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FRI Annual Report







Letter From the Executive Director Vikki J. Martin

As I prepared our Annual Report for this newsletter, it was gratifying to see the whirlwind of programs, activities, and partnerships the Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) has generated. These measureable successes continue to positively change the lives of the people of White Rock Hills. Here are some of our key efforts and initiatives during the past 12 months.

First Paid FRI Executive Director

A huge milestone has been reached in the life of our organization. FRI has raised enough money to hire its first paid executive director. If all goes according to plan, by the time this newsletter reaches you, FRI will have a new executive director in place to lead our organization into its next decade. It has been an honor for me to serve this community as the volunteer executive director, but FRI now needs professional leadership that can develop a solid membership base, diversify funding streams in order to sustain our future, and oversee the community recreation center and mixed-use development

FRI would like to acknowledge the Communities Foundation of Texas. which in May 2009 awarded FRI \$40,000 for hiring an executive director. From this initial pledge, we have leveraged dollars from the Eugene McDermott Foundation, Enterprise Foundation, CitiBank and individual donors. We have several other commitments pending. Many thanks to all of our donors.

DonorBridge

On May 20, FRI raised more than \$13,000 from the FRI community through the DonorBridge program. Additionally, FRI raised more than \$25,000 so far this year from private foundations for youth programming at four of our partner DISD schools: Bayles, S.S. Conner, G.W. Truett, and H.W. Lang. These monies will fund After School Programs, Family Cultural Field Trips, and other special-event activities for at-risk youth and their families.

New Programming

In August, FRI was awarded an Other Victim Assistance Grant (OVAG) through the State of Texas. This two-year grant allows FRI to hire a Victim Outreach Coordinator to spearhead the development and implementation of a victim outreach, education, training, and referral program for the residents of White Rock Hills. This program will train and educate the community about the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence, victims' rights in the State of Texas, and child abuse. The goal of this education initiative is to provide prevention strategies at the community level.

Economic Development

Library -- Kudos to council members Carolyn Davis and Sheffie Kadane, and Library Director Laurie Evans for continuing to keep the White Rock Hills Library on schedule. Groundbreaking is scheduled for summer 2010, with completion in winter 2012.

Recreation Center -- The downturn of the national economy has been a dark cloud – but with a silver lining for FRI! On one hand, it has made it next to impossible to identify a mixed-use retail developer to add neighborhood services adjacent to the proposed Community Recreation Center. On the other hand, land prices are more affordable than ever. First Assistant City Manager Ryan Evans and Parks Director Paul Dyer are working creatively with the FRI Board to leverage bond funds to secure land at 2229 Highland Road as the basis of the White Rock Hills Community Recreation Center. The illegal dumpsite at this location has been cleared and secured. Our partnership with the City Manager and Park Department has the potential to greatly expand the size, programs, and amenities offered at the new Center. The delay caused by the economy has worked in our favor so far. We can obtain more land for expanded services and be well positioned when the retail market comes back!

This fall, the leaders of Casa View will present a proposal to their neighbors asking them to consider a proposition to join FRI. This past summer, Casa View invited FRI to a town hall meeting to introduce FRI to residents. Casa View leaders are now conducting a SWOT analysis, developing an asset map, and busy building community leadership through Crime Watch organizations. Once these tasks are completed, FRI will consider the possibility of preparing a Weed & Seed application for Official Recognition of the Casa View community in 2010-11.

Area Land Use Study for Buckner Boulevard

This spring, the FRI 2-Points Weed & Seed community took steps to begin the process of developing an Area Land Use Study. This study will analyze current zoning and look at the vision of the community. It will set forth a strategic plan by which the community can begin to positively change the face of their neighborhoods. This is especially important as crime begins to decline and economic development increases. This study will help the community identify large-scale capital improvement projects that can be placed on future city bond programs. The study will include stakeholder representatives from all areas of the community and will culminate in a town hall workshop next year.

FRI Advisory Council

The FRI Board of Directors has developed a council of individuals to serve in an advisory capacity to the FRI organization. We are pleased to announce the following individuals have accepted our invitation to serve:

- Jeff Cuban, Dallas Business Leader (VP at HDNet/ Magnolia Pictures, VP at The Wagner/Cuban Companies)
- Helen Holman, Nonprofit Consultant, (Helen Holman) & Associates, LLC, President)
- Dr. Marc Goldman, Orthopedic Surgeon (White Rock Orthopedic Association)
- Liz Renfro, FRI Resident, (William Davis Realty)
- · Mel Renfro, FRI Resident, (Former Dallas Cowboy, Professional Football Hall of Fame)
- · Richard Roper, Attorney for Thompson Knight LLP, (former U.S. Attorney of Northern District)
- Suzy Ruff, Civic Leader (Board Member of Dallas Zoo/ USO Volunteer at D/FW Airport)
- Max Wells, VP Sterling Bank, (Former Mayor Pro Tem & Councilmember/Dallas)
- · Marnie Wildenthal, Civic Leader, (Board Member of Vickery Meadow Learning Center/Past President of TACA Board of Directors)

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Annual Report, Fall 2009

Organized in 1995 as a grassroots neighborhood coalition and established in 1998 as a nonprofit 501(c)3, the Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) stands as a national model for effective and collaborative community change. We were formed when neighborhood leadership united to proactively address local crime issues. We are an organization serving 40,000 residents in over 20 neighborhoods in the White Rock Hills area of far East Dallas. Our holistic approach to neighborhood revitalization dedicates resources to address our four community goals:

- 1. Increase Safety and Decrease Crime in the Community.
- 2. Beautify and Maintain the Whole Community.
- 3. Secure Funding to Implement Economic Development Projects.
- 4. Provide Social Services, Education and Recreation Opportunities.

We are led by a board of directors, a pro bono executive director, a community-based steering committee, a small staff, and hundreds of community volunteers. FRI brings programs offering a host of benefits to the White Rock Hills community; raising the quality of life for all who live, work, worship, attend school, or play in the area.

Not only does FRI provide funding and management of many of our community services and programs, but we also work to identify gaps in service within the community. FRI often functions as a kind of clearinghouse that identifies nonprofit agency partners that can offer innovative and creative services when FRI cannot directly do so.

Ferguson Road Initiative Programs & the Number Served*

Children and Youth Education Programs (2.279 Children & Youth Served)

Our children and youth programming offers academic, cultural and enrichment opportunities to help kids succeed in school, to develop self-esteem, and to be productive citizens of the community in spite of family and cultural history, persistent poverty, and lack of opportunity. These programs take place at our partner schools and also at many of our multifamily complexes and faith communities. FRI also provides meaningful opportunities that allow children and their parents to spend time together in a learning or problem-solving situation. These programs include:

- · After School Tutoring
- Kids Clubs
- Satellite Learning Centers
- · Family Kite Day
- · Family Cultural Field Trips
- Summer Camps
- Swim Certification
- Art and Photography
- · Science, Environment and Gardening Programs

Upcoming Services and Programs:

Financial Literacy training for kids

Adult Education Programs

(167 Adults Served)

Our Adult Education Programs provide education opportunities that are geographically accessible in the White Rock Hills community. These programs contribute to helping people help themselves and to stabilizing our neighborhood with productive and contributing residents. We offer or partner with organizations that provide:

- English As a Second Language (ESL)
- General Educational Development (GED)
- Computer Literacy
- Job Skills Training
- · Parenting Skills Training

Upcoming Services and Programs:

 FRI will partner with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service to begin Family Financial Literacy training

Anti-Drug and Anti-Gang Education Programs (114 Youth Served)

FRI has made Drug and Gang Prevention Education Programs a top priority, with a goal to reduce youth violence. Our anti-drug/anti-gang education programs partner our youth with adult mentors who help them learn how to address peer pressure, solve conflicts without violence, set goals, develop teamwork, and develop healthy alternatives to drug and gang influence. These programs are provided in partnership with the Dallas Police Department, Department of Justice, and anti-gang partners such as Vision Regeneration, Herrera and Associates, and Project Still I Rise. We organize activities like:

- Anti-Drug Education Workshops
- Anti-Gang Education Workshops
- Drug Education for Youth (DEFY)
- Junior Crime Watch Programs
- · Domestic Violence Prevention Education



Drug & Gang Education Workshop

Community and Family Service Programs (20,146 Residents Served)

Our excellent communication services keep all residents "in the know" about community issues that impact them. Our newsletter is published twice a year to all homeowners living in the FRI area, and to over 1200 apartment residents. We publish a quarterly e-Blast to keep residents abreast of our activities and we offer quarterly community-wide Steering Committee meetings where all are invited in the community to attend. We offer Graffiti and Litter Cleanup events as well as periodic House Painting and Fix Up programs for the indigent. Free volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) services are offered to those who are poor, elderly or disabled. FRI is committed to keeping our resident's tax dollars in our community and helping to financially strengthen and stabilize families through financial education programming. Our efforts to expand upon VITA by providing programming that stabilizes families through financial literacy, thus protecting them against predatory lenders, is a key commitment to FRI residents. Our services include:

- Health, Safety, Housing, and Financial Wellness Fairs
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)
- Annual Communitywide Graffiti Cleanup Campaign
- Annual Keep White Rock Hills Beautiful Campaign
- Home Improvement/Painting Program for senior/indigent citizens
- Food Pantries

Upcoming Services and Programs:

 FRI has received a grant from the United Way, in collaboration with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service and Girls, Inc. to begin Financial Literacy Training and to provide benefit referral screening services.

Crime Watch and Public Safety Programs (40,000 People Served)

Crime prevention and reduction are critical to the well-being of White Rock Hills. Our crime prevention and safety programs identify, develop, and train community leaders who learn to effectively mobilize their friends and neighbors in the fight against crime and the promotion of safety. FRI partners with the Dallas Police Department, local Crime Watch and neighborhood organizations; as well as, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to offer a broad-based, proactive approach. These programs include:

- Crime Watch organizing and training
- · Neighborhood leadership development
- National Night Out (NNO)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- · Crime Watch Toolkit
- Volunteers in Patrol (VIP)
- Operation Disruption
- · Operation Kitchen Sink
- · Undercover sting operations
- · Uniformed officers on bike patrols
- Community Prosecutor
- Community Code Compliance Program
- Domestic Violence Education Program

Upcoming Services and Programs:

- Establishing another police kiosk in FRI 2-Points Weed & Seed area
- Hosting a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) seminar in November
- New Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) training program



National Night Out

Housing & Economic Development Services & Programs (40,000 People Served)

Our successful crime fighting programs have resulted in reduced crime and have brought in over \$100 million in economic development and investment to the community in the form of affordable, middle and high income housing and retail. This means that even the most vulnerable in our community have access to safe, decent, and sanitary housing where they can live and raise their families. This includes our Capital Bond Program where community improvements are achieved through the advocacy of our FRI Bond Committee, which has brought over \$30 million in improvements into the FRI/White Rock Hills community in the form of:

- Street improvements (resulting in safe streets for our children and pedestrians dependent on public transportation)'
- Erosion and flood mitigation (resulting in residents retaining and enhancing their property values)
- A municipal branch library and community recreation center (our library and recreation center will improve education opportunities, as well as provide wholesome activities to build the minds and bodies of all people of all ages)

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FRI partners with the City of Dallas and local housing developers to provide a variety of housing stock and neighborhood scale retail shops. Among our accomplishments since 1998, we have successfully helped facilitate:

Lakeland & Ferguson Road

- U.S. (Francisco "Pancho" Medrano) Post Office (\$18M)
- Walgreens Drug Store (\$4M)
- Villas at Ash Creek Townhomes (\$12M)

Highland & Ferguson Road

- Primrose at Highland Falls, Senior Affordable Housing (\$12.5M)
- Community Recreation Center (\$5.8 M)

Ferguson Road

- Municipal Public Library (\$8.4M)
- · Workforce Housing (Villas at White Rock, \$13M -- White Rock Hills Townhomes, \$18-19M)
- · Stonegate at Forest Hills (\$25M)
- Hasty Road I & II (\$2.7M)
- · Lakehill Preparatory Athletic Complex and Environmental Center

2-Points

- Holiday Inn Express (TBD)
- AutoZone (TBD)
- DD's Discount Clothing Store (TBD)
- Citi Trends Clothing Store (TBD)
- Texas Barber College (TBD)

Planning

- Urban Design and Land Use Studies for Ferguson Road '98
- Ferguson Road Infrastructure Design & Construction Plan '05 (\$230,000)

Demolition of Blighted Properties

- · Old motel (formerly Howard Johnson/Fair Park Inn) at I-30 and Ferguson Road
- Rosewood Apartments at 2229 Highland Road

Upcoming Events, Services and Programs:

- · Groundbreaking for the new White Rock Hills Branch Library (will serve 60.000 residents)
- · Land purchased for the new White Rock Hills Community Recreation Center (will serve 40,000 residents)
- · A Town Hall workshop to create an Area Land Use Study for Buckner Boulevard
- FRI Bond Committee has reformed and meeting to assess needs and develop a strategic plan for the next Bond Election scheduled for 2010 or 2011 (yet to be determined by the City)



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FRI BUSINESS PARTNERS & FRIENDS

- 1. Access Storage
- 2. AmeriGroup Texas
- 3. Bank of America Foundation 4. Baylor Health Care Systems
- 5. Café Lago
- 6. Cambridge Square Apartments
- 7. Chipotle Mesquite
- 8 . CiCi's Pizza Casa View
- 9. City Credit Union
- 10. Clampitt Paper
- 11. Concinnity Network
- 12. Cowboy Toyota
- 13. Debbie Chitsey Buys Houses
- 14. Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lake 15. East Dallas Veterinary Clinic
- 16. Empire Maintenance Services
- 17. Ernst & Young
- 18. Federal Home Loan Bank
- 19. Geiger Associates
- 20. Grant Thornton 21. Holy Drilling, LLC
- 22. Holy Hands Barbers Shop
- 23. Humphrev's Kids
- 24. InChorus Marketing
- 25. Jacobs Engineering
- 26. Jason's Deli Mesquite

FRI LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS

- 1. Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms ATF
- 2. City of Dallas: City Attorney's Office-Community Prosecution and Community Courts
- 3. City of Dallas Crime Watch Executive Board 4. Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police – DART
- 5. Dallas County Adult Probation Department 6. Dallas County Constable's Office - Pct. 3
- 7. Dallas County District Attorney's Office 8. Dallas County Juvenile Probation Department
- 9. Dallas County Sheriff's Office
- 10. Dallas Independent School District Police
- 11. Dallas Marshal Service
- 12. Dallas Police Department 13. Dallas Police Department - NE Crime Watch
- 14. Department of Homeland Security
- 16. Immigration Customs Enforcement ICE

FRI FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 2. Casa View Assembly of God
- 3. Christian Stronghold Baptist Church

- 11. New Covenant Presbyterian Church
- a. Eastfield Campus
- b. S.S. Conner Elementary School
- e. G.W. Gaston Middle School

- 28 Kwik Kar by the Lake 29. Lone Star Credit Union
- 30. McDonalds SLI Enterprises (75228)
- 31. Microsoft Corporation 32. Moody's

27. Keep U-N Stitches

- 33. Pegasus News, Inc.
- 34. Primrose @ Highland Meadows
- 35. Republic Title
- 36. Richardson Bike Mart
- 37. RDB Consulting 38. Ronald McDonald House Charities
- 39 Salmon Sims Thomas & Associates
- 40. Signage Systems 41. Sondra Patton - Coldwell Banker
- 42. Starbucks-Casa Linda
- 43. Summerville @ Lakeland Hills 44. Time Warner Cable - Dallas
- 45 Villas At Ash Creek
- 46. Villas at White Rock
- 47. Walgreens@2301 Lakeland
- 48. Weber's Cleaners
- 49. White Rock Hills Town Homes 50. Williams Chicken
- 51. Young Chevrolet
- 17. Drug Enforcement Administration DEA
- 18. National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
- 20. North Texas Crime Commission Crime
- 21. Safe City Commission (Ft. Worth)
- 23. U.S. Attorney for the Northern District
- Capacity Development Office -
- 26. U.S. Marshall Service

- 1. Bethel Baptist Church
- 4. Dallas Central Church of the Nazarene

- 8. Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
- 9. Lake Highlands Baptist Church
- 10. The Light Church

FRI SCHOOL PARTNERS

- 1. Bishop Lynch High School
- a. Bayles Elementary School
- d. Alex Sanger Elementary School
- h. Bryan Adams High School

- of Justice Programs Community

- 5. Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- 6. Ferguson Road Baptist Church
- 7. First Community Church

- 2. Dallas County Community College
- 3. Dallas Independent School District
- c. G.W. Truett Elementary School
- f. H.W. Lang Middle School g. Skyline High School

- 25. For Love of the Lake 26. The Family Place
- 19. North Texas Crime Commission
- 22. Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- of Texas 24. U.S. Department of Justice - Office
- Operation Weed & Seed
- 25 U.S. Postal Police

- 12. New Creation Bible Church 13. New Hope Lutheran Church
- 14. Owenwood UMC 15. Potters House – Texas Offender Reentry
- Programs 16. Second Baptist Church
- 17. Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church 18. White Rock Community Church

20. White Rock UMC

- 19. White Rock Church of Christ 21. Zion Lutheran Church and School

8. University of North Texas - Dallas Campus

- 4. Amelia Flores Youth & Family Center 5. Episcopal School of Dallas
- 6. Lakehill Preparatory School 7. LeTourneau University
- 9. University of North Texas 10. University of Texas at Dallas

- FRI NONPROFIT AND OTHER AGENCY PARTNERS
- 1. American Red Cross 2. America's Promise

8. Boy Scouts of America – Circle Ten Council

10. Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

15. Dallas Arts Learning Initiative (DALI) - Thriving

17. Dallas Northeast Chamber of Commerce

19. Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lakes

24. East Dallas Community Organization

9. Center for Nonprofit Management Dallas

11 Communities Foundation of Texas

13. Contact Crisis Line (Crisis Hotline)

12. Consumer Credit Counseling Service

Arts Partners Dallas

14. Creative Arts Center

20. DonorBridge Texas

21. Educational First Step

22 Dallas Volunteer Center

27. Foundation Communities

Enterprise Foundation)

16 Dallas Concilio

Minds (Big Thought)

18. Dallas Social Venture Partners

- Anthem North Texas (TwoGether in Texas) 30. Herrera \$ Associates Healthy Marriage
- 32. LifeNet Arbor Education and Training Youth Services
- 33. Light Economic and Development CDC Boys and Girls Club - East Dallas/Mesquite

29. Girls, Inc.

- 34 Linc North Texas 35. Lions Clubs of Texas District 2X-1
- 36. Mission East Dallas
- 37. Mosaic Family Services

28. Foundation for Community Empowerment

- 38. Museum of Nature & Science 39. National Crime Prevention Council
- 40. National Urban Technology Center
- 41. OneStar Foundation of Texas
- 42. Operation Care Dallas (services for the homeless) 43. Project Still I Rise
- 44. Salvation Army DFW Metroplex Command
- 45. The Wilkinson Center 46. United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
- 47. Unseen America (Bread and Roses)
- 48. Vision Regeneration 49. Volunteer Center of North Texas 23. Enterprise Communities (formerly known as the
 - 50. White Rock Center of Hope 51. YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas - White
 - Rock Branch 52. YWCA - Empowering Women 53. Zion Lutheran School

17. Forest Oaks CW

18. Harry Stone CW

22. Hillview Terrace NA

23 Lakeland Hills NA

21. Hillridge CW

19. Highland Apartments CW

20. Highlands on the Creek NA

- NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, CRIME WATCH GROUPS, HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS
- 1. Alger Park/Ash Creek NA
- 2. Braeburn Glen
- 3 Brianwood NA & CW
- 4. Buckner Terrace HOA 5. Casa Linda Estates NA
- 7. Casa View Heights CW
- 8. Claremont Addition NA 9. Club Manor HOA & CW

6. Casa Linda Forest NA

- 10. Eastwood Hills NA 11. Enclave at Ash Creek HOA
- 12. Enclave at White Rock HOA 13. Fairway Estates HOA 14. Forest Creek HOA
- 24. Lake Park Estates 25. LightPointe Place HOA 26. Linda Heights CW
 - 27. Little Forest Hills NA 28. Skyline Heights CW 29 St Andrews CW

30. Truett Community CW

31. White Rock Village CW

16. Forest Meade HOA

FRI LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL AGENCIES (NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT) PARTNERS

15. Forest Hills HOA

AmeriCorp VISTA

4. City of Dallas

- 2. Reentry Initiative 3. Texas Offender Reentry Initiative (TORI)
- 5. Dallas City Planning Commission 6. Dallas County
- 7. Dallas Housing Authority 8. Dallas Independent School District
- 12. Drug Education for Youth (USN) 13. Drug Education for Youth (USDOJ) 14. Head Start of Greater Dallas 15. IRS - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

16. North Texas Council of Governments

19. Safe Kids Worldwide (Preventing

- 17. Parkland Hospital Injury Prevention
- Center 18. U.S. Department of Labor

Accidental Injury)

FRI AREA GOVERNMENT LEADERS & ELECTED OFFICIALS 1. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

9. Dallas Park & Recreation Department

11. DART - Dallas Area Rapid Transit

- 2. Congressman Jeb Hensarling 3. Congressman Pete Sessions 4. State Senator Royce West 5. State Senator John Carona
- 6. State Representative Terri Hodge 7. U.S. Senator John Cornyn
- 8. U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
- 9. Dallas School District Trustee Leigh Ann Ellis 10. Dallas School District Trustee Ron Price
- 11. Dallas City Councilmember Sheffie Kadane, Dist 9 12. Dallas City Councilmember Carolyn Davis, Dist 7 13. Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine
- 14. Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert 15. State Representative Allen Vaught

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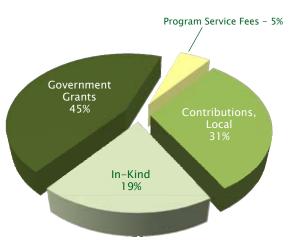
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FRI Audited Financial Statement

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 56,079
Grants receivable	\$ 25,104
Total Current Assets	\$ 81,183
Property and Equipment	
Computers	7,836
Furniture and Equipment	48,694
	56,530
ess Accumulated Depreciation	(22,528)
Total Property and Equipment	34,002
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 115,185
LABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
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Accounts Payable	\$ 12,074 \$ 2 203
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REVENUE

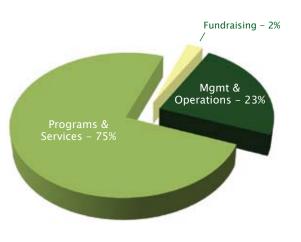


Statement of Activities & Change in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

L	INRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Revenues and Support			
Contributions and Grants	\$57,975	\$196,000	\$253,975
In-Kind Donations	64,400		64,400
Other income	17,498		17,498
	139,873	196,000	335,873
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	246,000	(246,000)	-
Total Revenue and Support	385,873	(50,000)	335,873
Expenses			
Program Services	308,441	-	308,441
Supporting Services	94,206		94,206
Fundraising Services	10,536	-	10,536
Total Expenses	413,183		413,183
Decrease in Net Assets	(27,310)	(50,000)	(77,310)
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year	103,218	75,000	178,218
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 75,908	\$ 25,000	\$100,908

EXPENSES



Members, In-Kind Supporters, Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

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If it takes a village to raise a child, it has taken our whole White Rock Hills community to elevate Bayles Elementary to its current Recognized status. Once deemed Academically Unacceptable by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Bayles is now only one rung from the TEA's highest rating of Exemplary.

"And we'll get there," says Bayles' principal, Maria Tafur. "We'll shoot for the moon and hope to land among the stars."

Principal Tafur, who has been at Bayles for six years, grew up in White Rock Hills on Dorrington Street. "It makes so much sense for me to have this particular school," she says. "I identify with our students and their parents. Most of them are young, and many are single. I know what they're up against."

Principal Tafur speaks with gratitude about her teachers and staff and the support Bayles has received from its community partner, the Ferguson Road Initiative and the surrounding neighborhood, the Claremont Addition Neighborhood Association, as well as from many other organizations and individuals.

Some of these are the Episcopal School of Dallas, which has helped with family field trips and health and safety fairs for Bayles teachers, parents, and students; Lakehill Preparatory School, which hosts Bayles' Kite Day each year on its athletic field, and Lone Star Credit Union, which provides adult mentors.

Vikki J. Martin, pro bono executive director of FRI, notes the changes she has seen at Bayles. "Through the Ferguson Road Initiative Weed & Seed grant, Bayles became an official Safe Haven for the community and housed education opportunities, enrichment activities both inside and outside of the classroom, health and safety fairs, and programs that



Bayles Principal Maria Tafur promised to cut her hair if Bayles students scored above 85 on the TAKS test. They scored above 85 in 3 of 4 categories, so Tafur cut her hair in late May. The hair was donated to Locks of Love. Talk about dedication!

To receive a rating of Recognized from the Texas Education Agency, Bayles Elementary had to:

- Meet a performance standard of 75 percent or higher on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests for each subject and student group.
- 2. Achieve an 85 percent completion rate.
- 3. Maintain an annual dropout rate of 2 percent or less.

engage parents and children to learn together. That certainly beats the rise in petty vandalism, crime, and children fighting on their way home from school we saw a decade ago."

School Board Trustee Leigh Ann Ellis says that in recent years Bayles has accelerated its "climb to the top."

"FRI and the community have put their arms around Bayles," Trustee Ellis says. "To have a Recognized campus is great for the neighborhood. To reach the next level, we have to be innovative and work twice as hard."

DISD Superintendent Michal Hinojosa says that "the Ferguson Road Initiative's partnership with our schools in far East Dallas is a model for how communities can work with their neighborhood schools to bring about positive academic change."

When asked how Bayles will move to the next level, Principal Tafur says that there must be improvement in math and science as well as improvement in the stability of the community. "And we have to carefully nurture what we already have. What we have achieved is fragile, and we must all work together to make it solid." **by Carolyn Bullard**

Students, parents, and teachers get most of the credit, of course. But neighbors did contribute to the school's turnaround in a big way. They planted trees on the campus. They began to volunteer in the school. They organized Saturday field trips for students and parents. They found grant money for after-school enrichment programs. (FRI Executive Director Vikki) Martin said 'It's really a community-school partnership. Everybody is working together. This is our school.'

-Steve Blow of The Dallas Morning News

Walking the Walk: Teaching by Doing

LEED Certified Environmental Science Center Opens to Inspire Students

Lakehill Preparatory School's state-of-the-art LEED Silver Certified Alice and Erle Nye Family Environmental Science Center officially opened on September 10 with a dedication ceremony at Lakehill's Roger L. Perry Campus, 7401 Ferguson Road.

The Nye Center is dedicated to the study of the natural environment. With more than 40 acres of untouched land to explore, Lakehill students will have the opportunity to experience nature in a pristine, untouched environment.

The programs of the Nye Center are designed to inspire students to become stewards of the environment and to make environmentally sound decisions.

"From an academic standpoint, the new facility provides our students opportunities to focus directly on environmental issues and careers through a special up-close study of nature," explains Lara Gajkowski, Assistant Headmaster.

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Lakehill Headmaster Roger L. Perry with Upper School students Eshe Rasheed, Kara Gamboa, Hannah McCue

The Nye Center was one of the first facilities in the city of Dallas to achieve LEED Silver certification. "When building the Environmental Science Center, it only made sense to become LEED certified. We did not want to spoil the natural beauty of the site and the long-term cost efficiency of the design made it a natural choice," explains Lakehill Headmaster Roger L. Perry. "It is a wonderful design and is truly a first-class facility."

Set lightly in the natural landscape, the building is responsive to its environment, using many strategies to enhance its natural surroundings and reduce its impact on the environment.

The Nye Center was honored in January 2009 at the United States Green Building Council North Texas Chapter's annual Member Extravaganza, an event dedicated to showcasing some of North Texas' finest sustainable building projects.

Lakehill Preparatory School is grateful for the ongoing generosity of the Nye family. Erle Nye served on the Lakehill Board of Directors and Alice Nye served as a volunteer and substitute teacher for the School. The Nyes were instrumental in the fundraising efforts for the Center, not only through their personal financial support but through their commitment to help raise the money needed. "It is a great honor for us to dedicate this building in the name of the Alice and Erle Nye Family," says Perry.

by Gigi Ekstrom, Director of Marketing Lakehill Prepartory School

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DEFY FAMILY LEGACY

by Gail Washington

Carla Rosales would like to go to camp. Specifically, she would like to go to the Drug Education for Youth camp - (DEFY). And why not? Carla is a legacy. Her sister Valerie is a 2007 graduate and sister Stephanie graduated from DEFY camp this past July.

There's just one tiny problem. DEFY campers must be between the ages of 9 and 12. Little Carla is just 6 years old and has already placed her name on the waiting list.

So what's so great about this camp that someone would wait three years to attend? For starters, DEFY is more of a program. There are two phases to go through. Phase I consists of a week's stay at the Joint Naval Air Base (formerly Carswell) in Fort Worth, where they learn a variety of skills that will help them with personal growth, social networking and team building. Phase II is the maintenance portion of the program. During the school year, every third Saturday of the month, kids will be involved in a mentoring session and oftentimes a field trip.

Carla's enthusiasm and legacy is a great example of what the DEFY program can do for our youth. This camp's appeal has allowed our area to help more than 1,200 North Texas youth with professional development, social skills, drug prevention and self esteem building techniques.

The beauty of the Rosales' DEFYers is that they will also be allowed to come back to Phase II of camp to assist, then graduate to the role of mentor

By all rights, Carla is very wise to get her name on our list now. With the growth of the FRI area and dwindling funds for summer and after-school programs, combined with parental interest in programs that specifically outline mentoring, it is getting harder for parents to find extracurricular activities for their kids.



For more information on all that the DEFY program has to offer, please visit http://www.donhq.navy.mil/defy. If your child is between the ages of 9 and 12, lives in the FRI area, has never been to DEFY camp and would like to attend, please have them contact Gail Washington at 469-230-7256 to get their name on the list for next year.

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For victims of family violence, The Family Place is the Dallas area's leading organization delivering proven programs that address emotional and physical abuse and incest. The Family Place provides free, comprehensive victims' services that prevent violence and fully support adults and children on their path from fear to safety. The Family Place mission is to eliminate family violence through intervention and proactive prevention, extensive community education, advocacy and assistance for victims and their families. The Ferguson Road Initiative is proud to partner with The Family Place and to list the services they provide.

Hotline Services | The hotline, 214-941-1991, offers 24-hour crisis counseling, information and referral.

Emergency Shelter Services | The Family Place provides emergency shelter, counseling and relief services for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse and violence at its Safe Campus, a confidential location.

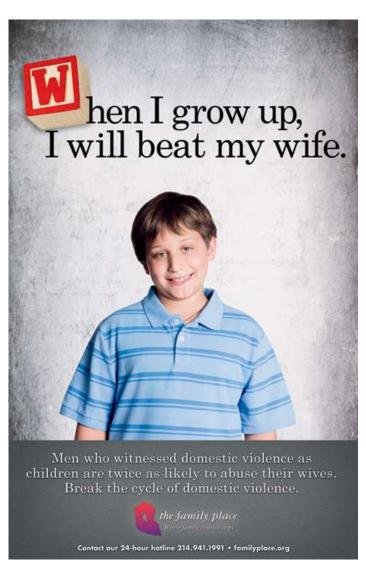
Transitional Housing | The Family Place Supportive Living Program provides extended-stay apartments at the Safe Campus, as well as subsidized housing, education, training, day care and after-school services.

Outreach Counseling | Victims and their children who do not require shelter can receive free group and individual counseling at our Central Dallas location (214-443-7701) and at our Fair Park-Pleasant Grove location (214-565-0225). The Family Place Latina Outreach Program addresses the specific needs of our Spanish-speaking clients (214-443-7704). The Partner Advocate program (214-443-7704) provides services to victims whose partners have been referred to a Battering Intervention and Prevention program.

Children's Services | Through play therapy, group and individualized counseling, this program helps children learn to feel safe, stay safe and, most important, stop hurting.

Incest Recovery Services | The Family Place provides free counseling for adult and adolescent survivors of incest and childhood sexual abuse (214-443-7701). The Incest Recovery Program also offers outreach adolescent counseling, training for professionals, and educational outreach about the problems of sexual assault and incest.

Battering Intervention and Prevention Program | The Family Place Battering Intervention & Prevention Program (BIPP) offers help to individuals who have been violent, abusive, and or controlling in their intimate and family relationships (214-692-8295).



GET HELP HOTLINE

The Family Place Hotline, 214-941-1991, offers 24-hour crisis counseling, information and referral.

La línea telefónica, 214-941-1991, ofrece intervención en crisis las 24 horas, información y referencias.

Client Legal Services | The Family Place provides an attorney for clients in cooperation with Legal Services of North West Texas. These services include legal support with temporary custody orders, divorce and child support, custody and visitation, protective orders, emergency orders and writs of attachment.

Faith and Liberty's Place Family Center | The FLP Family Center provides a safe, neutral, child-centered environment where trained professionals facilitate supervised child visitation with non-custodial parents.

Public Education | Through a speakers bureau, a newsletter published three times a year, an active public relations program and public service announcements, The Family Place provides ongoing education about the negative effects of family violence. To volunteer or book a speaker, call 214-443-7714.

Resale Shop | The Family Place Resale Shop collects donations of new and gently used items that benefit our programs in two ways. First, clients at The Family Place can use vouchers to purchase the personal and household items that they need. Second, the Resale Shop sells merchandise to the public, raising funds for our programs. The Resale Shop is located at 11722 Marsh Lane, Suite 354, Dallas, TX 75229 (214-358-0381).

Youth Education and Prevention Services (YEPS) | The Family Place reaches out to children and youth to teach them how to stop the cycle of violence and become courageous bystanders through youth education and primary prevention services. For more information, call the Youth Education and Prevention Services program director at 972-243-1611.

La misión de Family Place

Eliminar la violencia familiar a través de una intervención y prevención proactiva, una educación extensiva comunitaria, abogacía y de asistencia para las víctimas y sus familias. Para las victimas de violencia The Family Place es la organización líder en el área de Dallas, que proporciona programas referentes al abuso físico y emocional asícomo de incesto. Family Place brinda servicios gratuitos a las víctimas que previenen la violencia y apoya totalmente a los adultos y niños en su camino del miedo hacia la seguridad.

Servicios de Línea de Información | La línea telefónica, 214-941-1991, ofrece intervención en crisis las 24 horas, información y referencias. Todos los servicios de The Family Place se prestan en ambos español e inglés.

Servicios de Refugio en Emergencias | The Family Place le proporciona refugio, consejería y servicios de auxilio en emergencias a mujeres y niños que hayan sido víctimas de violencia doméstica. Todos los servicios se ofrecen dentro de nuestro plantel Safe Campus.

Viviendas de Transición | El Programa de Apoyo de Viviendas de The Family Place ofrece departamentos para estadías prolongadas en nuestro plantel Safe Campus, al igual que viviendas subvencionadas, educación, capacitación y servicios de guardería.

Servicios de Promoción Comunitaria | Las víctimas y sus hijos que requieren consejería y servicios de apoyo sin refugio pueden recibir consejería individual y de grupo gratuita en nuestras 4 localidades a lo largo de la ciudad de Dallas. Las localidades incluyen nuestro local central de Dallas (214-443-7701), y en 2 oficinas en el sector sur de Dallas (Fair Park-Pleasant

Grove, 214-565-0225. La oficina del Programa Latino, de Family Place, atiende las necesidades específicas de nuestros clientes hispanohablantes (214-443-7704). El Programa de Abogacía para la pareja (214-443-7704) brinda servicios a las víctimas cuyas parejas han sido referidas al Programa de Intervención y Prevención del Matrato.



Servicios Infantiles | A través de la terapia de juego y la consejería en grupo e individualizada, este programa ayuda a que niños aprendan a sentirse y mantenerse seguros.

Servicios de Recuperación de Incesto | The Family Place le proporciona consejería gratuita a sobrevivientes adultos y adolescentes de incesto y abuso sexual infantil (214-443-7701) para adolescentes, capacitación para profesionales, y programas educativos sobre los problemas del asalto sexual e incesto.

Programa de Intervención y Prevención del Maltrato (BIPP) | Las personas abusivas que tratan de cambiar su conducta violenta tienen acceso a un grupo especializado de servicios de consejería en nuestra oficina de BIPP (214-692-8295).

Servicios Legales para Clientes | El personal de The Family Place cuenta con un abogado para sus clientes en cooperación con la organización Servicios Legales del Noroeste de Texas. Estos servicios ofrecen asesoría legal en asuntos civiles incluyendo órdenes temporales de custodia, divorcio y manutención, custodia y visitación, órdenes judiciales protectivas, órdenes judiciales de emergencia y mandamientos de embargo.

Centro Familiar del Lugar de Fe y Libertad | FLP Family Center ofrece un ambiente seguro y neutro con un enfoque infantil donde profesionales capacitados facilitan visitas supervisadas de niños con padres que no tienen custodia



Tienda de Segunda | La tienda The Family Place Resale Shop recauda donativos de artículos nuevos y seminuevos que benefician a nuestros programas de dos maneras. Primero, los clientes de The Family Place, quienes a menudo llegan sin nada, pueden adquirir los artículos personales, o para el hogar, que necesiten usando vales en la tienda. Segundo, la Tienda de Segunda le vende mercancía al público, y así recauda fondos para nuestros programas. La tienda se ubica en 11722 Marsh Lane, Suite 354, Dallas, TX, 75229, 214-358-0381.

Educación y Servicios de Prevención de la Juventud | The Family Place extiende sus servicios a los niños y a la juventud para enseñarles cómo parar el ciclo de la violencia y convertirse en individuos valientes a través de los servicios de educación y prevención primaria. Para mayor información llame al director del programa de Educación y Servicios de Prevención de la Juventud (YEPS) al 972-243-1611.

Educación Pública | Por medio de nuestro buró de oradores, un boletín publicado tres veces al año, un programa de relaciones públicas activo y eficaces anuncios de servicio público, The Family Place ofrece educación continua y extensa sobre los efectos adversos de la violencia familiar en nuestra comunidad. Para programar a un orador o ofrecer sus servicios voluntarios, contacte a Servicios de Voluntariado al 214-443-7714.



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TOP 10 TIPS TO PREVENT THE FLU

DOCTORS HOSPITAL AT WHITE ROCK LAKE OFFERS 10 TIPS TO PREVENT GETTING THE FLU

The flu virus becomes more widespread every year. While getting a flu shot is important, there are also some simple things you can do to avoid it. Dr. Jorge Ontiveros, an internal medicine physician at Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lake, offers these precautions to help you prevent the flu:

10. Clean Your Hands

Use an alcohol-based hand cleaner whenever you touch surfaces that may have come into contact with other people. The hand cleaner will kill the germs without having to wash with water. However, it is a good idea to also wash your hands with hot water and soap once it is convenient.

9. No Touching

Do not touch your nose, eyes, or mouth with your hands. When you rub your eyes after handling a contaminated doorknob, for example, the germs may travel to your nose and sinuses to start an infection.

8. Wash Your Hands Frequently

Always wash hands before eating as well as after shopping at a mall, grocery store, etc. per "Clean Your Hands" above.

7. Cover up

Use a napkin or paper tissue to handle public surfaces such as doorknobs, handrails, faucets, etc., and then dispose of it.

6. Stay Away

Avoid people who are sneezing or coughing. If you see someone cough or sneeze, immediately get out of the area, and stay away for a short time until the mist particles clear.

5. Drink Plenty of Fluids

Water flushes your system, washing out the poisons as it re-hydrates you. A typical, healthy adult needs eight 8-ounce glasses of fluids each day.

4. Take a Sauna

Researchers aren't clear about the exact role saunas play in prevention, but one 1989 German study found that people who steamed twice a week got half as many colds as those who didn't.

3. Get Fresh Air

A regular dose of fresh air is important, especially in cold weather when central heating dries you out and makes your body more vulnerable to cold and flu viruses. .

2. Do Aerobic Exercise Regularly

Aerobic exercise makes you breathe faster and makes you sweat once your body heats up. These exercises help increase the body's natural virus-killing cells.

1. Eat Foods Containing Phytochemicals

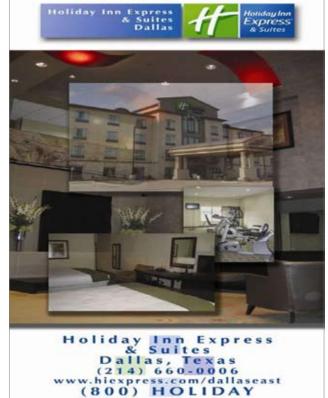
"Phyto" means plants, and the natural chemicals in plants give the vitamins in food a supercharged boost. So put away the vitamin pill, and eat dark green, red, and yellow vegetables and fruits

While the only way to completely avoid the flu is to avoid civilization, the above recommendations might be helpful. The more people who continue to give in to the flu, the stronger and more widespread the virus gets. But if people avoid catching the flu, and avoid giving it to others, the virus would grow weaker until it is gone.

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Crime Makes a Dramatic Drop

FRI 2-Points Weed & Seed Report

By Kerry Goodwin



In last spring's *FRIdays* newsletter, we reported that our 2-Points Community was finally experiencing a significant reduction in crime. Dallas Police Department (DPD) reports document that we have had a 26.7% reduction in violent crime, and a 13.0% reduction in non-violent crime for a total reduction year-to-date of 15.8% through July, 2009. This represents 50 fewer

violent crimes and a total of 144 fewer serious crimes overall. This is the kind of news we've been working so hard to achieve and each of our DPD officers, involved stakeholders, and community residents deserve a pat on the back. Our most improved neighborhood was Eastwood Hills NA (formerly known as White Rock Hills NA) with 35 fewer serious offenses year to date. Congratulations to them, as all their hard work is paying off with a safer, prouder community.

Our annual contract with the USDOJ has been renewed, and overtime patrols that were previously suspended have been restarted.

Crime prevention in apartment communities — In evaluating crimes occurring over the past few months, it is apparent that criminals are targeting our neighbors who live in apartments. The development of Apartment Crime Watch groups would help our community take the next step to safer streets. Just like Crime Watch, members of an Apartment Watch learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and their community, and report crime and suspicious activities to the police.

Get an Apartment Watch Going & Growing

- Arrange with local police to conduct apartment security surveys and Operation Identification.
- Organize citizen patrols to walk around the apartment complex and alert police to crime and suspicious activities. Don't forget to patrol parking lots, stairways, laundry rooms, and playgrounds.
- Publish a newsletter that gives local crime news, recognizes Apartment Watch captains, and highlights community activities.
- Organize a reception in the lobby of your building or a cookout on common property so neighbors can get to know one another.
- Keep pressure on management to make sure it provides adequate security.
- Start a Safe Haven Program for children places where they can go in emergency situations.
- Check the complex on a regular basis for problems such as burned-out light bulbs, dark corridors, uncollected trash, or broken locks on mailboxes and doors. Report problems to the building manager.
- Organize meetings to brainstorm how you can help each other, such as starting an escort service for the elderly or afterschool care for children.

FRI's 2-Points *Weed & Seed* crime prevention specialist, Gail Washington is available to help anyone interested in starting a group. Give us a call 214-324-5116 and we'll start getting criminals out of our apartment communities.

FRI Fights Domestic Violence – FRI received a two-year grant that will assist FRI in serving as a resource for victims of violence, including sexual violence, domestic violence, assault, and homicide. Special emphasis will be on providing victim outreach, community education, victim advocacy and training, and serve as an information and referral source to victims of violence within the FRI corridor. FRI will work to educate victims of violence about resources available to assist with obtaining counseling, seeking shelter, requesting restitution, and understanding their rights as a victim within the criminal justice system.

Advanced CPTED Training Session Planned – In its continued partnership with the National Crime Prevention Council, FRI will be offering advanced Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) training this spring. There is an opportunity for about 30 students, including police officers, neighborhood leaders and other FRI stakeholders to receive this special training on the multidisciplinary approach using environmental design strategies to deter criminal behavior. FRI is seeking underwriters to help offset the expense of the three-day program. This class is meant for students who have already received an introduction to CPTED through FRI or another source. Contact me for more information.

New Partnerships Formed to Expand Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Initiative (VITA) – This past tax season FRI's VITA program served more than 400 residents with refunds totaling over \$600,000. Our average refund was nearly \$2,000. FRI is developing a new partnership with Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas; United Way of Metropolitan Dallas; Girls, Inc. and others to form Project Wi\$e Up as an initiative under Dallas' bigger Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) program. This project is designed to provide our taxpayers an additional layer of financial literacy training and benefit screening for eligibility for other programs, such as home buyer credits.

In Other News – At this year's annual USDOJ Weed & Seed Conference, FRI was awarded a 10-Year Leadership Award for our efforts with the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program.



Pictured with Gail Washington receiving the award is USDOJ Weed & Seed Director Dennis Greenhouse and Dow Croyle from the Dallas USAO and Gary W. Johnson, United States Navy DEFY Program Manager











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