

**NEW ORLEANS COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**



# MISSION

**The New Orleans Council on Aging exists to protect the rights, promote the well being, and enhance the self-esteem of New Orleans elderly by generating opportunities for self-reliance and independence.**



This year, 2009, celebrates thirty-five (35) years of the New Orleans Council on Aging and its service to the older adult population of our city. Through the years, the New Orleans Council on Aging has provided essential services which have contributed to enhancing the quality of life to our older adults.

The year 1974 seems like such a long time ago. The following terms were not a part of our everyday vernacular: baby boomer, graying of America, dementia, long term care, elder abuse, HIV, aging, and end of life issues.

Today, these are just some of the issues that the New Orleans Council on Aging addresses. The challenge of returning after Hurricane Katrina, rebuilding the aging network, and re-establishing our facilities is still an ongoing task.

According to the Administration on Aging, the older adult population, age 65 years and older, numbered 38.9 million individuals nationwide in 2008. They represented 12% of the U.S. population, about one in every eight Americans. By 2030, there will be about 72.1 million older persons, more than twice the number in 2000.

Additionally, research indicates that at least 70% of people over 65 will require some long term care services in their lifetime with at least two years of services provided in their home. With the expected "Silver Tsunami" in the next few years, there will be an increased need for home and community based services. The services that the New Orleans Council on Aging provides will play a vital role in helping older adults to remain independent and essential to their respective communities. Planning for this demand of services will take the assistance of policy makers, additional and sustainable funding and cooperation from other social service agencies.

As we prepare for the next thirty-five (35) years of service, the New Orleans Council on Aging will continue to provide services in assisting this ever growing older adult population in maintaining independence by continuing to occupy their homes in the city of New Orleans.

The New Orleans Council on Aging is proud to have been an important part of the lives of older adults for thirty-five (35) years.

Howard L. Rodgers, III  
*Executive Director*



# HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The New Orleans Council on Aging (NOCOA) is a private, non-profit corporation established in 1974, which serves as the Area Agency on Aging for Orleans Parish. As such, NOCOA is responsible for seeing that a comprehensive and coordinated assortment of social, recreational, educational, and nutritional services are made available for persons aged sixty and over and their caregivers in the City of New Orleans.

Among the programs that NOCOA provides, either through direct services or through sub contracts are: Dental, Homemakers, Information and Assistance, Assessment, and Outreach, Legal, National Family Caregiver Support Program, Nutrition, Personal Care Services, Power To Care Utility Assistance Program, Repairs on Wheels Program, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Senior Centers, Senior Companion Program, and SenioRx/Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

The New Orleans Council on Aging community linkages are the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council, Elder Action Coalition (EAC), and the Inter-Parish Aging Coalition (IPAC). These collaborations offer a wide range of exceptional services to the NOCOA.

Organizational Affiliations include the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), American Cancer Society Health Initiatives Committee, American Society on Aging (ASA), American Society for Public Administration, Louisiana Aging Network Association, Louisiana Association for Nonprofit Organizations (LANO), Louisiana Geriatrics Society, Louisiana Senior Corp Director's Association (LSCD), National Association of Black Social Workers, National Association of Senior Companion Directors, National Association of Social Workers (NASW), National Association of RSVP Directors, National Council on Aging (NCOA), Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), Meals on Wheels New Orleans Fund, Inc., Regional Advisory Council (RAC) of the Greater New Orleans (GNO) Alzheimer's Association, Retired State Employees Association (RSEA), Senior Voters Caucus, Unified Nonprofits of Greater New Orleans, UNITY of Greater New Orleans, and Urban League of Greater New Orleans.



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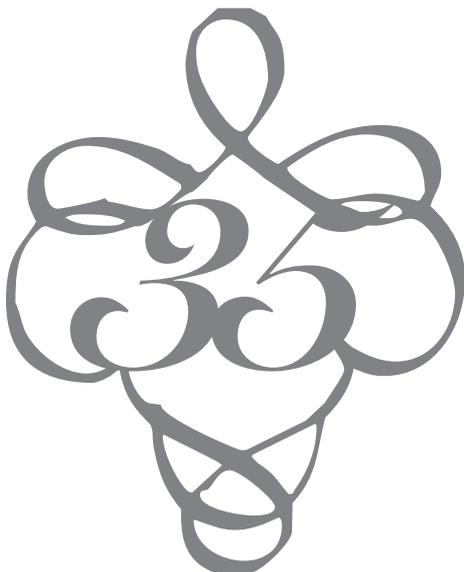
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*Donations play an integral part in the success of The New Orleans Council on Aging.*

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# PROGRAMS

## DENTAL

Comprehensive dental services, health education, and oral hygiene counseling are provided to ambulatory elderly for low cost through the Mobile Dental Unit.

## HOMEMAKERS

Light home maintenance tasks such as housekeeping, laundry, and other chores essential to helping the elderly remain in their home.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, ASSESSMENT, AND OUTREACH

Direct information, referral to appropriate services, advocacy, and home visits to the elderly by trained staff for program interviews and special assistance obtaining needed services.

## LEGAL

Through the Advocacy Center, legal/advocacy services are provided, including Community Legal Education, Outreach, Intake, Direct Client Services, Law Reform Activities, and Coordination with other legal service providers.

## NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Provides services for family caregivers who care for an elderly, developmentally disabled relative, and grandparents raising grandchildren (GRG).

Services include: monthly support groups, information & assistance, counseling, personal care, in-home respite, and GRG assistance of monthly support groups and counseling.

## NUTRITION

Balanced mid-day meal and socialization provided through various meal sites or delivered to the home of an older adult.

## PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

Through The Medical Team, a home health agency, providing older adults with bathing, grooming, and assistance with areas of daily living.

## POWER TO CARE UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Qualified seniors and those with disabilities are assisted with utility bills made possible through donations from utility customers, Entergy of New Orleans, and the United Way.

## REPAIRS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Through Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans, assisting older adults to live safely and independently by providing Home Safety Surveys, Minor Home Maintenance, and Minor Home Repairs.

## RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Providing a link between those

55 years and older who wish to volunteer in the community and agencies in the city.

## SENIOR CENTERS

Sub-contracted with non-profit neighborhood groups throughout New Orleans, Senior Centers are focal points for a broad spectrum of recreational, educational, socialization, transportation, and nutritional activities. Directly operated by the New Orleans Council on Aging are Arthur Monday Senior Center and Pontchartrain Park Community Center for Seniors.

## SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Providing in-home assistance to the elderly and disabled using trained volunteer companions 55 years and older who perform personal care, home management, advocacy, respite, and other services.

## SENIORx / AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Links seniors and disabled adults (21 years and older) with free or discounted medication assistance, provides services and referral to programs that can help individuals with their unmet needs, and offers assistance with Medicaid/Medicare information, enrollment, and counseling.

## DENTAL

*Over 38% of individuals over the age of 65 have lost all of their natural teeth, and the percentage is even higher (47%) for older adults who are considered low income. Only 44% of persons over the age of 65 visit a dentist within a 12 month period.*

To meet the needs of older adults in Orleans Parish, the New Orleans Health Department – Dental Division in association with the New Orleans Council on Aging, provides affordable and accessible dental services to older adults of Orleans Parish through the Mobile Dental Program. This program is unique, in that it is the only one of its kind in the State of Louisiana since 1977. Services are inclusive of an examination by a dentist, dentures, partials, crowns, filings, cleaning, bonding, x-rays, etc. All services are provided at a low cost (well below market rate) to all older adults over the age of sixty in Orleans Parish.

In 2003, the Mobile Dental Program was the recipient of the prestigious American Dental Association Oral Geriatric Health Care Award.



The number of Dental units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 846 provided to 299 older adults.

## HOMEMAKERS

*28% of people 65 and over live alone, compared with 10% of the total population.*

Many of these older adults need special assistance to take care of daily household needs. Homemakers perform one or more of the instrumental activities of daily living (light housework, laundry, shopping for groceries, and other errands). Benefits of having a homemaker include being able to have someone take care of housekeeping chores that have become difficult, allowing someone to be able to do minor housework between scheduled cleanings, and a source of companionship for the many older adults who live alone and would like to remain in their homes.

*“I don’t know what I’d be able to do without my homemaker; I don’t have anyone else who could help out with the cleaning.” - Anonymous Homemaker Client*



The number of Homemaker units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 9,059 provided to 185 older adults.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, ASSESSMENT, AND OUTREACH

Information and Assistance provides useful information on the services in the Orleans Parish community for people aged 60 and over and their caregivers.

Information and Assistance is defined as a four (4) step process of:

- a) Providing Information
- b) Assessing the Problems and Capabilities of Individuals
- c) Linking the Individuals to the Opportunities and Services Available
- d) To the Extent Practicable, Ensuring that the Individuals Receive the Services Needed

*“Many older adults have no idea what services are available to them or how to go about applying for services.”* ~ Cynthia Bates, NOCOA Outreach Worker



The number of Information and Assistance units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled to 816 older adults. Assistance is given daily via phone and in-person to older adults across Orleans Parish. The number of Outreach units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled to 1,724 older adults.

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE

*“People who are elderly or who have disabilities should have access to all financial and other public benefits, to which they are entitled by law.” - The Advocacy Center*

The purpose of Legal Assistance is to assist older individuals in securing their rights benefits and entitlements. Legal Assistance means legal education, advise or representation by an attorney or other appropriate assistance by a paralegal or law student under the supervision of an attorney and includes counseling or representation by a non-lawyer where permitted by law. Older adults often need advance directives, wills, or protection from those who would exploit them.



The number of Legal Assistance units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 475 provided to older adults. The names and numbers of the older adults receiving this service are confidential.

## NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

*In an Administration on Aging survey of caregivers of elderly clients, 57% of caregivers of program clients report that services definitely enabled them to provide care longer than otherwise would have been possible, and 77% reported that the services have “helped a lot.”*

The National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) is designed to provide supportive services to family caregivers caring for an elderly or developmentally disabled loved one.

The program was implemented at the New Orleans Council on Aging in 2002. It is the goal of the program to provide a multi-faceted service delivery, in order to meet the needs of the care recipient, while making the caregiver’s responsibilities a little easier.

The services NFCSP provide are: Information and Assistance, In-Home Respite, Personal Care Assistance (PCA), Adult Day Health Care, Material Aid, Counseling, Caregiver Support Groups, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups.

*Based on finding from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, nearly 80% of dependents in America will be elderly by 2025. Elder dependency costs two times more than youth dependency. Most caregivers receiving assistance have been providing heavy-duty care with little support from government programs and/or other relatives.*

*“My mom had an indwelling catheter removed recently while being hospitalized and has to wear an adult diapers. My mom and I are ever grateful for what you have done for us.” - Anonymous Caregiver Client*

The NFCSP client needed adult incontinent supplies for her mother. Our program provides material aid assistance allowing the caregiver to receive the necessary items for her mother to sustain her quality of life.



The number of National Family Caregiver Support Program units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 8,320 provided to 285 older adults and their caregivers.

During FY 2008-2009, NFCSP serviced 33 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

## NUTRITION

*Meals on Wheels Association of America recently released a ground breaking study entitled “Senior Hunger in the United States: Differences across States and Rural and Urban Areas.” This national study reveals the reality of senior hunger growing right here in Louisiana. The findings indicate that Louisiana ranks 8th out of America’s 50 senior hunger states. To make matters worse, the rate of food insecurity among seniors living in Louisiana is 7.36 percent. As with other cities that have high food insecurity, New Orleans tends to have higher concentrations of African Americans or Hispanics, higher concentrations of seniors living in poverty or near poverty, higher concentrations of seniors under age 70, higher concentrations of disabled or unemployed seniors, higher concentrations of seniors with 12 or fewer years of schooling, and higher concentrations of seniors living with grandchildren (with and without the adult parent).*

The New Orleans Council on Aging provides both Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Meals through the Nutrition Department. Congregate Meals (Food & Friends) and Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels) comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans published by the Secretaries of the Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Agriculture. Each meal meets 1/3 of the current Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) as established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. By providing at least one daily, nutritionally balanced meal Monday through Friday, NOCOA can help maintain an older adult’s health and independence and prevent premature placement into a nursing home or other long-term care facility.



The number of Nutrition units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 222,622 provided to 1,357 older adults.

## PERSONAL CARE SERVICES

*“I am very happy with my mother’s appearance since the morning assistance began. I appreciate the calls to inform me about my mother as situations arise since my mother may not relay information to me. It helps to enable me to be sure that her needs are being taken care of.”* – Testimony from a client of The Medical Team

Personal Care Services ease the burden of caring for yourself or a loved one on your own. Provided by The Medical Team Personal Care Services are personal assistance, stand-by assistance, and supervision for older adults with the inability to perform one or more the activities of daily living.

Personal Care Services offers assistance with personal hygiene needs, such as bathing, dressing, and toileting.



The number of Personal Care units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 1,745 provided to 32 older adults.

## POWER TO CARE UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Helping Hands has now become the Power to Care. Although there is a new name, the purpose remains the same – helping neighbors in need.*

The Power to Care Utility Assistance Program will help low-income, elderly or disabled customers pay their energy bills in times of financial distress.

Funding for the Power to Care Utility Assistance Program is made possible through donations from utility customers, Entergy New Orleans, and the United Way Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant. Requests for assistance are consistently increasing each month.

Entergy New Orleans also provides weatherization kits, box fans, and energy efficient light bulbs to older adults.

*“I was living in the dark but the Council on Aging helped get my lights turned back on.” ~ Anonymous Power To Care Client*



The number of Power To Care units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 721 provided to 721 individuals.

## REPAIRS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

*Home repair and safety can be challenging for seniors. Yet neglecting such repairs also can make their homes hazardous. – Volunteers of America*

Repairs on Wheels assists low to moderate income homeowners over age 60. This program offers an initial safety assessment and minor home repairs such as fixing locks, carpentry, plumbing and window work. The goal is to keep older adults in their homes, living independently, for as long as possible.



The number of Repairs on Wheels units of service attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 1,209 provided to 101 older adults.

## RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

*Recent years have shown a great increase in the older adult population as a large number of baby boomers begin to enter their ranks. This new generation of older adults tends to be extremely well-educated and highly skilled and they bring extensive resources and professional experience to community services.*

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is America's largest volunteer network for people age 55 and over. RSVP offers a full range of volunteer opportunities with thousands of local and national organizations. Within the City of New Orleans, RSVP opportunities are available at various nonprofit organizations within the city including hospitals, nursing homes, senior centers, museums, and government offices. With RSVP, older adults choose how and where they want to serve, the amount of time they want to give, and whether or not to draw on old skills or develop new ones. With RSVP, volunteers receive pre-service orientation, training from the organization where you serve, supplemental insurance while on duty, a quarterly newsletter, and recognition events.

Past RSVP Program honors included the 2004 WDSU Making a Difference Award to Henry Fontcuberta, 2005 WWL Quiet Hero Award to Patricia Strenge, and the 2006 Adrus Award for Community Service to Velma Moon.

Volunteer Spotlight ~ Evelyn Whitfield (Volunteer Recruiter)

*RSVP volunteer Evelyn Whitfield is getting things done. Ms. Whitfield volunteers at the Harmony House Senior Center and she also serves on the RSVP Advisory Council. She is always out in the community sharing information about the program and has recruited 17 new volunteers since 2008. At the age of 77, Ms. Whitfield is an ambassador for RSVP New Orleans and shows no sign that she'll be slowing down anytime soon.*



The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provided services to over 2000 older adults by approximately 500 volunteers during FY 2008-2009.

## SENIOR CENTERS

*Senior centers offer independence for aging adults. They play a very important role in the lives of elders today by encouraging them to become and remain social.*

The National Council on Aging's definition of a senior center is: a community focal point on aging where older persons as in individuals or in groups come together for services and activities that enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

The first senior center in the City of New Orleans was Realization, Inc. (Reality House Senior Center). As the programs and services progress, senior center around the City of New Orleans started to populate. The New Orleans Council on Aging currently operates or subcontracts with 12th Ward Save Our Community Center, Arthur Monday Senior Center, Central City Senior Center, Gentilly Senior Center, Kingsley House Adult Services, Lower Algiers Senior Center, Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, Reality House Senior Center, Treme Community Education Program, and Uptown Shepherd Senior Center.

Each center is open five days a week serving as a place for older adults to come for stimulation, socialization, wellness, recreation, transportation, and for a nutritious mid-day meal. The Orleans area Senior Centers seek to create an atmosphere that acknowledges the diverse needs of the older adult on an emotional and physical level.

*"After surviving Hurricane Katrina, the Arthur Monday Senior Center has provided a new level of purpose in my life. I look forward to coming to center where I have met new friends who share the same common concerns, fears, and have an understanding of life from a senior's view point. Being here has allowed me to have a full life. Since society has changed, it has been difficult for my children to do as much as they would like and Arthur Monday has bridged a gap that was in my life." - Margaret Lovince*

*"I have been an active senior at Lower Algiers Senior Center since 2005. It has been very good mentally and physically. It's a good place for seniors to be and everyday I look forward to coming here. Without the center, some of us would never be able to go places outside of the home such as field trips, the movies, and different restaurants. It is a home away from home! - Clara W. Moore*

*"I've been coming to the Uptown Shepherd Senior Center for about 15 years. I first saw an article in the paper saying they had a poetry class. When I came to the center, I found so many other things that I was interested in including Spanish, Tai Chi, Singing, and other activities. Now we have a Drama class that I dearly love. I have met so many nice people through the years and it sure beats staying at home looking at television." - Janell Michel*

Senior Centers provided services to over 800 older adults during FY 2008-2009.



## SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

*Companionship helps make a difference in a older adult's life to strengthen and help preserve independence whether it is by giving families or professional caregivers much-needed time off, running errands, or simply being a friend.*

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) recruits volunteers who provide assistance and friendship to adults, usually seniors, who have difficulty with tasks of daily living. SCP targets three (3) types of clients: 1. Those who want to maintain independence by living at home but need assistance with daily activities, 2. Individuals in skilled care hospital units and in long-term care homes that need extra help and friendship and 3. Caregivers who need relief and time for themselves. Many volunteers serve the same clients for several years. A few examples of assistance given to client are: escorting to a medical appointment or social outing, meal preparation, and grocery shopping.

Senior Companions are adults age 55 and over, who are in relatively good health, meet income requirements, and can pass criminal history check. They must be willing to volunteer 20 to 40 hours weekly. Because Companions have a limited income, they earn a tax-free stipend and other modest benefits to cover the cost of being a volunteer.

Past SCP honors include 1995 JC Penney Golden Rule Award, 2004 Tenet/New Orleans Saints-Tenet's Choice Champions Certificate, and a 2009 WWL Quiet Hero Award.

*"Clients come to us feeling lonely and afraid, in addition to feeling sick. With the help of Senior Companions, they gradually come out of their shyness, begin to interact, improve their diet, and gain self-esteem. Most recently, both of our companions assisted a client who was just learning to read."* ~ Michelle D'Aquin, SCP Volunteer Supervisor



The Senior Companion Program service hours attained during FY 2008-2009 equaled 43,749 provided to 1,995 older adults by approximately 52 companions.

## SENIORx / AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

*Providing a “one-stop-shop” makes a big difference to disabled adults and the older population seeking resources. Many miss out on benefits they are entitled to; and many enter nursing homes when they may have been able to maintain their independence in their community, with supportive services. Finding a way for them to get information is the key.*

The SenioRx Program provides access to prescription medications for seniors and disabled adults 21 years or older.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is an extension of the Louisiana Answers Network. Louisiana Answers is designed to assist older adults and adults with disabilities with locating supportive services and elder care resources in order to continue living independently in their community.

SenioRx and ADRC staff are certified counselors for the state’s Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

SenioRx and ADRC operate beyond the parish of Orleans to the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

Past SenioRx and ADRC honors include the 2007 Access to Benefits Coalition Award for outstanding services.

### Staff Spotlight ~ Makitha Horton & Erin Maurice

*The SenioRx and ADRC Programs have a high volume of calls and walk-ins, and an amazing small staff covers the work. Makitha Horton and Erin Maurice work long hours during the week and are at outreach venues in the community on many weekends. In the office they are assisted by AARP part-time staff. This year the SenioRx Program, alone, facilitated the filling of over 1,334 prescribed medications, mostly free of charge.*

*Ms. Horton and Ms. Maurice continue to provide full-time coverage for these programs, with the assistance of our part-time AARP staff, providing information and assistance to the community.*



The number of SenioRx/ADRC units of service attained during FY 2009-2010 equaled over 2,637, provided to over 2,049 adults.

# 2009 SPOTLIGHT

## 2009 Senior Fest

In Recognition of Older Americans Month, the New Orleans Council on Aging, City of New Orleans, and New Orleans Elder Action Coalition hosted Senior Fest on May 8, 2009 at the New Orleans Recreation Department St. Bernard Center. Senior Fest is a mega-event for New Orleans area older adults. This fun-filled event provides seniors with useful information, answers to questions, a chance to interact with city officials and departments, entertainment, lunch, prizes, and a great time!

The 2009 theme was “Love, Peace, and Hope” and this year is extra special as the New Orleans Council on Aging commemorated a milestone – 35 Years. This year’s celebration of older adults featured a 70’s party that included physical activity provided by Southern Ag and showcases by individuals and groups associated with Senior Centers in New Orleans. Performing the tunes of that decade were Arthur Johnson & A Chosen Few and Jo “Cool” Davis. The music was playing and the disco ball was spinning as the elders of the community were honored for Older Americans Month.

Diamond Sponsor for this event is Peoples Health. Other major sponsors included are Entergy New Orleans, Humana Louisiana, Harrah’s New Orleans, and United Way.

Comments heard through the day:

*“This was so fun and entertaining. We really enjoyed ourselves.”* – Older Adult

*“I had a great time.”* – Older Adult

*“This is always an event that we support and will continue to support.”* – Sponsor



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Assets and Liabilities

The Council's net assets at fiscal year end are \$243,801. The following table provides a summary of the Council's assets, liabilities, and net assets.

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cash	\$408,538	\$194,692
Receivables	\$18,451	\$142,520
Capital Assets	\$7,818	\$28,264
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$434,807</b>	<b>\$365,476</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Accounts Payable & Current Liabilities	\$191,006	\$188,318
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$191,006</b>	<b>\$188,318</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Invested Capital Assets	\$7,818	\$28,264
Restricting	\$93,374	\$83,979
Unrestricted	\$142,609	\$64,915
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$243,801</b>	<b>\$177,158</b>

## Summary of Changes in Net Assets

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Total Revenues	\$4,196,667	\$4,902,084
Total Expenses	\$4,109,578	\$5,290,258
Increase (Decrease)	\$87,089	(\$388,174)
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$148,894	\$537,068
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$235,983</b>	<b>\$148,894</b>



*The best age is  
the age you are!*

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