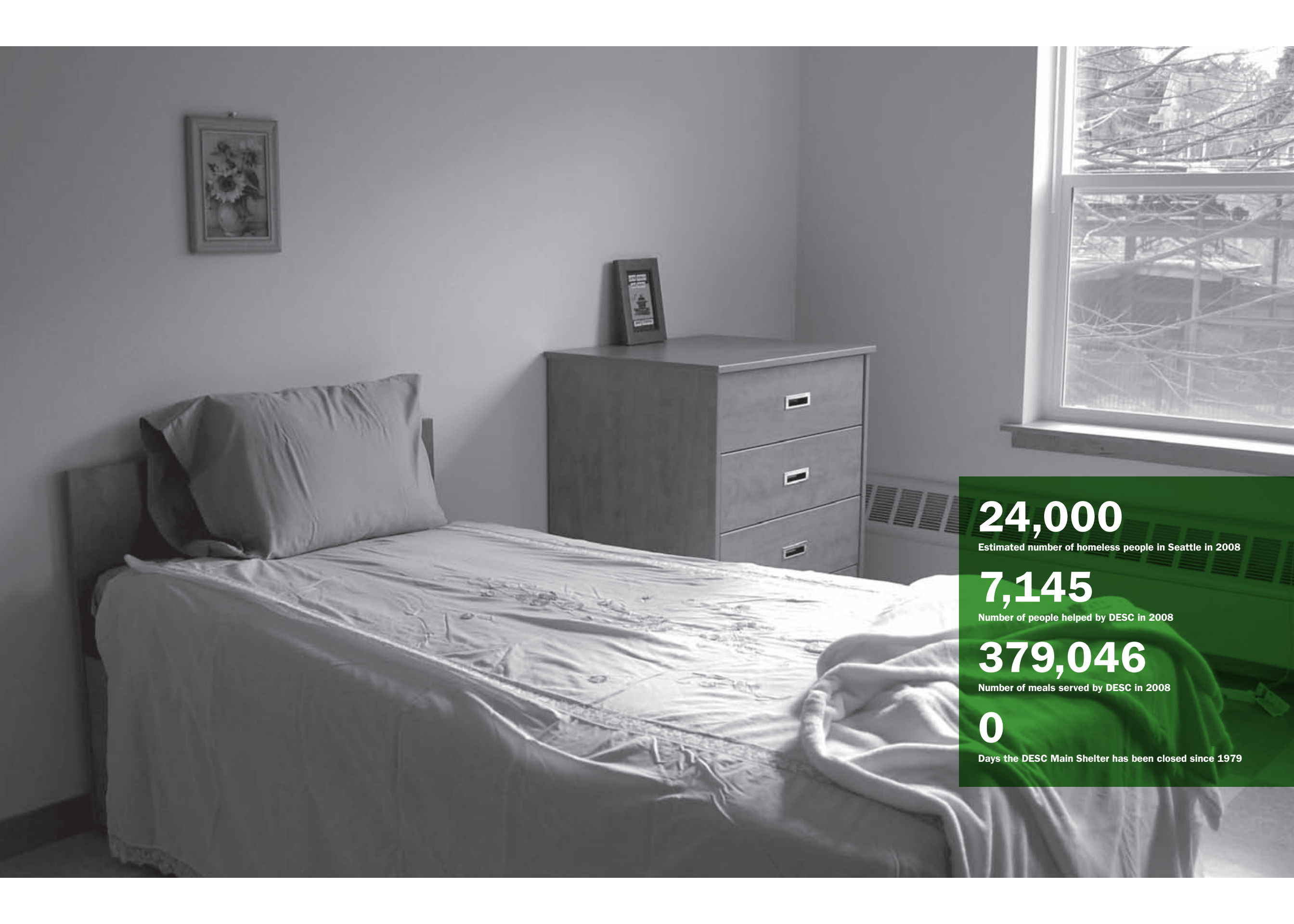




DESC
opening doors to end homelessness



2008 Annual Report



24,000

Estimated number of homeless people in Seattle in 2008

7,145

Number of people helped by DESC in 2008

379,046

Number of meals served by DESC in 2008

0

Days the DESC Main Shelter has been closed since 1979

2008 Report to the Community

In 2008, DESC's 1811 Eastlake housing program saved taxpayers \$4 million in reduced visits to emergency rooms, the sobering center and jails.

There is no such thing as business as usual at DESC. Every day brings encounters with new clients affected by mental illness and addictive disorders and a host of new challenges. To meet these challenges, the staff at DESC routinely stretch beyond traditional methods of engagement and treatment to develop innovative ways of reaching our vulnerable clientele. Through a combination of creativity, strategy, research, and simple common sense, we at DESC are able to work successfully with a population of chronically homeless adults who have repeatedly failed in traditional programs or have been considered untreatable and left to weather the streets.

Helping our clients experience success in housing is our ultimate goal. To this end, we continued last year to expand our model of highly integrated housing, mental health care, treatment, and client support services. 2008 saw the walls go up on Rainier House, our newest supportive housing site. Funding from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation allowed us to develop and expand our Employment Services program, preparing clients to return to the work force and experience greater self-sufficiency. And aware of the link between nutrition, good health, and housing success, we provided nearly 150,000 meals for clients in shelters, housing sites, and drop-in centers.

While the year-end economy saw many agencies scrambling to meet budget, I am honored that so many of our friends continued to make their investment in DESC (and ending homelessness) a priority. All of us on staff and the Board of Directors at DESC are honored to bring effective and affordable solutions to homelessness to our community. After all, at DESC ending homelessness is something we do every day.



Clark Kimerer
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William G. Hobson
Executive Director



The Story of Joseph, DESC Resident 2003-2009



In 2008, DESC assisted 1,845 people living with a serious and persistent mental illness in their journey toward recovery.

When the staff at DESC first met Joseph, it was over ten years ago. He was sitting at Pillar Park waiting patiently for a ride to the hospital. He thought he had cancer, he said, and a microchip in his head. He was going to the hospital to have the chip taken out. Every day he waited in that park for a ride that never came.

Joseph was a soft-spoken, gentle man, with a froggy voice and shy smile. We never did discover where he slept, and he could be coaxed into the Shelter only long enough to take the occasional shower. He heard voices, and the voices told him to stay outside.

"I didn't like being homeless. I wanted to be inside," he told a reporter for the *Seattle P-I* in 2006. "Once a man I didn't know punched me in the face. He wanted my backpack. He took everything in my shopping cart: my sleeping bag, food from the food bank, my notebook and my blanket."

Like most DESC clients, Joseph was particularly vulnerable on the street. In addition to his schizophrenia, he lived with cerebral palsy. But perhaps what singled him out the most for victimization was his kind and selfless nature. Sympathetic to everyone around him, he could never refuse anyone anything, even if he needed it far more than they did. "Whenever people would ask him for money," recalls Raissa Meegan, Joseph's Clinical Support Specialist, "he would say, 'Well, they asked me for money for food.'"

Joseph was a foster child, adopted into a loving family. Every Sunday he walked his blind sister across the street to church. "Every service," remembers Vera Hutchcroft, the pastor's wife, "he'd be there." When his adopted mother died, she left Joseph the house. But he couldn't take care of it, or himself. Joseph had a compulsion for hoarding, and the house fell into squalor. Inevitably, social workers intervened, and years later, Joseph ended up on the street, ill and alone.

It took many months of daily visits and building trust before our staff was able to convince Joseph to accept housing at DESC's Kerner-Scott House. At the beginning, Joseph would still disappear for long periods of time because the voices in his head told him to be homeless. His case managers would go out, find him and convince him to come back home. Two years later, when he moved into an apartment at DESC's newly-renovated Morrison Hotel, he told his case manager that while the voices still told him to leave, he always returned home at night to sleep in safety.

DESC housing changed everything for Joseph.

As the years progressed, his self care increased. He became better at communicating and standing up for himself. He started taking medications that reduced the voices. He

took part in house activities, like fishing and going to the animal refuge. He attended art group and joined the DESC Achievement Club, where he worked on the newsletter and his business plans and was learning how to become a peer counselor to others who lived with schizophrenia. Every year at the DESC Talent Show, this shy man got on stage and sang for the crowd.

And Joseph became an active member of Plymouth Congregational Church, where he taught Sunday School and served on the Fellowship board. "He challenged us to be truly inclusive," wrote Susan Boyd, a member of Plymouth Church and supporter of DESC, "to actively love people who do not look like we do. ...I am so grateful that my family had the chance to be touched by him."

Above everything else, Joseph always considered himself a businessman. Every day, he left the house with his suit jacket and briefcase to go to the library to read *The Wall Street Journal* or to attend free seminars on business skills. At the time of his death, Joseph was in possession of over 50 business licenses—all of them legitimate!

"Joseph was really somebody who just fell through the cracks," says Lisa Hilton, DESC Shelter Project Manager, who worked with Joseph for many years. "I think that if we hadn't helped him, he would have spent the rest of his life waiting in that park."

On March 2, 2009, Joseph passed away peacefully in his home. And while he will be missed more than words can express, we are heartened to think that, unlike many with similar backgrounds, Joseph died in his own home, in his own bed, knowing that people cared about him.

1 **The Union Hotel**
204 Third Avenue S. - 206.587.2460
52 stable, affordable apartments and services for disabled homeless men and women

Something Old, Something New
200 Third Avenue S. - 206.748.9080
DESC Thrift Store

2 **The Morrison**
509 Third Avenue - 206.515.1545
190 apartments and services for disabled homeless men and women

Administrative Offices
515 Third Avenue - 206.464.1570
info@desc.org

Main Emergency Shelter
517 Third Avenue - 206.515.1515
A safe place for 204 men and women to stay each night

Connections
505 Third Avenue - 206.515.1555
Comprehensive daytime service center including vocational training, information and referral, veterans' outreach and hygiene facilities for homeless men and women

3 **The Lyon Building**
607 Third Avenue - 206.341.9575
64 apartments and services for homeless men and women with multiple disabilities, including HIV/AIDS, mental illness and/or chemical dependency

Clinical Programs
216 James Street - 206.464.6454
Outreach and engagement, case management, chemical dependency treatment and crisis respite

4 **1811 Eastlake**
1811 Eastlake Avenue - 206.957.0700
75 chronically homeless people with severe alcoholism

5 **Kerner-Scott House**
510 Minor Avenue N. - 206.621.7027
25 safe haven apartments for homeless, mentally ill adults; 15 clean and sober apartments for homeless, chemically dependent adults in recovery

Kerner-Scott Women's Shelter
510 Minor Avenue N. - 206.621.7027
A safe place for 25 mentally ill homeless women to stay each night

6 **Canaday House, Opening in 2010**
424 Minor Avenue N.

7 **Evans House**
415 Tenth Avenue - 206.223.1533
75 apartments and services for homeless men and women disabled by severe and persistent mental illness

8 **SAGE Belltown**
2106 2nd Avenue, Suite 100 - 206.441.3043
Long-term case management for homeless and formerly homeless men and women living with severe and persistent mental illness

9 **Queen Anne Shelter**
Sacred Heart Church, 205 2nd Avenue N. - 206.515.1515
A safe place for 50 homeless men to stay each night

10 **PACT**
2225 Fourth Avenue - 206.441.3229
Program of Assertive Community Treatment for men and women transitioning from long periods of institutionalization.

11 **Rainier House (inset)**
5270 Rainier Avenue S. - 206.732.1883
50 apartments and services for homeless men and women disabled by severe and persistent mental illness

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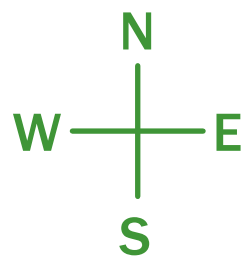
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“When I moved into The Morrison, it had been 14 years since I’d had my own apartment. I thought no one would ever let me have an apartment again! Then my case manager came and found me. I was lying on the street with my blanket because somebody had stolen my wheelchair. He came to my rescue. Living here is the best thing that has happened to me in a long time.”



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For the year January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue

Contributions	\$732,367
Contributions, In-kind	\$172,931
United Way of King County	\$505,789
Public Grants and Contracts	\$11,557,295
Rents and Fees	\$3,180,580
Interest	\$22,841
Other	\$350,607
Total	\$16,522,410

Expense

Clinical Programs	\$5,170,293
Housing Programs	\$11,386,094
Fund Raising	\$261,524
Management and Administration	\$1,440,509
Total	\$18,258,420

Change in net assets from operating activity	-\$1,736,010
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$2,225,514
Change in net assets, before depreciation and amortization	\$489,504
Investment in housing partnership	-\$300,000
Change in net assets, after investment	\$189,504

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,647,820
Accounts Receivable	\$1,593,789
Restricted Assets and Housing Reserves	\$3,547,330
Land	\$8,972,529
Buildings, Furnishings and Leasehold Improvements (Net)	\$47,384,345
Notes Receivable, Construction in Progress and Other Assets	\$12,268,742
Total	\$75,414,555

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$2,873,933
Client Custodial Accounts and Tenant Security Deposits Payable	\$721,571
Notes Payable and Deferred Revenue	\$32,612,543
Total	\$36,208,047

Net Assets	\$39,206,508
Total Liabilities and Net Assets as of December 31, 2008	\$75,414,555

Thank you

We are deeply grateful to each person, foundation, business, and organization who, through their contributions to DESC, brought vital services to people living with chronic histories of homelessness, mental illness and addictive disorders in Seattle and King County. The names on this list reflect donors of gifts received between January 1 and December 31, 2008. We have made every effort to acknowledge each donor individually. If we have inadvertently failed to list your name or have listed it incorrectly, please accept our sincere apology and contact the development office at mmillican@desc.org. We also want to thank the many individuals who gave anonymously through their workplaces.

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**In 2008, DESC's
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203 homeless men and
women find employment.**



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