“Community Housing Network was able to help me reestablish my life, get my life in order. It gave me a new outlook to have my own place. When you’re homeless and living on the street or going from place to place, your main focus is where you’re gonna sleep tonight. CHN gave me the freedom and self-worth to move beyond that.”
Dear Friends, Partners and Community Stakeholders:

The fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2010 was a busy one for Community Housing Network. Together with our community partners and supporters, we:

**Helped Monica**, who called our Housing Resource Center, desperate to find a decent place to live. Monica and her young son, who had been born early and suffered from multiple health problems, were living in substandard, unsafe housing and had nowhere to go. We helped Monica and her son, first through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), then through our supportive housing programs. She is now in a safe, clean apartment in a decent neighborhood. Now that she has a stable roof over her head, she is getting her GED and setting life goals.

**Helped people like the Zendels.** Mark Zendel is living with autism, and Mark and his aging parents wanted to figure out his housing for the future. CHN housing specialists sat down with the Zendels and helped evaluate their situation, presented them with resources, and together they were able to map out a plan. The Zendels are now comfortable that Mark will have a roof over his head of his choice, no matter what happens. “We will not always be here for our son,” said Claudia Zendel, “and Community Housing Network opened our eyes to the housing choices available to him.”

**Fielded a record 12,536 calls to our Housing Resource Center,** an unprecedented increase from the year before. Calls literally flooded in from individuals and families facing homelessness and other crises. We helped the callers navigate the resources and programs available to them, including the many housing solutions offered at CHN.

We also administered HPRP, mentioned above, a HUD-funded program geared at temporary assistance for struggling families. We were able to serve 1,525 people in 781 families, which for many meant the difference between having a home, or becoming homeless.

We were very proud to break ground on our first-ever new construction residences, four homes/12 units of affordable rental housing for people with disabilities, using funding from the HUD Section 811 program. Since 2001, when CHN opened its doors, we have created more than 600 units of affordable housing for people living with disabilities and low income.

We were pleased to accomplish another “first” last year, by expanding the scope of our work into Wayne County. We now provide property and lease management, as well as manage the development of affordable housing, in Wayne County through strategic partnerships with Community Living Services, Inc. and Liberty Hill Housing Corporation.

These are just a few of the milestones that CHN, together with our many supporters and funders, achieved last year. Please see the “Highlights” section in this annual report for more.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. We look forward to continuing our work next year and long into the future.

Sincerely,

Marc Craig
President

James C. Merritt
Board Chair

“It was really a good feeling to call someone that cared and didn’t judge you. I’ll never forget that day, getting CHN’s phone number and calling. That was a changing day. My family has a safe place to live now.”
2010 Highlights

• **Fielded** a record 12,536 calls to our Housing Resource Center, a more than 400 percent increase over the prior year. Callers were provided with programs and resources in response to their housing questions.

• **Continued** to be the largest permanent supportive housing provider in Oakland and Macomb counties, serving 502 adults and children who were previously homeless, in need and living with a disability.

• **Celebrated** 90 formerly homeless permanent supportive housing program participants who moved on to greater independence. Three participants purchased their own homes.

• **Continued** to create affordable housing for people with disabilities, bringing the total number of units to more than 600 since 2001 (includes current Leasing Assistance Program units).

• **Provided** property and leasing management for more than 2,000 units of affordable housing serving as residences for people with disabilities in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

• **Broke ground** on our first-ever new construction residences, four homes/12 units of affordable rental housing for people with disabilities funded by the HUD Section 811 program.

• **Received** a 2010 Promising Practices Award from Michigan’s Campaign to End Homelessness for the use of case management real time entry in our supportive housing programs.

• **Served** in leadership positions on many boards and organizations, including the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Affordable Housing Advisory Council, the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), the Macomb Homeless Coalition, the Oakland County Task Force on Homelessness and Affordable Housing, the Oakland County Regional Interagency Coordinating Council (RICC) and others.

• **Served** 342 individuals and families through our holiday season Adopt A Family program, with generous donations totaling more than $37,000 in cash and goods from 200 donors.

• **Implemented** the HUD-funded Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), serving 1,525 people living in 781 families. HPRP provided short-term assistance to families to prevent them from becoming homeless, and provided a bridge to permanent supportive housing to those living with low income and a disability.

• **Recognized** as using best practices in the statewide implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and placed on the Michigan State HMIS (MSHMIS) website for reference by community partners.

• **Chosen** as the charity recipient for Leadership Oakland 20’s class project.

• **Received** the gift of time from 146 volunteers who provided 7,103 hours of service, contributing enormously to the success of our efforts.

• **Appraised** Doug Antishin, former CHN program participant, who received the 2010 Corporation for Supportive Housing Julie Sandorf Award, and the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority My Life Award, for demonstrating leadership in advancing the goals of supportive housing.

• **Welcome** contracts with Community Living Services and Liberty Hill Housing Corporation to provide property and leasing management services, and to manage the production and maintenance of new affordable housing for people with disabilities. Celebrated the opening of our Wayne, Michigan office to provide these services, as well as additional community resources including homebuyer and foreclosure counseling.

“We don’t have to worry about being evicted now. I can keep my family together.”
"I was devastated. I had nothing. I didn’t know how I was going to eat day-to-day. I’ve made a comeback. My family, they just can’t believe how far I’ve come. Without this program, I don’t think I would have made it. I don’t think I would be here.”
2010 Supporters & Funders

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Mike Lalone Inc.

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Over the years, you have helped thousands of people like those pictured in this report. Thank you.
We are passionate advocates, devoted to providing homes for people in need and access to resources to create sustainable communities.