

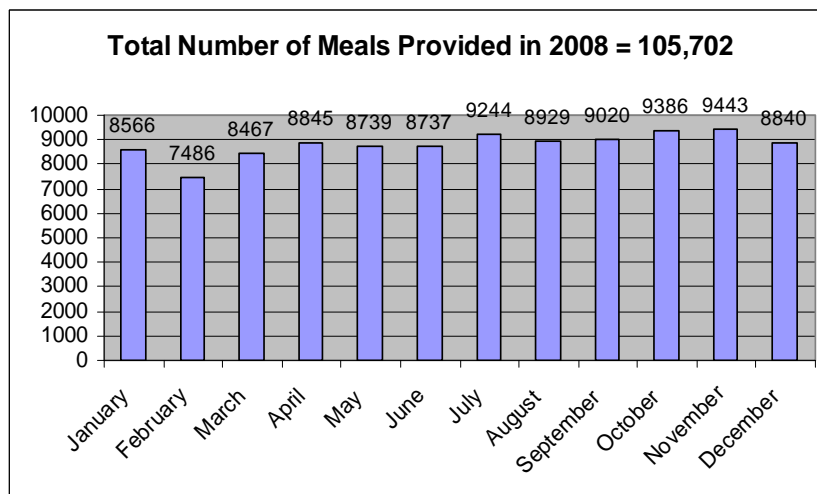


Annual Report 2008

Dear Friends:

I am pleased and grateful to report that we had another year of compassionate service to Lincoln's working poor and homeless. Not unlike previous years, we were busy working with volunteers to provide over 100,000 nutritious meals to our most vulnerable citizens. In addition, our wonderful team of staff worked at preventing homelessness and meeting basic and emergency needs through our Outreach and Prevention Services. It was an exciting year as we informed of certain recognitions. In 2008 Matt Talbot hunger relief volunteers were awarded the statewide **Governors Impact Award for Volunteer Group of the Year**. In addition Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach was selected for the **UNO School of Social Work's annual Gandhi Award**. While no one at Matt Talbot is involved for recognition, it certainly is nice to know that others appreciate our work. It was a boost in a year that saw an increase in need in all areas of service. It lifts our spirits and keeps us going. We were also very involved in selecting the site for a new home for Matt Talbot. Approximately twenty different sites were reviewed and finally at the end of the year a site at 2121 N. 27th street was selected as our top choice meeting many of the established criteria. We are very thankful to St. Vincent de Paul, Assurity Life Insurance, Urban Development Department and WRK LLC for their efforts on our relocation. Much more will be revealed on our progress in 2009. We look forward to providing updates along the way and expect a move sometime in the spring of 2010.

But before we get ahead of ourselves, let's review a few of the highlights from 2008!



Susanne Blue
Executive Director

Volunteer Program Highlights

A total of 10,089 instances of **Volunteer Assistance** were recorded in 2008.

- 8182 were recorded for Hunger Relief
- 24 were recorded for Life Skills Programming
- 298 were recorded for various Committee Meetings
- 544 were recorded for Fundraising
- 374 were recorded for Diversion Services
- 211 were recorded for Citizenship Issues/School Programs
- 456 were recorded for General Office Support & Maintenance

In-kind donations for hunger relief valued at \$198,060.80!

Attendees at the 2008 Volunteer Recognition Event



Special Events

- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feeding the Soul of the City
- Annual Garden Party Benefit
- Husker Helping the Homeless
- Heritage League Holiday of Trees Recipient
- Annual Holiday Fiesta



Board Members serve up a delicious Mexican Feast provided by locally owned La Paz Restaurant during Holiday Fiesta.

Live Music and Merriment makes this annual event a guest and staff favorite!

Highlights from Outreach & Prevention Program

In 2008 a total of 2011 unduplicated persons were provided services through the programs listed below.

- Transitional Housing
- Case Management
- Life Skills Training
- Nutrition Counseling
- Vision Improvement Project
- Access to Health Screenings
- Information/Advocacy/Referral
- Homeless Identification
- Basic & Emergency Needs
- Crisis Financial Assistance
- Phone, Message, and Mail Service
- **14,784 services were provided!**

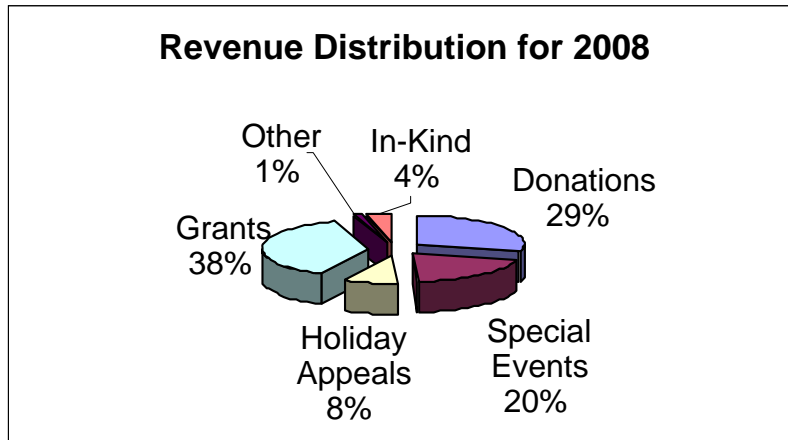


Cooking Class made Veggie Pizza

Of the total number of services:

- 11 chronically homeless men were provided long-term transitional housing and intensive case management services. In addition 40 individuals or families were provided case management services through the Homeless Voucher Program
- 68 individuals graduated the Life Skills Enhancement Program completing all six weeks of classes. Six full series of classes were offered in 2008.
- 325 persons were assisted in obtaining Identification and vital documents through the Homeless Identification Project.
- 587 individuals or families were assisted with crisis financial support to help with rent, utilities, and other basic needs to prevent homelessness.
- 152 individuals were provided eye exams and new glasses through the Vision Improvement Project.
- Forty percent of persons served through Outreach and prevention services at MTKO in 2008 were family households with children and sixty three percent of those were single parent households.
- In 2008, sixty percent of those persons served by MTKO were working poor. Eight percent of the clients served at MTKO in 2008 were identified as chronically homeless in the previous two years.

Funding



Donors Statistics

Toward the end of 2008 our donor management software was upgraded. We have information from the first of the year through October 10, 2008. A total of 686 households donated to Matt Talbot during that time period. In addition, 201 organizations, which includes, churches, businesses and foundations also donated to our hunger relief and outreach programs. A listing of all donors is kept on file at Matt Talbot. To inquire about a donation please contact Dannie Elwood, Development Specialist at 477-4116 or danniemtko@windstream.net. Coming in 2009 electronic fund transfer, credit card and online giving options available!

Matt Talbot selected for the UNO School of Social Work's Gandhi Award!



Staff team pose for award recognition

Professional Accounting and Audit Services are provided by Dana F. Cole & Company

**Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2008**

Assets

Assets	
Cash	235,434
Certificates of Deposit	109,331
Investments-Lincoln Community Foundation Fund	34,257
Grants Receivable	61,705
Prepaid Expenses	9,087
Buildings & Equipment, net accumulated depreciation	<u>200,105</u>
Total Assets	649,919

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	16,267
Wages Payable	12,571
Payroll Withholdings Payable	3,525
Deferred Revenue	<u>27,500</u>
Total Liabilities	59,863
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	
Designated	200,000
Undesignated	340,056
Temporarily Restricted	<u>50,000</u>
Total Net Assets	590,056
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	649,919

2008 Board of Directors

Officers

- **Tony Ojeda, President-Midlands Financial**
- **Jan Frayser, President Elect-Pius X Guidance Department**
- **James Schulz, Treasurer, CPA, HBE Becker Meyer & Love**
- **Steve Beal, Immediate Past President-Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department**

Directors

- **Taylor Ashburn, Mutual of Omaha Bank**
- **John Baylor, Baylor Test Prep**
- **Dr. Ram Bishu, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
- **Teresa Harms, Clinic with a Heart**
- **Rita Kean, Univeristy of Nebraska-Lincoln**
- **Reverend Dr. Jim Keck, First Plymouth Congregational**
- **Michael Knopp, Michael's Truck Sales**
- **Marylyde Kornfeld, Midtown Center/Community Mental Health Center**
- **Pat Lundak, Community Volunteer**
- **Conan Schafer, Lincoln Police Department**
- **Joseph Young, Nebraska Department of Economic Development**
- **Tom Zimmerman, Jeffrey, Hahn, Hemmerling & Zimmerman, P.C.**



Sydne Wirrick-Knox, Coordinator of Volunteers with David City Youth Group accepting donations for the working poor and homeless!