

The Harbour Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2007 (7/1/06 – 6/31/07)

CELEBRATING 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUTH

The Harbour Mission Statement

The Harbour advocates for and provides services to youth, in order to enhance safety and stability, nurture personal growth, and promote the development of healthy relationships with their family and others. Our vision is that all youth will live in safe environments, achieve personal maturity, and establish and maintain healthy relationships within their families and with others.

From our House to Yours...

Randi Gurian, Executive Director

friend asked: "Just between us, does The Harbour really make a difference for kids? How many of the girls you serve really had their lives changed because they were at The Harbour?" My answer was that The Harbour has a profound and permanent impact on the lives of 80 to 85% of the youth we serve. The numbers are impressive, but the individual girls are even more so, and their names and faces are what comes to mind immediately...**Meg**, this year's Beacon of Success who graduated with honors from DePaul...**Jenny**, our last year's Beacon of Success Award winner, who is working as a mid-level manager at a tech firm... **Rhonda**, now living independently while working and attending school...and **Susie**, who recently said "back then I didn't think I would survive...now I have a 401K." These are just a few of the long list of names and stories with happy endings.

Sadly there is a (shorter) list of youth for whom the long-term outcome is less certain. We were able to keep them safe, and perhaps to help them earn a high school diploma, but some girls leave before they achieve their own goals. Many of these girls benefit from the time they were with us, as do the girls who have left only to return and start again. Sometimes there are bumps on the road to success.

The Harbour continues to grow and change to meet the needs of the community. Six years ago we had no programs for pregnant or parenting youth. Last year, pregnant and parenting youth made up 50% of the clients in our longer term programs, and on July 1 we opened our first program designed specifically for young parents. Project FLY (Foundations of Living for Youth) is designed to offer transitional to permanent housing and comprehensive social services for pregnant and parenting youth. Pregnancy and parenting during the teenage years enormously complicates the process of growing up. Teen moms are disadvantaged financially and educationally. They are often isolated without a healthy support system of family and friends, and are unprepared for parenthood.. They are stressed, anxious, and depressed. The young moms we are serving are homeless when they come to us. Project FLY is being implemented in partnership with Maryville Academy, and provides specialized services focused on parenting and employment for these young parents. Project FLY will increase our ability to positively change the lives of both the youth in this program and their children.

Community support is crucial for our services to homeless youth. In June, with the assistance of multiple donors and the Village of Schaumburg, The Harbour was able to purchase a permanent site for our Transitional Living Program for homeless girls .. We've operated this program since 1988, struggling recurrently with the need to relocate as rent increases or condo conversions forced a move. This permanent site will allow us to operate much more cost effectively, and to develop lasting relationships in the community. The first four girls moved into the house two months ago...this new opportunity provides them with a secure and stable home until they are ready to graduate to independence.

Many people contribute to the success of The Harbour. Our staff is key. For the youth we serve they ARE The Harbour, and relationships formed may for last years. Recently one of our graduates from six years ago was an attendant at a staff member's wedding...their relationship is a treasured one they anticipate to be lifelong. Our Board works diligently and effectively to monitor our programs and budget, and to insure that The Harbour has the resources to continue to offer services to homeless youth. Our Board, our staff and I would love to live in a world that didn't need a place like The Harbour. Sadly, that day isn't here, and each young woman leaving successfully is replaced by someone else, someone just as needy, who hopefully will also be successful. But until that day, thank you for your support, past and future. With your help The Harbour will continue to change lives.

THE HARBOUR'S PROGRAMS

Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter Program

Our Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter program serves homeless, runaway, abused and neglected adolescent girls ages 12-18 in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. While in this program the girls remain in school and receive counseling, social services and educational support. The Shelter program serves to reduce the number of runaways and locked-out youth who are on the street, and keep them in school and the community. The Shelter is located in Des Plaines. It is currently staffed for six beds, and is licensed for 12 if necessary. The Shelter program prevents family violence by providing crisis intervention, a respite for the teen and her family, counseling and services and referrals to ameliorate family problems and to safely place girls who cannot return home. In the majority of cases we are able to reunite girls with their families.

Transitional Living Program

Our Transitional Living Program (TLP) serves homeless girls aged 16-20 by providing transitional supervised housing while they complete high school, work part-time, and make the transition to independent living and self-sufficiency. Our TLP has six residential sites scattered throughout our service area, each home to four girls. As of the current year, the TLP is now divided into two parts: Community TLP, serving community girls, and DCFS TLP, serving state wards maturing out of foster care through a contract with DCFS.

Independent Living Program

Our Independent Living Program (ILP) serves 17-21 year-old youth, including single parents, in making the transition to supporting themselves independently. Youth live in their own apartments. The ILP provides gradually decreasing financial support, social services, counseling and case management while the youth works toward financial independence.

Foundations of Living for Youth Program

The Foundations of Living for Youth Program ("FLY") is our newest program. This program serves pregnant and parenting youth who are particularly disadvantaged. This program is supported by a grant from HUD. The youth and their child(ren) live in their own apartments. We provide financial assistance, parenting and child care related support, social services, training in parenting skills, counseling and case management focused on the unique needs of these youth. Parenting poses a particular challenge for youth, in that many of the demands of parenting are diametrically opposed to the developmental tasks of adolescence. Parenting youth lack the emotional and intellectual maturity, life experience, and resources to cope with the demands of parenting without substantial support. This program is thus designed to provide intense social services and support to these youth, to ensure their ability to adequately care for their children. Our collaborating partner agency is Maryville Academy, which provides vocational services.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The Harbour featured in Chicago Tribune

In December The Harbour was featured in an article in the *Chicago Tribune*, as part of its series spotlighting agencies supported by the McCormick Tribune Foundation. Staff reporter Richard Wronski interviewed one of our former clients, **Jenny Mendoza**. Those of you who attended our Annual Benefit last year will remember Jenny as our honoree who received The Harbour's *Beacon of Success Award*, an annual honor bestowed on a client who has achieved notable success in the face of adverse circumstances. Jenny started out as a homeless teen in our Emergency Shelter, and then progressed through our Transitional and Independent Living Programs to become a thriving young adult. Our programs provide crucial services to community girls like Jenny who have nowhere else to turn, helping to insure successful outcomes for these girls. Jenny's story illustrates how such intervention can mean the difference between a youth who is destitute and on the streets and one who is a successful contributor to society.

Holidays at The Harbour

The **Park Ridge AM Kiwanis** gave a holiday party for the girls in the Safe Harbour Shelter again this year, helping to trim the tree and generously providing pizza, soda and gifts. **Rock for Kids** provided multiple gifts for all of our clients from their wish lists, and gifts for the children of parenting clients. The **Park Ridge Juniors** provided beautiful gifts bags for all of our clients, and gifts for the children of the moms in our Independent Living Program.

Panda Express Restaurants gave our clients a holiday party with an Asian theme at the Safe Harbour House with food, decorations and gifts, and even some lessons in Chinese! We also thank the **Illinois DCFS** for treating our clients to a holiday dinner at *Grazie!* restaurant. We thank all of these groups for making the holidays special for our clients.

Second year of \$30,000 Challenge Grant Met

Last year The Harbour received a \$30,000 challenge grant from the **Circle of Service Foundation** in Vernon Hills. For the two-year award period the Foundation matches funds from new donors up to \$15,000 per year. We were able to generate more than this amount in new funds last year, thus meeting the requirements and receiving \$15,000. The second year of this challenge began March 1, 2006, and was met by November 1, again resulting in a \$15,000 grant. *We thank all of the new donors who contributed during this period, doubling the impact of their donations.*

Annual Spring Benefit the Most Successful Ever

Our 36th Annual Benefit, **The Harbour Ball**, was held on March 10, 2007 at the Kenilworth Club in Kenilworth, IL. The evening featured cocktails, dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions for exciting prizes, and a special performance by the **Don Cagen Orchestra**. Bistro fare was provided by **Refined Dining, Inc.** **Diane Nilan** was presented with the *Bobby Mayer Commitment to Youth Award*. Diane is the founder and Executive Director of Hear Us, an agency that advocates for homeless youth, and is a dedicated long-time advocate for youth and the homeless. **Meghan Scianna**, a Harbour graduate, received The Harbour *Beacon of Success Award*. Meghan was featured in a *Chicago Tribune* article about The Harbour four years ago, and is currently a student at DePaul University. All of the net proceeds, a record \$60,000, from this event will fund our programs that serve homeless, runaway, abused and neglected youth in our community. We are pleased to thank **First American Bank** for being a primary sponsor of this event.



Benefit Chair Alexis Eyler presents **Diane Nilan** with the *Bobby Mayer Commitment to Youth Award*



Meghan Scianna, a Harbour graduate, receives The Harbour's *Beacon of Success Award* from Executive Director Randi Gurian

Schaumburg grant funds TLP home purchase

A generous grant of \$200,000 from the village of Schaumburg has enabled us to purchase a residence for the TLP program in Schaumburg. This gift will give us equity, an increase in assets, and save us \$200,000 (actually more with inflation) on rent costs! We are very grateful for this gift that will provide stable housing for four homeless girls.



PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND SUCCESSES FY 2007

Safe Harbour Shelter Program

- 21 girls were cared for at the Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter
- 368 days of care (unduplicated) were provided
- 83% of parents of minors were successfully contacted within 72 hours of the girl's admission to the Shelter
- 66% of family of girls placed for more than 72 hours participated in our services
- 100% of girls with a planned discharge reported feeling safe while at the Shelter
- 95% of girls did not miss more than one day of school due to placement
- All girls were kept in their home school
- 100% of girls reported being satisfied with the services of the program
- 95% of stays resulted in a planned discharge
- Family reunification rate was 77%
- 100% of girls with a planned discharge were successfully linked to community resources following discharge
- 75% of girls remained in their discharge placement at three-month follow-up

Transitional Living Program

- 39 girls were served in the Transitional Living Program (TLP)
- 8284 days of care (unduplicated) were provided by the TLP
- 100% of girls reported feeling safe while in the program
- 100% of girls increased their independent living skills as measured by the Ansell-Casey instrument
- 90% of girls leaving the program were a planned discharge
- 93% of girls had completed high school or equivalency at discharge
- 82% of girls had been employed continuously for 6 months prior to discharge
- 98% of girls did not become pregnant (compare to the 48% national rate for homeless girls)
- 94% of girls served have successfully completed the TLP
- 90% of TLP graduates have continued education beyond high school
- 100% of girls with a planned discharge were successfully linked to community resources following discharge

Independent Living Program

- 13 girls were served by the Independent Living Program (ILP)
- 6 girls graduated to independence
- 2319 days of care (unduplicated) were provided by the ILP
- 100% of girls maintained full-time employment
- 100% of parenting young women successfully cared for their children
- 100% of girls with a planned discharge were linked to aftercare services and community resources
- 100% of graduating youth maintained their self-sufficient status at three-month follow-up
- 100% of graduating youth had maintained employment at six-month follow-up
- 45 youth (95%) have completed the program since inception
- 89% of girls served by the ILP have continued education after high school

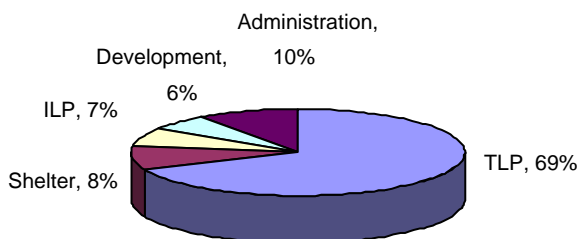
We are very proud of the fact that the majority of our clients continue their education after high school. The significance of this result is illustrated by a recent study showing that even one year of post-secondary education cuts the poverty rate in half for single women in Illinois.

Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2007

(unaudited)

Revenue:	
State Contract	\$ 1,117,253
Private Contracts	36,564
Government Grants	138,011
Local Government Grants	212,777
State Grants	114,052
United Way	57,144
Public Support	280,061
Special Events	84,400
	\$ 2,040,262
Expenses	
Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter	173,459
Transitional Living Program	1,384,069
Independent Living Program	141,298
Administration	200,230
Development	120,562
	\$ 2,019,618
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 20,644



Where our Money Goes

(Numbers do not total 100% due to rounding)

Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended June 30, 2007

(unaudited)

<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,993
Certificate of Deposit-Restricted	48,152
Accounts Receivable	45,575
Prepaid Assets	37,208
	Total Current Assets 143,928
Land, Building and equipment, net	551,127
	Total Assets \$ 695,055
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,436
Accrued Liabilities	122,163
Bank Line of Credit	164,261
Mortgage Payable-Current	7,757
	Total Current Liabilities 303,617
Long Term Liabilities	
Mortgage Payable	192,243
	Total Liabilities \$ 495,860
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	147,859
Temporarily Restricted	51,336
	Total Net Assets 199,195
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 695,055

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Thanks to the following for their efforts that improved the lives of our clients:

- Entact & Associates, LLC for funds toward completing our computer network and getting all of our sites “wired”
- Park Ridge AM Kiwanis for giving program residents a holiday tree-trimming party with pizza and gifts
- Park Ridge Juniors for providing holiday gift bags to all clients and special items for the children of ILP clients
- Rock for Kids for providing holiday gifts for our clients from their wish lists and those of the children of ILP clients
- Illinois DCFS for providing a holiday dinner for our clients
- Panda Express Restaurants for providing a holiday party, decorations and gifts for clients
- Joseph Partipilo and Associates for holiday gifts for our clients
- Park Ridge Rotary for donating seven cases of citrus fruit
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Board Meeting Calendar FY07

August 21, 2006

October 23, 2006

December 18, 2006

February 10, 2007 Board Retreat

April 23, 2007

June 18, 2007 Annual Meeting

We’ve Moved!

In November The Harbour moved our administrative offices “across the pond” to another building in the Park Ridge Office Center off Northwest Highway. Our new address is 1440 Renaissance Drive, Suite 240, Park Ridge, IL, 60068-1356. *Note that only our street and suite number have changed.* All other information (phone: 847 297 8540, fax: 847 297 8562, e-mail: theharbour@theharbour.org, web site: www.theharbour.org) remains the same.

Visit us on the Net

Please visit our web site at www.theharbour.org, where you will find information about our programs, our outcomes and successes, upcoming events, personal stories from some of our clients, information about homeless youth in Illinois, and ways that you can help, including a link to donate on-line.