



| <u>Census of Family Shelter</u> | | <u>Total Shelter Population</u> | |
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| Families | 8,759 | Adults | 21,580 |
| Adults | 11,492 | Children | 15,728 |
| Children | 15,718 | | |
| Individuals | 27,210 | Total Individuals | 37,298 |

Message from the Executive Director



Michael J. Callaghan, CO

As New York and much of America continues to struggle with the extreme economic recession, the impact continues to play out each day with those who come to Nazareth Housing for assistance. As households and individuals struggle with prolonged unemployment, the expiration of benefits and the mounting costs of housing, utilities and food, many are being pushed into poverty who have never received assistance before. A recent caller who had been self-employed for over 20 years had just gone onto welfare after exhausting her savings and small retirement fund. She needed to resolve her rent arrears in order to not be evicted from her apartment. We were able to help her stay housed while she takes training classes and continues to look for work. The number of families losing their housing and entering the shelter system continues at an all-time high in New York City. Nazareth Housing is planning to expand into Harlem in the coming year with 34 units of family shelter to help address the growing need. Our MoneyUp initiative for free tax filing and financial counseling in partnership with the Financial Clinic and the United Way is receiving an enthusiastic response reaching 22% of our goal in the first four weeks of the initiative. **With all that we do, it's no wonder that Nazareth Housing finished among the top ten finalists in the national Family Strengthening Awards sponsored by Catholic Charities USA and the Annie E Casey Foundation.** Thanks to you in our extended Nazareth Housing family who make our work possible by your contributions, volunteering and in-kind support. Together we can end homelessness and strengthen families!

Nazareth Housing Receives Award From United Way of New York City



Nazareth Housing is pleased to announce that it has been selected for the second year in a row to partner with United Way of New York City's (UWNYC) MoneyUP

Initiative! Working with The Financial Clinic, Nazareth Housing will provide Earned Income Tax Credit screening, tax filing and financial counseling for a minimum of 725 people in the 2010 tax filing season. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to partner again with the MoneyUP initiative and further the financial literacy and economic support we offer to lower income families, seniors and those with limited resources" said Executive Director, Michael Callaghan. "Given the current financial circumstances facing many New York households, we know this is an invaluable opportunity for families to access free, high quality services." Tax filers are available through April 15 and financial counseling through December 2010. For more information contact Vivian Cotte, Coordinator for Mission and Development, who is handling the marketing for the initiative. Ms. Cotte can be reached at 212-777-1010 ext. 16 or via email at vcotte@nazarethhousingnyc.org. Referrals are welcome for screening and for filing appointments.

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Check out Nazareth Housing's video on You Tube...

youtube.com/watch?v=fdbKxAp88kY

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Outreach Holiday Party at Nazareth Housing



Since 1995, Nazareth Housing has provided homeless and former homeless children with holiday gifts and dinner at our Annual Holiday Party which took place December 6, 2009. Due to increases in the number of financially challenged families this holiday season there was a growing demand for holiday gifts, and we hoped that our past donors and sponsors would join us in rising to the challenge. We are pleased to share that with the help and generosity of the Real Estate Board of New York, the Rotary Club of Wall Street, the Waldorf Astoria HRA Housekeeping Staff, author Ann M. Martin, Immaculate Conception Church, NYU Newman Club, NY Cares, and Hearts of Gold we gave out over 500 gifts to children.

Thank you, to all who shared in making this Holiday Season brighter and memorable for many underprivileged children and their families.



How You Can Help in 2010

- ◆ Sponsor a Wish List Item from our website
- ◆ Tell a friend about our work preventing and ending homelessness
- ◆ Refer a family in need of our services
- ◆ Become an underwriter for our newsletter
- ◆ Participate in our current Winter Appeal
- ◆ Donate good used furniture and household items
- ◆ Become a corporate sponsor
- ◆ Sponsor a computer for staff use
- ◆ Become a FAM mentor

Nazareth Housing Participates in Hope Night 2010



Nazareth Housing Hope Night 2010 team: (left to right) Board Member Monica Alvarez, Marie, Tallie, Heather, MaryPat, Arthur and Andrew. Executive Director Michael Callaghan snapped this shot on the G train at about 3:15 a.m. as the team headed back to the launch site after covering their assigned area in Brooklyn.

Winter Appeal 2010

This past year has been extraordinary in many ways. The current economic stress, along with the lack of sufficient affordable, safe housing has magnified the demands placed on our resources and staff. Gifts to Winter Appeal 2010 will be allocated to our Nazareth House-Harlem Family Shelter expansion and to our Housing Stability Support Project to prevent more families from losing their homes over the winter months. You can make your donation online at our website www.nazarethhousingnyc.org and simply indicate Winter Appeal 2010 on the honor line. Thank you for your support!

Community Holiday Parties

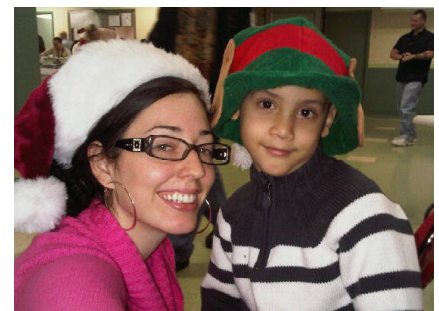
Thanksgiving with our Shelter Families

On November 24, 2009 Nazareth Housing staff hosted 55 people at our annual Thanksgiving Party for transitional housing members and their families at our Family Services Center. We are grateful to local businesses such as Sarita's Macaroni & Cheese (S'MAC), 11B Express, Cafecito, and Soul Fixin's who sponsored the special holiday side dishes. The Waldorf Astoria provided each family with a homemade pumpkin pie to take home. Special thanks go out to Heather Dubois, Sara Little, Pamela Guilgli, Theresa Traskoman, Meg Mazzeo, Ann Currier, Elaine Donlin and Juni Setiowati for the delicious treats, sides, and entrées for our gathering. Our very own Michael Callaghan, c.o. provided the wonderful turkey and roast beef. Lastly, a great big thank you to the volunteers from New York Cares who provided arts and crafts for the children throughout the holiday dinner!



Transitional and Permanent Housing Resident Holiday Dinner

On Tuesday, December 22, 2009 Nazareth Housing staff hosted our Annual Holiday Dinner. While a more modest size than our December 5 event, the laughter and joy which emanated from the children who received gifts from Santa was huge! Our thanks to We Are Change for bringing Santa and the Elves and their goodies. Special thanks to the Ann M. Martin Foundation, the Real Estate Board of New York (R.E.B.N.Y.), Random House and all other gift donors who generously made it possible for our kids to have holiday presents! Special thanks to our Board Member Jimmy Ryan for helping to underwrite the cost of the food and drink, plus The Waldorf-Astoria whose pastry chef donated holiday cakes and treats, and their HR Housekeeping Staff made a generous donation. Lastly, an extra special thank you to all the NY Cares volunteers who provided craft activities for the children.



You can help us continue these traditions by making a donation to our Housing Stability Support Project on our donations page, and indicating "Housing Stability Support Project" on the dedication line at www.nazarethhousingnyc.org



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Mission Statement of Nazareth Housing

Our Vision

To empower individuals and families to overcome barriers to safe and secure housing






Our Mission

Nazareth Housing is committed to the promotion of housing stability and economic independence among poor families and youth of New York City, through the provision of:

-  *Transitional shelter*
-  *Homelessness prevention services*
-  *Self-sufficiency education*
-  *Supportive housing*
-  *Youth programming*

Our Values

We believe in:

-  *Compassion*
-  *Family Well-being*
-  *Responsibility*
-  *Integrity*
-  *Self-Sufficiency*

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Volunteer at Nazareth Housing to become a Family Mentor

In a recent New York Times article, it was stated that "there's no question that [volunteering] gives life a greater meaning when we make this kind of shift in the direction of others and get away from our own self-preoccupation and problems," said Stephen G. Post, director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics at Stony Brook University on Long Island.

So why not become a Nazareth Housing volunteer today? The Family Assistance Mentor (FAM) project will recruit, train and link fifteen (15) mentors with families that desire ongoing support in navigating the often uncertain waters of housing, employment, education and financial management. Through the Family Assistance Mentors (FAM) project we will expand personal support to families who have experienced housing instability to help them build their financial management skills.

If you'd like to become a Nazareth Housing volunteer today, call us at 212-777-1010 or send us an email to info@nazarethhousingnyc.org with "FAMentor" in the subject line.



Ending Homelessness  **Strengthening Families**