

Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale - 2008



Emergency Food Pantry Moves

The dramatic increase in need over 2008 required moving the Jonnycake Center's emergency food pantry to a larger facility. The new location at 1183B Kingstown Road has twice the space of the former location, allowing us to use the area for cooking classes as well.



Teen Jonnycake

For the 2007-2008 academic year, members of Teen Jonnycake contributed 1,165 hours of service to the Jonnycake Center's emergency food pantry and other programs. These youths represented eleven area schools. The Volunteer Center of Rhode Island awarded the Teen Jonnycake program the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award, and ten Teen Jonnycake members were awarded the 2008 South Kingstown Outstanding Youth award for their contributions to our mission.



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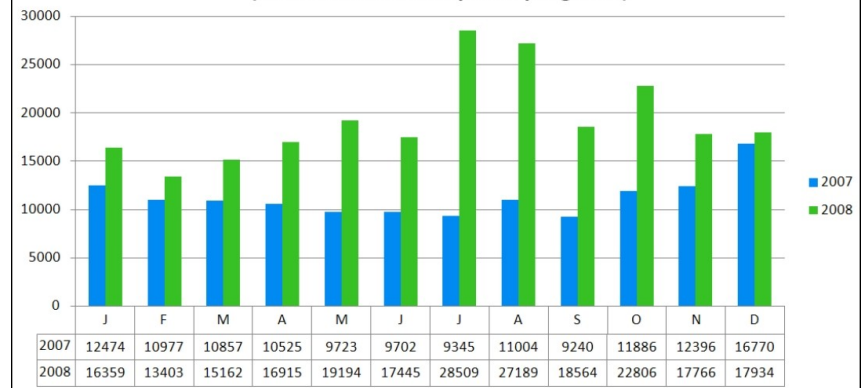
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Retail Thrift Store Expands

In October 2008 the Jonnycake Center expanded its Retail Thrift Store to include a new furniture room. Store sales are key in helping to raise the funds needed to support the Center and all its work. The store also serves as a source of free clothing and household items for clients in need.



FOOD PANTRY MEAL DISBURSEMENTS (includes meals for special programs)



Community Outreach and Events

The Jonnycake Center helped to organize several events aimed at promoting greater community awareness about the causes and consequences of hunger. Through the Hunger Task Force, we held our second Community Conversation on Hunger in March and a Hunger Awareness Day in June. With the support of the RI Community Food Bank, we helped organize three presentations of the play, "But for the Grace". And with tremendous support from the community, we went back to an old tradition and once again held a Jonnycake Breakfast and Bazaar in September at the Elks Lodge in Wakefield, which included a raffle and silent auction to benefit our work.



Holiday Program Highlights November - December 2008

- Thanksgiving: 365 baskets for 943 individuals.
- December Holiday Meals: 245 baskets for 718 individuals
- December School Vacation Breakfast and Lunches: 116 children
- Santa's Workshop: 221 families with 429 children
- Teen Gift Cards: 120 families with 179 teens
- Elder Appreciation Gifts: 99 seniors and 6 disabled

Oldest client - 93 year-old woman
Youngest client - 2 week-old boy

2008 Staff

- Susan Gustaitis,
Executive Director
- Carol Brock,
Operations Manager
- Angela D'Amico,
Administrator
- Robert McNiff
Maintenance
- Megan Oldham,
Program Coordinator
- Katherine Pates,
Retail Store Clerk
- Christopher Thompson
Food Pantry Coordinator
- Lisa Wright,
Development Officer



Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood for small agencies like the Jonnycake Center. We could not have provided all the services we did without our volunteers. Many generous individuals volunteered in our store and emergency food pantry on a regular basis in 2008. In all, our volunteers provided us with nearly 5,000 hours of community service for 2008, including all the help contributed by Teen Jonnycake members.

2008 At a Glance

The information below provides a brief summary of who we helped through the past year, as well as an overview of program income and expenses for the year. The Jonnycake Center ended its 2008 fiscal year with excess revenue of \$48,183, protecting against potential budget cuts from other funding sources.

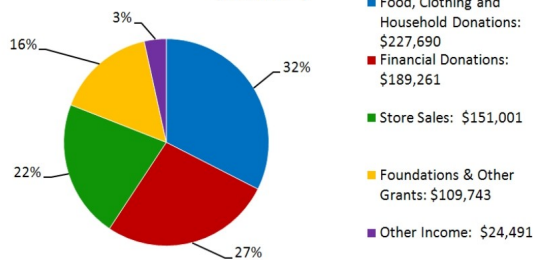
JONNYCAKE CENTER OF PEACE DALE - CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS AS OF December 31, 2008

TOTAL CLIENT HOUSEHOLDS: 1,057

GENDER & AGE (BY TOTAL CLIENTS)			TOWNS (BY TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS)		
MALE	1,227	45%	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	600	57%
FEMALE	1,482	55%	NARRAGANSETT	197	19%
ADULTS	1,336	49%	NORTH KINGSTOWN	129	12%
CHILDREN	1,226	45%	SOUTH COUNTY	120	11%
ELDERS	147	6%	RHODE ISLAND	11	1%
ETHNICITY (BY TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS)			FAMILY SIZE (BY TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS)		
WHITE	779	74%	1	379	36%
NATIVE AMERICAN	97	9%	2	218	21%
BLACK	36	3%	3	192	18%
HISPANIC	15	1.5%	4	130	12%
ASIAN	5	0.5%	5	82	8%
OTHER	125	12%	6	32	3%
			7	13	1%
			8	3	0.3%
			9	4	0.4%
			10	4	0.4%

Support & Revenue

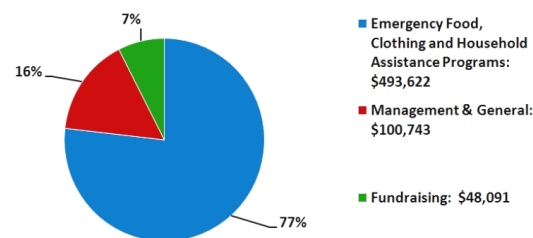
(\$690,639*)



* Total revenue after accounting for loss in investment income

Expenses

(\$642,456)



Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale 2008 Annual Report

Message From the Executive Director

This past year was one of tremendous change and growth for the Jonnycake Center. The economic crisis had a great impact on the individuals and families who came to us for assistance. We began the year with 567 households registered with us for help, and ended with 1,057 - representing an increase of 1,176 individuals over the year. The Center moved its emergency food pantry to a larger space to accommodate this growth in need. The Center also expanded its programs, adding cooking classes, an elder delivery program, and a pet food pantry referral, all in collaboration with other agencies. We could not have done all this without our neighbors. We are touched by the generosity of the community around us, and thank you all for your continued support.

- Susan A. Gustaitis, Executive Director



Mary Flynn teaches her "Raising the Bar on Nutrition" cooking class.



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse visits in January

Special Program Highlights

- About 15 people participated in our cooking class, sponsored by the RI Community Food Bank.
- With the assistance of the URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America, 84 people complete applications for Food Stamps.
- Referrals were provided to the pet food pantry hosted by the Animal Rescue League of South County.
- Starting in September, with the help of S.H.O. volunteers, about 100 deliveries of food baskets were made to elders and disabled clients.
- Through the "Neighborhood Pantry Express" program, 14,612 pounds of fresh produce was distributed to 558 families between July 1 and October 7.
- Over the 13 weeks of school vacation in 2008, 22,700 breakfast and lunches were provided to 848 children.

The mission of the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale is to improve the quality of life for individuals and families by providing comprehensive assistance to those in need of food, clothing, and household items and through individual and systemic advocacy for our clients.

Eliminating hunger in
our community.

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