



Dear Friends,

We see it everyday... children hungry for the meals provided here, more homeless walking Main Street, signs of abuse or neglect in homes - all symptoms of a poor economy and the results of ongoing generational poverty, under education and high unemployment. We also see amazing transformations as families and individuals reach stability when support and solutions are offered here at Central Community House.

We know you care, as we do, about people in our community. You are receiving this letter because of your past support of the work of Central Community House. This year your help is needed again. We ask you to consider giving a pledge of support in the form of a donation to our Annual Campaign. These funds help shore up the agency to sustain services for another year despite the uncertainties of Wall Street or government budgets.

We hope you have visited Central recently and experienced firsthand the hope in the air when children are guided by caring mentors, or when people facing a crisis are shown solutions. If you haven't, please stop in to our Holiday Open House, Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m., or call to schedule a tour. In the meantime, please see some of our recent efforts and results highlighted in the box on the right.

As a supporter of Central you are part of a caring force in the community that brings hope and possibilities to others and, in a real, concrete way, replaces negativity with positivity. Thank you for partnering with us in our work.

Sincerely,

Pamela McCarthy  
Executive Director

P.S. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 of public support through our annual campaign, going now through Feb. 28. We can only reach this goal with your help! Please give today, and please share this giving opportunity with a friend who may just be as caring as you are.

### *Did you know?*

450 teens participated in Transit Arts last year. Over 83% of participants tracked successfully avoided delinquent behaviors, instead engaging in creative projects and arts enrichment.

To build household stability in 2010:

- 845 households accessed emergency aid and financial education
- 285 received Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- over 1500 hours of use were logged in the Computer Lab linking people to job searches, resume help and other benefits

Early Education Child Care provides two benefits within a single program: 77 parents could work or attend school knowing children were well care for, while 85% of children achieved measurable progress toward readiness for future schooling.

Over 50 school-aged children find mentorship, healthy food and activities, and enriching education projects in After-school and Summer Camp Programs each year. 83% show increase in protective factors that are proven to help children grow safely into well-rounded adults.