$ 72,327	\$ (309,618)

Donor List

(Gifts received 7/1/08–1/15/10)

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