

# **SOUTH PROVIDENCE NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005**

**MISSION:** Reflecting God's love and in response to our neighborhood's diverse needs, South Providence Neighborhood Ministries provides services and opportunities that encourage self worth and build a safe and just community of caring, respect and cooperation.

## **Highlights**

Over 90% of our students are completing homework daily, with the implementation of our incentive awards program.

60% of our students have improved their reading levels and 50% are reading at or above grade level. (Up from 30% last year.)

A Louie's Place student who graduated from Central High School now attends URI!

Louie's Place open for all school week vacations and summer vacation.

Eight 14 - 16 year olds served as junior counselors during our summer program, and received stipends from Allan Shawn Feinstein and from the Board.

Provided volunteers for Community Food Bank.

Provided volunteers for Annual Postal Food Collection.

Volunteers Honored: Both Doris Randall and Pat Jaehnig received the SPNM Love Thy Neighbor Award for outstanding volunteer service and former Board participation.

Took part in Annual Good Friday Walk.

Conducted 156 health education events attended by 4696 neighbors. Topics included: nutrition, obesity prevention, physical activity. Also, volunteer fitness Leader Training (6). Youth education included: asthma, secondhand smoke, emotional intelligence, safety, violence prevention, conflict resolution, physical activity (143), WORD tobacco prevention/youth leadership (75). Youth planned April Healthy Lungs Carnival, Kick Butts events.

Provided 24 diagnostic health screenings: blood pressure (11), sugar glucose, cholesterol, body fat, joint risk, peak flow, carbon monoxide, flu, glaucoma, CO monitor (2), dermascan, stroke risk, spirometry, plus Family Van (3), BCBSRI Wellness Van (1).

Provided advocacy and referrals for 96 neighbors: prescriptions, eyeglasses, overdue medical bills, dental, flu shots, car seats.

Organized 3 weekly neighborhood exercise programs: Latin dancercise, walking, pilates. Summer programs included weekly walking for Colony House elders (6) – average attendance 6.5, Summer Walks (2) – average attendance 13.

Celebrated opening of 3 new physical activity sites/groups: Colony House, SPNM Healthy Weight Support Group, Volunteer Fitness Leader Training.

## 2005 Income and Expense Summary

Total Income	\$302,461.73
Total Expense	\$345,326.33
Total Liquid Assets	\$253,057.49 (as of 12/31/2005)

<b>Statistics</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Emergency Food Boxes	6,932	5,605
Families Received Bread & Produce	8,836	4,031
Thanksgiving Food Boxes	346	387
Number of People	1,275	NA
Christmas for Children	1,088	1,304
Layettes/ Diapers/ Formula	536	499
SERVE Packages Distributed	714	473
Heat/ Utilities Help	174	76
Camperships Obtained for Youth	40	30

## **Staff**

Executive Director (May 2005 - March 2006)	Donna Howard
Direct Services Coordinator	Grace Wilcox
Direct Services and Louie's Place Assistant	Zuleika Vidal
Health Center Coordinator	Bobbi Houllahan
Louie's Place Coordinator	Amy Thomas
Lead Louie's Place Assistant	Roger Desravines
Louie's Place Assistant	Isaiah Smith
Louie's Place Assistant	Valerie Zabel
Staff Assistant	Denise Thompson

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