



WE CHANGE LIVES....NEW BEGINNINGS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Spring 2010

## Jennifer's Story



Heroin use led Lucas County Children's Services into Jennifer's life. Recognizing that she could not stay clean with just LCCS involvement, she was offered the opportunity to participate in drug court, to which she agreed. With no income and no real knowledge of how to take care of herself and unable to care for her three children, Jennifer was admitted to the Aurora House in January 2009 with her year old daughter Maddy. She admits that she wasn't ready to stop using at that time. Her stay lasted only 5 days. She self-discharged from the Aurora House, relapsed, and lost custody of her daughter.

Admitted for the second time on April 27, 2009, Jennifer made a decision to use the time at Aurora to develop the skills necessary for successful transition to the community, achieve long-time sobriety, and reunify with her daughter. After a period of 6 months, Jennifer had made significant progress toward the completion of programming at Aurora, including parenting, life skills, and creative writing. Her hard work in meeting compliance with the Aurora House and family drug court led to the achievement of one of her primary goals in October 2009: reunification with her daughter. In addition, she was granted weekend visitation with her two other children, ages 11 and 9, who remain in the custody of their father. Through The Source, Jennifer obtained funding to pay for STNA classes. Thrilled at the opportunity for a new direction and source of income, Jennifer completed STNA training in November, 2009 and passed her state test in January, 2010.

Jennifer was approved to move to Step Up housing, a bridge between congregate living and permanent housing in the community. She and Maddy moved to their apartment on December 1, 2009. She anticipates that she will commence from family drug court in just a few months and is grateful that, this year, Maddy can celebrate her third birthday at home with her mother!

Aurora means new beginnings. Jennifer's story exemplifies the impact of Aurora's program on the lives of the women being served.

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# From the Director's Desk...



## TO AURORA HOUSE SUPPORTERS:

In a community where there is high unemployment and foreclosures, Aurora is amazed and feels extremely blessed for the outpouring of support we have received throughout 2009! Individuals, corporations, businesses, churches and foundations have been very kind to our families and have given their time, talents and resources to Aurora's women and children.

However, as the economy remains stagnant and unemployment and foreclosures remain at record highs, Aurora has a continued need to rely upon the good will and charity of those who have been so supportive. As an agency, we strive to keep expenses down and operate in a fiscally responsible fashion, as exhibited in the financial information provided on page four. We are enormously grateful for the generosity that has been extended to Aurora and its families and hope you will continue to assist us in providing opportunities that "change lives".

Thank you in advance for your support.

*Denise*

# AMAZING AURORA ACTIVITIES



DOUG MARTIN WAS HONORED AS ONE OF THE 2009 OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AT THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY LUNCHEON.



Toledo First 7th Day Adventist Church provided sod for the Aurora side lawn.



TOLEDO FIRST 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH PROVIDED A SPA DAY FOR AURORA

- Thanks to.....**
- ◆ Mary Kay cosmetics for their evening of make-overs
  - ◆ Sisters of Notre Dame for their retreat at Lial



THE BOARD AND STAFF ARE INVOLVED IN UPDATING AURORA'S STRATEGIC PLAN THROUGH A CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT FROM THE TOLEDO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

LEADERSHIP TOLEDO SELECTED AURORA AS A PROJECT FOR THEIR 2009-2010 CLASS. A GROUP OF FIVE MEMBERS WILL CREATE MARKETING PIECES FOR AURORA INCLUDING A NEW WEBSITE DESIGN, STORY BOARD, AGENCY BROCHURE, AND DVD.

# CHRISTMAS AT AURORA





ANN SIMMONS, TOM HARMS



TIM MALONE PAINTING AT AURORA



STACY WISNIEWSKI, CHRIS KNIGHT, PHIL WISNIEWSKI, KIM HALL, CHERIE BISCHOFF, BARB BAUER, BRYON BORGELT



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**ST. JOHN'S JESUIT  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STAFF UPDATES  
FIVE AURORA ROOMS**



MONNIE TELFER, ANN ABERL



KYLEE AND SAMAI AS THEY SEE THEIR FRESHLY PAINTED ROOM.



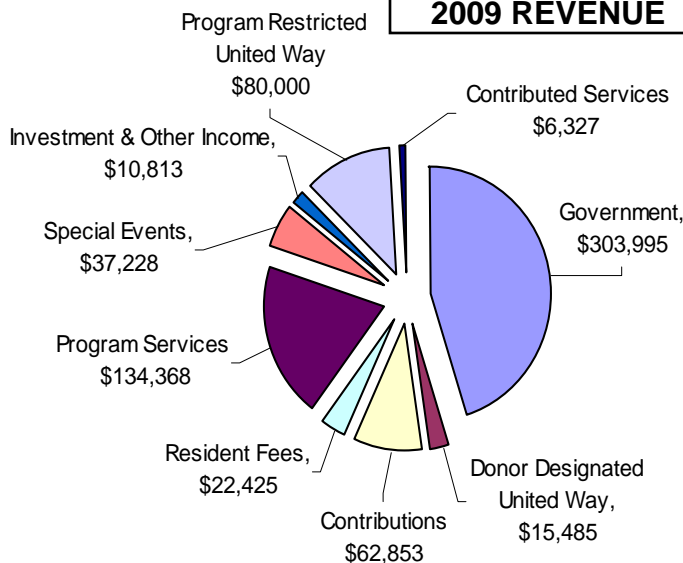
BETHANY AND GREG RICHARD, SEAN KINNEE, DAVE HAROLD, FR. TOM DOYLE, MR. HAROLD IN HER PRETTY ROOM!



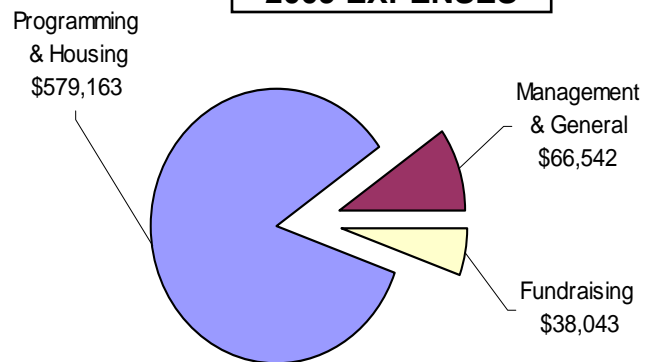
TIRETA AND MAKEYLA IN THEIR THEIR NEW NEWLY DECORATED ROOM.

**AUDITORS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

**2009 REVENUE**



**2009 EXPENSES**





# Aurora's 5th Annual Unique Boutique



Special thanks to Phil Kajca of **J. Foster Jewelers** for the beautiful diamond key pendant raffle prize won by Michelle Knight shown with event host Lee Conklin.



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Jennifer Ruple Jewelry  
Tara Hubbard Handbags  
Ladybugs Two  
Trivista Sheets  
Lucky Stone Jewelry  
Peanut and Knucklehead

## DISTINGUISHED CLOWN GROUP VISITED AURORA

GIFTS, BALLOONS AND TREATS WERE ENJOYED BY RESIDENTS, STAFF AND CHILDREN!



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## AURORA RECEIVES TWO GRANTS TO UPDATE KITCHEN

Toledo Rotary Foundation awarded a grant to Aurora to update the kitchen with new cabinets and countertops. Zion Lutheran Church of Waterville provided funds to replace the oven. We are grateful to both organizations for their generosity.



SONIC DRIVE IN RESTAURANTS PROVIDED DINNER FOR OUR RESIDENTS DURING THE REMODEL.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY SANDY ATWOOD

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE CASHMAN AND KRAEBEL FAMILIES

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Diapers sizes 3,4, & 5  
Pull Ups 2T-3T and 3T-4T  
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Glue sticks  
Scissors  
Postage Stamps  
Thread (all colors)  
Yarn for crocheting and knitting  
Knitting needles  
Crochet hooks  
Women's boots sizes 7-10  
African American hair care products

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Liquid hand soap  
Laundry detergent  
13 gallon trash bags  
Fabric softener  
Dish liquid  
Kleenex  
Zip lock sandwich bags  
Water bottles

*Gift cards and cash are always welcome.  
Please make checks payable to Aurora Project.*

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**SATURDAY MARCH 27TH 11am-4pm AURORA SHOPS AT CHICO'S (4325 TALMADGE RD.)**  
*Mention Aurora at checkout and Aurora will receive 10% of your purchase!*  
**APRIL 25TH TASTE OF THE NATION 5pm-10pm FAT FISH BLUE AT LEVIS COMMONS**  
**AUGUST 20TH STONE OAK COUNTRY CLUB 17TH ANNUAL AURORA GOLF OUTING**