

2006 Annual Report

Focus Areas of the CRC:

- Social service needs of the Manchester area
- Community Enhancement and Development
- Volunteer and mentoring promotion, connection and recognition

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The CRC and Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce combined golf outing

Annual Report

Income		Expenses	
Annual Campaign	\$2,701.00	Advertising	\$313.00
Churches/Misc U/W	1,389.00	Banquet '07	274.00
Cropwalk	326.00	Dues/Membership	1,355.00
Golf Outing	2,782.00	Emergency Needs	4,499.00
Grants	9,057.00	Equipment	436.00
Ind. Donations	2,594.00	FICA	2,218.00
Men's Club	600.00	Food Pantry	527.00
Miscellaneous	83.00	Gazebo	950.00
Points of Light	725.00	Insurance	590.00
Summer Recreation	218.00	Office Expense	2,245.00
United Fund	5,000.00	Outside Services	2,331.00
Village of Manchester	2,000.00	Phone	2,443.00
Worth Repeating	2,067.00	Rent	2,400.00
Total Income	\$29,542.00	Seminars	82.00
		Travel	563.00
2005 End of Year Balance	\$28,340.00	Wages	30,009.00
		Total Expenses	\$51,235.00
2006 End of Year Balance	\$6,647.00		

The Community Resource Center depends on the generosity of the community for the ability to serve individual needs and carry out its programs. It has received financial support over the years from the Village of Manchester, United Fund, Chelsea Community Hospital—all have recognized the importance of the work of the organization within the community.

The CRC saw the affects of the loss of our main source of funding from Worth Repeating. This CRC program applied for and received

their own 501(c)3 status early in the year. In 2005 this program provided \$25,202.

Significant community support comes to the organization through fundraisers such as the annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet and the Annual Campaign letter which goes out to all those in the 48158 area and the Manchester School District. In 2006, funds raised from the Banquet were not available due to the movement of the event from November to January. Also, some of the money received from the Annual



The CRC Volunteer Recognition Banquet sponsored by Chelsea Community Hospital. This important event for the community spotlights outstanding service to others.

Campaign letter came in after the fiscal year 2006. This shortfall of income is approximately \$8500.

The Emergency Needs part of the budget doubled due to increasing requests for assistance. As with other nonprofits, challenges remain to find new sources of income in a climate of increasing costs and limited sources of funding.

The Community Resource Center is grateful for all types of support received. We look to the future to be able to continue in efforts that impact the community and find solutions to the challenges facing nonprofits.



Mike Corbin
Michigan Nonprofit Association
Director of Training & Technical Assistance

Board Development

The Community Resource Center Board of Directors participated in a one-day retreat held at Judson Collins Center in the Irish Hills.

The training was led by Mike Corbin, Director of Training & Technical Assistance, of Michigan Nonprofit Association.

Mike used S.W.O.T analysis, which consists of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to help the group assess

the organization past and present, and to determine possibilities for the future.

This retreat afforded board members time to reflect and utilize visioning techniques which set the stage for expansion of strategic planning.

The information gathered is valuable at board meetings and helps continue the work started at the retreat.

Board of Directors 2006

Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou, President

Dale Kennedy

Vice President

Jean Nemacheck,

Treasurer

Vickie Bolan, Secretary

Sue Gistingier

Bill Chizmar

Linda Mussio

Dave Coak

Vickie Miller

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*Board member
Linda Mussio*

CRC Board Moves Forward

The CRC Board of Directors gained two new board members in 2006. Vickie Miller joined on as a Manchester schools representative bringing her leadership experience as a school board member. Also joining the CRC board was Dave Coak who brought with him knowledge of

computers and nonprofit management.

In 2006 the board undertook a complete review and update of the bylaws.

"I feel the work done by the board in reviewing the bylaws and participating in the retreat in October,

brought the board together to outline our priorities and opportunities. Now we are looking for sustainable funding sources and people with skills to help us serve our community," board member Linda Mussio related.

Summer Recreation – A Success Story

The Manchester Recreation "Kidspace" program welcomed children ages 6–12 at Carr Park. "The Kidspace program emphasized the influence that the environment has on young lives through fun projects about animals, habitat and natural magic through art, crafts, games and music," relates Vickie Bolan, 6 year director of the program.

This program served on average 60–120 children yearly and was made possible with \$4500 in funding from Manchester United Fund. Part of this funding provided \$300 in scholarships for children to attend who might not otherwise have the means to do so.

For many years, Manchester children enjoyed the opportunity

to swim at Boehn Pool in Adrian and enjoy all the delights the summer playground had to offer. With the advent of soccer and basketball camps, and expansion of Manchester Community Education programs, the Summer Recreation Program has ceased to exist. But in passing, many friendships and skills will continue in the memories of all that participated.



The Kidspace Program provided lots of summer fun and memories

Providing Food—A Community Effort



It takes a Village so the saying goes. Or in the case of the CRC, it takes a Village and four surrounding

townships, many individuals, civic groups and churches to meet the needs of the community for food. Everyone pitches in to contribute. Countless hours are donated by many volunteers. Area churches host soup suppers to raise money and gather supplies for birthday bags to dis-

perse at the pantry for children. Girl Scout Troops commit time to sort and put away food in the cupboard. Postal employees devote a day to picking up donated food in the community on their delivery routes—all in a cooperative effort to help others.



The CRC participates in the Food Gatherers Program. Food is purchased at low-cost. Some food is picked up from food outlets that might otherwise discard usable food.

CRC Food Pantry Usage Report

	Number of Visits	Number Served
Village	42	118
Bridgewater Township	7	40
Freedom Township	34	185
Manchester Township	19	163
Sharon Township	6	24
Homeless	8	8
Outside Service Area	2	9
Total	118	547
Budget		12 Month
	Monthly Costs	
Rent	\$100	\$1200
Food	60	720
Insurance	33	396
Staff	409.40	\$4912.80
Total	\$602.40	\$7228.80

Volunteer Dollar Value: \$2253.40 (120 hours x \$18.77)
Number of donations: 88

Major Drives: Curves for Women, Manchester Post Office Employees, Girl Scouts, Holiday Trees, Manchester Area Churches



Senior Meals Program
Jim Scott has donated numerous hours of time weekly delivering meals to homebound seniors in the Manchester area. This service has provided 3285 meals this year alone.



Did you know?
Dated food from the pantry goes on to feed the rescued animals at Sasha Farm in Manchester. Approximately 1700 pounds of food has been passed on to our animal friends.

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The Community Resource Center was established in 1988 to address the crisis encountered by workers and families due to a plant closing by a major employer in the community. The newly formed organization responded to the wide variety of social service needs from resume writing and job search support to monetary and food support when jobs could not be found before benefits ran out.

The mission is: *to meet the human service needs of the community and provide a forum for local community and other organizations.* Some of the ways we serve are by providing a daily food pantry, information and referral service, a senior meals program, funding for emergency needs, assistance for household items, transportation service, and creative and traditional problem-solving.

This organization is unique in that it has been able to respond to the desire for community enhancement projects and help bring together partners to address changing needs. In the 19 year existence the CRC has developed a rich and proud history that has helped launch and spin-off enrichment programs that have benefited youth and adults. Our accomplishments have made us a respected leader in the community.



Community Resource Center

Building a stronger community through volunteers and resources

The Volunteer Connection

Many of our endeavors have had volunteerism at its center. As a Volunteer Center of Michigan and a Points of Light Foundation affiliate, the CRC works to assist nonprofits and volunteers in connecting to volunteer and mentoring opportunities. Yearly, we host a local banquet to spotlight the achievements of volunteers and leaders that have made a difference.

Our commitment to volunteer promotion is because volunteering allows people to become engaged in the community which leads to increased charitable giving, greater civic involvement and increased knowledge and understanding of the issues and headlines facing our community.

The Community Resource Center is linked nationally to 1-800-Volunteer.org, a Points of Light Foundation online volunteer matching program that helps nonprofits and volunteers to connect and post opportunities. A two-year grant of \$1500 from Connect Michigan Alliance enabled the CRC to participate in this matching subscription program. Additional grants were awarded for technology in the amounts of \$454 and \$2759.

The Disney Company has a strong interest in family volunteering and provided over \$1million dollars to the Volunteer Centers National Network. From this pool of money the CRC benefited with \$5600.



An Update on our Affiliation

On July 1, 2007, the Volunteer Centers of Michigan, currently affiliated with the ConnectMichigan Alliance, will become an affiliate of the Michigan Nonprofit Association. The ConnectMichigan Alliance and Michigan Nonprofit Association have merged and this merger provides the opportunity to join the nonprofit and volunteer sectors to create a more powerful, effective and innovative support structure for nonprofit organizations, higher education institutions and volunteer centers. The Michigan Nonprofit Association is working to ensure that every Michigan community is served by a vibrant nonprofit sector with a steady stream of engaged volunteers. VCM will remain supported by the ConnectMichigan Alliance Endowment.