

OUR VISION

To transform families
by equipping and
empowering individuals
to live as fully devoted
followers of Jesus Christ.



DayBreak



HOW DAYBREAK BRINGS THIS VISION TO LIFE >>



OUTREACH

"DayBreak has really helped me a lot because it gives me something to do." —Camille



DISCIPLESHIP

"Jessie has made a difference in my life because he has taught me a lot about the word of God and how to live it." —Kevin



EDUCATION

"Since I started with DayBreak, God has really been revealing Himself to me. He has opened a lot of doors, first volunteering, then getting employed, then being accepted to DC Central Kitchen." —LaShawn

2007 DayBreak Annual Report

THANK YOU

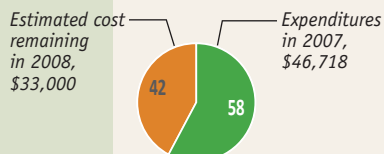
DayBreak is grateful for every gift of time, money, and resources from our supporters. Each of you is making a difference in the inner city of Washington DC, offering the poor "a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair" (Isaiah 61:3).

2007 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

"It is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy."—1 Corinthians 4:2

BUILDING FUND

(PERCENT)



Funds raised: \$79,633

In addition to program costs, DayBreak began a capitol campaign to expand and update the Sanctuary, the physical location of our program. Individual DayBreak supporters contributed the entire amount for the renovation project. We are on target to move in to the renovated Sanctuary the beginning of March, with a dedication scheduled for March 29th.

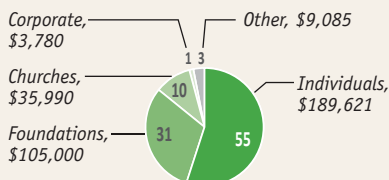
The completion of this project culminates in the answer to many years of prayer. DayBreak has long labored to adequately provide programming to the numerous children and youth in Lincoln Heights. The newly expanded and updated facility will increase our capacity not only for reaching new children with the Good News of the Gospel of Christ, but also for more effective education and discipleship opportunities. Join us in giving thanks to the Lord for the mighty work of His hand!

"But God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer."

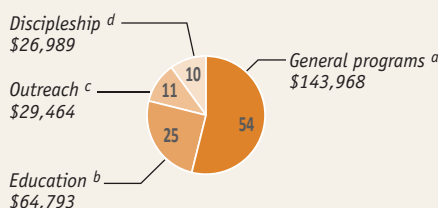
Psalm 66:19

2007 OPERATING BUDGET

(PERCENT)



Total revenue: \$343,467



Total expenses: \$265,214

In 2007, we estimated it would cost \$443,250 to run DayBreak Ministries. Our total program expenses were \$265,214.22. What were the factors in coming under budget by nearly \$180,000?

THE RENOVATION PROJECT. The primary factor in the reduced program budget was a decrease in the scope of programs offered due to renovation. Initially, we anticipated that the after school program would be closed for the fall and reopen again in the spring. However, the permit process increased the renovation timeline considerably. There were many periods of waiting on approval before the next phase of demolition or construction could begin.

During the renovation, DayBreak was displaced to a small apartment which simply did not allow for the same scope of programming; therefore, we had to be creative to continue our ministry to the children and youth of Lincoln Heights. Rather than a full-scale after school program every day with 20 students, Bible study, homework help and a family-style dinner, we offered the opportunities in new venues. Students signed up for scheduled tutoring time. We had small group Bible studies. Saturday outreaches primarily happened outside. The smaller scale aided in deepening our relationships with many DayBreak students, while we continued

to build new relationships through outreaches. When we resume full and expanded programs in April, we look forward to implementing the lessons we learned in 2007.

IN-KIND GIFTS. Many generous individuals donate gifts to DayBreak. In 2007, volunteers supplied food for outreaches, built games for the Back to School carnival, donated prizes for the children, provided professional services, and more. Every fall, the DayBreak leadership team spends a weekend together strategically planning for the upcoming year. Rather than spending money on a place to stay, one family generously opened up their beautiful home, which comfortably accommodated eight with plenty of room to spare! There are countless ways that supporters contribute to DayBreak, and we are thankful for each gift, whether monetary, material, time or services.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES BY LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS.

DayBreak relies primarily on individual donations. While God has supplied all our needs in every circumstance, this certainly can test and strengthen one's faith! Some months are lean, and we have to tighten our belts. Other months have a surplus. In either case, DayBreak expects financial responsibility from leaders, and likewise requires DayBreak participants to respect the supplies that our donors provide.

To sum up, the renovation project was the primary factor in DayBreak coming under the projected budget for 2007. With expanded facilities in 2008, we hope to provide increased programs and opportunities to families in Lincoln Heights through Christian outreach, discipleship and education. However, DayBreak will always strive to be good stewards of the gifts that are provided through our donors, whether they are monetary or in-kind gifts. Thank you for your support, which allows DayBreak to "equip and empower individuals to live as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

^a General programs (cross program expenses)

^b Education (after school program)

^c Outreach (Saturday VBS, missions, summer camp)

^d Discipleship (mentoring, internship, leadership development)



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—Camille

A CROWN OF BEAUTY >>

Tim, a DayBreak staff member, started a Bible study in August for the middle school and high school students in Lincoln Heights. He was out in the neighborhood one evening telling teenagers about the Bible study. That night, a group of students who had never been to DayBreak came to the Bible study. One of them was Camille, a senior at HD Woodson, the local high school. Camille has grown up in Lincoln Heights and her goal is to become a mortician.

Although Tim invited Camille, he credits her attendance to her friends who attend DayBreak and helped reach out to her. “She knows many of the other youth involved. I invited her, but it was the influence of some of her friends who made her comfortable to come in.” Camille has attended Bible study consistently since she first came in November. In addition to Bible study, Camille also comes on other days, just to hang out, talk, or use the computer. “She’s a tough girl, but you can see a certain hope in her eyes when you talk about Christ.”

Camille says, “I like the Bible study because it’s something that I can relate to. I have gone to church for most of my life but I have never been to a Bible study, and I like how it makes sense to me and my life. My favorite part about Bible study is when we talk about God. There aren’t many times when I get to do that.”

Camille’s best friend, Tierra, has never been involved with DayBreak, although her younger sisters have attended for years. Tierra came to Bible study for the first time last week with Camille. Last fall, Tim and some DayBreak students reached out to Camille. Now Camille is reaching out to her friends. As DayBreak provides opportunities for outreach, we are thrilled to see DayBreak students inviting other youth of Lincoln Heights to come learn about Jesus Christ.



“Please pray for me that I can be a man of God.”
—Kevin

THE OIL OF GLADNESS >>

Kevin, now in the 10th grade, first attended the after school program three years ago. He was often in trouble at school, and his conduct got him banned from the community rec center. His performance at DayBreak was no different. Kevin’s attendance was sporadic, and when he did attend, he was often sent home for disruptive and disrespectful behavior. Finally, Kevin’s actions drove DayBreak staff to make a difficult decision. After one day when Kevin was particularly disruptive, he was given a choice: he could either come back that evening to work towards reconciliation, or he would be expelled from DayBreak for three months. Kevin did not show up that evening.

Last fall, Jessie, a DayBreak staff member, invited Kevin to be a part of a Bible study that he was leading with two other DayBreak participants. Jessie spent time getting to know the three young men, playing basketball, lifting weights, and visiting local restaurants where they read and discussed the gospel of John. Jessie relates, “the best part is getting a chance to hear where they are and get into their world a little bit. An analogy I use is like in Old Testament times when cities were protected by walls. These boys put walls up. Spending time with them, building relationships, doing something that they already like doing—like playing basketball, lifting weights—you get inside their walls. You get to come inside their thinking and their reasoning through invitation. That’s where discipleship comes alive to me.”

Now, Kevin is voluntarily serving others through DayBreak. Kevin attends the Wednesday night Bible study where he is not only participating, but is cooking for his peers. “I get the chance to enhance my cooking skills, to further my education of cooking. I sometimes prepare food for Bible study and I enjoy it because I’m passionate about cooking. I love to cook, and I love to eat. In the past, I’ve prepared buffalo pizza, barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, and Wednesday I’m making lasagna.”

Kevin is not only learning valuable skills and gaining experience toward his dream of becoming a chef, but he is growing in his relationship with Christ. “I’ve learned to make better decisions since I’ve been in DayBreak. God is teaching me how to put Him first in everything I do. Please pray for me that I can be a man of God.”

OUTREACH

DISCIPLESHIP



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—LaShawn

A GARMENT OF PRAISE >>

LaShawn is a mother of three children and a staff member at DayBreak. Her daughter Anna started attending the after school program in 2004. "Anna was always talking about Sarah and Jeremy (after school program staff) and Peaches' cooking. It was all she used to talk about!" So LaShawn decided to see what DayBreak was all about. She started volunteering on the two days that Anna attended with the elementary students. "When I first came in and started helping out, I saw how happy the kids were. I really liked working with the kids and seeing the volunteers come every day. I decided to put in a whole week instead of just Anna's two days."

After helping Peaches in the kitchen for a year, LaShawn was offered a paid position. Shortly after, Peaches left the staff, and LaShawn took over her responsibilities as cook. "When Peaches left, I was really scared, but everybody pitched in. Heather was pregnant, but she would still help me cook. Julia would stop her work and come help me out."

While attending a class at the neighborhood Family Enhancement Center, LaShawn heard about a program with DC Central Kitchen. The program would enable her to earn her serve safety certificate in safe food handling. She brought the application to Julia, and they discussed how it could fit into her role with DayBreak.

LaShawn's initiative paid off. She has gone from being intimidated in the kitchen to confidently working with many different kinds of food and managing serving people. As a practical application of what students were learning, DC Central Kitchen placed participants in internships. LaShawn served at various programs, including a clean and sober program. "Now, making food for 60 people won't be hard for me, because we had to make it for 4,000 people. I learned a lot."

God's work in LaShawn's life has not been limited to her DayBreak employment and education. "Through DayBreak with my kids, they are doing a lot better in school. Not only that, Anna goes to church. God has really been moving in Anna. Tanzania is really becoming more mature." And personally? "Most of all, He is working on me with being more patient. I want everything to be done in a hurry, so he has been teaching me to be patient. Sometimes God does stuff for you, but He's not going to do it when we want Him to do it, but when He sees fit."

LaShawn's booming laughter, teachable spirit, and appreciation of those around her has been a blessing to the students, staff and volunteers, and she expresses her thanks for them as well. "What I like most about coming to work is the kids are so happy to see me, and they appreciate the things I do for them."



"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."
Isaiah 61:3-4

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Founded in 2001, DayBreak is an inner city ministry located in Lincoln Heights, a housing project in northeast Washington, DC. Our vision is "to transform families by equipping and empowering individuals to live as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ." Our everyday mission is "to develop fully functioning inner city children and youth through Christian outreach, discipleship and education."