

# 2007 UPDATE 08

## OUR PROGRAMS

Goddard Riverside builds community and changes lives through services including early childhood and youth programs, college counseling, supportive housing, employment readiness and assistance to homeless and older adults in Manhattan.

building community,  
changing lives,  
creating hope,  
opening doors.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In this update to the 2007 Report for Goddard Riverside Community Center, we highlight significant accomplishments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

In 2008, Goddard Riverside placed record numbers of homeless people in housing as leader of the Manhattan Outreach Consortium. We strengthened the programs of our new affiliate—St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center—including early childhood education, after school and summer day camp, tutoring and mentoring, and meals to the homebound elderly. Our model Single Stop Center gave concrete legal, financial, benefits, and tax support to residents of Harlem. And our OPTIONS program's College Access Professional Development Institute trained hundreds of school and non-profit professionals to help young people go on to college.

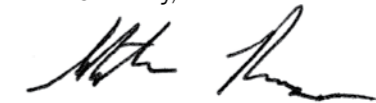
Our staff, program participants and neighbors drew attention to important community issues, advocating in Washington, Albany and at City Hall. The West Side SRO Law Project won a major victory against illegal hotels that were taking over low-income housing. Rallies in Albany, coordinated by our Family Council, helped stave off funding reductions in the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Last June, we heard rumblings of an economic crisis. Now, with the rumblings transformed into a "perfect storm," budget and service cuts loom large.

Goddard Riverside, however, is strategically planning for the future. We will remain a beacon of hope for thousands of neighborhood residents. Because of our pivotal role in the community, serving more than 17,000 children, adults, and elderly individuals, we hope you will support us.

Please enjoy this update to our 2007 Report and know that you are always welcome to visit. You can reach Stephan at 212.873.6600, extension 306, to arrange a visit or discuss this report.

Sincerely,



Stephan Russo  
Executive Director



Stanley D. Heckman  
President

07	July	350 youngsters were in full swing at Summer Day Camp at three locations.	
	August	Homeless and formerly homeless individuals enjoyed a wilderness respite with staff from TOP (The Other Place).	
	September	Nearly 200 OPTIONS participants headed off to college, thanks to support from the college counseling program.	
	October	Hundreds of neighbors gathered for the naming of Bernie Wohl Way, on the NE corner of 88th and Columbus, to remember the organization's Executive Director of 26 years.	
	November	The annual Book Fair, a neighborhood tradition since 1986, sold thousands of new and bestselling books at 50% off.	
	December	Members of the Senior Chorus, one of the special activities of the bustling Senior Center, serenaded staff during the holidays.	
08	January	Goddard Riverside staff and participants from nearly 20 programs celebrated Peace Day with songs, poetry, dance and art.	
	February	586 units of supportive housing operated by Goddard Riverside continued to provide safe and warm homes during the winter and all year long.	
	March	Thousands of bulbs bloomed along the Broadway Mall, all planted by Green Keepers, our small business of formerly homeless adults.	
	April	A busload of staff and participants, organized by the Family Council, traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby elected officials and voice concerns on critical issues.	
	May	The West Side SRO Law Project rallied to denounce the continued operation of illegal hotels, thereby, protecting affordable housing.	
	June	Children from the Head Start program, dressed in hand-made animal costumes, graduated from the nature program at the American Museum of Natural History.	



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**About the Cover** *The calendar notes a few of the significant happenings in 2007/2008. The background photo has a special story: each year, sometime in September, there is an unusual garden party in the evening at Phelps House, hosted by its Garden Club. The residents come together to watch the Night Blooming Cereus (Cereus spp) open. The exotic tropical cactus opens at dusk and closes its petals by sun-up. The one-night flowers are spectacular and this mystery of nature brings our residents together. In fact, horticulture connects many of our participants, staff and volunteers from the neighborhood. Seniors partake in Horticultural Therapy activities, learning about plants while exercising; neighbors donate plants to the greenhouse and help plant the garden; and our youth learn about the environment.*

### Goddard Riverside Community Center

Through 27 programs at 21 sites on the Upper West Side and in Harlem, Goddard Riverside engages people of all ages and backgrounds. More than 17,600 New Yorkers benefit from our programs every year. Goddard Riverside builds community and changes lives through services including early childhood and youth programs, college counseling, supportive housing, employment readiness and assistance to homeless and older adults in Manhattan.

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## program locations

- The Other Place
- Capitol Hall Residence  
Safe Haven
- TOP Opportunities
- Goddard Riverside Outreach /  
Manhattan Outreach Consortium
- Goddard Riverside Headquarters  
Senior Center  
OPTIONS Center for Educational and  
Career Choice  
Family Council
- Phelps House
- Day Care Center
- The Bernie Wohl Center  
After School and Day Camp  
Goddard Riverside Outreach /  
Manhattan Outreach Consortium
- Senate Residence  
CAPS @ P.S. 84
- Beacon
- NORC
- Head Start Center
- ACT (Assertive Community Treatment)
- West Side SRO Law Project
- 140th Street Residence  
Single Stop
- Corner House
- SMSTNC\* WEME Meals On Wheels
- SMSTNC Escalera Head Start
- SMSTNC Day Care Center  
SMSTNC After School and Day Camp  
SMSTNC Star Learning Center
- SMSTNC West 83rd Street Preschool

### Programs for Homeless and Formerly Homeless Adults

ACT	965 Columbus Ave, NYC 10025
Goddard Riverside Outreach	647 Columbus Ave, NYC 10025 (Day)
/ Manhattan Outreach Consortium	589 Amsterdam Ave, NYC 10024 (Night)
Safe Haven	166 West 87th St, NYC 10024
The Other Place	264 West 87th St, NYC 10024
TOP Opportunities	577 Columbus Ave, NYC 10024

### Programs for Older Adults

NORC	689 Columbus Ave, NYC 10025
Senior Center	593 Columbus Ave, NYC 10024
SMSTNC WEME Meals On Wheels	263 West 86th St, NYC 10024

### Advocacy and Community Resources

Family Council	593 Columbus Ave, NYC 10024
Single Stop	140 West 140th St, NYC 10031
West Side SRO Law Project	51 West 109th St, NYC 10025

### Supportive Housing

140th Street Residence	140 West 140th St, NYC 10031
Capitol Hall Residence	166 West 87th St, NYC 10024
Corner House	131 Edgecombe Ave, NYC 10031
Phelps House	595 Columbus Ave, NYC 10024
Senate Residence	206 West 92nd St, NYC 10025

Goddard Riverside Community Center  
Headquarters  
593 Columbus Ave, NYC 10024

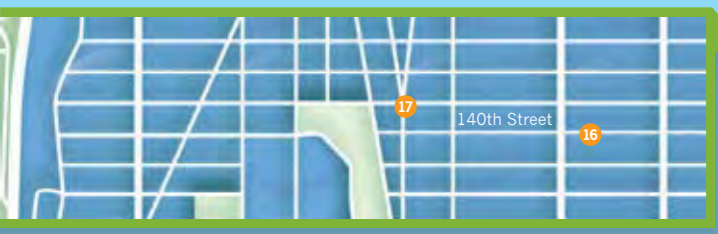
### Programs for Youth and Families

Beacon	154 West 93rd St, NYC 10025
Bernie Wohl Center	647 Columbus Ave, NYC 10025
CAPS @ P.S. 84	32 West 92nd St, NYC 10025
Day Care Center	114 West 91st St, NYC 10025
Head Start Center	70 West 95th St, NYC 10025
SMSTNC* After School & Day Camp	26 West 84th St, NYC 10024
SMSTNC Day Care Center	26 West 84th St, NYC 10024
SMSTNC Escalera Head Start	169 West 87th St, NYC 10024
SMSTNC W 83rd Street Preschool	126 West 83rd St, NYC 10024

### Programs for Education and College Access

OPTIONS Center for Educational and Career Choice	593 Columbus Ave, NYC 10024
SMSTNC Star Learning Center	26 West 84th St, NYC 10024

\*St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center (SMSTNC), an affiliate of Goddard Riverside Community Center



# 2007 | 2008 highlights

There are highlights every single day of the year as we work with 17,600 participants in our early childhood classrooms, senior center, supportive housing facilities, after school and tutoring programs, advocacy efforts, homeless outreach services, and college counseling center. For this update, you will read about four programs in which there were significant changes and developments during the last fiscal year. For more detail about our other programs, please refer to our FY07 Annual Report.



## early childhood education

The early childhood programs under the Goddard Riverside umbrella expanded from two to five, providing care to 285 children and their families.

Goddard Riverside's five early childhood education programs provide a safe and nurturing environment for learning and healthy development. Beyond the classroom, we work directly with the caregivers, addressing the challenges faced by families because of poverty, poor nutrition, or abuse.

The expansion this past year results from a merger of two programs operated by Goddard Riverside and three at our affiliate, St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center (SMSTNC). This configuration promotes sharing among the staff to strengthen both the curriculum and parent involvement.

The majority of participants are working families paying a fee on a sliding scale; 20% are on public assistance; and 15% are referred through preventive service programs. Some families have children with special needs, and in other families, the caregivers are elderly grandparents.

Entrance into early childhood programs is just the beginning of a relationship with our organization that continues through high school and beyond. In addition, siblings are referred to after school programs, the Star Learning Center, and OPTIONS college counseling.

## community safety net

Since 2006, we have maintained a Single Stop program in Harlem, providing a safety net for the working poor living precariously close to homelessness.

A rent increase, a sick child, a lay-off, or a hike in food prices can tip the scale dramatically for a family with no cushion. Community members can walk into Single Stop and in just a few minutes staff can determine their eligibility for a wide range of benefits that may include food stamps, health care, child care, legal consultation and housing assistance. For example, in 2008 we participated in the H&R Block Tax Scanning Initiative and helped individuals claim in excess of \$178,000 in returns.

Through the OPTIONS College Access Professional Development Institute (CAPDI), 198 individuals from 89 organizations received training last year to help them strengthen and expand college counseling services to low-income youth in New York City.



## college access training

OPTIONS, a leader in the field of college access, has opened many doors to higher education for young New Yorkers. The majority of young people who look to OPTIONS are the first in their family to apply to college, and they face many challenges such as inadequate housing, poverty, and immigrant status. Add minimal access to over-burdened college counselors to the equation, and the doors to college appear closed. Through its successful model of personalized counseling, OPTIONS has sent 5,500 teens off to college with millions of dollars in financial aid.

To disseminate its proven model of college access counseling, OPTIONS created CAPDI in 2005. Since then, 400 professionals have attended specialized training sessions, thus expanding effective services to tens of thousands of students each year. In FY08, CAPDI offered two eight-week on-site courses and nine single topic workshops, as well as off-site training and technical assistance services for guidance counselors, youth workers and others in the field of college counseling.

Goddard Riverside launched Single Stop as a pilot program with the Robin Hood Foundation to connect low-income families with the millions of dollars of public benefits intended for them. Many enter the program in crisis, overwhelmed by the process of applying for services or unaware of available help. The model is now being rolled out nationwide by SingleStop USA.

Since its opening, traffic flow at our Single Stop has tripled.

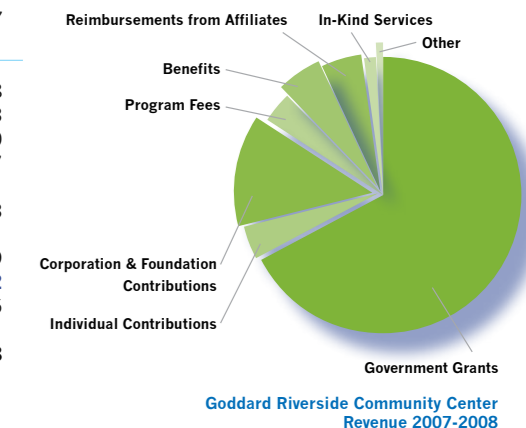
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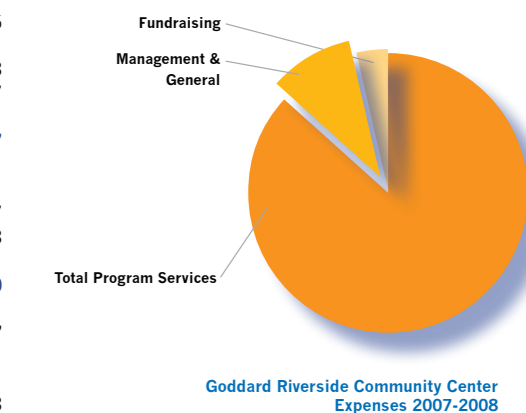
## statement of activities

For the year ended June 30, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

REVENUE	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
Government Grants	12,825,820	9,203,938
Individual Contributions	778,759	997,953
Corporation and Foundation Contributions	2,483,477	2,022,400
Program Fees	679,162	667,867
Benefits (less related expenses)	1,001,401	1,123,081
Reimbursements from Affiliates	904,046	862,963
In-Kind Services	293,273	295,261
Other	114,975	15,029
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>19,080,913</b>	<b>15,188,492</b>
Net Investment Income	(853,815)	1,191,546
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>18,227,098</b>	<b>16,380,038</b>



EXPENSES	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
<b>Program Services</b>		
Youth	2,352,732	2,506,256
Senior Citizens and Adults	913,072	883,761
Housing and Homeless	11,639,633	7,907,793
Preschool	1,926,450	1,885,507
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>16,831,887</b>	<b>13,183,317</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>		
Management and General	1,882,331	1,817,937
Fundraising	667,139	637,633
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>2,549,470</b>	<b>2,455,570</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19,381,357</b>	<b>15,638,887</b>



Change in Net Assets Before Extraordinary Items	(1,154,259)	741,151
Extraordinary Items – Developer's Fee	49,072	899,093
Sale of Property	0	1,000,000
Change in Net Assets After Extraordinary Items	(1,105,187)	2,640,244
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	17,957,924	15,317,680
Net Assets at End of Year	16,852,737	17,957,924

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	19,458,707	19,131,615
Liabilities	2,605,970	1,173,691
Net Assets	16,852,737	17,957,924
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>19,458,707</b>	<b>19,131,615</b>

A copy of our latest audited financials can be found at [www.goddard.org](http://www.goddard.org)