

SOUTH PROVIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003

MISSION: Meet essential needs, enhance the quality of life for children and adults, encourage self-worth and self-sufficiency, and foster a sense of community pride in a neighborhood of diverse ethnic, racial and social backgrounds.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ? Recognized as a “Best Practice” in *Rails-to-Trails Physical Activity & Public Health, Best Practices for Improving a Community’s Activity Quotient.*
- ? Received “Meritorious Award” from RI Public Health Association
- ? 68% of after school program youth improved their academic grades
- ? Held First Annual Spring Concert on March 23 at Phillips Memorial Church
- ? Honored Juanita Bedard and sewing volunteers and Amica Insurance at the “Healthy Person, Healthy Family, Healthy Neighborhood” fall dinner.
- ? Honored Nancy Bancroft and Polly Erickson, co-chairs of the Fall Fundraising Dinner Silent Auction as our “Partners in Philanthropy.”
- ? Completed license application to RI DCYF for youth programs
- ? Completed Planning Study with Synthesis Partnership
- ? Completed architectural feasibility study of 753 Broad Street, decided site not feasible for Neighborhood Ministries

2003 PROGRAMS

Direct Services: Emergency food, housing and utility help, infant needs, referrals, etc.

Louie’s Place for Children & Youth: After school & summer, tutoring, problem solving skills, leadership development, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Summer Camperships

Neighborhood Health Promotion Center/

Broad Street Path to Health: Education, screenings, advocacy & referrals

English as a Second Language, Sewing

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2003 STATISTICS

- ☞ 5,459 emergency food boxes
- ☞ 3,903 families received bread & produce
- ☞ 281 families received fish
- ☞ 388 Thanksgiving food boxes
- ☞ Christmas for 1,016 children
- ☞ 1,132 layettes/diapers/formula
- ☞ 721 SERVE packages distributed
- ☞ 50 camperships obtained for youth

PAID STAFF

Wanda Michaelson, Executive Director
Maria Cimini, Asst. Director/Volunteer Coord.
Grace Wilcox, Direct Services Coordinator
Jen Ward, Louie’s Place Coordinator
Bobbi Houllahan, Health Center Coordinator
Janet Rivas, Louie’s Place Assistant
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