Julia C. Hester House Annual Report 2008

see the changes we're making ...

building for the future

Mission

To enhance the quality of lives in Fifth Ward and the surrounding communities through programs and services promoting self-empowerment.



julia c. hester house. serving the fifth ward community since 19_{43} .

letter from the chair of the board

Dear Friends & Supporters:

The Board of Directors of the Julia C. Hester House is dedicated to carrying forth its mission, which began over sixty six years ago, of providing critical services to the Fifth Ward community. These services represent a premium value to the clients that forever change the quality of life for children of all ages and adults, including our swinging seniors.

Two-thousand eight (2008) was a milestone year for the agency. Though many challenges are being faced during this global economic downturn, precluded by the devastation of Hurricane Ike; remarkable progress is being made through fund development, program improvements, human resources, financial management, brand marketing, building improvements, community relationships, and the creation of new partnerships with local and state governmental agencies.

Just as Julia C. Hester opened her home to neighborhood youth to enhance their safety and encourage them to succeed in their education so many years ago, it is critical that the Hester House continues its good works. The need in the community has never been greater.

Julia C. Hester House has the opportunity to work collaboratively to create pathways that reduce social inequalities, assist families in crises, and the homeless with a variety of services in the spirit of dignity and respect. Julia C. Hester House has enriched the lives of seniors through social activities and nutritional programs. The agency continues to reach out to youth of all ages by providing them a place to learn, experience, and grow. Emergency services are provided to those in need.

The Board looks forward to working with all of you to bring about a better future for the greater Fifth Ward community through continued self empowerment, education and support services. Without the support of our community partners, Julia C. Hester's work would fall short of meeting the growing demand.

As the agency continues to reach higher and further to serve those in need, the Julia C. Hester House family thanks you for your continued support. Now is the time to press forward and make all of our dreams a reality. Yes, we can and we will.



Patricia Roberts Chair of the Board, Julia C. Hester House

letter from the executive director

As I reflect back on 2008, it is hard for me to believe that I have been at the helm of the Julia C. Hester House for more than a year now. I am proud to say we have many accomplishments, yet much remains to be done. As we focused our attention on the historic presidential election and the economic downturn, the word change has been the mantra of many.

When I began my work here, I too recognized that change would be necessary to move us into the future as a strong viable resource that is necessary to meet the growing needs of the residents of the Fifth Ward and surrounding communities. As a community service organization, we touch thousands of lives each year. We offer services for people in crisis, people who are approaching homelessness, people with disabilities, young people at risk, and people who are aging.

During this time of great change, the Hester House seeks to meet the community's most urgent and unmet needs. Although our services continue to aim to help people keep or find a valued social role, our approach and service delivery systems are different, so that we adjust to the changing needs of the community.

Environmental forces push us in the positive direction of reducing cost, improving quality of services, locating new opportunities for partnerships and growth. As we promote these goals and advocate for a community where all people can take an active and respected role, change has helped us to position ourselves for a far better future. We look forward to you joining us in the next year to make change happen one person at a time.



Jennifer K. Holmes Executive Director, Julia C. Hester House

our programs



From our Pre-Kindergarten toddlers, after school children, teens, adults and seniors, 2008 was a great year of accomplishments and continued delivery of quality services. In 2008, we served a total of 6,732 unduplicated clients:

334	Early Childhood Services
390	Youth Services
5,908	Family and Social Services
100	Senior Enrichment

Early Childhood Services

The goal is to foster a positive, healthy learning environment for children and continue to empower individual families. Three hundred thirty four (334) children were served during 2008. The Pre-Kindergarten program provides basic skills to children 4 years old through a curriculum that encourages, facilitates and stimulates the pre-school child's development within the context of a community where psychological, physical and mental needs are stable. Our After School component provides after school services for youth ages 5–12 years. Students participate in recreational and educational activities that compliment their daily school curriculum in the areas of academic enhancement, skill development, enrichment and community involvement.

Youth Services

Youth, 13–17 years old, are encouraged to participate in social and recreational activities. In 2008, Youth Services provided 390 youths vital after-school activities and workshops led by volunteers and community leaders who serve as role models. Through activities and workshops as varied as character building, college preparation, job readiness training, field trips and the occasional party, the young people learn team-building skills, life skills, conflict resolution and the value of education and success.



Family and Social Services

During 2008, 5,908 clients received educational and supportive services through our program that addresses client needs and promotes self-sufficiency. The program alleviates obstacles impacting personal, educational and economic attainment. The program's coordination of supportive services and case management helps to eliminate obstacles that frequently prevent clients from becoming stable. The elimination of these obstacles allows families to achieve personal, educational and economic independence.

Senior Services

The "Swinging Seniors" of Hester House continue to grow. In 2008, 100 seniors received services through a program which supports independent living with dignity. In a community-based environment, the focus is on their nutritional, emotional and physical needs. The seniors engaged in a range of activities including nutritional workshops, health screenings, field trips, line dancing and devotion. The seniors are the pillars of our community and the shining beacons of Hester House.

this year



Hurricone Ike

The impact of Hurricane Ike caused our operations to shut down for several weeks. Due to the dedication of a tremendous team of staff members, volunteers and generous supporters, we quickly recovered and resumed on-site services for the seniors two weeks after the storm. Staff members maintained contact with many of our clients throughout the power outage, delivered healthy meals and assured client safety. Through a generous donation from Heal the Hood and United Way of Greater Houston, we provided emergency rental and utility assistance to 42 families.

2008 Highlights

Senior ρ rom – Tikvah BBG and Shapiro AZA hosted the event where our seniors had an afternoon of dancing and food; some experiencing Prom for the first time.

Volunteer Days

ExxonMobil – For National Volunteer Week and United Way Days of Caring, ExxonMobil volunteers generously completed two massive projects that impacted our facilities and our clients. Our hallways are brightened with new paint, the spaces of the parking lot are clearly marked with striping and volunteers enjoyed the day reading to the children and creating Mother's Day projects. During Hurricane Ike, part of our loss was the theft of every computer in the building. ExxonMobil recognized how critical our situation was and generously donated brand new computers for the entire building.

FMC Technologies – FMC volunteers hosted a "Fun Day" with activities for our children in Early Childhood Services. The event included a petting zoo, an outdoor carnival, gift cards and pizza.



Pricewaterhouse Coopers – Over 250 volunteers arrived at Hester House prepared to complete a monumental beautification project. All of our offices were refreshed with new coats of paint, our floors rejuvenated with new carpet, and our grounds revived with new landscaping, a new sign and flags. The Orange Show artist joined in to splash our playground with bright colors of lime green and orange and adorned the side of the building with a cool mural, which is inviting to the children.

Back to School Event – Featured educational vendor booths, fun activities for the kids, live performances and door prizes. One hundred nine (109) families received back to school supplies for their children from CenterPoint Energy vendor booths.

Onnual Owards Luncheon – This year's luncheon was an incredible event and a great success! Hester House honored Andrea White, First Lady of Houston, Commissioner El Franco Lee, and Harris County Constable Victor Trevino for their extensive outreach and support to Houston's communities in need.

Chrismakuh – Tikvah BBG and Shapiro AZA hosted a combined Christmas/ Hannakah holiday event for our seniors, preparing traditional latkes and celebrating with song, dance, dradles and decorating a Christmas tree.

Holiday Oreams – Forty-nine (49) families, including 188 children were adopted and received assistance for the holiday season from AT&T Narrowband Repair Center, The Association of Black MBA's, Florence Moore, Kashmere Pharmacy, Madison High School, National African American Corvette Club, National Charity League Bayou City Chapter, St. Michael's Women's Guild and Wheatley Class of 1958.

the people



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the financials



Statement of Financial Position, December 31, 2007

Current Ossets

Cash – unrestricted	\$129,738
Contributions receivable	17,000
Total Current Assets	146,738
Cash – restricted	1,677,231
Investments	32,979
Property and equipment	656,245
Total Assets	\$2,513,193

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$26,265
Accrued and other liabilities	12,594
Total Current Liabilities	38,859
Refundable Advance	25,000
Total Liabilities	63,859
Net Assets: Unrestricted Temporarily restricted Total net assets	772,103 1,677,231 2,449,334
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,513,193

Support and Revenue

United Way allocations	\$566,485
Grants and awards	136,835
Contributions	92,724
In-kind expense	29,599
Program Income	134,998
Interest income	50,350
Unrealized gain on investment	26,236
Fundraising	57,355
Rental income	41,634
Net assets from released restrictions	-0-
Total Support and Revenue	\$1,136,216

Expenses

Program services: Family and social service Basic skills education Child care and development Youth empowerment Senior service Total program services	\$91,817 63,654 357,941 159,581 142,059 815,052
Supporting services: Fundraising Management and general Total supporting services	12,440 130,491 142,931
<u>Total expenses</u>	<u>\$957,983</u>
Changes in net assets	178,233
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	2,271,101
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$2,449,334</u>

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