

2007-08 Annual Report

Crossroads Community Ministries 420 Courtland Street NE Atlanta, GA 30308

Crossroads Community Ministries was incorporated as an independent 501[c](3) nonprofit corporation in 1996. We have our roots in downtown Atlanta's St Luke's Episcopal Church, which began a soup kitchen 35 years ago, but today we are an entirely separate, non-sectarian organization. Crossroads is staffed by 12 full and part-time professionals; we rely on a strong and committed volunteer network that helps staff our kitchen, mailroom, and help office. We also serve as a training site for seminary and graduate students who come to us from many institutions, inside and outside of Georgia.

We are governed by a 19-member Board of Directors and operate on an annual budget of \$517,000.

Crossroads serves close to 3,000 homeless people every year, working as a community that offers supportive relationships and tangible assistance to those who are ready to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. In 2007-08, we helped break that cycle by:

- Assisting 2,415 persons to obtain legal identification— essential for employment and housing—by helping them to access their birth certificates and Georgia ID.
- Providing a mailing address for over 3,000 guests so that they can receive their Social Security checks, food stamps, employment and healthcare communications, and letters from family and friends
- Placing 412 in detox/addiction treatment programs
- Offering long-term mentoring and tangible supports for 12 women
- Placing 14 persons who struggle with mental illness in permanent housing, and helping 77 disabled persons to apply for Social Security Disability. (Crossroads helped this population collectively obtain \$53,060 in back benefits.)
- Partnering with St Joseph's Mercy Care to offer health care services to any participant without insurance
- Ensuring that the hungry were fed: Crossroads served 73,000 meals in 2007-08
- Offering a food service training program as part of the Crossroads Kitchen

Crossroads continues to be an integral part of Atlanta's efforts to address homelessness:

- Crossroads is an active participant in the Regional Commission on Homelessness, in the Homeless Action Group, and in the Coalition for the Homeless Mentally Ill
- Crossroads continues to be a lead agency in Pathways' Community Network's 'point in time' census count of homeless persons in Metro Atlanta
- The Georgia Coalition to End Homelessness certified Crossroads as a 'quality' service provider--one of the first agencies to be certified in the state
- We have been a key player in developing and expanding the statewide Pathways Network, a data system shared by homeless providers that allows for detailed tracking of services
- We are extremely pleased to be one of three collaboratives addressing homelessness and health under the auspices of the Community Foundation's three-year initiative