

2010

Gracehaven House Annual Report

July 2010





MISSION STATEMENT

Gracehaven seeks through Christian love to provide shelter and rehabilitation to girls under the age of 18 who have been victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and to raise awareness among young women about the issue of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) in order to educate and equip them so that they can avoid becoming victims themselves.



Report from the Executive Director

God has continued to bless Gracehaven in 2009, in spite of the troubled economic climate. We have made significant strides toward our goal of reaching girls entrapped in domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST), and creating a safe place for them to live. God is already using Gracehaven in mighty ways as He seeks to respond to the injustice of human trafficking. Here is a list of some of our accomplishments over the past year.

CASE WORKER

In October of 2009, we were able to hire a full time caseworker through a state grant. Since starting, Megan Crawford has been in contact with 23 high risk/ or DMST involved youth, and has led 10 of those to make first time commitments to Christ. She has also been involved with helping 4 separate cases of human trafficking. She is currently in the process of developing a 2-week curriculum for the Ohio Department of Youth Services that will serve as a prevention and awareness tool against human trafficking for girls incarcerated through DYS. With the addition of Megan to the staff, Gracehaven is now currently active in working with girls who are either at risk of being trafficked, or are entrapped in human trafficking.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Katie Talbott joined the staff of Gracehaven last fall and has been a tremendous help with various administrative duties, and we've also been able to put her considerable graphic design skills to good use as well. With her on staff, we've been able to keep up with the expansion of administrative responsibilities as Gracehaven continues to grow. This especially applies to guiding the many volunteers whom the Lord has brought to Gracehaven.

HOUSE

As I write this annual report, the renovation of the Gracehaven house is now in full swing. The architect has completed the plans for the renovation, the plans have been approved by the State, and work has begun. The Lord has brought us many different volunteers to complete the work, including carpentry workers, electricians, and specialists to put in our surveillance system as well as the sprinkler system. Lord willing, the renovation will be completed by early fall of this year and the house will be ready to hold up to 10 girls at a time.

RAISING AWARENESS

Theresa Flores continues to serve as our Director of Training and Awareness by keeping a very busy schedule of public speaking regarding her story as a survivor of domestic minor sex trafficking. Her story is very useful for raising awareness of the issue among at risk populations including junior high and high school students. She released a new book early in 2010 entitled “The Slave Across the Street” detailing her story, and has been featured on the 700 Club and other media outlets. As a survivor of domestic minor sex trafficking, she continues to be a sought out speaker by many organizations across the state of Ohio and across the country as well. We estimate that the number of people who have personally heard her speak is well into the thousands. I continue to speak on the issue of human trafficking to various groups as well, including many civic and medical groups around central Ohio. In the past year, I have spoken at a total of 27 events with over 2000 in attendance.

ADVOCACY

Through the work of Theresa and myself on the Attorney General’s Commission to Study Human Trafficking, we continue to have an impact on the issue of trafficking across the entire State of Ohio. In February 2010, the research subcommittee of the Commission, of which I am a member, released a first of its kind report detailing estimates of the number of trafficking victims in Ohio. The report concluded that there were an estimated 1078 victims of domestic minor sex trafficking in Ohio. Other efforts by the Commission include recommendation for anti-trafficking legislation that has been introduced into the Ohio Legislature, as well as pending recommendations to increase the amount of services within the state of Ohio for trafficking victims.

TRAINING

During this past year, Gracehaven held the first known training of foster parents on the issue of domestic minor sex trafficking within the state of Ohio. We had a total of 3 trainings at 3 different locations, with a total of 50 foster parents completing the training. These homes will be used in the future as potential placements for girls we encounter that are being trafficked. In addition, Franklin County Children’s Services has asked Gracehaven to train their intake staff on the issue of domestic minor sex trafficking.



WEB PRESENCE

Over the past year, Gracehaven has expanded our web presence beyond our webpage to now include a presence on Facebook and Twitter. We have several hundred followers on Twitter, and that number is growing daily. We are using Facebook as a tool to communicate our needs and work to the Facebook community, and have also obtained significant donations through Facebook.



DATABASE

The number of people within our database has grown significantly in the last year. We now have over 2500 people within our database and over 1800 are also on our email list. With Katie's help, we are now sending out a weekly email news update on the work and progress of Gracehaven.

Financials

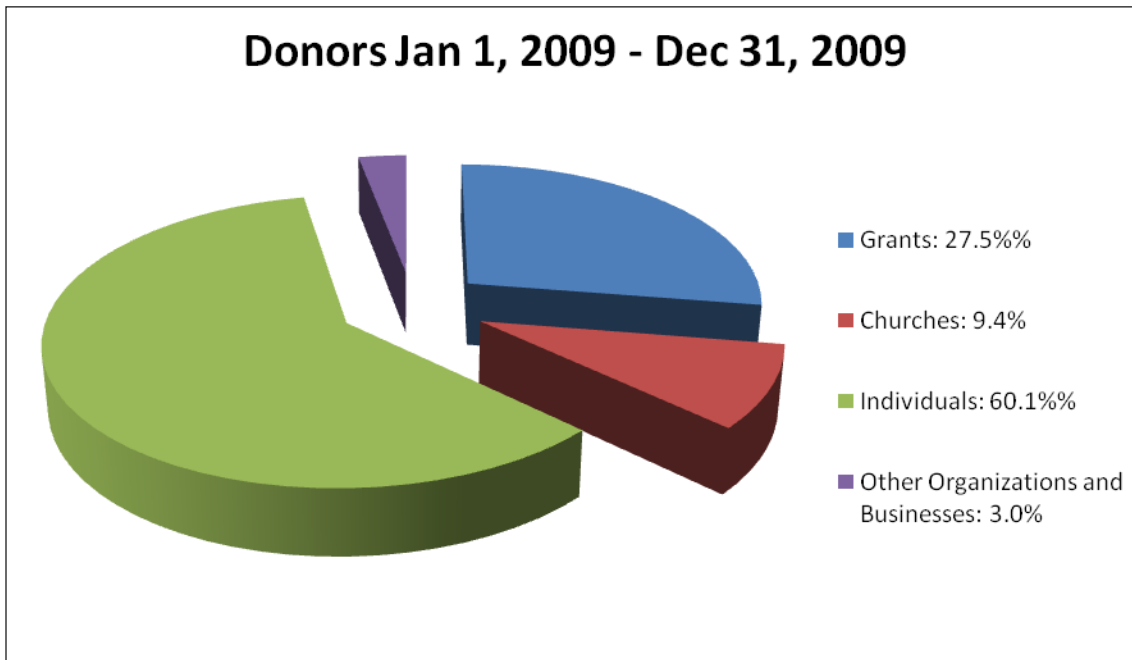
JANUARY 1, 2009–DECEMBER 31, 2009

Total Income..... 194,050.40
Total Expense 139,408.35
Net Income..... 54,642.05

Total Assets 296,899.53

Total Liabilities 194,933.15
Total Equity 101,966.38
Total Liabilities & Equity..... 296,899.53

**Projected ratio of administration expenses
to programming expenses 15%*



Board of Directors

BOARD CHAIR - BEV DELASHMUTT

Bev comes to the Board with a passion for helping victims of sex trafficking in Central Ohio get off the streets and put the pieces of their lives back together. She has been a pastoral counselor at Xenos Christian Fellowship for 28 years. Her husband, Gary DeLashmutt, is one of the founding leaders of Xenos and together they have done church work for 32 years. Through her ministry at Xenos, Bev has provided excellent leadership in connecting Gracehaven with officials and other organizations within central Ohio that are critical in the fight against sex trafficking.



VICE-CHAIR - DEBORAH SIMMONS

Deborah brings to the Gracehaven board her past business experience in organizational and leadership development along with her board experience with the Dublin Counseling Center. Coupled with her passion for helping young girls who are victims of sex trafficking, Deborah has been critical in the development of the rehabilitation program that Gracehaven will be using as a pilot program for other shelters around the country.

TREASURER - ALAN BURKHOLDER

Alan is a CPA, and also serves as the Controller for Xenos Christian Fellowship. His expertise in financial matters brings high level of accountability for Gracehaven so that it's many donors and funding organizations can know that their money is being used in as efficient a manner as possible to serve the needs of sex trafficking victims in central Ohio.



SECRETARY - MARIAN GUZZO

Marian, originally from Avon Lake, Ohio, is currently the office manager of a dental practice in Columbus, Ohio. She has been involved in ministry and leadership at Xenos Christian Fellowship for almost 30 years. Marian and her husband Joe, have been married since 1979 and have three grown children. She supports the Gracehaven working board with her administrative skills.

CLIFF TREYENS

Cliff serves as head of public relations for Gracehaven, and brings a vast amount of experience in the public arena including 11 years working on newspapers in Pennsylvania, Mississippi and Ohio during which time he was part of a team that won the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Public Service for coverage of public education issues. He also worked seven years in politics as communications director for former Mississippi Governor Ray Mabus and former Ohio House Speaker Vern Riffe. Cliff has long been committed to helping children through his church, Xenos Christian Fellowship, by teaching and writing curriculum for the children's program and operating an adoption ministry.



PAUL BOYER

Paul Boyer is a marketing and management consultant, owner of Justin-Paul LLC. Upon graduation from the Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University, he worked 18 years at Accenture, a global consultancy. Paul now limits his work to part time, which has enabled him to pursue various opportunities for community involvement and Christian ministry. Paul and his family are part of Xenos Christian Fellowship in Columbus, where he and his wife, Sally, co-lead a Home Group of about 35 adults. In addition, Paul leads a weekly men's Bible study in his neighborhood comprised of about 25 men from different churches. Paul has been involved in a number of ministries in recent years including Central Ohio Youth for Christ, Friends of the Homeless and the Columbus Stewardship Foundation. Paul and Sally provide support to several local Christian ministries, and also support missionary work in Cambodia. Paul is also an active in his community, volunteering in the Upper Arlington schools, assisting with little league coaching and serving as Commissioner for a basketball league of 800 youth. Paul and Sally were married in 1989 and are the parents of three sons.



CARLA NOVAK ESQ

Carla Novak (Cannon) is an attorney for the Industrial Commission of Ohio. She has experience in fundraising in the political arena serving as the volunteer coordinator and fundraising chairperson for local political candidates. She is also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association's Ethics Committee. Carla has the resources to assist Gracehaven on legal matters and she has the enthusiasm for raising funds to save these girls. Carla's loving husband Mike supports Carla and the cause in any way that he is able or asked.

TARA SCHUMACHER

Tara brings to Gracehaven more than 15 years experience in public relations and a passion for serving children — particularly those who are abused, in need and neglected. She has worked in both corporate and agency settings, and also served as vice president of communications for Children's Hunger Alliance, a statewide anti-hunger agency. Tara currently works part time as director of public relations for Cardinal Health, a position that enables her to spend more time with her two young daughters. She and her husband Chris attend Vineyard Columbus and actively serve several local non-profit organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of children.

Advisory Board Members

TOM SIMON

JUDGE EVERETT KRUEGER (KIP)

WAYNE SIMMONS

DAVID ERVIN

CAROLE HARVEY

KATHLEEN DAVIS

Gracehaven Team



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JEFFREY BARROWS, D.O., M.A. (BIOETHICS)

Dr. Jeffrey Barrows is the Founder of Gracehaven. As an Obstetrician/Gynecologist on staff with the Christian Medical Association, in 2005 he was asked by the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons to research the health consequences of human trafficking. Since 2005, Dr Barrows has submitted an annual report on the health consequences of human trafficking to the Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. This research resulted in the publication of an article entitled "Human Trafficking and the Healthcare Professional" in the May 2008 issue of the Southern Medical Journal.

Since December of 2005, Dr. Barrows' work against human trafficking has also included teaching healthcare professionals to recognize potential human trafficking victims through public speaking and by producing the first online CME program regarding human trafficking specifically directed towards healthcare professionals. In 2006, he completed a consultation on the health needs of trafficking victims in Sierra Leone and Liberia for the State Department. Since 2008, he has focused his anti-trafficking efforts to creating Gracehaven, a non-profit organization creating a shelter for adolescent girls who have been commercially sexually exploited in central Ohio.



DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING - THERESA FLORES, LSW

Theresa Flores is a survivor of domestic sex trafficking when she was a teenager living in the Detroit area. She has written about her story in her book, "*The Sacred Bath: An American Teens story of Modern Day Slavery.*" Ms. Flores lives in Central Ohio and is the single mother of three beautiful children. Theresa has been a licensed Social Worker for nearly twenty years and received her Master's in Counseling Education from University of Dayton as a Human Development Specialist. She is a spokeswoman for Gracehaven House. She is featured by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Museum in a traveling exhibit entitled, *Invisible Slavery*. She lectures internationally on human trafficking, multi-cultural and parenting issues and has been seen on ONN, ABC and FOX 28.

CASEWORKER - MEGAN CRAWFORD, LSW

Megan Crawford, LSW, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Capital University with a degree in social work. Early experience includes the YWCA's Permanent Supportive Housing Program for formerly homeless women struggling with mental illness and addiction. Megan also worked as a pastoral assistant at Vineyard Church of Columbus where her work included assisting women's prison ministry, outreach to the homeless, leading a women's group, pastoral counseling and sermon research for the senior pastor. Megan also regularly worked at its food pantry and nursing home ministry outreach.

Megan has a passion for working with women who have been sexually abused and who want to walk in freedom from their past. To this end she has organized and lead a recovery group for sexual abuse survivors. A book of Megan's poetry was published when she was twenty-two.

Five years ago, after discovering Gary Haugen's inspirational work at the International Justice Mission, Megan began her own research and writing on Human Trafficking. Megan lives in Columbus, Ohio. Her greatest joy in life is being an aunt to her amazing nephews and niece: Liam, Cora, Finn and Martin.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - KATIE TALBOTT

Katie Talbott is a graduate of Kent State University and holds a degree in Visual Communication Design. Her heart for women prompted her to become an advocate for survivors with the Sexual Assault Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO) and it was through SARNCO that she first learned about human trafficking and Gracehaven. Katie is a member of Vineyard Columbus, and willingly offers her creative and administrative gifts that the Lord has blessed her with.