



35 years. One million homeless youth.

65,849

Covenant House provided services to over 65,849 youth in 2007.

30,636

Residential and Community Service Center programs cared for 30,636 young people.

609,915

609,915 nights of shelter are provided.

realize

hope



dream

Covenant House provides a community of hope and healing to homeless youth. As the largest privately funded agency in the Americas providing services to homeless youth, Covenant House provides 24/7 crisis care and ongoing support for young people in need of a safe haven. Founded in 1972, Covenant House has reached more than one million young people with immediate assistance and the support necessary to transition from a life on the streets to a life with a future.



35,213

Contacts were made with over 35,213 youth on the street through outreach.

52,385

Covenant House's U.S. NINELINE (1-800-999-9999) received 52,385 crisis calls from youth throughout the country.

12,754

Acercatel, Casa Alianza's hotline in Mexico, received over 12,754 crisis calls.

“Let’s celebrate the lives of over one million homeless the Americas who chose life over death, who chose



Dear Friends,

This year Covenant House has reached several major milestones. As you’ll see in our annual report, we’re grateful to share a few of the triumphant stories of courageous children who moved on from Covenant House to become successful and productive members of their communities. These stories are nothing short of miraculous, and we are truly proud not only of their achievements but their courage in sharing their private stories in public.

In 1972, over 35 years ago, we opened our doors to a handful of homeless and runaway teenagers. Our doors have stayed open around-the-clock ever since. We are both proud and humbled to report that during those years, we were able to reach over one million children

who were desperately in need of loving kindness and emergency care.

On one hand we see these milestones as cause for celebration in our mission and in the work of all our friends, donors, volunteers and staff. On the other hand, it is difficult for us to dwell on our past achievements when there is still so much work to be done. So many children who desperately need our help – children whose very survival depends on us not resting or slowing down until we reach our ultimate goal. Our goal is to reach a time when no child will ever be forced to live on the street because they have nowhere else to go.

I would like to dedicate this annual report not to past achievements, but to the future dreams of our children. To the children who have been battered, abused and abandoned by society. To the children who still have the fortitude and courage to walk up to our Outreach Vans, or walk through our doors in the middle of the night and ask for help.

I would like to dedicate this report to all the children who were thrown out by alcohol- or drug-addicted parents – but chose to say no to gangs and drugs themselves. I would like to dedicate this to all the young homeless mothers who never had caring mothers themselves – but came to Covenant House to learn parenting skills – and want to give their children a better life than what they had.

It is difficult for many of us to comprehend the courage and resilience it takes for a young person who has been habitually betrayed and abused their entire lives to trust another adult again. To learn how to trust themselves again and allow themselves to dream of a future. A future without violence, a future without exploitation, a future without fear and loneliness.

It isn’t easy for our kids to dream. They come to us damaged, beaten down by a life they were forced to endure. Not a life of their choosing, but a life they were unfortunate enough to be born into—a vicious cycle of poverty, abuse or neglect. They could have easily given in to despair, to hopelessness, to self-destruction. They could have decided life was just cruel and unfair, and just quit.

O p e n i n g D o o r s f o r H o m e l e s s Y o u t h

*and runaway children in cities all across
dreams over despair.”*

*Sister Patricia A. Cruise, SC
President, Covenant House*

But as you'll read in the stories of Vivian and Greg and Tiesha and Aaron, these kids didn't give up. Quite the opposite. These young people found an inner strength and spirit that led them to Covenant House, and started them on the transformational journey to a new life. A life fueled by dreams, by hope for the future, by the potential for building a better life.

This Annual Report will tell the story of Greg, who bounced around from foster home to foster home until he lost all hope and ran away. It will tell the story of how Greg found hope at Covenant House – and the support he needed to work his way from homelessness to a senior executive position at one of the world's leading banks.

Some of these stories are heartbreaking. But as you read them, you will meet some truly remarkable young people. Young people like Aaron who never knew his parents, who never knew love or compassion until he met his first mentor at Covenant House.

You'll meet Vivian, who walked the streets of Times Square at 17, holding her infant child with nowhere to turn. Today, Vivian teaches other young mothers how to care for their children – and is a member of the Board of Directors for Covenant House.

When you read these stories, you will meet kids who have lived through a hell that you and I can barely imagine...and yet they still believe in love and kindness. They still find the spirit, the faith and the courage to save themselves – and others.

This year, we will celebrate the lives of over one million homeless children in cities all across the Americas – from Atlanta to New Orleans to Seattle. And from as far away as Toronto and Mexico City. Young people who had the will to survive and reached out to Covenant House for a helping hand.

When I took my vow to serve God and the Sisters of Charity, I never imagined leading the fight to save the lives – and the dreams – of homeless children. But I believe the wisdom of God has led me here – and is always with me. Whether I am standing at the UN hosting a Candlelight Vigil for Homeless Youth – or advocating for the rights of children in Washington D.C., or Central America – these children are my family and my mission. And you, dear friends, are my guardian angels, giving me the support and the encouragement to help all of us at Covenant House carry on each day.

As you read about our Greg and Vivian, about Aaron and Tiesha, please remember that each one represents a life saved because friends like you took the time to care. Each one represents a dream that you helped to make possible.

Thank you for having the courage and conviction to help make a child's dream come true. Let's dream of a future where no child will ever have to sleep on the street because they have nowhere else to go. Let's dream of a day where every child will be honored and loved and cherished – and full of dreams beyond our imagination.

Bless You for Your Compassion and Support,



Sister Patricia A. Cruise

*Meet Tiesha. Greg. Vivian. Aaron.
Their lives almost ended on the streets.
But you gave them a fresh start.*



**Meet Tiesha. Mother. College Student.
Future Social Worker.
Ex-Homeless Youth and Covenant House Alumnus**

As a child Tiesha was forced to bounce from home to whatever friend's family would take her in. An unstable home life and problems with her mom forced her on to the streets at the age of 17, when a friend's mother drove her to Covenant House Florida's Fort Lauderdale crisis shelter.

"When you spend so much time trying to survive, you get drained," Tiesha shared. "I felt safe and stable at Covenant House. They gave me a place to rest...a sense of confidence...helped me move forward...there was hope...it was comforting to be among kids in the same situations."

Tiesha remembers the counselor who encouraged her to go to college, and gave her constant reinforcement. Today, 11 years later, Tiesha is working full-time, raising her seven-year old son, and is currently studying for a degree in Social Work at the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University.

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They gave me a sense of confidence...helped
me move forward...there was hope...." Tiesha*

Tiesha's dream is to start her own support program for homeless youth who want to advance themselves both educationally and socially. This goal stems from my stay at Covenant House... I cannot say enough about the influence Covenant House had on my life...I'm so grateful."



**Meet Greg. SVP, Bank of America.
Board of Directors, Covenant House Texas.
Ex-Homeless Youth and Covenant House Alumnus**

“I was a ward of the state for my entire childhood, and after seventeen years of foster and group homes, I arrived at Covenant House Texas.”

Greg was a part of Rights of Passage, a program that provides long-term shelter, job training and educational opportunities for homeless youth. “I remember it felt like family,” says Greg.

“I was a ward of the state for my entire childhood, and after seventeen years of foster and group homes, I arrived at Covenant House Texas.” Greg

Greg says there is no secret to how he got to be Senior Vice President. “I worked hard. The Chairman of the bank approached me one day to tell me that I had a great attitude. I have worked my way up ever since.”

Today Greg is a member of the Covenant House Board and Program Committee. He reviews the progress of the Rights of Passage program, the GED program and other statistics relating to the success of various programs.

“It’s hard for anyone to be successful, but harder when you don’t have opportunities. That’s why Covenant House is so important.”



Vivian Greaves
Board Member, Mentor,
Mother-Child Program, Alumnus,
Ex-Homeless Youth

Vivian walked through the doors of Covenant House over 15 years ago looking for shelter from the street. What she found was a second chance. She was a young unwed mother, still a child herself, with limited options. She needed a stable living environment and a chance to get the life skills she needed to survive.

“When I arrived at Covenant House, they took me in with open arms...they gave me hope...placed my child in day care while I attended GED courses and held down two part-time jobs,” says Vivian.

When Vivian left Covenant House a year later, she was able to live on her own and provide for her child. But she never forgot the support she received at Covenant House. Years later, she became a mentor at Covenant House New York and worked with other young homeless mothers trying to get their lives together.

“When I arrived at Covenant House (with my infant), they took me in with open arms...gave me hope.” Vivian

Mentoring came naturally to Vivian, and over time she began teaching parenting skills. “My relationships evolved beyond mentoring...they’re part of my extended family...it’s gratifying being able to impact the lives of so many young women...” says Vivian.

Last year, Vivian was invited to join the Board of Directors of Covenant House, and she enthusiastically accepted the challenge. “It is truly an honor,” say Vivian. And the feeling at Covenant House is mutual.



**Aaron Makala,
Graphic Designer, Print Production Executive,
Covenant House Success Story**

Aaron never knew his natural parents. He lived with foster parents until he was eight, then was given up to an orphanage. For years, Aaron moved from program to program without ever feeling loved and nurtured. Eventually, he ran away.

“I basically lived a nomadic lifestyle,” he says. Aaron never thought about the consequences of his actions until he turned 18, when he suddenly found himself facing prison. “It was really scary...because I had just become a legal adult.”

Aaron realized that he needed to change his life. It was at this time that he discovered Covenant House California. “Things really started to change for me when I got there,” Aaron says.

While at Covenant House California, Aaron found the first stable living environment in years – a safe shelter and three meals a day. But he received a lot more than room and board. He finally found guidance, mentoring, caring, a sense of family and community.

Covenant House counselors showed him how to get into college. They encouraged him to explore his creative side as an artist and painter. Aaron eventually obtained a bachelor degree in graphic design. “Covenant House basically nurtured me toward a career path,” he says.

“Covenant House made it possible for me to become a success story...and not just another statistic.” Aaron

Today, Aaron is successfully living on his own and is working at a print company as a graphic designer. He says he is grateful to Covenant House for giving him the chance to change his life. “Covenant House was the missing link that I needed to achieve my goals.”





Milestones throughout the history of Covenant House

Milestones

- 1972:** Covenant House becomes incorporated by Franciscan clergy, and establishes the first intake center in New York City.
- 1973:** Two group homes for girls, and two group homes for boys are established in downtown Manhattan.
- 1980:** Plan is announced to expand Covenant House programs beyond New York City.
- 1982:** Covenant House opens a program in Guatemala called "Casa Alianza"
Covenant House Toronto is established in Canada.
- 1983:** Covenant House Texas is established in Houston.
- 1984:** Ronald Reagan praises Covenant House in State of the Union Address.
- 1985:** Covenant House Florida is opened in Fort Lauderdale.
- 1986:** A transitional living program called "Rights of Passage" is created at Covenant House.
- 1987:** Covenant House New Orleans opens its doors.
Casa Alianza program expands to Honduras.
A 24/7 Youth Crisis Hotline called NINELINE is established to expand the reach of Covenant House beyond its brick and mortar locations.
- 1988:** Casa Alianza expands to Mexico City and Panama City.
Covenant House is opened in California and Alaska.
- 1989:** Covenant House New Jersey is established in three cities throughout the state.
An AIDS prevention and education program is established in New York City.
- 1991:** First Covenant House International Candlelight Vigil for Homeless Kids takes place on Thanksgiving in Times Square, New York City.
- 1995:** Covenant House Washington, D.C., opens its doors.
- 1996:** Casa Alianza receives Olof Palme Prize to honor its leadership in promoting human rights.
- 1997:** Covenant House established in Vancouver, Canada, and in Detroit, Michigan.
A regional job-training center is established in New York City.

expand



We started out with a few volunteers, six homeless kids and a desire to make a difference. Today, 35 years later, Covenant House has reached over one million young and homeless people. We're a voice of hope throughout the world. A presence in over 21 cities and six countries.

progress

- 1998:** Covenant House Missouri is established in St. Louis.
Casa Alianza program is established in Managua, Nicaragua.
- 1999:** Covenant House Pennsylvania is established in Philadelphia.
- 2000:** Covenant House Georgia Program is established in Atlanta.
- 2006:** Covenant House revenues exceed \$120 million and serve over 60,000 youth in 21 cities across six countries.
- 2007:** Covenant House celebrates 35th anniversary.
NINELINE celebrates 20th anniversary.



start



“Food, clothing, shelter for a night: given freely, no questions asked, no strings attached, for any kid who will knock on our door tonight...” Charles, Volunteer, Atlanta, GA

Crisis Care

You're 16 and you're hungry. You're alone. You have no home to go back to. If you are lucky – friends or relatives might help at first. But they have their own lives. And soon you're on your own again. On the streets, you get exactly the kind of help you don't need. You feel yourself sliding downward. You want to climb out, but you've got to find a place to stay...that takes money, and getting a job...but you don't have the education or skills for anything decent...so, how will you eat? ...and where will you live?...

Every day, young people come to Covenant House facing overwhelming problems. We help them all. It's hard work. But our dedicated staff and volunteers believe that every kid who comes to us is worth saving.

Kids in crisis need help immediately. That's why Covenant House Crisis Centers are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our doors are always open to homeless, desperate kids in 21 cities throughout six countries. Our mission is based on the belief that no youth should ever be told to come back later.

The first contact is the most critical. During this encounter, counselors help tough street kids start to believe that maybe there is hope after all – that maybe someone really does care. Counselors are trained to treat these abused and damaged kids with the professionalism and loving concern that begins to break down walls and starts to build trust.

From the first contact, our staff works to meet immediate needs – for clean clothes, a shower, hot food, a warm bed. If necessary, they also receive medical care and counseling. Then the tough job begins. Where we work with each insecure and battered youth to develop the best plan for the future.

The street takes its toll on these kids. More than taking away their health and dignity, street life takes away their ability to trust themselves or anyone else.

That's why the open-door policy is so critical. We have to be here when they are ready to come to us. Once a youth decides to stay in our crisis shelter, our staff begins the hard, day-to-day work of helping them on their journey from street life to a life with a future. Sometimes the result is the absolute heartache of losing a kid back to the street. But thankfully, sometimes the result is the rebirth of a young life that society had long left for dead...



"I'd still be on the streets if it weren't for Covenant House. Now, not only do I have a place to stay...I have a place to be safe."



In 2007, NINELINE commemorates 20 years of helping at-risk teenagers and kids. Over 1.5 million troubled teens have called into NINELINE's crisis hotline

"When all else fails...all it takes is one connection ...one lifeline...1-800-999-9999 (NINELINE) is that one connection..." David, Volunteer, Orlando

NINELINE
Crisis
Hotline



*"Someone here just told me about
Covenant House.
Please, can I stay with you...please?"*

Kids on the streets are prey to criminals who see them as valuable commodities. Unless someone presents them with a better option, homeless youth soon become slaves to street life. But with help, there is hope. Many homeless youth are on the street right now, choosing to stay off drugs, saying no to selling themselves and avoiding gang life. We have a window of opportunity to find them, and help them through these difficult choices. One connection to lead them from the darkness of the streets to the light of hope...

When a young person calls from the street at 4 a.m., he or she can't hear a message telling them to call back at 9 a.m. It may have taken that kid two weeks to get up the courage to make that call.

The Covenant House NINELINE was created so that when a young person makes the choice to seek help, a trained counselor will be ready.

Introduced in 1987, NINELINE opens the lines of communication to young people across the United States and connects them with crisis intervention and counseling support anytime, anywhere.

With a databank of over 31,000 social service agencies, NINELINE counselors refer callers immediately to help in their area. Through conference calls, counselors can connect troubled youth with trained experts. With our message relay system, kids who may not be ready to return home yet can let their parents know they're okay.

Calls to NINELINE come from youth on the verge of suicide...from young people on the streets desperate for a safe shelter...from youth being abused at home, and from victims who have just escaped from a trafficker or pimp.

Even more poignant are the calls from young people who are feeling very alone, just looking for someone to talk to...someone who cares.

A caller to the NINELINE can speak to on-staff experts who are well-versed in the specific challenges faced by homeless young people on the street: mental illness, substance abuse, eating disorders, human trafficking, sexual identity, prostitution and gangs.

NINELINE also helps with crisis prevention by acting as a resource for parents and guardians. Whether looking for a runaway child or dealing with substance abuse, physical abuse, a teenage pregnancy or other family crises, NINELINE is a connection to compassionate professional support.

Covenant House NINELINE is also available on the Internet at www.NINELINE.org. Online, young people can submit questions via e-mail or participate in forums monitored by counselors. The NINELINE online community provides a sense of connection and support to isolated and alienated teens.

With Covenant House NINELINE, it's our goal to make every homeless youth know that help is only a free phone call away.



“People tell me to go home...I can’t go home. I was abandoned by my mother and disowned by my father. I have no one but myself.”

Gene, Rights of Passage Resident, New York City

What more can we do for abandoned and battered kids? That was the simple question that prompted the launch of the Covenant House Rights of Passage program 20 years ago. We knew that kids needed more than crisis care. Homeless kids needed stability and security...and the confidence and self-esteem that comes through solid, loving relationships. From that foundation, homeless youth could begin to learn how to trust more. Relax more. And learn how to become successful adults. In this way, lives could not only be saved from the streets...but transformed...

It’s unrealistic to expect young people with no family support or guidance to be magically transformed into solid, tax-paying citizens.

Covenant House Rights of Passage gives kids a chance. By giving them a community of support, it offers 18-to-21-year-olds the chance to make a life for themselves away from the street. By providing food, clothing, shelter, and medical care for up to 18 months, it provides a launching pad for a new life.

But Rights of Passage is much more than just food, clothing, shelter, and medical care... It is a program that supports not just the physical needs of a homeless youth, but the whole mind, body and spirit. For example, at Rights of Passage, we:

- Invite volunteers from the corporate world to be mentors to our kids.

- Secure jobs from employers who agreed to work with our residents and us.
- Celebrate holidays, mark job and school successes.
- Plan group outings in an effort to make the environment as familial as possible.

And, every step of the way, we tell our kids how sure we are they’re going to make it.

We instill success and positive thinking in every activity and encounter. Most important, we know that Rights of Passage works. Over the course of just a few months, we see kids, who had given up, become kids who work long hours to succeed as full-time students. We see young people who never thought they could do anything suddenly get excited about setting goals and keeping them. We see kids learn how to dream all over again...



*"You have to have that drive
and determination to want
something more in life."*





An average of 1,671 homeless youth are sheltered every night of the year

“Too many young people believe it is their destiny to live, and eventually, die on the streets. And yet...when you go beyond the scars and the fear, you see there is still hope.” Outreach Counselor, Oakland, CA

Too many young people are living on the streets of our cities – living in a constant state of fear. Anonymous. Alone. Barely living, and too often dying in alleys and streets too dark and out of sight for anyone to notice. Every night our Outreach teams drive or walk through the city streets, searching for young people in need. Some of these kids have been on the streets for months. Some even longer.

We don't wait until a kid comes to us in crisis. Our Outreach teams go out to them, in vans, on bikes, on foot, walking the same streets the kids do. Last year our Outreach staff worked with 35,000 kids on the streets of our towns and cities. From late at night to early in the morning, our Outreach vans search for kids living on the streets.

Every night the kids tell us their stories. Stories of terror. Stories of heartbreak. Stories that seem too unreal to be true. But, unfortunately, both the kids and their stories are all too real. Here are just a few entries from our Outreach logs over the course of a week's time.

Abandoned and abused, youth on the street have learned to trust no one. Rejected by family and exploited by adult criminals, they lose hope quickly...

Some youth are ready to get off the streets right away. For others it takes time.

Building trust is a slow process with kids who are so wounded. Our most important message to them is that we care. And that they deserve unconditional love and absolute respect.

***Joanne, 17**, involved in prostitution. Broke into tears in the Outreach van, asking for help off the streets. Feared her pimp would hold her three-year-old child hostage if she tried to leave. With police assistance, we recovered her child.*

***Joey, 18**, approached the van after his shoes were stolen in the park; living on the street for several months since his stepfather threw him out. Doesn't think he's worthy of help; stopped by a Covenant House crisis shelter last night.*

***Billy, 19**, hustled on the streets all summer. Addicted to crack; a runaway from juvenile detention. Accepted counseling to turn himself in for much needed drug treatment...*

Our Outreach workers will be on the streets tonight, trying to get to kids before the street does...



*"I'll never forget the date, January 1, 2002.
It was a new year...a new beginning."*





“I’ll continue being a mentor for as long as I can...I like seeing firsthand how my time can make a difference.”

Jack, a Rights of Passage Program Volunteer

Our Volunteers

What does it take to make a difference in the life of a homeless teenager? Beyond food, shelter and clothing, it takes guidance, love and respect. The kind of emotional and spiritual support that comes from motivated volunteers willing to commit up to a year of their lives to serving homeless youth through the Covenant House Faith Community.

Faith Community volunteers come from many different backgrounds and locations. They range in age from right out of college to retired. What they share is a desire to serve homeless youth, and the willingness to live and work together in a community of unconditional love and respect.

These dedicated volunteers have been a source of joy, support, and encouragement for the youth at Covenant House for over 30 years. Since 1972, Covenant House Faith Community has offered individuals the opportunity to serve homeless youth full-time, to live in a like-minded community with other volunteers, and share in daily prayer/reflection with their community.

Most volunteers serve in our Crisis Centers as Resident Advisors, Youth Advisors, or Case Managers; while others may serve in our Rights of Passage program, medical services, outreach, pastoral ministry, administration, or other support positions. As part of the Faith Community, volunteers experience how to truly make a difference in the world — one kid at a time.



After 18 years of mentoring, Jack has learned a lot about how to relate to the kids at Covenant House. "You find out it isn't so much what you're teaching... what is important is that you share your knowledge, your experience, your passion. I become kind of like the uncle that these kids never had. I remember their birthdays...we share good times and bad times. I share my life and that seems to mean a lot to the kids."



"He was a tough kid, a former gang member. I came to know a young man who had survived a life that I could never even imagine."



“Let’s be bold and dream of a world where no child is forced to live on the street as their only option.” Sister Patricia A. Cruise, SC President, Covenant House

Advocacy



It is tragic but true. The abuse and mistreatment of children and young adults know no borders. Young people everywhere are suffering and dying needlessly every hour, every day. They are the innocent victims of social, economic and political conflict around the world.

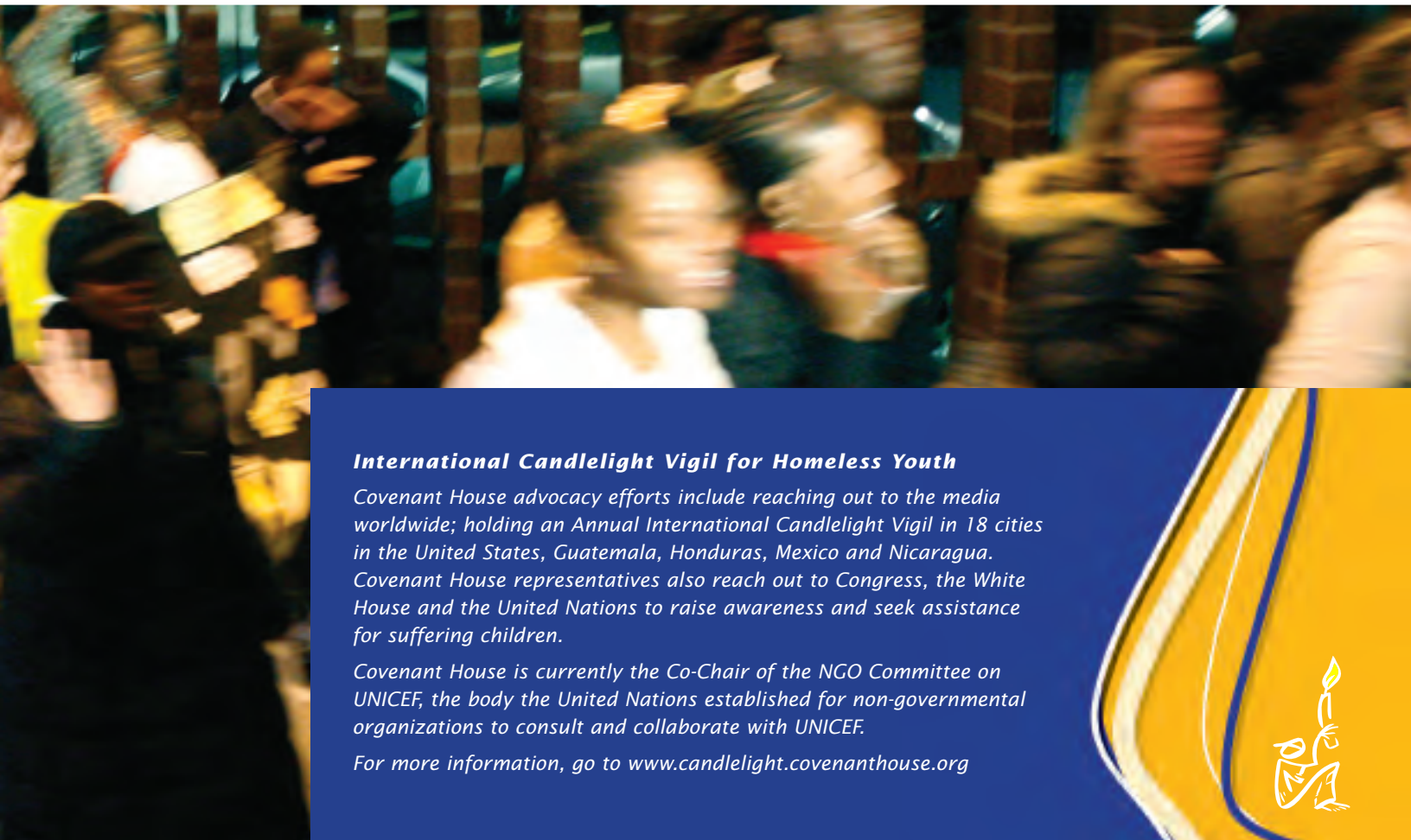
These young people are seen but not heard. The mission of advocacy at Covenant House is to give a voice to these voiceless victims who cannot speak up for themselves. We represent these children in

world forums and help them to express their struggles. We make sure the decision-makers at all levels of government consider the critical needs of these young people.

As advocates, we’re committed to raising the awareness of legislators and the public at large to the unique problems homeless young people face. Problems and needs that are different than those of the adult homeless population. Together, as partners with government, community agencies

Most of today's homeless children are victims of social decay and the disintegration of the family. We must reach these children before they become the next victims of the violent street war being waged every night in our cities. We ask the young people who come to Covenant House to forget their past histories of abuse and to dream of new possibilities. Starting today, we should ask the same of ourselves. Let's dream of new possibilities, new ways to help our kids."

Sister Patricia A. Cruise, Covenant House International Candlelight Vigil, November 16, 2006



International Candlelight Vigil for Homeless Youth

Covenant House advocacy efforts include reaching out to the media worldwide; holding an Annual International Candlelight Vigil in 18 cities in the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua. Covenant House representatives also reach out to Congress, the White House and the United Nations to raise awareness and seek assistance for suffering children.

Covenant House is currently the Co-Chair of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, the body the United Nations established for non-governmental organizations to consult and collaborate with UNICEF.

For more information, go to www.candlelight.covenanthouse.org

and associations, we seek to improve the lives of families and young people everywhere.

We are working to find ways to protect these defenseless kids from pimps, pornographers, traffickers, cults, drug pushers and anyone else who tries to exploit or harm them. And, ultimately, it is our goal to help these kids find a way to

escape the street and the cycle of poverty and abuse permanently. Covenant House staff is involved with writing position papers, meeting with legislators, and testifying at official hearings in a joint effort to encourage the development of policies and the enactment of laws that will help our young people not only survive, but thrive.



“We must continue to fight against the indifference that still allows so many children to suffer with impunity.”

Arturo Echeverría, National Director of Casa Alianza Guatemala, September 2006

Casa Alianza

Their shacks are made of cardboard, plastic, or termite-infested scrap wood. Their small bodies have been malnourished since birth, and the parasites that crawl through their bodies drain them of whatever nutrition they may have found in the streets.

They are the children of Latin America, and Covenant House is bringing hope and a future to thousands of these children in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras. But there is so much work to do.

In Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, over 53 percent of the population live on less than \$2 a day. An average of 45 percent of the population in these countries are under the age of 18.

Issues of human trafficking, sexual exploitation and severe poverty demand that we take action. Our children can't wait for tomorrow for what they need today. Boundaries on a map don't limit the scope of our promise to keep the covenant...

“At Casa Alianza we believe that all children have the right to live and be cared for. Every child has the right to be loved and supported so that they can develop a life for themselves and also grow to benefit our society,” said Arturo Echeverría.

For 25 years Casa Alianza has provided help for homeless and orphaned children, offering them an opportunity to have a dignified life. At the same time, the agency works to defend the human rights of all children, demanding that the government develop action plans to benefit childhood and youth.

As the Latin American branch of Covenant House, Casa Alianza serves some 9,000 street children a year, most of whom have been orphaned by civil war, abused or rejected by dysfunctional and poverty-stricken families, and further traumatized by the indifference of the societies in which they live. Casa Alianza is dedicated to helping these children off the streets and back on the road to meaningful and productive lives. For specifics about Casa Alianza's programs, see www.casa-alianza.org.

“Rita is the latest victim of social cleansing – the systematic killing of our poverty-stricken young people,” said Arturo Echeverría, National Director of Casa Alianza Guatemala

On September 26, 2006, in Guatemala City, Casa Alianza was awarded the Order of Quetzal, presented on behalf of Guatemalan President Berger by Marta Altolaguirre, the Vice Minister of International Affairs.

Beginning with a prayer service at the grave sites of children who suffered violent deaths on the streets, and ending with a musical celebration featuring young people who were saved from the streets, Casa Alianza marked its 25th anniversary in service to street children in Guatemala.



We remember with deepest appreciation these beloved members of our Covenant House family who made their final gift through bequests and other planned gifts. Their commitment to our mission will live on in the lives of our kids.

Harriet T. Alexander, Red Bank, NJ
Robert E. Allen, New Rochelle, NY
June C. Ambauen, Pinole, CA
Anonymous, Cleveland, OH
Anonymous, Cleveland, OH
Eileen Bamberger, New York, NY
Esther M. Barlow, Portland, ME
Rita M. Barlow, Colorado Springs, CO
Helen M. Barrett, Morristown, NJ
Stephanie M. Barrigan, Auburn, NY
Joseph Leo Barry, E. Greenwich, RI
Emma C. Beer, Flushing, NY
Joseph M. Berte, Bode, IA
Ida and Donald Betzler, Canton, OH
Emma A. Boerner, Fleming, CO
Barbara Bogol, Cleveland, OH
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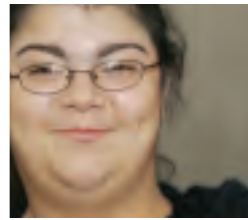
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1 million kids



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“Goodness is the only investment that never fails.”

–Henry David Thoreau



Dear Friend and Supporter,

Since we opened our doors 35 years ago our mission has called us to do little more than compassionately care for the suffering children who have been forced to live on the streets. They are not on the streets by choice, or by any “fault” of their own – they are forced by abuse, neglect and abandonment. We must continue to expand, reach out and care for each and every innocent young victim who asks for our help.

At Covenant House sites throughout the Americas, we are in various stages of development striving to respond to this urgent call for help. We are aligning our activities to make this happen – by doing everything from finding ways to reach out to more kids to increasing bed and shelter capacity to improving support services to increasing child welfare advocacy in Washington, the UN and other public forums. It is imperative that we continue to work together to come closer to our ultimate goal: No youth forced to live on the streets.

From the NINELINE hotline to Rights of Passage to our Mother-Child program, all our programs and services are aligned to serve the growing needs of kids in need of a second chance.

The services you will read about in this report are at the core of our mission. But as I’ve had the opportunity to travel to many of our programs, I’ve found that each of our 21 programs have their own unique feel and character influenced by their cities. Our programs are truly part of the diverse communities they serve.

Today, when you walk through Covenant House anywhere in the world – whether in Alaska or Texas or Guatemala, you can’t help but feel a renewed sense of purpose. Now, as much as any time in our history, everyone is striving toward one common mission – to serve suffering children of the street with absolute respect and unconditional love – with total dedication.

I want to thank Sister Tricia for her dedication to our mission, and Jim White for his vision. I am proud of my fellow board members for their commitment to the careful management of our financial resources and materials, in keeping with the intentions of friends like you who have so selflessly invited homeless youth in your lives, and into your hearts.

But most of all, I want to thank you for believing in the goodness and the potential of homeless and runaway youth.

On behalf of every teenager who calls the Covenant House NINELINE from an adult shelter, fearing for his life. Thank you.

On behalf of every 16-year-old who is picked up by a Covenant House Outreach Van in the middle of the night. Thank you.

On behalf of every young teenage mother who dreams of a better life for her child. Thank you.

God bless you and your families and thank you again for all you do for our kids,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Montgoris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "M".

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**Covenant House and Affiliates
Combined Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2007**

Contributions and revenue:

Contributions:

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|---|--------------------|
| Contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations including legacies and bequests of \$8,501,671 | \$ 108,680,015 |
| Contributed services and merchandise | 1,865,490 |
| Government grants and contracts | 20,250,315 |
| Special events revenue | \$ 6,080,469 |
| Less direct benefit to donor costs | <u>(1,611,809)</u> |
| Net special events income | 4,468,660 |

Total contributions **\$ 135,264,480**

Revenue:

Investment Income:

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Interest and dividends | \$ 2,335,142 |
| Net unrealized losses | 2,165,064 |
| Net realized gains | 10,510 |
| Change in value of split interest arrangements | 0 |
| Other income and gains | <u>2,707,915</u> |

Total revenue **\$ 7,218,631**

Total contributions and revenue **\$ 142,483,111**

Expenses:

Program services:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Shelter and Crisis Care | \$39,363,577 |
| Outreach | 4,095,920 |
| Mother/Child | 6,770,251 |
| Nineline | 3,458,461 |
| Medical | 3,826,733 |
| Community Service Center | 13,944,802 |
| Public Education | 4,532,360 |
| Rights of Passage | 15,044,424 |
| In-School | <u>56,100</u> |

Total program services \$91,092,628

Supporting services:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Management and general | \$ 14,339,280 |
| Fund raising | <u>30,082,668</u> |

Total supporting services 44,421,948

Total expenses \$135,514,576

Current year foreign currency translation adjustment (779,905)

Total expenses and translation adjustment **\$134,734,671**

Change in net assets before effect of adoption of FASB Statement No. 158 \$ 7,748,440

Effect of adoption of recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 158 (4,158,588)

Increased in net assets **3,589,852**

Net assets, beginning of year 154,070,473

Net assets, end of year **\$ 157,660,325**



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