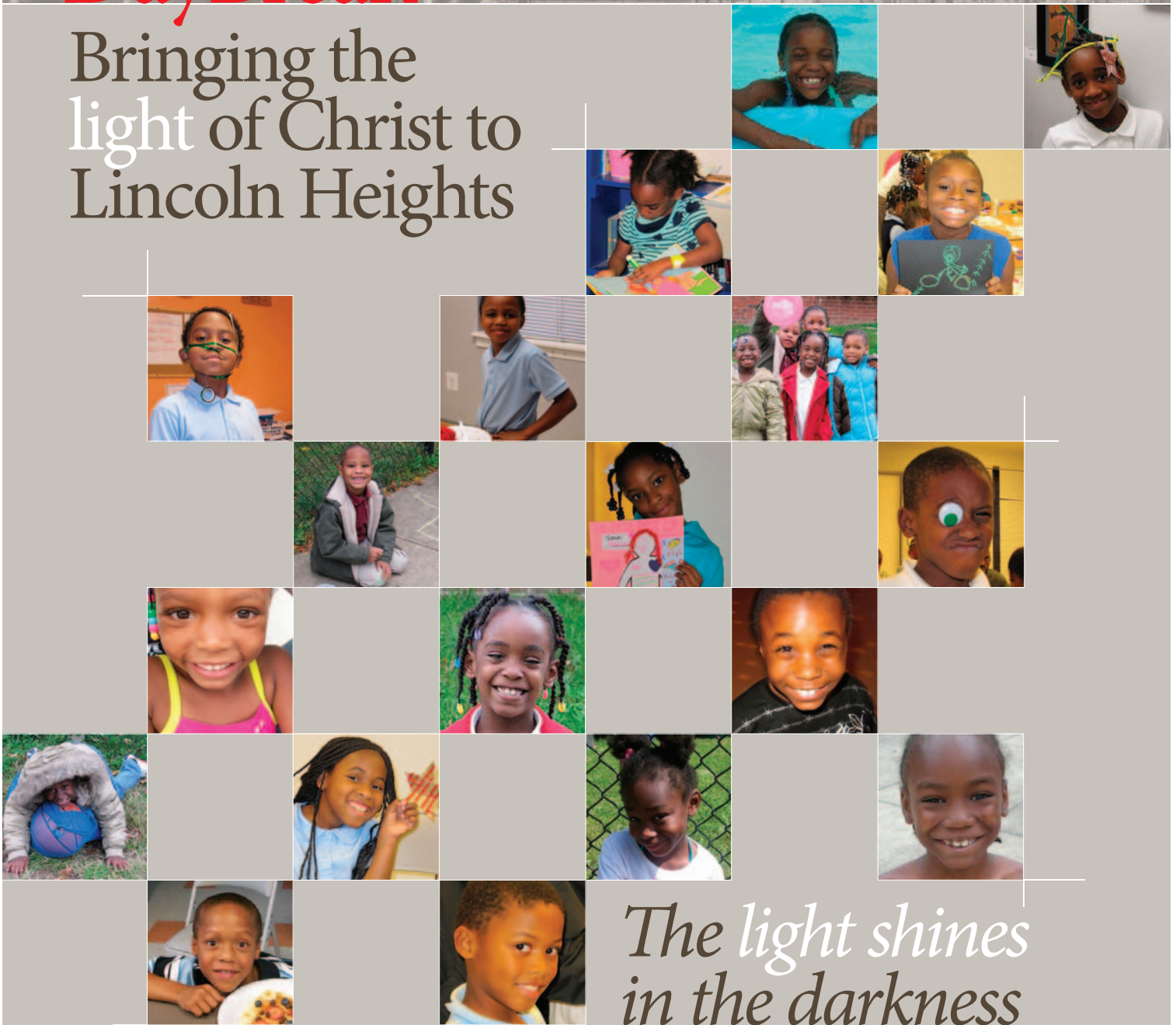


DayBreak

Bringing the
light of Christ to
Lincoln Heights



*The light shines
in the darkness*

John 1:5



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DayBreak Annual Report 2009

Budget & Finance Highlights

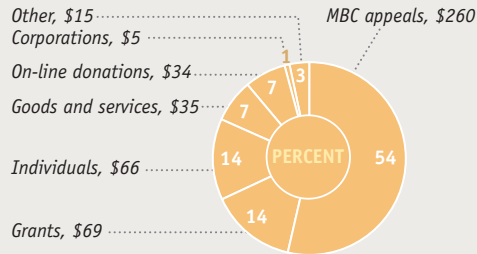
DayBreak Ministries is entering its ninth year serving the children and families of Lincoln Heights housing community located in Northeast Washington, DC. DayBreak's mission is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the children and families of this community. God's love has enabled our staff to impact the lives of all those touched by the ministry. During 2009 we received contributions exceeding \$484,000 while expenses totaled \$368,000. This provides DayBreak with a small surplus as we enter 2010.

The donations were both financial and in goods and services. We thank our contributors for their support and to the DC government for contributing a facility for DayBreak's use in Lincoln Heights. This facility, called the "Sanctuary," provides a safe and secure place where our dedicated staff and volunteers can provide services to the children and families within the community. These services include outreach, discipleship and education.

The total expenditures for 2009 were \$368,000 which were used to support programs and special projects. General program expenses comprised 51.6% of total expenditures. These expenditures go across three program areas: 1) Discipleship, which includes Mentoring, Internships, and leadership development; 2) Education, the After School Program; and 3) Outreach, which includes Saturday VBS, Missions and Summer Camp. Individual programs and special projects accounted for 45.4% and 3% of the total expenditures respectively.

Financial Contributions: \$484

(Thousand \$)



One area that impacts the entire family is the special projects area. All participants enjoy these events which include the Back-to-School Carnival, Turkey Outreach and the Christmas Store. Also included in the expenses was the costs relating to fundraising which was less than 1% of the ministry's overall costs.

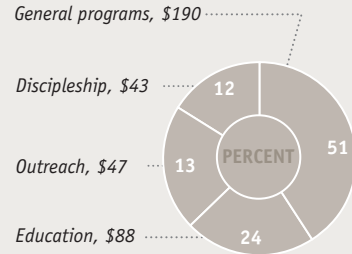
This completes our first year as an integrated auxiliary of McLean Bible Church and we continue to receive the blessing of God in our work. Our contributors have provided the needed resources enabling our staff to concentrate their efforts on meeting the mission of our ministry. Due to this affiliation with MBC we have realized cost savings in the areas of insurance, technical services and finance, thus decreasing our overall administrative expenses. This savings enables the ministry to provide a greater amount of our funds to support our ministry efforts.

The overall financial performance for 2009 was excellent. We realize with today's fragile economy we will have to rely on all of our current donors to continue to support us as we work to make life a little better for the children and families within Lincoln Heights. DayBreak's Board has prepared a fundraising plan for the coming year. Based on that plan we realized how much we depend on our McLean Bible Church family for our financial well being. We will continue to look at other financing options such as foundations, government grants and donations of food and services from the local community. We ask all our donors to pray about continuing to commit to this ministry by committing to a monthly gift. No gift is too small.

We met all our financial goals in 2009 even though it was a year of transition. Our founder, Julia (Harper) Van Der Werf and her husband decided to pursue a new ministry opportunity. Thus, Julia made the decision to leave DayBreak.

Expenditures: \$368

(Thousand \$)



We thank Julia for founding DayBreak, her commitment to the Lincoln Heights community and her selfless effort to bring the love of our Lord to this community. Based on her decision, we commenced a search for a new director with the main requirements being a heart for inner-city ministry and the leadership qualities necessary to continue the work of this important ministry.

Such a person was found within the McLean Bible Church staff. Lauren Allgood applied for the position and we were delighted that she accepted the calling to be the new Executive Director. Lauren has been involved with DayBreak for over four years as a volunteer. We know she will provide the leadership enabling DayBreak to continue its important work within Lincoln Heights. From the time Julia left her position until Lauren assumed the responsibilities we were faced with a period of four months without an Executive Director. However, God once again blessed our ministry when our Vice Chairman Dennis Bradford volunteered to be the interim Executive Director. Dennis' leadership provided the needed continuity during this transition period.

In conclusion, our contributor's generous donations have made an impact on the lives of the children and families of Lincoln Heights. Every resource provided by our donors goes directly to support our mission. Our staff is dedicated to continuing the work to bring hope to all those we touch on a daily basis and to witness to each member of the community so they will see the love of our Lord in their lives. We thank all our donors for their support and pray they will continue to provide the financial resources to meet our mission. Proverbs 19:17 says "Being kind to the poor is like lending to the LORD; He will reward you for what you have done."



DayBreak volunteers deliver Thanksgiving meals to the Lincoln Heights community.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

To develop fully functioning inner city children and youth through Christian outreach, discipleship and education.

Outreach



*“You are the LIGHT of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”
Matthew 5:14*

What do school supplies, boxes of turkeys and

Christmas gifts have in common? Normally, nothing, but at DayBreak they were all practical ways that we shared the light of Christ with our neighbors in Lincoln Heights in 2009. All of these items met some of the physical needs of the community. By meeting these needs, it opened the door for us to be Christ’s light to them.

In August, we held our annual Back-to-School Carnival. Hundreds of residents flooded the carnival site to play games, climb the rock wall, get dizzy on the Human Whirl, eat hot dogs and snow cones and just to have a good time while getting into gear for the new school year. Children were able to play games to “earn” tickets for school supplies, which are otherwise not always affordable. In this way, we were able to serve the community in a tangible way in the name of Jesus. We didn’t end there though. At the end of the day, the Gospel was presented through music, dance and word. We will never know how many seeds were sown that day!

With November came a truck with 300 boxes of turkeys to distribute to Lincoln Heights and Richardson Dwellings, a neighboring community. With these boxes, it was our hope that we could meet yet another physical need in the community while being Christ’s light. This was a large task but God provided close to 200 volunteers to be His hands and feet that day!

There were 25 turkey distribution teams knocking on each of those 300 doors and praying with and for the recipients. In many cases, when residents opened their doors to receive their turkeys, this opened up the opportunity for volunteers to go in and pray with and for the recipients and even have spiritual conversations with them. In addition to the distribution teams, we were also privileged to have six prayer teams praying for their fellow volunteers and for the community throughout the day. It was an amazing event and God’s light was shining brightly that day!

As the Christmas season got underway, so did the plans for our Christmas Store. We were very

blessed to have over 2,000 gifts donated from the members of McLean Bible Church for this special yearly event. The Christmas Store is an opportunity for parents from Lincoln Heights to buy gifts for their children at ten cents on the dollar. This unique opportunity gives parents a sense of empowerment in providing Christmas for their kids and it also becomes an opportunity for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with our neighbors!

The event was on the calendar for December 19, however, 20 inches of snow made it impossible for this event to occur as scheduled. Apparently, God had it on His perfect calendar for Wednesday, December 23! Through His orchestration, everything came together and we had a very successful Christmas Store! We are so thankful for all the volunteers God provided who came to serve on a last-minute notice and so close to Christmas! Many families in the communities were blessed through this event.

We look forward to seeing how God’s light shines through us in 2010!

Discipleship



“For you were once darkness, but now you are LIGHT in the Lord. Live as

children of LIGHT.” Ephesians 5:8

A story from a couple of DayBreak’s newest mentors, Carrie and Dave . . .

Hebrews 12:1—Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

If there is ever a picture to describe this scripture, I would put “Turbo T” within it! “Turbo T”, or Terrance, ran the race with perseverance from the moment he hit the ice! The ice skating rink, that is. Terrance had never been ice skating, but that didn’t keep him from giving his all to master the skill of skating. From the moment that Terrance hit the ice, until we left the rink, he fell down at least 30 times! Every time he fell, he would get back up—again and again with even more enthusiasm!

Terrance’s determination for learning how to ice skate is something all of us can learn from. I wish I would have witnessed his determination a few months ago . . .

Like a lot of people around the country, I was laid off. It was a blow, and it took me a while to “get back up.” During this time, I received an e-mail asking for a few volunteers for two weeks during the DayBreak summer camp. I had always wanted to volunteer at DayBreak, and this was my opportunity to start. After arriving home the first day, I told my husband Dave, “It’s going to be a long two weeks!” But by the end of the second week, God had softened my heart for the kids, and I didn’t want my time at DayBreak to end.

So, I volunteered for the remaining three weeks of the summer camp and enjoyed every minute of it! I loved the worship time, devotion time, arts and crafts and Fun Fridays! By the end of summer camp, God had worked on my heart so tremendously, that I began to think about and pray for the kids more and more. I didn’t want to stop pouring into these little lives, so I talked to Ms. Andrea [Coleman, After School Program Coordinator] about the other areas in which I could become involved. She told me about the After School Program, and I have the privilege of helping her there. In addition, I’m tutoring Navaras and involved in the mentoring program with my mentee, Jailla. Dave has always felt God’s tug at his heart for DayBreak, so we both are involved in the mentoring program, and he is mentoring Terrance.

The more I am around these kids, the more my heart yearns for them to rise out of their situations to see all the potential that they have for success, and that God loves them and wants to know them in a real and personal way. By becoming mentors, Dave and I hope to impact these little lives in a profound way with the message of Jesus Christ. If our first adventure at the ice-skating rink is any indication about how God will teach Dave and myself as well as Terrance and Jailla, I’m so excited about the future that God has in store for us.

We as mentors are called to disciple these kids, but God has spoken to us through Terrance. What started off as a relationship in which we thought we would be mentoring and pouring into Terrance, God has taught us, through Terrance, to endure and run the race that is set before us, through all life’s challenges. AMEN!

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Education



*“The unfolding of your words gives LIGHT; it gives understanding to the simple.”
Psalm 119:130*

Summer Program

Over the summer, 30 children were enrolled in our seven-week program. There were five interns who implemented lesson plans from a well-written curriculum and ensured that the program ran smoothly. The curriculum focused on helping the kids discover information about their family heritage, as well as one's heritage in Christ. Each child received breakfast and lunch thanks to our partnering with the DC Summer Meals Program.

We had both local volunteers and volunteer mission groups from across the country. Their help made it possible for us to do things like take the kids swimming two to three times a week and go on field trips, such as trips to the National Zoo and the Smithsonian Museum.

Overall the summer program was a great success!

After School Program

The After School Program picked up in full gear in January 2009 after having been closed for three weeks for Christmas. One of the highlights was being able to participate in an art program sponsored by a generous donor. The donor provided for an art teacher to come once a week to teach the kids the basics of art. The goal was to not only teach the kids but allow them to be creative and use their artistic abilities to create pieces of art for an end-of-the-year art show.

Throughout the early months of 2009 and leading up to the spring we took the kids on some great trips including ice skating at the National Gallery of Art, dinner at a sit-down restaurant, and bowling at a local bowling alley.

The fall of 2009 started out amazingly well as we enrolled 20 children. All of whom still come consistently! The staff was able to create an environment in which the kids were able to come, receive a Bible lesson, homework help, and academic enrichment. The art program continued through mid-December, culminating with the Art Show for parents, friends, and others to see the

kids' art on display. Their art was displayed in frames, decorations were put up, and each child was recognized as a star and given a gift from the donors.

Our “Fun Friday” field trips were again another highlight of the After School Program. To list a few, the kids were taken roller skating, bowling, and to a Washington Wizards game. “Fun Fridays” are definitely a highlight for both the children and staff.

Tutoring

At the beginning of 2009, DayBreak started off with approximately 10 tutors. The fall of 2009 brought more people interested in becoming involved, leading to DayBreak having 20 tutors! Each child in the After School Program was able to be paired with an individual a tutor.

Individual lesson plans are written for each child that focuses on the areas in which they are weak academically. During tutoring sessions, tutors assist their tutee with homework, work on the child's individual lesson, read with their tutee, and end the night playing a game or simply hanging out. This time provides each child with much needed individual attention.

Note from the Director

Thank you for your generous support of DayBreak Ministries and the people of Lincoln Heights. As I have stepped into the role of Executive Director, I have been both encouraged by what the Lord is doing in the community and also challenged to bring the hope of Christ to every individual in Lincoln Heights. The Lord has great plans for that community, and I'm expecting great things for the future. We covet your prayers, thank you for your generous contributions, and look forward to continuing our work together in Lincoln Heights.

My message to you is that of Paul's to the church in Philippi: “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:3-5

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