



Annual Report 2013

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does it's own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. ~ Ephesians 4:16

The Path of HOPE...

Dear Friends,

I thank God for the incredible work He has done in 2013 through Partners in Hope. It is a privilege to represent an organization with such a rich history of commitment to the people of our community. Partners in Hope, now 23 years old, continues to be on the forefront of efforts to not only provide *Relief* for those in crisis, but also continue to walk with families on their path of hope through programs of *Education* and *Development*.

Sharing the stories of our Partner Families and the many steps they have taken this year on their journeys to self-sufficiency comes easily for all of us at Partners in Hope. However, it is very difficult to single out just one story to represent the compelling and heartbreaking circumstance that motivate our families.

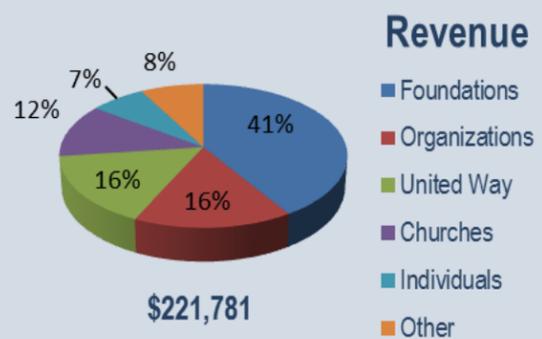
Who is our typical Partner Family? We could share the success of an unemployed mother of three. With support of Jobs for Life and the Troy Partner Family Circle, this rising star got a job, a driver's license, and now has a self-described "amazing life!" Her success came from the support we offered and her own determination. We could also share a story of an emergency effort that rescued an elderly couple who needed help during the past harsh sub-zero winter. Relief services came to their rescue because robbers had stolen the money they saved to fill the propane tank needed to heat their small rural home.

So many clients touched my heart during my first year at our agency. They are neighbors I will never forget. I will remember the young man who ran excitedly into our office to celebrate. His words were exhilarating, "I got it, I got the job... can you believe it?". I was also taken by the struggle and worries of the son who was not able to be with his father to help him overcome health issues. He was so thankful and credited the volunteer Caregivers driver with saving his dad's life. I could go on and on ... from the story of one family reunited after a six month separation due to fire and job loss, to the woman who started as a client receiving relief services just three years ago. She is now the woman facilitating the Getting Ahead program and representing Partners in Hope at a national convention!

The future is full of hope as we give opportunity to one Partner Family at a time, and I assure you that we will continue our mission to create partnerships that empower and bring HOPE to the path of each family who is brought to us. Thank you for supporting this journey of hope and most importantly, faith.

Jessica Echols,
Executive Director

Financial Review ...



Faces of HOPE...



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HELP US GROW!
 Tell one new person about PIH
 Send us a note about how PIH
 has touched your life
 Join us as a volunteer.
 Consider a first time, or increased
 financial gift.
 Invite us to speak to your group



*“Give, and it will be given to you.
 Good measure, pressed down,
 shaken together, running over,
 will be put into your lap. For with
 the measure you use it will be
 measured back to you.”
 ~ Luke 6:38*



Highlights of 2013 ...

- Volunteers provided over 3973 hours of service to PIH programs.
- Executive Director Jessica Echols, and Caregivers Coordinator Aimee Shannon joined our staff.
- Caregiver drivers provided 307 rides to appointments, (totaling 5360 miles) to area residents over the age of 55. Volunteers also made 109 friendly visits to local homebound seniors.
- Touch of Hope provided attire for 57 adults seeking employment.
- The Christmas Shop provided gifts for 109 families, while allowing the families to give back. This resulted in a donation of \$1,120 to the VanCleave 6th grade D.C. scholarship fund.
- 19 families completed the Getting Ahead went on to join the Troy Partner Family Circle. There are over 40 regular attendees, including both volunteers and partner family leaders.
- 890 intakes requests were completed at the PIH office for families in need of personal care items, utility assistance, and boots for work, gas for medical appointments, state ids and other services.
- 20 vehicles were repaired through the CAR program housed at Troy Ford.
- Tax preparation volunteers assisted 52 families with their returns through the OBB software.
- PIH continued its partnership with Garden Manor to provide resources for residents, including on-site Getting Ahead and Jobs for Life, and cooking classes, a Thanksgiving celebration and upgrades to the community room.
- Learn more at www.partnersinhopeinc.org and on our Facebook page.



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