

Community Arts

Charlotte Cameron

The **Saturday Arts Program** served over 40 students weekly in 3 six-week sessions. Classes included wood turning, woodworking, photography, pottery, painting, gardening, collage and more.

Highlight: *We had a special recycled art workshop with artist Leify Smith and began serving great breakfasts as well.*

The **Senior Strollers Art Program** involves 13 – 20 Seniors each Monday in painting, pottery, drawing, collage, crafts, crocheting, sewing and quilting.

Highlight: *A smaller group led by volunteers does wood turning and computer classes on Wednesdays.*

The 2009 pilot **Middle School Arts** program combined art skills, life skills, and cultural enrichment 3 days/week for 20 teens last summer, concluding with a wonderful trip to Camp Mikell.

Highlight: *Painting the beautiful 50 foot wall mural in front of 1017 Hank Aaron Drive.*

Senior Strollers

Darrell Cameron

Our program supports the seniors of Peoplestown by providing social interaction, exercise, education, entertainment, field trips and homemade lunch 3 days a week. Average attendance is 18 – 20 seniors.. We also provide transportation for groceries, free tax preparation, health screenings and visits with members no longer able to come to Emmaus House.

Highlight: *We've gotten some great new chairs with strong arms, good springs, wide seats and no splinters!*

Parenting

Elizabeth Roles

After reading Paul Tough's book Whatever It Takes about the Harlem Children's Zone, the Advisory Board supported a pilot parenting class, **A Great Start**, for those expecting or parenting young children.

Highlight: *A partnership with the National Black Child Development Institute, the class was so well received that we began the first seven week series (with over 20 families participating) this March.*

Summers Away Camps

Elizabeth Roles

We continue to be supported by five residential camps in New England and New York for 20+ youngsters who return for several years.

Highlight: *Despite the downturn's effect on their budgets, all the camps have recommitted for 2010.*

Summer Day Camp

Mrs. Willie Mae Parks

The largest in memory, our day camp served more than 150 elementary children for eight weeks. Professional teachers, hot breakfasts and lunches, field trips, a week at St. Martin's Church and four nights at Camp Mikell make the summer not only enriching but magical.

Highlight: *For the day campers, it's always Six Flags! For those continuing for the full 8 weeks, it's swimming twice a day at Mikell.*

The After School Program

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Our program affords 10-12 elementary children the opportunity to have supervised recreation, nutrition, homework assistance and skills development 4 days/week. We provide assistance and tools to help students do better in school, build community and take responsibility for their successes and mistakes. After taking responsibility, we teach them alternative behaviors.

Highlight: *All of the 2008-09 group were promoted to the next grade level.*

The Muriel Lokey Center

Meta Broadnax

Our multi-service program assisted 14,441 individuals and families, either here or by directed referral to an agency able to meet their needs. Monthly community suppers (1658), Georgia I.D's (1,232), free bag lunches (2,440), and the Food Pantry (376) provide immediate assistance. Help applying for disability income and food stamps (142) enables more long-term security. Monthly trips to Reidsville prison are attracting more family members.

Highlight: *Thanks to a one-time grant, 51 families were able to remain in their own apartments with the heat on during the coldest months.*

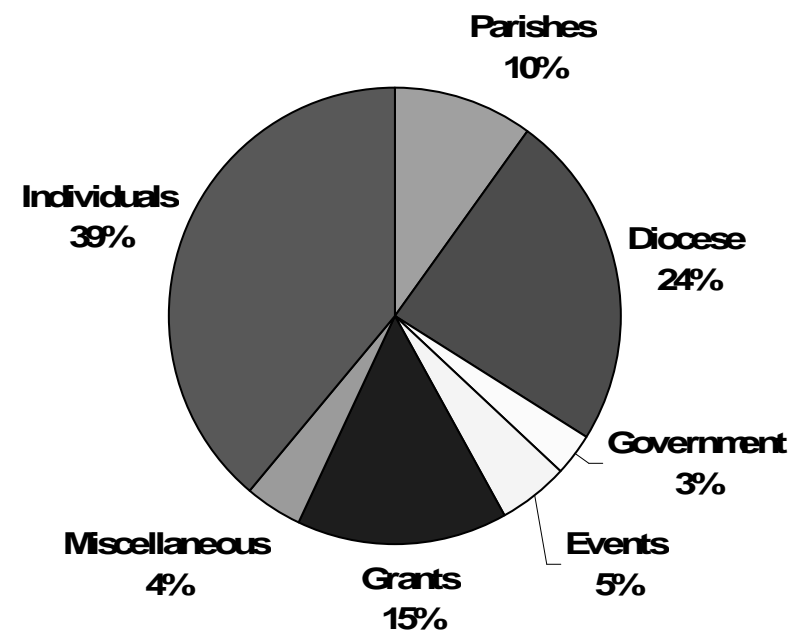
Holiday Offerings

Elizabeth Roles

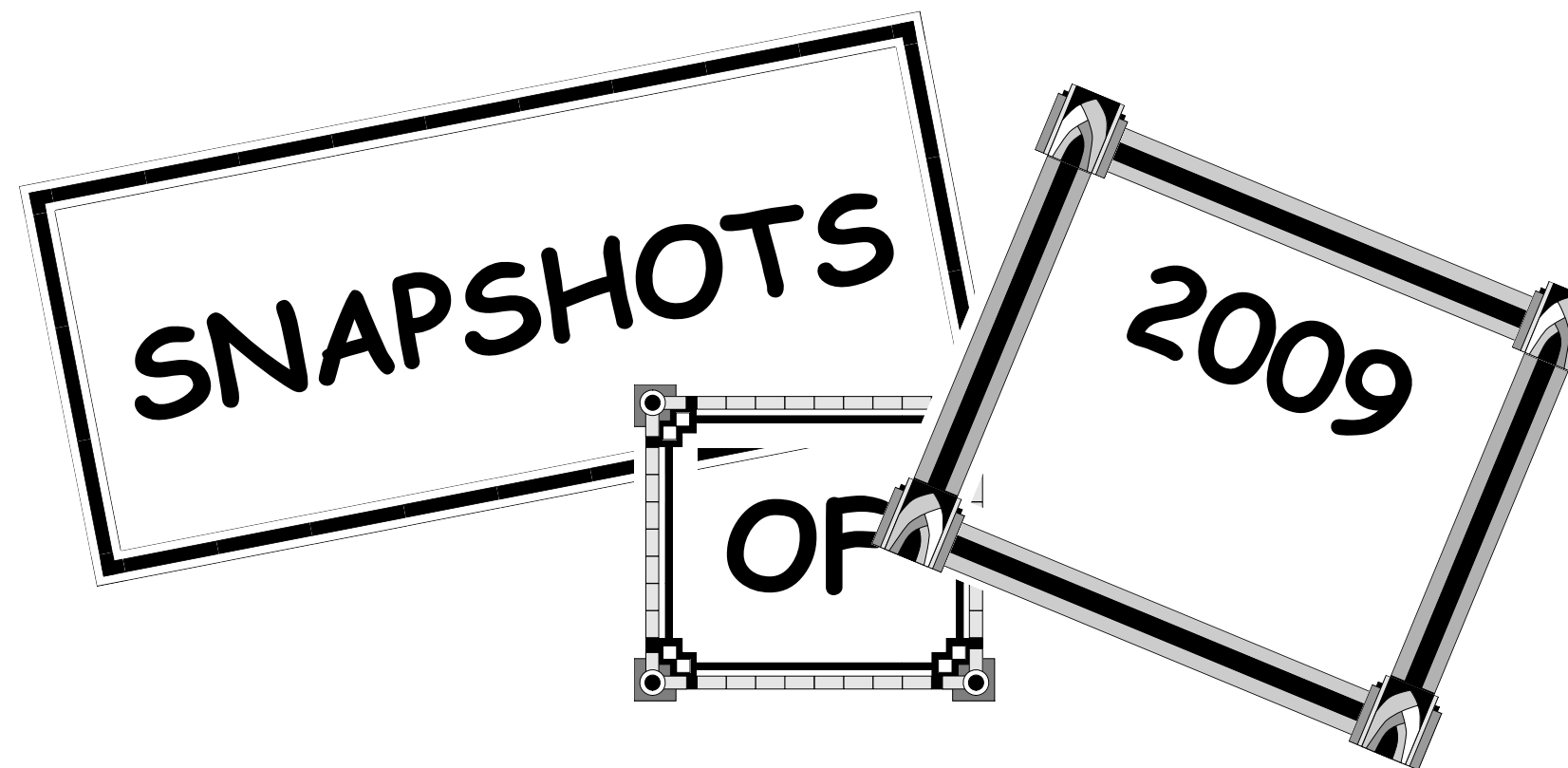
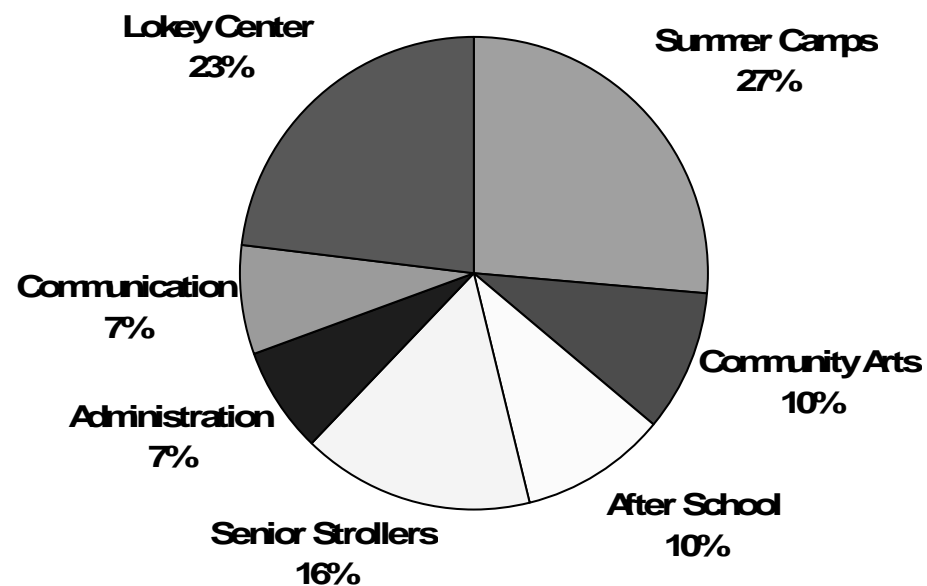
Our holiday programs allowed over 300 neighborhood families to have **Thanksgiving at Home** with turkey, fixin's and fresh collards. At the **Christmas Eve Festival**, 1266 children (a 50% increase) received gifts. Special parties for our seniors and for a larger group of neighborhood elders brought much delight and enjoyment to all.

Highlight: *Because of our generous elves, we didn't run out of Christmas gifts despite the humongous numbers.*

2009 EMMAUS HOUSE INCOME



2009 EMMAUS HOUSE EXPENSES



Dear Friends,

We're using this section of our winter newsletter to give you some reports of 2009. On the inside are brief summaries and highlights of our programs. (I'd love to hear what your "highlights of 2009 at Emmaus House" are as well.) The financial pie charts on the back elicited delighted surprise from our board. Only 14% of our expenses are for administration and communication; **86% was for programs.** Also notable is that 39% of our income comes from individual gifts, by far the largest category. Three of you gave over \$10,000; three of you gave \$5; and 766 of you contributed something in between. Thank you, one and all, for your sustaining generosity.

– The Rev. E. Claiborne Jones, Director