

# Elim Transitional Housing, Inc.

## 2009 Annual Report



Our Mission is to end homelessness  
by providing people with affordable housing  
and opportunities to become self-reliant  
in our community.

## The History of Elim Transitional Housing, Inc.

Elim Transitional Housing, Inc. began as an overnight shelter formed during the winter of 1982-83 at Elim Baptist Church in Northeast Minneapolis.

People who stayed at the shelter were asked what would have prevented them from becoming homeless and what would assist them in securing housing.

Individuals answered that affordable housing in the community and help in accessing jobs, education and other services would help them to stabilize their lives.

Their insight, faithful prayers, generous private donors, and a leap of faith led to the formation of Elim Transitional Housing, Inc., the state's first transitional housing program.

In 1985, Elim Transitional Housing, Inc. separated from the church and incorporated as a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization.

Elim Transitional Housing has provided affordable housing opportunities to people who are at risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness.

Elim's housing is primarily located in the seven metro counties of Minneapolis and St. Paul area.

All program participants live independently and pursue self chosen goals.

Elim Transitional Housing is committed to having people who have experienced homelessness as primary decision-makers in the organization: 80% of our Board of Directors, including all Board Officers and 50% of our staff have experienced homelessness.

### A Letter from Board President Tom Meade and Executive Director Sue Watlov Phillips

#### BOARD MEMBERS

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*Tom Meade*

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Dear Friends,

God continues to bless us as we celebrated 25 Years of Service as a transitional housing program in 2008.

Starting as a church based shelter in 1982, and becoming one of the first transitional housing programs in the country in 1983, Elim has been a model in providing prevention and rapid re-housing for people at risk or experiencing homelessness for three decades.

We are faithful in our mission to love others as we love God and ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40). Elim, as its namesake in Exodus 15:27, is an oasis, a place for anyone to come home, to renew their strength, and move on toward their promised land.

God Bless,



Tom Meade  
Board President



Sue Watlov Phillips  
Executive Director

# Program Descriptions and People Served in 2008

## Prevention

Elim provides financial assistance to individuals in North and Northeast Minneapolis who are at risk of becoming homeless. This damage deposit, rental or mortgage assistance is provided to people in order to preserve their housing stability and avoid homelessness.

85 Family Units  
of 94 adults

## Screening

Elim screens all Hennepin County families residing in Hennepin County Shelters and refers them to appropriate services.

949 Family units  
including 1,154  
Adults and 914  
children

## Rapid Exit (Rapid Re-Housing)

Staff work at Hennepin County Shelters to aid families in leaving the shelter system. Elim assists families who are experiencing homelessness in finding affordable housing with coordination and services and apartment search guidance.

493 Family Units  
including 592  
adults and  
914 children

## Transitional Housing

Elim operates shared housing, Elim rented housing and market rate rental partially subsidized by Elim. Support services are provided with the housing assistance. Housing is provided for up to 24 months.

121 Family Units  
including 142 adults  
and 214 children

## Permanent Supportive Housing

Elim provides permanent housing in the community with support services to people who have utilized homeless shelters multiple times and also have a mental health, chemical abuse and/or HIV/AIDS issue. Housing is provided through the Group Residential Housing Program, Group Residential Housing Program—Long Term Homeless, and HUD.

51 Family Units  
Including  
57 adults and  
104 children

## Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Elim provides tenant based rent subsidy programs.

- The **HOME** program provides housing subsidies for families, youth, and individuals in Anoka County.
- The **Housing Trust Funds** provide rental subsidies for families and individuals leaving the shelter system or in a housing crisis.
- The **Long Term Homeless Funds** provide housing subsidies for families who have experienced long term homelessness, defined as being homeless four times in the last three years or continually homeless for one year or longer.

21 Family Units  
including 6 adults  
and 14 children

63 Family Units  
including 83 adults  
and 157 children

93 Family Units  
including 120 adults  
and 194 children

## Information and Referral

Elim staff assists over 2000 people each year with assistance in accessing other resources when we are at capacity.

## Statement of Activities for Year Ending 12/31/2008

<b>Revenue and Support:</b>	<b>2008</b>
Government Grants	\$1,988,764
Contributions	270,094
Contributions –in kind/rent & legal	142,774
Rental Income	99,897
Interest/Misc Income	287
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Total Revenue and Support	\$2,501,816
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Program services-housing support	\$2,323,062
Management and general	125,372
Fundraising	35,622
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Total Expenses	\$2,484,056

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