



Harmony Hill Retreat Center 2008 Gratitude Report

Message from Executive Director and President

It has been another amazing year at Harmony Hill. Our 22nd year has brought the organization many gifts. We were thrilled to announce on the last day of 2008 that with your help we made the goal for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge. The completion of this challenge and the subsequent gift of \$500,000 from the foundation will allow us to further transform the campus to a larger center of learning and healing for those living with cancer and for those who want to live a healthier and fuller life.



In December, we were also excited to learn that we received a grant from the Employees' Community Fund of Boeing to purchase a greenhouse for Harmony Hill. As we write, the grounds are being prepared for the new 20' x 30' glass and powder-coated aluminum structure. The greenhouse will allow us to extend our growing season far into the winter and to use more food from our gardens in the meals prepared at Harmony Hill.

Our 100th Extended Cancer Retreat was held in September. We have now served over 1,805 people in our Cancer Program since 1994. In 2008 over 28 retreats and workshops were held as part of our Cancer Program allowing over 435 people to take home tools to support their cancer journey at no cost to them. We are told often that people would not be able to attend this program if it wasn't free to them. Melody, a recent participant, shared with us, *"I can't begin to express how much it meant for me to not have to worry about the cost of this day,"* she continues, *"I have not worked since last July and with my husband's recent treatment he's been unable to work, so we are truly undergoing financial hardships right now that would have made it impossible for me to even consider coming if I'd have had to pay."*

We are continually grateful for all the support we receive from you--our donors, volunteers and constant cheerleaders. Thank you for allowing us to continue offering these life-changing programs and create a community of learning, health and wellness for the mind, body and soul.

Michele Shapiro
Board President

Gretchen Schodde, ARNP, MN
Executive Director

Major Gift Campaign – Capital Expansion Project



The end of 2008 marked the completion of the second phase of our capital expansion project and fundraising efforts for the Creekside Annex, Hillside Cabins, greenhouse and Main Lodge. In 2009 you will see a lot of changes happening at Harmony Hill when you come to visit.

Construction on the Creekside Annex will also start in 2009. This building will be remodeled to be two stories and will reside in its current place next to the Creekside Lodge and the Ferrari Family Labyrinth. It will include three new guest rooms for retreat participants to stay while they are taking part in our Cancer Program and will also include an apartment for faculty or caretaker lodging.

This Fall we will start construction on the new Hillside Cottages. These buildings will have all the charm of a summer cottage and will each have three separate private entrances, will sleep two per room and six per cabin. They will be available for people to rent and participate in their own private retreat. Nestled in the woods they will offer privacy, quiet and a perfect place to relax.

Other major building projects to begin in 2011 include the remodel of the Main Lodge to include a larger cooking area, new bedrooms, a meeting room and a grand entrance. Finally, the Cottage will be replaced with a new building that provide administrative office space, meeting and program space and house a new resource center. We hope that you will stop by often to witness and take part in all the changes that are happening at Harmony Hill.

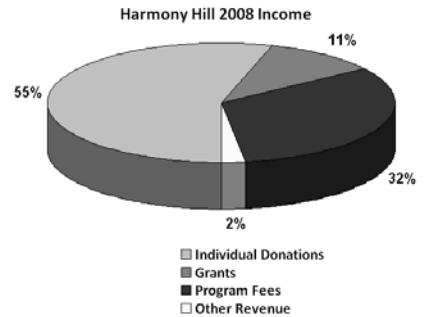


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2008 Audited Financials – Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

General Income

Individual Contributions	\$ 678,957
Grants	131,131
Program Fees	402,966
Other Revenue	28,439
Total 2008 Income	1,241,493



General Expenses

Program Expenses	\$ 673,902
Management & General	267,546
Fundraising	152,015
Total 2008 General Expenses	1,093,463



Cancer Program Spotlight

Celebrating our 100th Extended Cancer Retreat at Harmony Hill was one of the highlights of 2008. In celebration of reaching this milestone we have been collecting stories; the stories of people on this journey with cancer. Through these stories we are learning about the impact our Cancer Program has in people's lives.

In today's world a diagnosis of cancer is not the automatic death sentence that it was in the past. With millions of people living with cancer today, cancer is increasingly considered a chronic disease that can be managed. In a recent retreat several survivors noted how cancer changes the way you live your life: *you figure out what's important, and you learn not to waste your time.*



We are happy to report that in 2008—due to the support of hundreds of donors—we served as a place for contemplation, renewal and transformation for over 430 Cancer Program participants. We were reminded by a note left by one of the participants that this program can truly be life-changing, *"Harmony Hill has changed my life and I will be eternally grateful,"* the note continues, *"the healing I have received from the yoga, group support and meditation cannot be found anywhere else. Thank you for helping save another life."*

Virtual Donor Wall

Harmony Hill is committed to keeping your donor dollars where they belong, with our programs. You will notice that our gratitude report is smaller than it has been in the past. This represents a savings on printing and mailing costs, a savings that allows your donor dollar to go further and for Harmony Hill to be practicing one of our core values: sustainability. Please visit our new "Virtual Donor Wall" at www.harmonyhill.org or visit Harmony Hill to see your name on our donor wall. If you would like a printed listing of donors, please contact us at info@harmonyhill.org or 360.898.2363.



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