

*The Fabric
of Community*

TEEG 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

A Tapestry of Time, Place and People

At TEEG we believe in the strength of interwoven relationships. Just as the textile mills gave birth to our region, and the working neighborhoods gave rise to our communities, our agency gives comfort to the families, children and seniors that call the Quiet Corner home. We are all connected, and we are grateful for the partners that support us in our work.

We are weavers crafting a fabric of community. Our work begins with the thoughtful and generous organizations and individuals who provide us with the raw materials -- the resources we need to provide services to our community. Under the careful guidance of the TEEG Board of Directors, those resources are spun like yarn to be stretched and knitted together. Our dedicated staff then set to weaving together programs that provide the warmth and comfort that empowers individuals, strengthens families and unites our community.

Heartfelt Acknowledgements

The 2008 Annual Report is the result of the creative efforts of old friends and new partners. We are indeed fortunate that Mary Ann and Kyle Dostaler of MAD Communications were once again willing to serve as TEEG's communications consultants. Under their direction, words and images are brought together in a meaningful way to tell our story.

We also are grateful for the new relationships established with Laura Moorehead of Angell House Designs in Central Village and Mike Bernier of Express Photo in Putnam. An annual report is just a compilation of names and numbers, facts and figures until it is given the color, texture and depth of the artist's perspective.

Our appreciation also goes out to Robert and Susan Vincent for allowing us to use their property as the backdrop once again to tell our story. And lastly, our thanks go to the wonderful team at Kerrin Graphics in Dudley, Mass. Their dedicated team of printing professionals has worked with us to help get out the TEEG story since 2000.

Because of generous contributions of time, talent and resources like these, TEEG is able to weave a cloth large enough and warm enough to serve our mission.

Dedication

We dedicate this year's annual report to Robert Dean III. We can think of no better example of how the fabric of community is woven together than this young man and his family. Robert chose TEEG as the recipient of his Eagle Scout project. With the help of his parents, Lisa and Robert Dean Jr., along with his friends and fellow Scouts from Troop 30 and their families, he built a much needed storage shed for TEEG. Robert and his support team raised all funds needed to complete the project and worked tirelessly to build a wonderful structure. The space in our building is limited, and we utilize every square foot and then some. The utility shed is helping to house and protect the tools we use to maintain our community gardens as well as providing some much needed storage space for our programs.



Master Crafters

We shear, we wash, we card, we spin, we ply. We tan, we knit, we crochet, we weave, we felt. At TEEG, we learn whatever skills we need to and do whatever it takes to weave the fabric of community. The product of our work is used to clothe a neighbor in need, provide warmth to a family who is cold, wrap caring arms around a senior who is alone, or provide a net to catch an adolescent who is at risk of falling through the cracks.

TEEG was founded 21 years ago with the mission to empower people to attain their highest level of living and make our community a better place for everyone. Each year, we rededicate ourselves to reach more people, provide more services and touch more lives.

Lives Touched by the Fabric of Community

**2007-2008
Programs**

**Times Lives
Were Touched**

Early Childhood	Parent/Child Playgroup ~~~~~	906
	Parents as Teachers ~~~~~	22
	Parent Outreach ~~~~~	422
Youth Services	IAM Adolescent Therapeutic Support Services ~~~~	1,978
	Back to School ~~~~~	191
	Summer Enrichment and Campership Program ~~~~	105
Community Support and Education	Anger Aside ~~~~~	111
	Gamblers Anonymous ~~~~~	312
Community Service	Emergent Food Distribution ~~~~~	453
	Holiday Giving ~~~~~	1,943
	Information and Referral Consultation ~~~~~	4,001
	Case Management ~~~~~	3,278
	Monthly Commodity Distribution (Food) ~~~~~	4,389
	Operation Fuel ~~~~~	551
	Salvation Army ~~~~~	65
Summer Lunch ~~~~~	3,190	
Senior Outreach	Volunteer Opportunities ~~~~~	318
	Monthly On-site Distribution (Food) ~~~~~	1,074
	Senior Case Management ~~~~~	627
	Senior Recreation and Events ~~~~~	494
	Senior Assistance and Outreach ~~~~~	1,297
Total times lives were touched fiscal year 2007-2008		25,748*



In our 21st year of service, TEEG has provided comfort, outreach, support and information more than 25,000 times!

**Total represents service delivered to 1,899 unduplicated individuals and 804 families.*

The TEEG Weavers Guild

Working for a not-for-profit agency requires a certain kind of person. Fortunately, at TEEG we are blessed with 17 of them – caring, dedicated professionals who are committed and mission-focused, never taking their eye off the purpose of our work. The people of TEEG are caring individuals dedicated to the ideals and values of non-profit work. And we know, no matter how hard we work, or how great the need, we will only be as successful as the partnerships we weave.

The team at TEEG works everyday to deliver meaningful services and programs to people in need right here in our community. What makes our agency unique is how tightly woven each program is to the next.

Knit One: A grandmother who needs help with her electric bill visits TEEG and finds out that her granddaughter can participate in a summer lunch program. Thanks to the resources provided by Citizens National Bank to sponsor "Feed the Need," her granddaughter can enjoy a free, nutritious lunch during the summer months.

Purl Two: A mother seeking fuel assistance learns about the Early Childhood programs available at the Early Learning Center thanks to a partnership between TEEG and the Mary R. Fisher Elementary School.

Knit One: A community member who stops in to donate back-to-school supplies learns that we can help his aging parent with a difficult and confusing Medicare form, thanks to our partnership with Agency on Aging.

Purl Two: A mentor working with a 12-year-old youth uncovers an untapped musical talent and enrolls the student in a life-changing music program thanks to a partnership with Rectory School in Pomfret.



TEEG Staff from L to R: Bob Monahan, Food Security Program; Don Mountford, Adolescent Mentor; Renee Downer, Adolescent Mentor; Kelly Piper, Youth and Family Services Coordinator; Jenni Fountain, Grants Administrator; Donna Grant, Executive Director; Diane Farquharson, Early Education Community Outreach and Adolescent Mentor; Stacy Johnson-Rodecap, Community Services Coordinator; Macy Harney, Receptionist; Satina Salce, Adolescent Mentor; Lori Britto, Assistant Director; Glenn Kolat, Adolescent Mentor; Brandy Ritchotte, Senior Outreach and Adolescent Mentor; Kelly Ignasiak, Executive Assistant and Adolescent Mentor. Missing from photo: Gina Mills, Adolescent Mentor; and Nick Connell, Adolescent Mentor.

Spinning the Threads of Success

A Message from Dushy Mahendran, TEEG President

The tapestry of TEEG's 21st year of service tells the story of resiliency and resolve in the face of increasing need and new challenges. Thanks to the ability of our agency to quickly adapt to changing realities, we successfully stretched resources and restructured programs to accommodate unexpected and unprecedented growth. In some program areas, the community need for services increased more than 100 percent.

Our Board of Directors is proud of what the TEEG family has achieved, and I would like to thank each and every member who has contributed to our continued success.

The patchwork quilt that is the TEEG family is made up of volunteers, individual donors, corporate sponsors, foundations, the towns of Thompson, Pomfret, Woodstock and Putnam, our State legislators, other community agencies and a dedicated staff. Together, we are weaving a tapestry of empowerment that can be handed down to future generations.

The art of quilting is about using the resources of available materials and common threads to create inspiring works of art. TEEG's ability to be creative in developing new programs and take risks has given hope to children, teenagers, parents and grandparents.

As we enter our 22nd year, we are faced with new and different challenges including limited physical space. We greatly appreciate the level of community support we have received in exploring possibilities that will allow us to expand our capacity and continue our mission to serve the needs of the Quiet Corner.

TEEG Board of Directors from top, L to R: Barbara Pickett; Laura Prouty; Lynne Bergeron; Barbara McGarry; Alex Mahendran; Barbara Mulligan; Jane Austin; Mercedes Robbins, Treasurer; Barbara Goloski; Dushy Mahendran, President; and Delpha Very, Policy Chair.

Missing from photo: Fran Roy, Secretary; Drenie Chace, Mary Anne Fontaine, Vice President; Jane Hale, and newly elected board members Linda Peiczarka, Donna Rawson and Angela Miller.



Shepherding Our Resources

Each year, sharing our annual report with the community gives TEEG the opportunity to make special note of individuals who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make a difference. We are honored to name the 2008 campaign chairpersons, David and Peg Babbitt.

The Babbitt's are a shining example of what makes Northeastern Connecticut, and the Thompson community, such a special place. As home-grown locals, Dave and Peg have been part of the heart of our community for decades. They also have been at the core of TEEG since our beginning. With a vision of bringing the community together to serve the needs of those less fortunate, Peg was a longstanding member of the TEEG Board of Directors and served as the Chairman from 1997 to 2001. As a respected educator in the Thompson community and committed civic member, Dave has always understood the shared responsibility we all have to help those who need a hand.

“Since 1987, TEEG has been there for the citizens of our community. Its mission is not to give a hand out but rather a hand up as they help others strive for social and economic independence. Our support to help TEEG to make the fabric of community stronger is unconditional and continual.”

– David & Peg Babbitt



Plying a Strong Yarn

Woven into financial fabric of TEEG is the \$5.00 check from a senior who needs our help but will not accept charity; the \$11.71 delivered in person by the children who saved their allowance to help someone in need; the \$2,611.68 raised by Tourtellotte Memorial School Honor Society students to support the homeless in our community; the five year old dropping off a gift for a child he doesn't know at Christmas; and the middle school student bringing by an extra backpack he purchased while doing his own school shopping. These contributions, and many more gifts of generosity, are sewn together with the wisdom, insights and financial support from myriad sources to create a single, multicolored quilt. The tensile strength of State support, combined with the rich texture of our community contributions, and highlighted with the priceless accents of very special individual donations are all combined to create a one-of-a-kind treasure for our community.

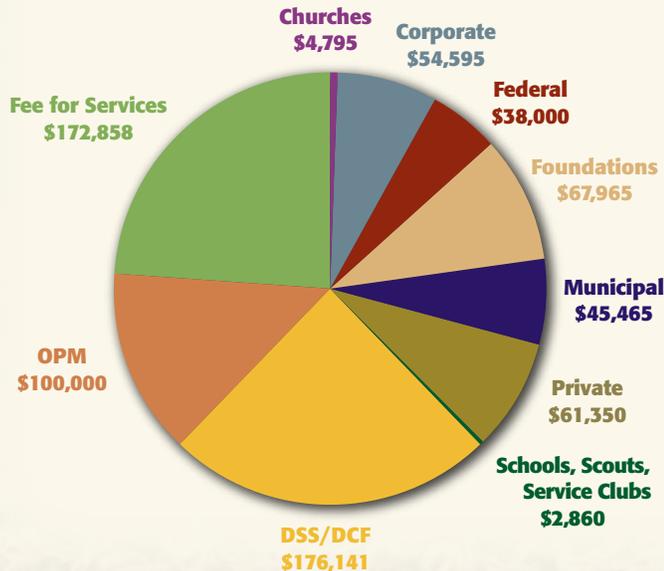
Over the last year, we anticipated the economic downturn and streamlined our operations to make the most out of our grant resources. Just as we encourage our clients to do, we made every effort to live within our means and plan for the future. This year's surplus will fill the void from shortfalls in next year's State funding.

Sources of Funding 2007 - 2008

- FEDERAL
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging
- FOUNDATIONS
 - End Hunger Connecticut
 - The Bishop's Fund for Children
 - William Caspar Graustein Memorial Foundation
- MUNICIPAL
 - Thompson Department of Education
 - Town of Pomfret
 - Town of Woodstock
 - Town of Thompson
- PUBLIC/PRIVATE
 - Operation Fuel
- STATE
 - Department of Children and Families
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Social Services
 - Office of Policy and Management
- COMMUNITY
 - Individuals, Businesses and Services Clubs

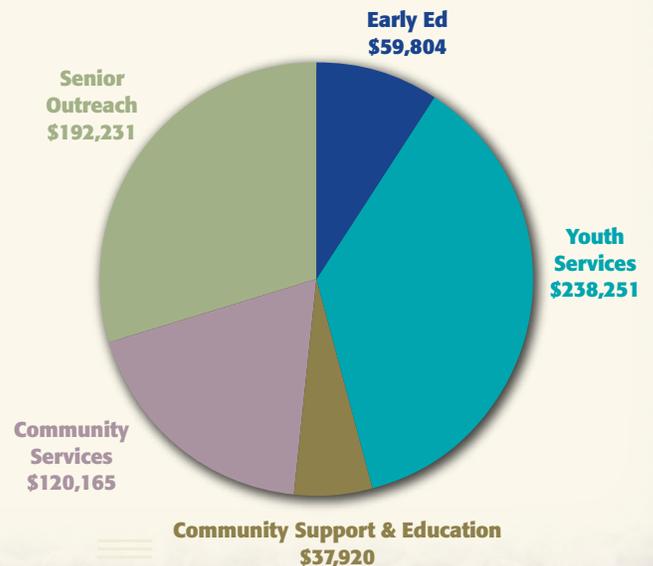
Income for 2007-2008

Total Income \$724,030



Expenses for 2007-2008

Total Expenses \$648,371



Weaving a Grand Tapestry

The fabric of community is tightly woven with many strands of colorful yarn, quilted together with abundant threads and bound with satin edges. Every square pieced together with individual contributions and filled with the spirit of partnership. This year, our quilting squares came from many places.

*"Feed the Need"
with Citizens
National Bank*

Feed the Need! 



**The Citizens
National Bank**
Always A Better Way.

*Have a
Heart*



*TEEG Parent Playgroup
and the Thompson
Early Learning Center*



One Fiber at a Time

There are so many squares that make our quilt whole. The fabric of our community is strengthened with each local business, church partner, civic group, service club, community organization, youth group, family and individual that steps forward to support the work that we do. Together, piece by piece, stitch by stitch, square by square, we are all one in this tapestry that is the Quiet Corner.



*"Helping Hands"
with
Broadway Live*



*Election Day
Food Drive with
PCS Earth Club*

*"MARS" Music at
Rectory School*



Many Hands Make Light Work

TEEG is fortunate to have a wealth of volunteers who are all too willing to help us in weaving the fabric of community into meaningful programs. Thanks to their efforts, we're able to distribute more food, prepare more holiday meals, fill more back-to-school backpacks, heat more homes, help more seniors and reach more adolescents. To all of you who have joined the knitting circle that is TEEG ... Thank you!

Act II Ministries
Toree Adams
William Anderson
Christine Armstrong
John Armstrong
Samantha Barber
Rita Barthelet
John Bartolotta
Dorothy Bergeron
Katie Bergeron
Kelsea Bergeron
Reid Bergeron
Roger Bergeron
Roger Bergeron Jr.
Patti Bernier
Colin Billings
George Bilodeau
Ed Bouche
Joshua Bourbeau
Ann Bourbeau
Judy Bricault
Angela Brissette-Miller
Ron Brissette
Yvette Brissette
Elaine Brodeur
Amanda Brogan
Caity Brown
Derry Brown
Kimberly Brown
Zack Brown
Kaitlyn Burke
Kurt Cline
Robert Dean & Family
Robert Dean III
Sinddy DeJesus
Erica DeMars
Leona Eckard
Mark Finley Jr.

Samantha Fitzgerald
Thomas Fitzgerald
Joseph Fountain
Joyce Fountain
Mary Fredenthal
Rebecca Gatineau
Robert Girard
Robert Girouard
Cynthia Gould
Kayla Gould
Gabriel Grant
Nolan Grant
Shelby Grant
David Greene
Gail Grim
Michele Gullifer
Phillip Hansoa
Adam Hardt
Ashley Hardt
Justin Hebert
Ashley Henry
Douglas Henry
Norman Henry
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Marsha Kripps
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Lionel Laramee
Justine Leblanc
Amy Lusa
Laurie Mansfield
Karen McCarthy
Christian McCrave
Nathalie Melendez
Logan Miller
Nathan Miller
Tim Miller
Mom's Club of Woodstock
Cecile Monahan
Joel Monahan
Spencer Monahan
Kayleigh Monahan
Brady Monahan
Pat Monahan
Jessica Monahan
Sean Monahan
Dawn Morin
Mary Morin
Jarrod Morrison
Ed Mortimer
Lisa Muise
Ella Musumeci
Karen Musumeci
Thomas Musumeci
Cindylee Myers
Deb Neundorf
Bob Neundorf
Joe Olesiak
Anne Ouillette
Roger Poirier
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Tina Porter
Richard Renaud
Carol Reynolds
Dustin Ritchotte
Michael Robey
Brian Rodecap
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Alicia Rogers
Cody Rogers
Emily Rogers
Sue Rogers
Erica Rupert
Joshua Savary
Zachary Savary
Jared Shaw
Jeffrey Shippee
Ruth Simmons
Ben Stochaj
Hyde School Students
Marianapolis Students
St. Joseph's Parish Members
St. Joseph School Students
Thompson School System Students
Pomfret Elementary School Students
Tom Sullivan
Raylene Tetreault
Patrick Thomas
Damien Tripp
Alicia Tucker
Fredric Tucker
Janet Tucker
Adam Viens
Paul Warner
Susanne Witkowski
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