

*Annual Report for the  
Year Ending June 30, 2009*



**FLAT RIVER  
OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES**

*Serving the people of the greater Lowell area in their time of need.*

# A Letter from the Chairman

For the people we serve, Fiscal 2009 presented serious economic challenges. Thanks to the generosity of our Supporting Churches, concerned individuals, local businesses and foundations, Flat River Outreach Ministries was able to increase our efforts to meet the growing need. We are very grateful for the many community members who contributed their time, talent and treasure so that we could continue to fulfill our mission: helping our neighbors in their time of need.

Increased patronage of FROM's **Thrift Shop, Furniture Store and Boutique**, a significant grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund, and generous contributions from individuals, churches and businesses, provided core support.

Program highlights from the year ending June 30, 2009 include:

- ✓ **Food Pantry:** 2,524 boxes of nutritious food and essential hygiene products to families in crisis, served an all-time monthly high of 262 families in June.
- ✓ **Foodmobile:** 50,000 pounds of supplemental groceries to families facing economic challenges.
- ✓ **Financial Assistance:** \$123,000 spent to prevent utility turn-offs, foreclosures and evictions, and to help pay for eye glasses, dental emergencies and other essential needs.
- ✓ **Christmas Food and Toy Program:** 335 families, including 590 children, served.
- ✓ **Medical Equipment Closet:** crutches, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds and other items lent free of charge to anyone with a medical need.

We added new programs:

- ✓ With help from United Way and VITA, FROM offered free **Tax Preparation Services** to people with low incomes, recouping more than \$60,000 in refunds for participants.
- ✓ As June approached, FROM volunteers became concerned for families who depend on the Free and Reduced School Lunch Program to stretch food dollars during the academic year. To fill the gap during summer recess, we began our **Summer Lunch** program, offering "sandwich fixings" and other items weekly to more than 225 children throughout the summer.

We also have been hard at work improving FROM's effectiveness. We are grateful to the Nonprofit Technical Assistance Program and the Lowell Area Community Fund for supporting capacity building and organizational development efforts. With your continued support and prayers, and with the Grace from Above, we look forward to the new year.

Blessings,



Kraig Haybarker  
Chairman

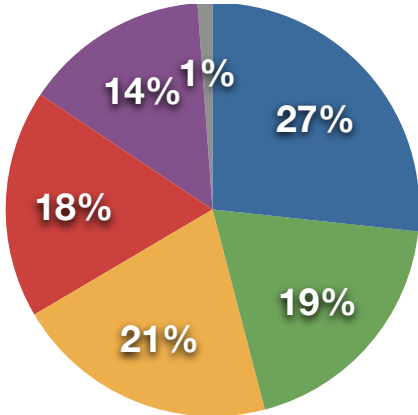


**Flat River Outreach Ministries**  
**Financial Snapshot for**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**  
*as stated in the FY 2009 Audit*

**NET UNRESTRICTED ASSETS:**  
**\$556,593**

**Revenue: \$766,379**

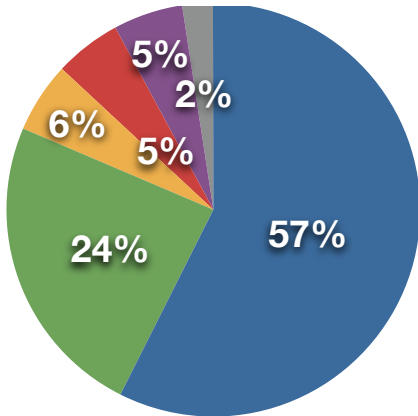
- Food Contributions: \$204,655
- Clothing, Furniture, etc.: \$147,300
- Cash Contributions: \$157,804
- Thrift Shop Sales: \$136,843
- Grant Income: \$110,835
- Fundraisers and Other Income: \$8,942



"...When medical equipment was necessary following a life threatening infection and later from cancer, the FROM volunteers helped us select needed medical equipment with no charges or paperwork...FROM, their services and volunteers are such a blessing to our community."  
 -- Pat Raimer

**Expenses: \$527,246**

- Assistance: \$328,748
- Cost of Goods Sold: \$137,311
- Professional Services: \$31,528
- Utilities & Telephone: \$29,849
- Office & Other Expenses: \$21,655
- Depreciation: \$13,684



**EXPENSES BY FUNCTION:**  
**PROGRAMS: \$520,485**  
**FUNDRAISING: \$28,311**  
**MANAGEMENT & GENERAL: \$23,450**

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as of June 30, 2009



*Photo of FROM Chairman Kraig Haybarker, pictured with his grandson on Page 2, by Mary Novello. All other photos courtesy of Brandon Mulnix, Modern Photographics, 104 West Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.*

## *FROM Supporting Churches*

Ada Bible Church  
The Community an RCA Mission in Ada  
Alto United Methodist Church  
Bowne Center United Methodist Church  
Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell  
Christian Life Center  
Evergreen Missionary Church  
First Baptist Church of Lowell  
First Congregational Church of Lowell  
First United Methodist Church of Lowell  
Friendship Country Chapel  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Lowell Church of the Nazarene  
Snow United Methodist Church  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
Vergennes United Methodist Church

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