Programs and Activities:

We Build Thriving Communities

This year, we had a huge impact on Oregon communities through our policy and advocacy efforts when the Housing Alliance won a dedicated funding source for affordable housing. Neighborhood Partnerships is the lead entity for this statewide coalition, which educates policy makers about housing needs and advocates for increased affordable housing investments. Working in coalition since 2004, we have built a strong cadre of housing champions in the legislature, who helped us secure this resource.

In 2008-2009 NP also worked to frame a broader policy agenda, aimed at strengthening the social systems that create access to opportunity. Our work on homelessness and financial asset building fuels this policy work, and helps us develop, test and promote approaches that work across systems and traditional funding streams. Our work to build strong relationships with decision makers, empower community activists, and align diverse partners helps us fulfill our mission to create opportunity for low income people.

Through our organizational support programs we equip leaders and staff to better serve their communities. Training focuses on skill development as well as on building the capacity to lead in our challenging environment. Trainings for asset managers, housing organization board members, case managers, and Individual Development Account Initiative partners helped build and maintain high impact programs.

2008-2009 saw the final chapter in our role as funder of housing development organizations’ capacity because national funding sources have changed priorities. From our founding in 1990 until June 30, 2009, over $12.5 million passed through our organization out into Oregon communities to support local efforts.

MILESTONES IN 2008-2009:

• The Housing Alliance’s strong coalition won a dedicated revenue source for affordable housing – an increase to the existing document recording fee that will generate almost $16 million this biennium. The Housing Opportunity Bill passed early in the session with broad support. www.oregonhousingalliance.org

• Direct funding for affordable housing reached $40 million for this biennium in the 2009 Oregon Legislature, thanks to the Housing Alliance as well as private industry partners, convened by NP in the “Industry Dialogues” in 2008.

• NP supported the collaborative effort to preserve federally subsidized apartments throughout the state by maintaining the Preserve Oregon Housing database and website, www.preserveoregonhousing.org.

We Move People out of Homelessness and Poverty

The nationally-recognized Bridges to Housing program serves high need homeless families in Clark County, Washington and in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties in Oregon. The Bridges to Housing model is an important part of the housing plus services continuum in each community, and is teaching us how to best serve families with multiple barriers to stability. Bridges to Housing provides housing, intensive services and child care in an effort to move families out of crisis and keep future generations out of homelessness.

www.bridgestohousing.org

MILESTONES IN 2008-2009:

• Bridges to Housing has served 266 families as of June 2009. Additional families will be enrolled in 2009-2010.

• Bridges to Housing has raised $2.95 million in private funds, which joins with over $25 million in public funds to support high need homeless families.

• Bridges to Housing works! Evaluation reports demonstrate improved outcomes for families and children, including fewer referrals to foster care. Evaluation reports can be found at www.bridgestohousing.org.

• In cooperation with Oregon Opportunity Network we continue to document the many benefits of services to residents on both people and housing portfolios.
We Create Economic Stability

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) break the cycle of unemployment and financial hardship, moving people from a habit of living paycheck-to-paycheck to a habit of saving and building assets. Individuals who improve their employment skills through education or who gain ownership of a home or business have a brighter future and an opportunity to make their community a better place.

IDAs are a proven, effective tool for building hope and stability. In the 2008 calendar year, NP raised $4.5 million in donations for this program through the IDA 75% Oregon Tax Credit which creates a pool of match funding for participants who complete financial education and asset specific training. Every dollar they save toward their goal is matched by three dollars of tax credit funds. Thanks to the Oregon IDA Initiative’s strong network of community partners and the resources provided through the IDA Tax Credit more than 1000 individuals have met their savings goals and purchased their asset! [http://ida.neighborhoodpartnerships.org](http://ida.neighborhoodpartnerships.org)

MILESTONES IN 2008-2009:

- The Oregon IDA Initiative saw a 72% increase in participation between 2008 and 2009 and celebrated its 1000th Graduate.
- NP raised $4.5 million for the Initiative in the 2008 calendar year and through our IDA partner organizations was able to leverage an additional $1.7 million in federal funding.
- External program evaluation results show that we’re having a long term impact on participants. One year after participants purchase their asset 59% of them report that they “often” use a budget to monitor their expenses and 41% are continuing to make regular deposits to their savings accounts.

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OVERVIEW OF NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

REVENUES AND EXPENSES:

- Govt Grants & Contracts 51%
- Program Fees 51%
- Investment Income 2%
- Foundation Grants 20%
- Other Contributions & Grants 8%

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES 2008-2009

- Government Grants & Contracts $827,979 51%
- Program Fees 332,454 20%
- Foundation Grants 321,937 20%
- Other Contributions & Grants 125,807 8%
- Investment Income 27,677 2%
- Release of Prior Year Funds 1,236,933 100%
- 1,635,854

TOTAL EXPENSES 2008-2009

- Bridges to Housing 62%
- IDA Program 11%
- Trainings & Conferences 3%
- PNDC & OCDC Collaboratives 8%
- Management & General 4%
- Policy & Advocacy 4%
- Resident Services 7%
- Fundraising 0%

- 2,872,787 100%

TOTAL EXPENSES 2008-2009

- Bridges to Housing $1,786,158 62%
- IDA Program 315,531 11%
- PNDC & OCDC Collaboratives 220,611 8%
- Resident Services 196,027 7%
- Management & General 112,416 4%
- Policy & Advocacy 102,760 4%
- Trainings & Conferences 81,332 3%
- Other Programs 48,223 2%
- Fund Raising 9,729 0%
- 2,872,787 100%

Please see web site for annual audit and Form 990
Note: IDA Initiative Revenues are reported separately