Thank you for joining Chicago Lights in empowering individuals to break the bonds of poverty.

In 2010

5,379 children, youth, and adults served
81,475 hours of one-to-one tutoring and mentoring provided
15,997 meals served to individuals in a community setting
1,744 dedicated volunteers
149 wellness workshops, 110 health screenings, 60 immunizations provided
117 youth completed job-training programs
18 full-time staff, 20 part-time staff
8 dynamic community outreach programs:
  Chicago Lights Tutoring
  Chicago Lights Summer Day
  Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools (CLASS)
  Chicago Lights Free Write Jail Arts and Literacy at Nancy B. Jefferson School
  Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC)
  Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health (CWH)
  Chicago Lights Center for Life and Learning (CLL)
  Chicago Lights Urban Farm

One mission: to provide hope and opportunity to our city’s children, youth, and adults facing the challenges of poverty. Through supportive relationships and diverse programs, Chicago Lights empowers people to thrive academically, secure economic stability, lead healthy lives, and build community.
Dear friends,

Because of your commitment to brightening lives with hope and opportunity, 2010 was a year of new direction for Chicago Lights. We sharpened the focus of our mission and took important steps toward realizing that vision, buoyed by the support of a growing number of individual donors, foundations, corporations, and volunteers.

The Board of Chicago Lights revised our mission statement to make explicit our focus serving persons who face the challenges of poverty. We also reaffirmed our commitment to the Cabrini-Green neighborhood.

Working toward those ends, we expanded our collaboration with Growing Power to transform the community garden on Chicago Avenue into the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, where, in its first seven months, more than 1,000 pounds of produce were harvested, one microenterprise was launched, and thirty teens from Cabrini received job training and employment.

In 2010 the Elam Davies Social Service Center served over 1,500 guests, a 15 percent increase over 2009. Our program at the Manierre and Jenner Elementary Schools in Cabrini-Green was renamed Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools (CLASS), with a new focus on providing arts education throughout the school year for all first- through eighth-grade students.

We also decided to move the Center for Life and Learning, which serves older adults who typically are not low income, from under the Chicago Lights umbrella to its original home as a mission program of Fourth Presbyterian Church, effective January 2011.

All of this, and more, was made possible by the vital contributions of generous givers like you, who helped us mark our ninth consecutive year of fundraising growth and another peak year in volunteer engagement. We are deeply grateful for your support and invite you to join us again this year in working to change lives by breaking the bonds of poverty.

In gratitude,

Alison B. Thomas
President, Board of Directors

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Executive Director
“A lack of power.” This is how Patrick describes his experience with poverty, his loss of hope, before he took steps to change his life by participating in the Community Collaboration Project of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC), staffed by Dan Hula and Carrie Fox.

For 21 years, Patrick had a highly successful career working as a commodities trader, but a turn of events caused him to lose his job, his finances, and his home.

“When the power goes out, you complain,” says Patrick. “What if you didn’t have electricity? My life was in good standing, and overnight I lost everything. I lost most of my friends, I lost my support network. But Dan and Carrie didn’t look at me and think, ‘Oh, you’re homeless and helpless.’ They gave me the opportunity to do what I wanted to do when no one else would.”

That opportunity was to start over. Before he came to the Elam Davies Social Service Center, each day Patrick faced the uncertainty of not knowing when he would have his next meal, whom he could turn to for support and comfort, or what he could do to turn his life around. Each night he had trouble finding a safe place to sleep.

Encouraged by EDSSC staff, in July 2010 Patrick signed up to participate in the Community Collaboration Project, an extended social service and case management program begun in 2010 through a partnership with Breaking Bread (a ministry of LaSalle Street Church). Through supportive relationships and a renewed desire to improve his circumstances, Patrick took steps to transform his life, starting with attending AA meetings and securing housing in a transitional community shelter.

Dan and Carrie have been with Patrick throughout his journey, encouraging him to achieve his goals. “Since he’s been in the program, he’s made tremendous strides in his attitude and motivation to regaining stability in his life,” says Dan.

Today Patrick is taking employment preparation classes, has remained sober, has been attending AA meetings, and volunteers at the EDSSC, helping with food deliveries and Sunday Night Supper.

The sense of empowerment Patrick regained through his time in the Community Collaboration Project is what Chicago Lights seeks to inspire in all those it serves.
“When you work hard, you see the world in a different way. To someday have my own life, to have a normal life again, I have a much better chance now because I’ve been giving myself one.”

—Patrick, Elam Davies
Social Service Center Guest
Chicago Lights equips students to thrive academically by providing educational and emotional support for children and youth from low-income families. In 2010:

- **Chicago Lights Tutoring** paired 400 first- through twelfth-graders from low-income households with caring tutor/mentors for weekly one-to-one tutoring sessions for twenty-eight weeks. Personal relationships between students and their tutors are the heart of the program, helping students improve their academic performance, build confidence, and set goals. In 2010, younger Tutoring students significantly increased their reading comprehension above their previous grade level. Forty-five older students participated in Career Development classes, practicing important job-seeking and workplace skills. All high school Tutoring graduates are pursuing higher education.

**The 2009-2010 school year launched the Ferguson Fellows** scholarship program in honor of the late Fourth Church pastor Dana Ferguson. Research shows that successful completion of ninth grade is a critical factor in reaching high school
graduation. Thus the program provides fellowship recipients with funds and educational tools to assist them in their ninth grade studies. Our first Fellow was Tushawn Trimble. In fall of 2010, three new ninth grade Tutoring students became Ferguson Fellows: DeJah Johnson, Sharidan Rickmon, and Tietl Gonzalez.

- **Chicago Lights Summer Day** implemented pre- and post-testing in reading, math, writing, and science to evaluate the academic progress of the 100 first-through eighth-graders during its six-week academic and arts curriculum. Ninety-two percent of the students maintained or improved upon their reading goals and 82 percent of students maintained or showed progress on their math goals. Summer Day offered a safe place for children and youth from the Near North, West Town, and Humboldt Park neighborhoods to learn and grow during the summer months.

> “My tutor, Belinda, has been there for me through thick and thin. If I could count on no one else, she was there. Not only was she my tutor, but she has been my friend and like a second mother.”
> —Marcus, a graduate of Tutoring and a freshman at Southern Illinois University

- **Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools (CLASS)** was renamed (previously it was Literacy and the Arts at Near North Magnet Cluster Schools) and sharpened its focus. CLASS now offers 400 first- through eighth-graders at the two Cabrini-Green public elementary schools ten-week sessions of drama and dance classes led by professional artists. Along with fostering learning and self-expression, arts classes prepared students for performances in small studio productions and school assemblies, which also stimulated their social and emotional growth and engagement in school.

- **Chicago Lights Free Write Jail Arts and Literacy at Nancy B. Jefferson Alternative School** continued to provide the only one-to-one literacy tutoring program available to more than 400 youth incarcerated in the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, with an expanded pool of volunteer graduate students. Free Write helped students transform their identity by publishing their creative writing in the quarterly newsletter, annual anthology, and online at www.freewritejailarts.org. Additionally, students participated in “Louder Than a Bomb,” the largest youth poetry festival in the world, joining peers from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds in a celebration of self-expression.
Chicago Lights provides services, opportunities, and support for individuals to gain economic stability and security. In 2010:

- **The Chicago Lights Urban Farm**, in collaboration with Growing Power, launched large farm production beds, two hoop houses, community allotment beds, and a children’s bed garden. The Urban Farm provided 300 residents of the Cabrini-Green neighborhood access to fresh produce and employed thirty youth for nine months. The Youth Corps tended the expanded farm beds, sold organic produce to members of the community at a new Farm Stand, and created a new compost business.

- **The Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC)** assisted more than 1,500 individuals in meeting their basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Nearly eight hundred food bank appointments were kept and over ten thousand bag lunches were distributed. Seventy-one guests attended a housing information seminar; seven who had been homeless were sheltered, and four were able to secure more permanent housing. Thirty guests took advantage of computer classes and ten used Community Voicemail to support their long-range goals.

“The job at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm taught me how to be a man; it changed my life. My mom, sister, niece, and nephews . . . they all look up to me now because I have a job and am making something of myself.”

—Tyjuan, Youth Corps member
“I have a biomechanic, connective tissue dysfunction. I talked with the instructor about the T’ai Chi class and have now been in the series for two years. It’s made such a difference. It’s helped me to cope with the pain and to continue my healing.”
—May, a participant in Center for Whole Health

Chicago Lights is passionate about helping people lead healthier lives through offerings that nourish a person’s whole health—body, mind, and spirit. In 2010:

• The Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health (CWH) offered a wide variety of screenings, immunizations, health assessments, and referrals as well as educational seminars, exercise classes, and lectures promoting whole health. Its hallmark “Women’s Health Week” in early June featured five dynamic programs about the healing power of art. In October, the CWH introduced the “Care, Comfort, and Coffee” Mental Health Symposium, which taught forty participants about depression.

• Fourteen Summer Day students received dental health care through the CWH in partnership with Mobile Dentists Smile.

• The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) offered a range of exercise options led by professionals certified in senior fitness, including Anne Pringle Burnell, longtime CLL instructor and producer of the “Stronger Seniors” video workouts. Through weekly exercise classes, participants enjoyed customizable workouts that challenged them in a smart and safe way.

• In 2010 Tutoring integrated new nutrition education in its In2it Café programming, which provides a hot meal for students and enrichment activities, including martial arts, arts, and fitness education prior to tutoring sessions. The Urban Farm also offered nutrition education for children and youth.

• Free Write staff helped this past year to implement classes in dance, yoga, drama, ceramics, and mural painting for the youth detained in the juvenile detention center.

• Summer Day added outdoor recreation to its robust curriculum of academic and arts classes.
Building Community

“Community is so important to me and to a lot of us. Our classes are a wonderful opportunity to feel a sense of belonging in a comfortable and energizing atmosphere!”

– Claudine, CLL participant

Chicago Lights cultivates community among people of diverse backgrounds, strengthening relationships as strangers become friends. In 2010:

• The Center for Life and Learning (CLL) continued to serve as a dynamic senior learning community, offering a variety of social, educational, cultural and physical activities for more than 260 men and women sixty years old and more. The CLL provided members myriad opportunities to explore new interests, strengthen friendships, and continue to shape their lives and communities.

The Caring Circles initiative, in partnership with the Chicago Lights Center for Whole Health, created a peer leadership group. Caring Circles peer leaders were trained and empowered to extend compassionate care to CLL participants. They also developed a “talent bank” of volunteers that draws on the gifts and concerns of CLL participants to care for one another.

• Tutoring held its Fourth Annual Tutor Training Conference to assist tutor/mentors in building strong personal and academic relationships with their students. This also helps students develop more positive relationships in home and school.

• The Urban Farm provided opportunity for residents of Cabrini-Green and nearby members of Fourth Presbyterian Church to become friends as they worked alongside one another on the farm and participated in summer cookouts.

• CLASS performed its tenth and final annual “Festival of the Heart,” drawing the community of parents and friends together to watch students share their talent through creative team work.
• The Healthy Heart Project of the **Center for Whole Health** provided peer-led support circles for women at Sanctuary Place and Deborah’s Place, helping them develop good nutritional and exercise habits and make wise choices for healthy living.

• Sunday Night Social Support Group, a program of the **Elam Davies Social Service Center**, provided opportunities for guests to share experiences and build relationships through activities ranging from political debates to karaoke.
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Chicago Lights gives thanks for our partnerships with 121 organizations that help extend outreach to those we serve.

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Source: The Chicago Lights 2010 unaudited financial statement. An audited statement was released June 30, 2011 and is available by contacting the Chicago Lights development office.

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- Give to Chicago Lights’ Annual Fund
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- Plan a gift for the future
- Volunteer your time

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