Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association

2012 ANNUAL REPORT
EXTENDING HEALING AND HOPE

Letter from our Board President

By God’s grace, 2012 was a year in which OCCCDA has kept moving forward! Inside this 2012 Annual Report is a snapshot of how, with the help of a committed staff and board, various community, civic, church partners and friends, and the Oxford Circle Mennonite Church family have enabled us to keep moving forward with our God-given mission “to extend healing and hope” in the Oxford Circle community.

I also want to briefly share that, the foundation of OCCCDA from its inception that has enabled us to keep moving forward is our unique relationship with OCMC. We recognize that the vitality and relevance of OCCCDA to our community is interwoven into the very fabric of OCMC’s praying community. In other words, as OCCCDA moves forward, so will OCMC—and vice versa.

So to foster this interdependence, the Oxford Circle Mennonite Church community and OCCCDA gathered on consecutive Sunday mornings this fall for “community conversations” in lieu of sermons. Why? It had been about ten years since we had held “community conversations,” and we recognize that the world we live in continues to rapidly change, providing our community both pressures and opportunities for OCMC/OCCCDA to minister in a more faithful way to our OC neighborhood and beyond.

At our two Sunday “community conversations” (a mix of members, regular attendees, first time visitors from OC, etc.), we leaned on the same hope of the early church in Acts and the promise of our Lord Jesus that where two or three gather in His name, He is with them. As both an observer and participant in the “community conversations,” I am excited to report that Jesus was indeed present with us as we shared, listened, cried, laughed, reflected, dreamed, prayed, and discerned our mission in relation to the question, “How do we do this (mission/vision) now?”

In the 2012 Annual Report, you will see the “data,” and indeed it is exciting! But I also want you to recognize how our on-going “community conversations” and partnerships have shaped us and will guide board, staff, and volunteers as we continue to move forward together!

Bishop Leonard Dow
OCCCDA Board President

If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
Our mission:
To extend healing and hope in
the Oxford Circle community,
believing that God’s purpose of
reconciling all people to Jesus
leads us to minister on spiritual,
physical, social and economic
levels.

Our ministries address the
urgent needs of our
community. We combine
prayer and action, spiritual
and material help. We know
that real help that
transforms for a lifetime and
eternity comes from Jesus
Christ who loves the whole
person, body and soul.

Our programs fall under
three major categories:
youth development, family
support, and employment
and economic development.
We desire our community to
continue to be a place of
spiritual growth, hope and
development.

Youth Development: Our purpose in ministering to youth is to develop young
leaders in our community.

Out-of-school Enrichment Program – Our out of school program (after school and
summer enrichment) provided literacy, math, and art programs to elementary age students in 2012.
The strategies used to successfully address the needs of our target population included mentoring,
tutoring, literacy and math instruction that engaged students as they learned new concepts and
reinforced others. The integration of the arts was used as a tool to explore creativity as well as an
avenue to learn critical thinking skills. Thanks to funding from 21st CCLC through the PA
Department of Education, we were able to hire needed staff and double our enrollment
beginning in Summer 2012. Additionally, we implemented an Advisory Youth Coalition to plan
for a middle school program to begin Summer 2013.

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<td>Winter/Spring</td>
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<td>Summer (6 weeks)</td>
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<td>Fall</td>
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EDGE (Excellence Drives Growth Everyday) – Our EDGE program took place at
Carnell Elementary and in our out of school program in partnership with Philadelphia Mennonite
High School. Team building exercises, reflection and mentoring relationships were used to build a
strong sense of self-worth, awareness of others as God’s creation, and peacemaking skills.

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<td>Elementary</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>High School Coaches</td>
<td>10</td>
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Family Support: Our purpose in ministering to families is to develop support
networks that enhance family stability and teach reconciliation.

Bridge of Hope program (BOH) – Mobilizes persons to exemplify Christ’s love by bringing
together professional staff and trained church mentor groups to empower homeless and at-risk
single mothers and children. This year, our Temple MSW Intern has been actively recruiting and
training church mentor groups in preparation for enrolling our first family in March 2013.

Christmas Toy Store – 2012 was our first Toy Store in partnership with Common Grace,
Calvary Church Souderton, and Teen Haven. In all, 75 families and 240 children were referred
(by local congregations and community partners) and benefited from the store! In addition,
the remaining toys were donated through Solidarity and Harmony Church (Mennonite Haitian
congregation) to a ministry partner in Haiti and local congregants.

Back to School Day – In 2012, we changed the format of our Community Festival to take a bit
of a sabbatical after having held it for 10 years! In spite of the “scaled down” version, we still had
500 attendees and distributed 200 grocery bags (per household) and 500 school kits (per
child) provided by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Material Resource Center. We also
had nutrition demonstrations, children’s activities, and recruited for our fall programs.

Food Trust Farmer’s Market – The Farmers Market was on site weekly from June – October
in 2012. Seasonal produce was sold by an Amish Lancaster County farmer and food vouchers
were provided to community seniors and low income families.

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, to preach good news to
the poor…to bind up the
brokenhearted, to proclaim
freedom for the captives and
release from darkness for the
prisoners…to renew the ruined
cities that have been devastated for
generations.” Isaiah 61:4
Family Support continued:

Emergency and Holiday Food Assistance – We were able to provide emergency food bags and other assistance thanks to our partnership with the MCC Material Resource Center. In addition to ongoing distributions of food bags, we also were able to distribute the following items in coordination with our community and faith-based partners: 100 comforters, 50 grocery bags, 138 children’s Christmas bundles, 25 blankets, and 5 boxes of knitted hats and scarves.

Second Space Arts – Thanks to the efforts of a local artist and OCMC member, we have an art gallery located on our second floor which showcases work from various artists on a quarterly basis. Check out their Facebook page for updates on showings, Second Space Arts at OCMC.

Employment and Economic Development: Our purpose in ministering to adults is to develop character and employment skills.

GED/ABE Prep Classes – GED prep courses were offered for students who did not have a high school diploma and were working to take the exams to gain their GED, a high school degree equivalency. Volunteer instructors led classes weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00-8:00pm. The focus was on improving basic academic skills in Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, and Science.

In 2012, 23 students attended GED classes. Of those students, 4 were under 21 years of age, 9 were between 22-40, 8 between 41-59, and 2 were 60 and over. 16 students were in the program less than a year, 3 one-two years, and 4 two years and over. One student successfully passed his GED and several others have passed 2-3 of the 5 tests!

ESL Classes – ESL (English as a Second Language) classes were provided for persons wanting to improve their English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Participants learned English for U.S. citizenship, government and history, learning styles, food, community resources, consumer finances, resume and job interview preparation. Classes were held weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm.

Five students participated in the ESL class in 2012. All were female and between the ages of 30-50. Two of the students are currently preparing to take their U.S. citizenship test.

Job Preparedness Training – Instruction was offered from 4:30-5:30pm on Thursdays. The instructor provided an individualized plan to assist in basic job readiness and skill building. Two students were successful in finding employment with their new skills.

Adult Education Workshops – In addition to the above courses, the following workshops were provided in 2012: Computer Lab & Intro to Computers and Nutrition and Cooking.

Organization stability: Our goal is to help ensure the long-term health of our community by making wise decisions regarding our organization.

Real Change Campaign: Our Real Change campaign total December 2012 was $260,000 which is over halfway to our goal of $500,000! A big impetus of the campaign is to pay off a short term loan which in turn frees up income for our community ministries. We have already seen tremendous progress. The original loan was $355,000. In Jan. 1, 2012, the loan was refinanced at a lower interest rate (8 to 6%) and the principal paid down to $271,646. With 2012 donations, the loan principal will be decreased to $76,000! If you would like more information about the Real Change campaign, please contact us. We welcome your participation!

Volunteers: Our work would not have been possible in 2012 without many amazing volunteers. We had a total of 15 adults and 14 high school students who volunteered with our programs on a weekly basis. We also had 22 persons who provided leadership through our board and committees. Finally, we had over 100 volunteers who helped out with a variety of events. We especially need to acknowledge our Adult Education instructors and our Real Change Campaign Committee, both of whom have provided countless hours of service in the past year!
## OUR LEADERSHIP AND FINANCIALS

**Financial Report**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

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*2012 figures are provided prior to audit completion.