



# COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

Sharing the Essentials of Living



## ANNUAL REPORT 2012

### OUR MISSION

*The Community Center of Northern Westchester seeks to improve the well-being and self-sufficiency of neighbors in need in Northern Westchester by providing food, clothing, programs, and other resources. We are committed to treating all with dignity and respect. We encourage broad involvement and participation by residents and organizations in the communities we serve.*

# A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND SUPPORTERS

As we mark the Center's 21st year of sharing the essentials of living with neighbors in need in Northern Westchester, we are pleased to present this annual report for 2012, with an overview of our programs along with our 2012 financial results.

The Center's core activities—providing food, clothing and practical skills to families in need across 37 communities in Northern Westchester County—are as vital as ever, with over 1,800 families coming to us for help last year. Our corps of volunteers, as always essential to the Center's work, donated more than 50,000 hours of service during that time.

At the same time, the Center and its partners remain focused on helping those who are able, onto a path of self-sufficiency with dignity. We continue to cultivate new ideas and find more ways for our neighbors to improve their job and computer skills and language proficiency, along with practical support in areas of nutrition education, basic health services and more.

We depend on the kindness of the community to carry on the Center's work and we are gratified by their commitment and generosity: families, schools, and other groups that pitch in with food drives; local farms that share their bounty of fresh produce with families needing a hand; local youth seeking meaningful ways to deliver community service; and families and individuals who share the belief that our community can—and should—help its neighbors.

As poverty and hunger remain an issue, even here in affluent Westchester County, we look toward our 22nd year of serving as an open door and a helping hand to those who are struggling in our midst.

With warm regards,



**Sherry Wolf**  
Executive Director



**Sheryl Bernhard**  
Board President



# 10 FACTS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER IN 2012

- Over 1,800 families came to us for help in 2012, 10 times the number that came to the Center in 1992.
- 34% of those who received food from the Center's Food Pantry are children.
- 184 tons of food were distributed to families during over 7,100 Food Pantry visits.
- 88 tons of donated clothes, shoes and linens were distributed during nearly 8,000 visits to our Clothing Boutique.
- Volunteers gave over 50,000 hours of service.
- 593 children received new school supplies.
- 769 children received new sleepwear for the holidays.
- More than 900 students attended classes and workshops to improve their practical skills.
- We help neighbors in need from more than 37 communities in Northern Westchester.
- Over the Center's 21 years, families have made over 89,000 visits to our Food Pantry.

*"We admire the outstanding service the Community Center consistently delivers and we are inspired by the compassionate and caring spirit that is emblematic of its work."*

Lee Roberts, Bedford Town Supervisor

## OUR FOOD PANTRY

We provide Northern Westchester residents from 37 communities with monthly supplemental food — about 4 to 5 days worth of food per person — in our choice-style pantry. Volunteer food drives help stock the pantry shelves year-round. Clients choose the items they want, including frozen meat, eggs, and fresh produce throughout the year.



*"I come to the Center because it is so helpful --I get food, clothes and shoes. I only have work on the weekends, so this food helps me get through the week. I am grateful for the help. People at the Center are always nice and courteous to me." ~ VW*

## OUR CLOTHING BANK

Our very generous local community donates gently used seasonal clothes, shoes and linens to our clothing bank, where families in need select these items at no charge.



## SEASONAL & SPECIAL DRIVES

We spearhead drives to collect special items for families of limited means: prom and graduation attire for local students; school supplies and books to fill children's backpacks; special holiday foods for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays; and new children's sleepwear for the December holidays.



*"I am by myself and I don't make much money so I appreciate the Center for all they do. When Northern Westchester Hospital does free blood pressure testing at the Center, I always come." ~ GC*

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR CLIENTS

We offer our clients free job counseling, health screenings, donated furniture, eye exams and eyeglasses from LensCrafters and OneSight Foundation, and, as available, scholarships to schools, summer camp, and higher education.



# HELPING CLIENTS ATTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY



The Center offers a range of classes and workshops designed to help individuals improve their skills, to better manage limited resources, and to attain self-sufficiency. Classes include:

- English language instruction
- Advanced English and civics
- Computer training
- Basic construction skills
- Career and job counseling
- Food and nutrition workshops

Volunteers enrich and enliven many of these classes by donating their time, skills, and enthusiasm.

*"I am doing carpentry now, thank God. I have a lot of jobs. I am building a house and I am checking the plans. I study hard. I am very proud!"*

Luis, construction course graduate



# TEACHING NUTRITION ON A BUDGET



Our *Food for Thought: Eating Well on a Budget* workshops engage families in making healthy choices and stretching their food dollars.

We host Cornell University's *Eat Smart New York* nutrition course for adults, which offers food safety basics, meal planning, budget-minded grocery shopping strategies and cooking demonstrations.



*"I am a single mom. The Center has helped me obtain a scholarship to continue going to school and I only have one semester left to earn my degree. I appreciate the encouragement that I get from the staff... it means a lot to me." ~ SH*

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# VOLUNTEERS: THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The spirit of volunteerism and caring that runs deeply through our community finds a welcome home at the Center. Without the energy, time, skills and commitment of hundreds of dedicated volunteers, the Center simply could not do what it does. Our volunteers include teenagers eager to perform community service, parents sharing the spirit of giving with their school-aged children and retirees ready to give back to their community.

*“Volunteering here is a very rewarding experience- getting to know the other volunteers, helping others and even using my Spanish skills.” ~ Ralph*



*“My pastor was looking for volunteers back in 1997 and I thought I would help. I’ve been coming ever since and it makes you feel so good to know you are helping people in need.” ~ Melva*



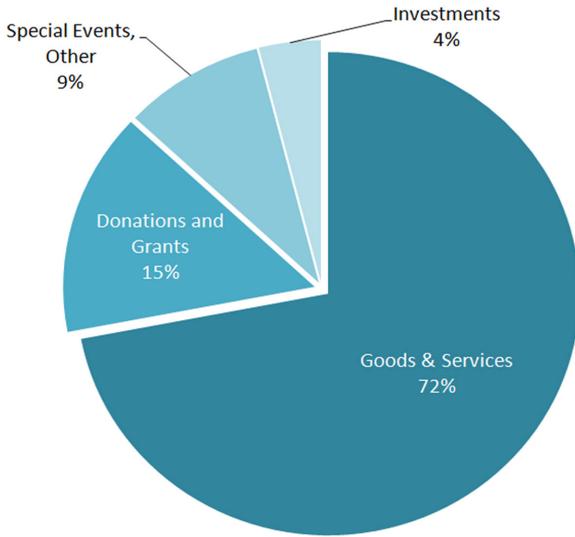
# FINANCIALS

	2012	2011
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donated Goods & Services	\$ 1,244,933	\$ 1,067,792
Donations & Grants	\$ 258,452	\$ 319,732
Special Events & Other	\$ 156,820	\$ 124,021
Investments	\$ 68,764	\$ 16,187
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,728,969	\$ 1,527,732
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Food & Clothing Services	\$ 1,445,642	\$ 1,247,463
Educational Classes	\$ 82,067	\$ 71,195
School Supplies	\$ 8,273	\$ 13,188
Management & General	\$ 86,037	\$ 59,445
Fund-raising	\$ 88,700	\$ 67,995
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,710,719	\$ 1,459,286
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES (DEPRECIATION)	\$ 30,028	\$ 29,943
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (11,778)	\$ 38,503
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
Total Assets	\$ 1,243,296	\$ 1,264,753
Liabilities	\$ 9,883	\$ 19,562
Net Assets	\$ 1,233,413	\$ 1,245,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 1,243,296	\$ 1,264,753

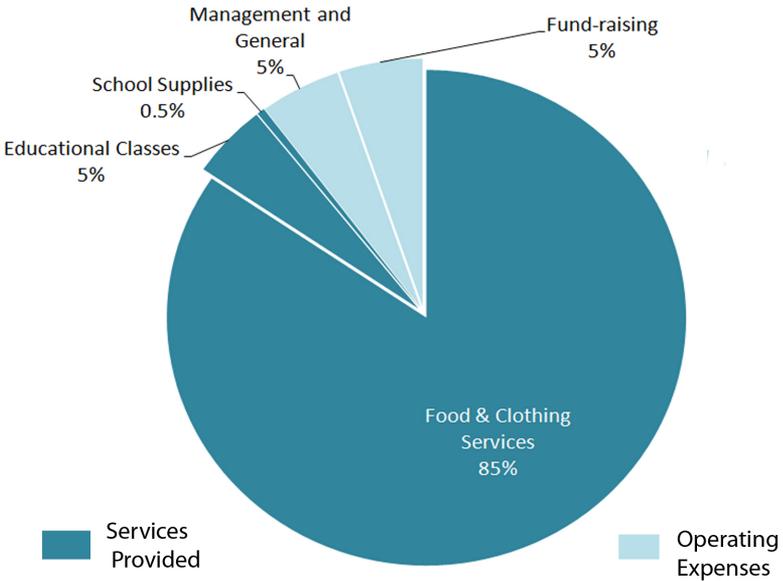
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED AND BOARD RESTRICTED ASSETS AS OF 12/31/2012: \$ 655,628;  
UNRESTRICTED ASSETS: \$ 577,785.

*Monetary donations, from sources including individuals, foundations, and our Community Partners, provide the financial support to help our neighbors in need.*

## Income 2012



## Expenses 2012



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