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ANNUAL REPORT

DRAWING  
FROM THE PAST  
AS WE MOVE  
TOWARDS  
THE FUTURE



In 1996, community developers, resident leaders, social service agencies, property managers and youth program providers came together and envisioned the development of a coordinated network of supportive resources. This network would be designed to keep children safe and enhance the lives of families in this community. As the Edgewood Terrace neighborhood was undergoing a major physical renovation, E/BFSC's resident

founders worked with the partners in this collaborative effort to ensure that the needs of children and their families were addressed as part of the revitalization of the Edgewood Terrace community. The support from the residents was led by two resident association presidents and one vice president, Rogerline Nicholson, Richard Greene and Violet Collins all now deceased. Each year we honor their memory. This year E/BFSC will honor them and our roots in the Edgewood community by opening an office in Edgewood Terrace after almost 11 years of not having a daily physical presence in the neighborhood that gave birth to E/BFSC.

E/BFSC's original partners such as Beacon House, the Ionia R. Whipper Home and Community Preservation and Development Corporation continue to play a significant role in the development of E/BFSC. We are grateful to have built long standing relationships with our founding partners and thankful for the many residents, staff and partners who have contributed to the rich history of the Collaborative.

As a parent and resident of the Edgewood community, I now build upon the legacy of our founders, along with other committed partners. As a catalyst for change in my community, I also imagine a place where families are supported by their neighbors and in their community. I am committed to enhancing the existing Collaborative network to ensure that children are safe and families are strong.

It has been said that it is important to learn from the past, but look to the future; E/BFSC is looking forward to a future full of successes for children and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greta Elliott-Meredith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greta Elliott-Meredith  
*President of the Board*



The dreams of our past have become the reality of our present/future. E/BFSC enters this thirteenth year of supporting children and their families with a commitment to and realization of the vision that shaped the Collaborative movement: to develop capacity at the neighborhood level to better support children and families. In 2008 we expanded this capacity when 10 CFSA in home units found permanent homes with the Healthy

Families, Thriving Communities Collaboratives. These units are working side by side with Collaborative staff. This model of integration was envisioned by the Collaboratives at their inception.

This year as we celebrate our accomplishments, we want to thank the DC Child Family Agency for believing in the capacity of the community to partner with a public agency to protect children and support families. We want to especially honor the memory of one of the pioneers responsible for carrying out the final steps which led to the integration of CFSA staff into the community. Dr. Sharlynn Bobo was instrumental in furthering the Partnership for Community Based Services, and oversaw the development of an in-home practice model which she characterized as "child-centered, family-focused, and community-connected." Even after her departure from CFSA, she took great pride in the integration of CFSA with the HFTC Collaboratives. In January 2009, Dr. Bobo passed away; however we continue to be inspired by her steadfast vision, tireless dedication and passion for children and families in this city.

With the support of the current CFSA Administrator, Dr. Roque Gerald, we will continue to work toward the full integration of CFSA staff with the Collaboratives to serve vulnerable children and their families at the front end of the child welfare service continuum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louvenia Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Louvenia Williams, MSW, LICSW  
*Executive Director*



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## September 30, 2008

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	432,032.60
Receivables	397,315.37
Prepaid expenses	26,841.43

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$856,189.40

#### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture/Equipment	483,717.67
Accumulated depreciation	(148,923.50)

TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT 334,794.17

#### OTHER DEPOSITS

Investment in 457(b) deferred compensation 32,600.61

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS \$32,600.61

**TOTAL ASSETS \$1,223,584.18**

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable & accrued expenses \$303,255.71

457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan 32,600.61

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$335,856.32

#### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted 287,751.32

Restricted 142,905.36

Net Income 457,071.18

TOTAL NET ASSETS 887,727.86

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$1,223,584.18**

Thank you to those who supported E/BFSC in FYo8.

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DC Child and Family Services Agency  
 The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness  
 Federal Government through the Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaborative Council  
 The Citywide Coordinating Council for Youth Violence Prevention

Thank you to E/BFSC's committed Board of Directors who worked to strengthen families and build vibrant communities during FYo8.

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Thank you to the staff who worked to strengthen families and build vibrant communities during the FYo8.

Louvenia Williams, MSW, LICSW, *Executive Director*

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# DRAWING FROM THE PAST...

When the founding organizations and residents came together to create E/BFSC in 1996, we were driven by the needs of the families and youth who lived in the Edgewood community, which was being revitalized. We believed that the renovation could not simply focus on bricks and mortar without addressing the overwhelming needs of the residents. In the process of identifying resources to address these needs we learned of an RFP by the DC Commission on Social Services. The RFP was seeking groups to engage communities in the process of building neighborhood based support networks for youth and families. We applied for and received funding to plan the development of this network in the Edgewood/Brookland community, which led to the creation of E/BFSC. The original mission that evolved from this planning process was “Caring for Children, Strengthening Families and Building Stronger Communities.”

## Caring for Children

Caring for Children: Our first concern was, and remains, the care and protection of children. We accomplished this by expanding and supporting organizations such as Beacon House which offered children and youth a safe place to come during out of school time. We also supported programs that care for youth removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect: Ionia R. Whipper Home for girls; Family and Child Services Bright Futures teen moms program; and the Catholic Charities Independent Living Program.

## Strengthening Families

We firmly believe that our ability to reach and connect with parents is often linked to our relationship to their children. Since its inception E/BFSC has integrated youth supports, such as Beacon House, as a critical component of our neighborhood based supports to families. We were also able to reach parents through the creation of a family preservation and supportive service programs to help them in coping with the stress of raising children without adequate resources and support.



"When I started (with the collaborative), I just wanted to get off the street. Now, I've taken classes and want to go to college."



## SPOTLIGHT

### Building Vibrant Communities

The partners in E/BFSC recognized early on that the backbone of our effort rested on the capacity of the community to support its families and protect children. We focused our earliest efforts on community capacity building and resident engagement. This involved conducting a needs assessment of the target community which led to the outreach, engagement and education of residents about the issues and needs of children and families in their neighborhoods. This process also involved the hiring and training of residents as outreach and family support workers.

### AISHA WILLIAMS

Aisha Williams was a resident of the Edgewood Terrace community when the Collaborative movement began in 1996. In addition to volunteering at Beacon House, she graduated from the second E-Villages computer training class, which was sponsored by the Community Preservation and Development Corporation, another founding partner. She believes strongly in giving back to the community, since it had been such a tremendous support to her in the past.

After a short period in the corporate world she returned to the community in 2003 when she was hired by E/BFSC. Aisha described her work at E/BFSC: “I worked in the corporate world, but still wanted to volunteer in the community. When I was in the corporate world, it was just a job, but when I came here (EBFSC) it was a change because I was still in the community...I like to tell people that I work at Edgewood/Brookland. It’s about what we do that gives me fulfillment.”

Ultimately, she was promoted to her current position of Executive Assistant. Although she is not in a direct service role, the position has equipped her with the resources and knowledge to provide support to members of her family and community. She is a valued member of the E/BFSC team, but more importantly, a caring mother and advocate for her family and community.

# AND THE PRESENT



In FYo8, E/BFSC continued its work with youth, families and communities. We expanded the range of services to youth, enhanced our partnership with CSFA through the implementation of the Partnership for Community Based Services, and built new relationships with partners to address the ever changing challenges facing families. We continue to address these needs within the context of the mission statement that has guided our development

## Caring for Children

E/BFSC continued to partner with Browne Educational Center to expand the range of full services and supports available to families and youth in the school and community. They include truancy prevention, parenting support, youth enrichment and family preservation. In FYo8, E/BFSC became involved in a coordinated effort between private and public organizations to prevent youth violence from occurring and to support youth, families and communities that are impacted by these senseless acts on a daily basis. The effort included outreach, engagement and case management to youth and families.

## Strengthening Families

In addition to E/BFSC's ongoing family preservation work, our efforts over the past two years were finally realized when DC child welfare staff were co-located with E/BFSC to work side by side with our staff. While the process of this co-location effort has presented many challenges we are already experiencing positive outcomes for children and families. CFSA workers have reported that the community location provides quicker and more frequent interaction with their clients. This process also provides a greater opportunity for teaming and consultation between Collaborative staff and CFSA workers to maximize outcomes for children and families.

## Building Vibrant Communities

In FYo8, E/BFSC continued to expand the network of community partners to care for children and strengthen families. Staff continued to host monthly networking meetings, child abuse and neglect prevention trainings, and special events to increase awareness and share resources with providers

and residents alike. One of the most significant outcomes of our capacity building efforts in FYo8 was the partnership we developed in Carver and Langston Terrace, Trinidad and Rosedale neighborhoods to address the issues surrounding youth violence. The efforts we began in 2008 have set the stage for the development of a comprehensive community plan to deal with youth violence in the future.

252

families received ongoing case management services

39

families received emergency support to prevent the out of home placement of children

54

parents completed parenting classes

162

households with 398 children received emergency food assistance

251

families supported through the Holiday Adopt-a-Family campaign

50

youth graduated from Rites of Passage classes

150

parents trained on child abuse and neglect laws and prevention

281

Family Team Meetings coordinated

41

families placed in permanent housing

389

youth linked to services and supports

12

CFSA in-home staff co-located to E/BFSC in the community

25

individuals and organizations donated to E/BFSC's holiday campaign

# AS WE MOVE TOWARDS THE FUTURE

In this report, we have reflected on a past that was rich with experiences that allowed us to embrace our original mission of “Caring for Children, Strengthening Families and Building Stronger Communities.” In reviewing our present status we are pleased with the many accomplishments that have made a difference in the lives of the children, youth and families. As we move toward the future and embrace the challenges ahead we believe that our future will be even greater than our past and present.

## Caring for Children

We will engage a broader network of providers and place more emphasis on addressing issues that threaten the wellbeing of older youth engaged in violent activities. The challenges that face young people in their neighborhoods continue to destabilize the family structure. We must restore their faith in the ability of adults to protect, support and nurture them into adulthood. We must create safe environments for them to develop and provide opportunities for meaningful achievement in their schools and careers.

## Strengthening Families

We believe that strong families are better able to nurture the growth and development of their children. E/BFSC will continue to work with CFSA to prevent families from entering the child welfare system as well as reduce the length of time a family’s case remains open once it comes to the attention of CFSA. While we continue to support individual families, we must also tackle issues such as poverty. This is the single most significant issue facing families that come to the attention of public and private child welfare agencies. Low income families need greater access to services and support that will enable them to break the cycle of poverty.



“Working with the collaborative drew us together, made the family bond stronger.”

# SPOTLIGHT

## Building Vibrant Communities

Strengthening the community based support network is critical to caring for children and strengthening families. Accessibility of resources and supports is essential to empowering low income families to break the cycle of poverty. E/BFSC is working to bring critical services and supports to the families and residents of Carver and Langston Terrace through the creation of a multi-service facility in one of the District's vacant schools. If successful, this center will house a health facility, library, recreation center, job training center, family support center, child care program, youth programs and supports for seniors. The location of a facility such as this in a community with limited access to resources will greatly enhance the lives of these underserved residents. E/BFSC will return to our roots in Edgewood Terrace by opening a family support center in the complex in 2009.



## KIM L.E. BELL

Kim L.E. Bell was a leader within the Brookland Manor Resident Association when E/BFSC first began to engage the community. At that time, she was a mother of three and a nursing student with a very busy life, but was still committed to giving back to the community. She immediately felt connected to the mission of E/BFSC and was hired as one of E/BFSC's first Community Organizers.

Kim viewed the Collaborative as a vehicle to carry out her purpose in life: "to serve others" but E/BFSC also offered the opportunity to develop her professional knowledge and interests. In addition, her work as an organizer was critical to E/BFSC's early success and acceptance by the residents. She was a tireless advocate who ensured that the residents understood the mission of the Collaborative and were involved in the process of building the organization.

Kim has had opportunities to work with government agencies, but she never strayed from community work. Her work with E/BFSC led her to a position within the DC Healthy Families Initiative as the Project Director. As the current Executive Director of DC Area Health Education, she continues to build on her early community building experiences.



## VISION

To imagine and create neighborhood based support networks that promote healthy families, safe neighborhoods and a thriving Washington, DC.



## MISSION

Strengthen Families and Build Vibrant Communities in Washington DC.



## CORE VALUES

Our work reflects the needs of Washington DC in that we are:

Collaborative

Committed

Flexible

Innovative

Passionate

Responsive

## NEIGHBORHOODS SERVED BY E/BFSC

Arboretum

Brentwood

Brookland

Carver

Eckington

Edgewood

Ft. Lincoln

Ft. Totten

Gateway

Ivy City

Kingman Park

Lamond Riggs

Langdon

Langston

Michigan Park

Near Northeast

North Michigan Park

Pleasant Hills

Queens Chapel

Rosedale

Stanton Park

Trinidad

Turkey Thicket

Union Station

University Heights

Woodridge

For more information about these programs or any of E/BFSC's services, please contact the Family Support Program in your neighborhood!

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