



2009 Annual Report

*Empowering teen mothers and their children to
achieve independence through support services,
education and mentoring.*



Our Vision

alley's house exists to break the generational, economic and social impact of teen pregnancy in the community.

Our Mission

Empowering teen mothers and their children to achieve independence through support services, education and mentoring.



February 2009

Dear Friends,

alley's house had a year of both growth and increased stability. It was a tough economic year and we saw many changes within the business environment and with community services. It was, however, the first year that alley's house had two months in reserve since we went full time in April 2005!

We served over 286 teen mothers with case management services and community outreach with various organizations. We have two full-time Case Managers and a Resource Room/Administrative Assistant helping to support our programs and services. We have refined our Case Management Services to include an accountability component to ensure our teen moms are moving forward and becoming independent. We increased the number of GED tutors and child care volunteers – helping our moms complete their activities with more efficiency. We continue to network within the community and collaborate with other agencies to further our mission and find ways of working together toward a common goal of self-sufficiency for our teen moms.

We could not have accomplished this without the dedication of our staff and volunteers. We are very proud of the programs and services that we offer and continue to improve. Our staff is amazing continuing to be flexible as we grow and serve clients. We are so lucky to have a great group of dedicated volunteers working with us in so many ways – special events, board of directors, tutoring, mentoring, child care, workshop facilitation, news writing, case support, donated goods, volunteer special projects. Our mentors have provided the guidance and support to our teen moms during some of the most difficult of times – becoming new mothers and raising their children. Our tutors work countless hours to help prepare our teen moms to take their GED tests. Our child care volunteers spend special time with the children of our teen moms – while they are training or receiving tutoring.

We are so very grateful to our donors and contributors, church groups, business groups, clubs, foundations, corporations and countless others who have supported us with money, materials and in-kind donations. We could not provide our services without their help. Because of our benefactors, our young teen mothers have been able to receive the services they so desperately need to help them learn to live independently and live successfully.

We are looking forward to 2010 as this will be an important, stabilizing year for alley's house, especially during these difficult economic times. We will continue looking for new, improved ways of providing services to our teen moms in the most efficient manner. We thank you, our supporters, for helping make the dreams come true for each teen mother and child that we serve.

Sincerely,

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Our Programs

Mentors for Young Mothers Program

A one-to-one mentoring program that matches teen moms with a volunteer who establishes a relationship for a minimum of a one-year period and they spend approximately 6 hours a month doing together. The mentor works directly with her to assist her in accomplishing her Goal Plan as well as other fun activities. Activities are coordinated according to the teen mom and volunteer's schedules.

Building Brighter Tomorrows Workshops

A series of life-skill workshops designed to teach the teen moms the necessary skills to achieve independence. Topics range from parenting skills to career planning. Our Workshops are held once per month on Saturdays from 12-2 pm.

Teen Mom Group

A support group for teen moms is offered once a month following the *Building Brighter Tomorrows* workshops. The group provides the opportunity for teen moms to get together to talk about experiences, feelings and daily challenges that they face.

Computer Training

On-line computer training is provided to all teen mothers participating in the program. Microsoft Office products and keyboarding are included.

GED Tutoring/High School tutoring

One-to-one GED tutoring in all subject areas for teen mothers. Tutoring is also provided for those teen moms attending high school on an as needed basis.

On the Job Office Training

Teen moms can learn all the skills needed to help them get an entry level office position.

Parenting at Home Program

Match teen mother with a volunteer who will assess and recommend positive parenting techniques.



Our 2009 Accomplishments

- ❖ Recruited and trained 109 new volunteers serving alley's house in various capacities.
- ❖ We served 238 teen moms and over 400 children.
- ❖ We had 100% staff retention.
- ❖ We developed a new way of measuring independence and ultimately graduation from our program.
- ❖ We have improved our client accountability measures and thus increased our month-to-month retention.
- ❖ Four teen moms graduated from our program.
- ❖ Three teen moms received their GED.
- ❖ One teen mom received her high school diploma.
- ❖ Two of our 2009 graduates have enrolled in college in 2009.
- ❖ Two of our 2009 graduates will be starting college in 2010.
- ❖ Ellie Ceja won the 1st Annual Chad Willis Scholarship. Two additional moms are receiving monthly stipends to assist with their college expenses.
- ❖ Thirty UNT students infiltrated alley's house during the Spring 2009 semester and assisted with programs, fundraising (raised over \$3700), advocacy issues, child care program, workshop facilitation, etc. They left an amazing, lasting imprint on our program and our teen moms!
- ❖ Five interns completed their internships with alley's house. Universities represented included: UT Arlington, UTD, TWU, and DBU.
- ❖ Launched the Girl Talk phone Mentoring Program.
- ❖ Launched the Reality Check Pregnancy Prevention program in local middle schools, churches and community groups.
- ❖ Launched weekly Life Skills Workshops with the help of the UNT students.
- ❖ Held a private screening of the movie Precious and followed with an expert panel to answer audience questions about teen pregnancy.
- ❖ Texas Rangers Association (Ian Kinsler and the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation) sponsored the remodeling of our Resource Room. Other sponsors included Business Interiors and Two Men and a Truck.
- ❖ Increased the number of weekly tutors and childcare volunteers to serve more teen moms.
- ❖ Chad Willis, President and CEO of Texas Energy Holdings, hosted our 1st annual Toast to alley's house Gala event.
- ❖ We held our 1st Annual Plugged In Event with Deadbeat Darlings held at AmPm Restaurant.
- ❖ Named Toni Patterson our new President of the Board of Directors, taking over from Brandy Ducote.
- ❖ Named Toni Patterson our 2009 Volunteer of the Year.
- ❖ Named Loida Garza our 2009 Mother of the Year.
- ❖ We ended the year for the first time with two months of expenses in reserve!
- ❖ Our 5th Annual Art Auction attracted over 36 artists and raised \$8,371.
- ❖ Volunteers logged over 3,605 hours of service to alley's house.
- ❖ We logged 2,805 case contacts with our teen mothers and Case Managers.
- ❖ Local volunteer groups held 8 diaper/baby drives providing much needed supplies for our teen moms.



Numbers We Served

Case Management Services

Teen Moms as of 12/31/09 = 31

Children as of 12/31/09 = 34

Total Served in 2009 = 286

Total # YTD Contacts = 2,805

Average Age = 17.42

Total Number of Mentoring Hours = 52

Total Number of Tutoring Hours = 843

Total Number of Graduates = 2

Teen Mom's Ethnicity

African American 58.06%

Hispanic 35.48%

Caucasian 6.45%



Our Donors and Supporters

alley's house reaches out to teen mothers and their children in the Dallas area and provides services at no cost to those we serve. We depend on the generous support of individuals, foundations, corporations, community and church groups to make our work possible. We thank you for your support!

Please note that we do our best to include all our cash donors. Please accept our apology if your name does not appear on this list.

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Our Financials

Support:

Contributions	\$56,108.59
Grants	\$141,950.00
Special Events	\$77,077.86
Gifts in kind - goods	\$10,505.00
Total support	\$285,641.45

Revenue:

Interest earned	\$27.13
Total support and revenue	<u>\$285,668.58</u>

Expenses

Programs:

Salaries & related expenses	\$105,731.95
Rent	\$11,278.41
Utilities	\$2,084.74
Telephone	\$1,333.73
Bus Passes	\$10,116.50
Mileage	\$6,728.57
Computers/Maintenance	\$1,039.40
Office Supplies	\$2,401.52
Postage	\$621.30
Printing	\$2,962.65
Emergency Food	\$128.18
Education books/materials	\$2,074.78
Learn to Earn Program	\$551.12
Background Checks	\$274.40
Job Preparation	\$104.49
Child Care Program Supplies	\$1,004.82
Public Identification Records	\$876.00
Gifts in-kind - goods	\$10,505.00
Meeting Expense	\$2,633.04
Subtotal	\$162,450.59

Administration:

Salaries	\$35,243.98
Benefits	\$13,026.48
Payroll Taxes	\$10,690.50
Rent	\$3,759.47

Utilities	\$694.91
Janitorial Service	\$1,750.00
Office Supplies	\$800.51
Telephone	\$444.58
Insurance	\$2,755.19
Bank Fees	\$488.19
Credit Card Fees	\$2,387.99
Meetings	\$464.65
Mileage	\$751.01
Postage	\$1,863.91
Printing	\$987.55
Professional Fees	\$19,204.79
Professional Conferences	\$775.00
Professional Memberships	\$825.00
Property Taxes	\$652.11
Website	\$1,080.00
Subtotal	\$98,645.82
Total expenses	\$261,096.41
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Change in net assets	\$24,572.17
Net assets, beginning of year	\$30,952.34
Net assets, end of period	\$55,524.51
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