

Allen Neighborhood Center

*Creating & Preserving Place on
Lansing's Eastside*



2012 *Annual Report*

MISSION STATEMENT



Allen Neighborhood Center will serve as a hub for neighborhood revitalization; and for activities that promote the health, safety, stability, and economic well-being of Lansing's Eastside residents and other stakeholders.

Vision

We would like to see:

- A 'full life cycle neighborhood'—home to all age groups, families, seniors, young professionals, renters and owners.
- A culture of health—as evidenced by well-maintained and utilized parks and playing fields; respect for bikers and walkers of all ages; easy access to wholesome, affordable, locally grown produce/food.
- A neighborhood diverse in many ways—e.g., income, ethnicity, race, lifestyle, religion, abilities, sexual orientation and identity.
- Safe neighborhoods, where residents feel comfortable taking an evening stroll to visit a neighbor or a park.
- Well-marked and well-lit pedestrian and bicycle routes, along with affordable, convenient and thoroughly utilized mass transit in order to provide transportation options for all ages and abilities.
- Lots of school/educational/enrichment options in or near the neighborhood for children from birth to work. Affordable, high quality childcare options within the neighborhood.
- Well-maintained, diverse housing stock and options (single family, duplex, apartments, condos, lovingly preserved as well as new.)
- Yards well-kept and landscaped, with food and flower gardens and abundant native trees. Connected parks, paths, green and open space; an environmentally friendly neighborhood.
- Access to a lively, walkable commercial district where people gather to shop and socialize all day and well into the evening. Easy access to recreation, arts, and entertainment.
- A variety of faith-based institutions.
- More jobs that pay a living wage, and more job training opportunities; thriving independent, home-grown entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Easy access to health and human services.
- A well-developed social infrastructure—neighborhood watches, associations, gardening groups, walking clubs, etc. that contribute to a sense of connectivity, identity, and ownership. An engaged and empowered neighborhood, with a voice in neighborhood/community affairs.

ALLEN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

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On the cover: Original artwork by Barbara Hranilovich for the Eastside Home & Community Tour.

Barbara had this to say about the Eastside: "It's a gem... an eclectic mix of architecture and humanity with a little taste of bohemian. Gardens and porches, funk and history, graciousness and classic American charm all come together in an organic sort of way to make the Eastside a true neighborhood."



Message from the Director and..

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

2012 was an unusual year for us, in that we began our first serious “bricks and mortar” project. Having dreamed of creating a multi-functional food resource center for years, we committed to the renovation of a 5000 square foot warehouse space located immediately behind the Center.

This functionally obsolete, long empty space would be transformed over the year. Early deconstruction revealed delightful architectural features including a domed roof (the original roof of the Kircher Grocery Store!), and huge original windows. Progress was steady until the last couple of months of 2012. (Note: Things picked up again in early 2013 and continue at an accelerated pace, so that we are on-target to open mid-2013.)

Even while the dust was flying in the warehouse, ANC staff worked throughout 2012 to craft the programs that will be offered in what will be known as the Allen Market Place, or AMP. These will include:

- A licensed commercial kitchen in which we will offer classes, workshops and culinary job skills training; and also rent to food entrepreneurs;
- The “Exchange”, linking regional growers to area restaurateurs, food service managers, caterers, and others interested in “buying local”;
- Food storage opportunities for farmers and neighbors; and
- A winter home for our seasonal Allen Street Farmers Market .

Though creation of the AMP and its programs was a major focus for all of us in 2012, ANC staff, interns, and a small army of volunteers continued linking neighbors to a wide range of health and housing resources and programs; offered a robust set of gardening programs to age-groups; and hosted countless forums on issues impacting the Eastside.

Those of us who work here have come to appreciate more than ever how every single program we offer depends for its success on a mobilized and engaged community. In 2012, 350(!) volunteers made possible our Market, GardenHouse and nearly everything we did. And a generous community of donors and funders provided the financial support needed to continue our usual work while laying a foundation for a whole new set of health, food, energy and entrepreneurial initiatives in the AMP. We count our blessings often, and you are among them. Thank you!

Joan Nelson, Director

Corie Jason, Board President



... President of the Board

FOOD RESOURCES PROJECT

Allen Street Farmers Market

As the first Market in Michigan to accept EBT/food stamps for farmers, our Market serves as a community gathering space where neighbors can find everything from local, fresh produce to fellowship. ANC's commitment to ensuring that fresh fruits and vegetables are available to all Eastside residents is reflected in the location of the Market in the neighborhood and by our provision of all payment options, including cash, credit, debit, SNAP benefit (i.e., food stamp) payment, Double-Up Food Bucks, WIC coupons, Project Fresh, and Senior Project Fresh.



The Market runs May through August from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot next to the Center. The Market schedule switches to 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the months of September and October, and often continues for several additional weeks in November inside the Hunter Park GardenHouse.

Traditional events hosted by the Farmers Market include monthly festivals, an "Annual Smoke-Free Pumpkin Give-a-Way" at the end of October, and featured non-profits. In addition to the produce and other goods, neighbors also enjoy live music, kids' activities, nutrition education at the "Food Chatter Table", and information about ANC programs and regional services.

Allen Street Farmers Market	2012
Patrons	14,886
Growers	14
Other vendors	13
Volunteer hours	1,008
DUFB value of sales	\$9,788
EBT value of sales	\$11,934
Debit/Credit value of sales	\$14,735

Bread Basket

The Bread Basket program is one of our earliest programs, and has evolved into the convivial weekly event it remains today. Every Tuesday afternoon, Bread Basket provides free bread and seasonal produce, which is donated by generous local organizations.

Bread Basket serves between 80 and 100 families weekly, has no income requirements, and remains especially beneficial to people who don't qualify for food stamps but still struggle to make ends meet. Breadbasket patrons also learn about other ANC and community resources each week.

Bread Basket	2012
Households (duplicated)	3,652
Households In zip 48912	2,686
Volunteer hours	1,275
Total people served (duplicated)	8,508

Fabulous community organization that serves a diverse community extraordinarily well! A small Market that is well supported by staff and volunteers, who work closely with farmers and others to offer a nice selection of produce and other useful and/or tasty items! A gem in the neighborhood!

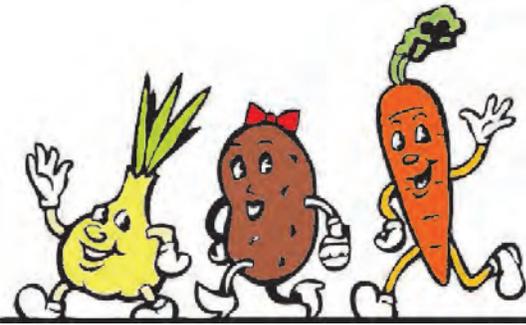
~ Amy Damrow, GardenHouse volunteer, Urban Gardener Certification Course graduate, and Market patron

FOOD & NUTRITION RESOURCES (cont.)

Nutrition Education

Allen Neighborhood Center is committed to offering ongoing nutritional education and promoting an active lifestyle to area residents, through its many programs, especially Bread Basket, the Allen Street Farmers Market, Market Walk, the Community Soup, the Hunter Park GardenHouse, Wednesday Senior Coffee group, the Breast Health Club, Kids time and Youth Service Corps. Whenever appropriate, additional programs and activities also incorporate nutrition and fitness education.

Our key goals include increasing the number of fruits and vegetables people eat in a day, promoting more whole grain foods and low-fat dairy products, and helping Eastsiders get moving with increased physical activity.



We continued to offer Market Walk, an incentive-based program in which people earn cash at the weekly Farmers Market in exchange for miles walked. The Hunter Park paved trail distance is a half-mile, and additional brochures depicting walking routes within the Eastside were also offered as incentives to get active! During 2011,

Market Walkers collectively accomplished a total of 5,470 miles walked!

Finally, our staff invite neighbors to walk with us every Friday in Hunter Park at noon!



The Allen Neighborhood Center has changed my life. I didn't know what my life was even about until I met the great people there and began to understand the importance of community and investing not only money but energy and love locally. I couldn't be happier.

~ Chloe Lundine, Allen Street Farmer's Market and GardenHouse volunteer

FOOD RESOURCES PROJECT (cont.)

The Allen Market Place



This year, Allen Neighborhood Center celebrates the building of “the AMP,” a truly inspiring project that connects the community through regionally grown foods. We call it “A big fuss about food.” What is “The big fuss about food?” Plenty! The Allen Market Place is the first non-profit hub in Mid-Michigan with an incubator kitchen and food exchange—connecting regional food growers to wholesale and retail merchants, bringing the bounty from local farms and gardens to the kitchens and tables of our community. The AMP will have far-reaching benefits and

builds on our already well-established food-related projects.

“The AMP” is under construction in the 5,000 square foot, formerly obsolete, warehouse located behind Allen Neighborhood Center and next to the Farmers Market. This multi-functional resource center is being built to LEED (green) standards and is scheduled to be completed and fully operational in 2013.

The Licensed Community Incubator Kitchen

With the completion of the Allen Market Place’s incubator kitchen, we will be able to provide a host of educational services including: food preparation and preservation workshops, job skill training focusing on basic culinary and safe food handling skills. The AMP Kitchen will also assist rural and urban growers, micro-business owners and entrepreneurs to develop successful micro-businesses that are able to produce safe, delicious, high-quality, value added food products through training, marketing assistance, and financial management support.

Year-Round Extension of the Farmers Market

The AMP is the indoor extension of the Farmers Market, now in its ninth year. The Market is SNAP Benefit friendly and will be open year-round each Wednesday afternoon, once the AMP is complete. The Hub will also continue the Farmers Market tradition of featuring live music, kids’ activities, and information booths.



GARDENING

Hunter Park GardenHouse



About Us

The Hunter Park GardenHouse is operated by Allen Neighborhood Center and powered by neighbors and volunteers. The GardenHouse serves as a hub for year-round gardening education and community gathering space.

Open Hours:

(September - May) Mon.- Fri. 3:30pm-5:30pm, Sat. 10:00am- 2:00pm.

(June -August) Mon.-Fri. 10:00am-12:00pm & 5:30- 7:30pm, Sat. 9:00am-12:00pm.

CSA & Production

The GardenHouse grows produce year-round for our community supported agriculture (CSA) program and for sale to local businesses. Our Summer and Winter CSA allows neighbors to buy into a share of local, organically grown seasonal vegetables that they receive every week. We offer flexible payment plans that allow members to volunteer as part of their share, and even use their Bridge Card if paying weekly. It is a great way to meet other community members, talk about food, learn new recipes, eat healthy, and sharpen gardening skills in a receptive environment. This year, 32 families and individuals participated in our CSA.

The GardenHouse sold 83 pounds of salad mix, 124 pounds of cooking greens (kale, collards, Swiss chard), 8.5 pounds of basil, 35 bunches of scallions, and 17 pounds of radishes to East Lansing Food Co-Op and Fork in the Road diner. We also sold onions, broccoli, cabbage, and brussel sprout transplants to the Ingham County Land Bank's Garden Program.



Accessibility

The GardenHouse has 30 raised beds, including 2 “really” raised beds to create an inclusive gardening environment. The MLK Day of Service event drew 88 volunteers who laid brick pavers throughout the GardenHouse's pathways to increase accessibility for folks who utilize wheelchairs and walkers.

GARDENING (cont.)

Sustainability

The GardenHouse is focusing on efforts to decrease utility usage. This year, we installed a 550 gallon rainwater collection system, an Energy Star refrigerator, which replaced three older refrigerators, 7-day programmable thermostats, soaker hoses in outdoor beds, a vestibule on our north entrance, and inner hoops with row cover, all which allow us to reduce our utility cost and consumption.

Garden Education

Gardeners of all experience levels are encouraged to come to the GardenHouse for a full menu of garden workshop options.

The Urban Gardener Certification program features 8 sessions of instruction in basic yard gardening skills. This year's program, led by Linda Anderson, featured hands-on instruction as they planted and cared for a garden together over the length of the program.

The Advanced Urban Gardener program is intended for gardeners who have grown veggies for at least a year and are ready to take their gardening to the next level. This year's program focused on Organic Pest and Disease Management, Soil Care and Crop Rotation, Seed Starting and Transplanting, and Season Extension.

Other GardenHouse workshops and events held on Saturdays over the year include: Planning Your Gardening Year, Market Gardening, All About Soil, Composting, Global Youth Service Day, Small Fruits for Your Yard, Halloween Party, Container Gardening, and several Gardener's Roundtable sessions.



Visiting Gardener

New this year, the Visiting Gardener made "yard calls" during the growing season to help Eastside neighbors tackle various gardening issues such as: identify plant diseases, plan the layout of a new garden, pick out vegetables that work best for their yard, how to grow and care for different kinds of vegetables. Our visiting gardener visited the yards of 19 neighbors this summer, dispensing gardening advice and linking neighbors with gardening resources.

"The programs offered by the Hunter Park GardenHouse such as CSA and Urban Gardener workshops have enhanced my knowledge of gardening while helping me get acclimated to a new neighborhood and new city. Volunteering at the GardenHouse has given me the opportunity to become more engaged with my community by working with a diverse group of students, youth and local residents who all seek to improve the quality of life for our neighborhood."

- Jason Cox, Urban Gardener Certification Course graduate, CSA member, and GardenHouse volunteer

Youth Programs

Kids Time

Kids Time is a free after-school and summer program for youth aged 5-10, focused on gardening, food, fun, nutrition, and exercise that will help your youngster enjoy a healthy life. Kids participate in fun educational games, tend a year-round veggie garden, make and enjoy healthy recipes, and earn points for field trips. A healthy snack is provided each session.

On Global Youth Service Day, youngsters worked on the Park Protector project, creating colorful signage, reminding park visitors to help keep the park a clean, safe, and positive space for all to enjoy.



This summer, we were a pilot site for Michigan Nutrition Network's MyGarden curriculum. Youth enjoyed these nutrition and gardening packed lessons. Youth were also engaged in monthly financial education sessions, facilitated by PNC Bank.

Field Trips

Youth enjoyed excursions to Wharton Center performances of National Acrobats of the Peoples Republic of China, Sioux Indian Dance Theater, Snow Queen puppet theater, and Animal Magic.



Session Times

School Year: Tuesday & Thursday, 4:00pm-5:30pm
 Summer: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:30am-11:30am

Youth (ages 5-10)(unduplicated)= 197
Contacts= 569

Youth Programs (cont.)

Youth Service Corps

Youth Service Corps is a free after-school and summer program for youth aged 11-17, focused on job and life skill development. Youth participate in youth driven community service projects such as:



Garden in a Box

Garden-in-a-Box is a scale-appropriate introduction to yard gardening for neighbors with limited income, mobility and/or gardening skill. This year, YSC members constructed 20 2'x2'x1' garden box kits and delivered to interested neighbors complete with soil and vegetable plants.

Edible Park

This project encourages park visitors to fresh produce, free for the taking, and showcases nutrition information on educational signage. This year, the Edible Park project was expanded by 5 fruit trees, 7 fruit bushes, 20 strawberry plants, 14 perennial herbs, new signage, and construction of a park sign with an “edible map”.



Rake-N-Run

Youth enjoy helping senior neighbors with their yard leaves in the fall months.



Field Trips

Youth enjoyed excursions to Uncle John’s Cider Mill and Potter Park Zoo.

Session Times

School Year: Wednesday, 3:30pm-5:30pm
Summer: Tuesday, Thursday, 10:30am-11:30am

Youth (ages 11-17) (unduplicated)=66
Contacts= 310

"So many adults don't think kids are worth anything or are able to help. ANC youth programs gives us a chance to help."
~ Marjai Kamara, age 17

HOUSING

Restoration Works

The Restoration Works project is a three-way partnership between **Allen Neighborhood Center**, the **Ingham County Land Bank**, and the **Lansing Community College Environmental, Design and Building Technologies** program. The goal of the project is the restoration of homes on Lansing’s Eastside through the use of preservation, adaptive re-use, energy efficiency, sustainable use of materials, life cycle design, aesthetics, and with an emphasis on history, connection to neighborhoods, stewardship, and durability. The project continued work on 1512 E. Kalamazoo this year, including the complete reconstruction of the front porch and steps, as well as extensive renovation and updating of walls, kitchen countertops, cupboards and floor.

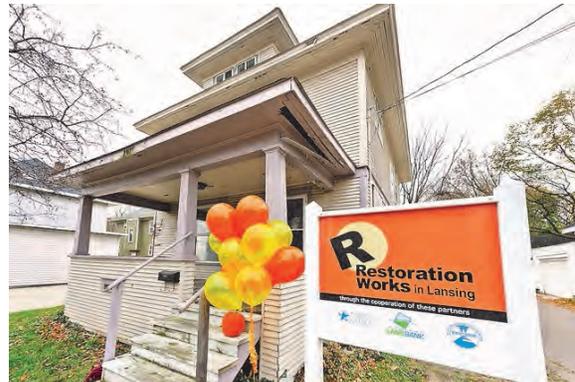
The Restoration Works team shares ANC’s holistic approach to neighborhood wellbeing, conducting workshops on lead-safe work practices, eliminating mold and mildew, and reducing asthma triggers as well as more traditional “construction” topics such as porch construction, wood window restoration and more. These workshops have helped neighbors gain skills and understanding about home improvement projects they might tackle themselves.

Restoration Works	2012
People participating in Restoration Works workshops and tours.	185
Proportion of respondents to our follow up survey who began a home restoration project following participation in a RW workshop.	40%
Proportion who are planning a workshop-inspired restoration project in the next 6 months.	75%

Referrals to Housing Resources

Housing resources and referrals are made to many local agencies as people seek information regarding foreclosure prevention and assistance, home repair and renovation services, rental and home ownership classes and preparation, as well as support and assistance to those who are in need of immediate, temporary housing.

In 2012 we recorded 141 referrals to greater Lansing housing resources, and helped to ensure that neighbors connected with the resources and got the assistance they were seeking.



**This (workshop) was very worth my time and gave me a starting point to take window restoration on myself.
-Restoration Works *Tour and Tutorial* participant**

Access to Health Resources

The ANC Outreach and Engagement team works to connect neighbors with health resources and healthy lifestyle choices at the center and throughout the community. We attend several health fairs and events throughout the year, informing the community of programs offered by ANC and helping to connect residents with medical coverage, local and nutritious food sources, and fitness activities.

Ingham Health Plan

As a certified enrollment site for the Ingham Health Plan (IHP), ANC Outreach workers are committed to ensuring that all Eastside neighbors have health coverage. In 2012 the Outreach team worked with nearly 200 neighbors, helping to connect them with Ingham Health Plan and guiding neighbors through eligibility and redetermination paperwork as well.

Medical homes

After connecting to health coverage (IHP, Medicaid) the Outreach team then works with neighbors to identify and assign them to an accessible and appropriate primary care doctor or clinic, also called a *medical home*. Establishing a medical home and attending a first-patient appointment are great ways to increase access to routine and preventative medical care, helping neighbors to manage their health more effectively. The ANC Medical Homes program links neighbors with these vital first-patient appointments (nearly 150 in 2012) and provides a small incentive for those patients who attend the appointment and establish a relationship with their doctor or clinic.

Breast Health Club

ANC supports breast health education in our neighborhood through the ANC Breast Health Club, where members receive a monthly postcard including recipes and local health and fitness activities.

Adding over 200 new Breast Health Club members in 2012, we've reached a membership of over 1,000!



In April, ANC staff participated in the annual Race for the Cure, and each week between May & October, our Outreach Team provides Breast Health education and serves cancer-fighting food samples at the Allen Street Farmers Market. These efforts and others are supported through a grant from the Mid-Michigan Affiliate of Susan G. Komen For The Cure.



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Outreach Initiatives

Information & Connection

Information and connection to resources remains a priority for the Outreach and Engagement team at ANC. Staff worked with hundreds of neighbors throughout 2012, helping to identify priorities and goals that we could support our neighbors in working towards. Outreach team members are available to sit with a neighbor and talk through application requirements, or discuss the steps needed to address utility shutoff, as well as access foreclosure prevention services, weatherization, and many other resources.

Outreach & Engagement	2012
Homes Canvassed	519
Sign Ups: IHP, Medicaid, Food Stamps & SER	205 IHP
Breast Health Club members	228
Medical Homes established	137

Canvassing

Members of the Outreach team knocked on over 500 doors during the warm months, talking with neighbors to share the word about ANC programs and resources as well as connect with neighbors and hear their thoughts on the state of the neighborhood and their successes and concerns.

Organized Neighborhood Groups

ANC serves as a hub for many organized neighborhood groups, working in partnership with Eastside Neighborhood Organization and a multitude of smaller organized neighborhoods.

Events

ANC is always looking for ways to connect neighbors to skills and organizations. For example, in January, we organized a presence at Show Me The Money Day at the downtown library, speaking with 60 people about housing, health, and financial security. ANC-hosted Active Neighboring Cafes enabled neighbors to learn about such issues as creating safe neighborhoods and potential changes in the Lansing School District. We also participated in such events as the Lansing Community College Health Fair, the Komen Race For A Cure walk, and the Cooley Law School Student Information Fair.

Seniors

The Wednesday Senior Coffee group has been meeting for the last ten years and never runs out of great conversation. Join us every Wednesday, 10:00 am, at the Allen Neighborhood Center for great company, delicious coffee and baked treats. Topics range from music, culture, weather, life stories, neighborhood building, health, gardening, and active aging.



COMMUNICATION

The Eastside Neighbor

The Eastside Neighbor, ANC’s bimonthly newsletter, has become a staple in Eastside homes and businesses since its debut in 2000. The newsletter features information about emerging issues, people and organizations making a difference on the Eastside, ANC programs, organizations such as neighborhood group activities, and more.

Communication	2012
Newsletters distributed	6 issues, each distributed to 3500 households
ANC website visits	14,000 hits in 2012

On the Web

ANC is online! Our website is an information-rich resource, frequently updated and informing neighbors about all of our programs, upcoming events, staff, and opportunities. It includes links to a great variety of community organizations and services available to residents. Check it out. It’s easy!

Active Neighboring News E-Bulletin

The *Active Neighboring News* (ANN) is ANC’s e-bulletin sent to 2100 email boxes each week via Mailchimp. It informs our community of upcoming local events, workshops, tutorials, and various happenings, not only of ANC, but also involving the whole of Lansing. Included are the public schools, Urbandale Farms, Habitat for Humanity, churches, and libraries. Events can be virtually anything, such as dances, classes, tutoring, cook-offs, and lunches.



Allen Neighborhood Center and all of its programs are a model for positive urban citizenship.
 ~ Sandra Cade

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The wide variety of programs, services, and opportunities offered at ANC wouldn't be possible without these friends!

Thank you to all of our 2012 Volunteers!

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Mary Ellen Sheets and
Thomas John Amiss
Joe Sinha
Jeff and Angela Smith
Susan Slovinski
Sparrow
Sunshine Senior Tours –
Karen L. Smith
Wendi K. Tilden
Ilene W. Tomber
Ronald Uken and Su-
zanne Miel-Uken
Unity Spiritual Renais-
sance
Emily B. Wahl
Pamela A. Weil
Jane Whitacre
David M. and Beverly
Wiener
Bob and Charlotte Wilks
Women's Interest Net-
work
Thomas Wright

2012 Non-Cash Donations

ABC Supply Company
Bake 'n Cakes and other
Bread basket donors
Board of Water and
Light
Habitat for Humanity
IBEW 452
Insinger Machine Com-
pany
Lansing State Journal
MPC-Cashway Lumber
Company
Capital Imaging
Gone Wired (Avenue)
Café
Soup Spoon
Wayfarer's Teahouse
Jerusalem Bakery
El Azteco
Red Haven

2012 Grant Support

Michigan Department of
Agriculture and Rural De-
velopment
Gannett Foundation
BWL Community Fund
City of Lansing
Capital Region Community
Foundation
Consumers Energy Foun-
dation
Fair Food Network
Gannett Foundation
Ingham County Health
Department
Komen Mid-Michigan
Lansing Area Community
Trust Fund
MCACA
Michigan Community Ser-
vice Commission
Michigan Economic Devel-
opment Corporation
Michigan State Housing
Development Authority
Michigan Nutrition Net-
work – Michigan Fitness
Foundation
CMS
PNC Bank
Pentecost Foundation
Power of We Consortium
R.E. Olds Foundation
Pentecost Foundation
State Farm Youth Advisory
Board

I support Allen Neighborhood Center because they support the community at every level, and are really at the center of rebuilding our community. They bring people together and support clean neighborhoods, healthy living, and community involvement projects.

~ James Pyle

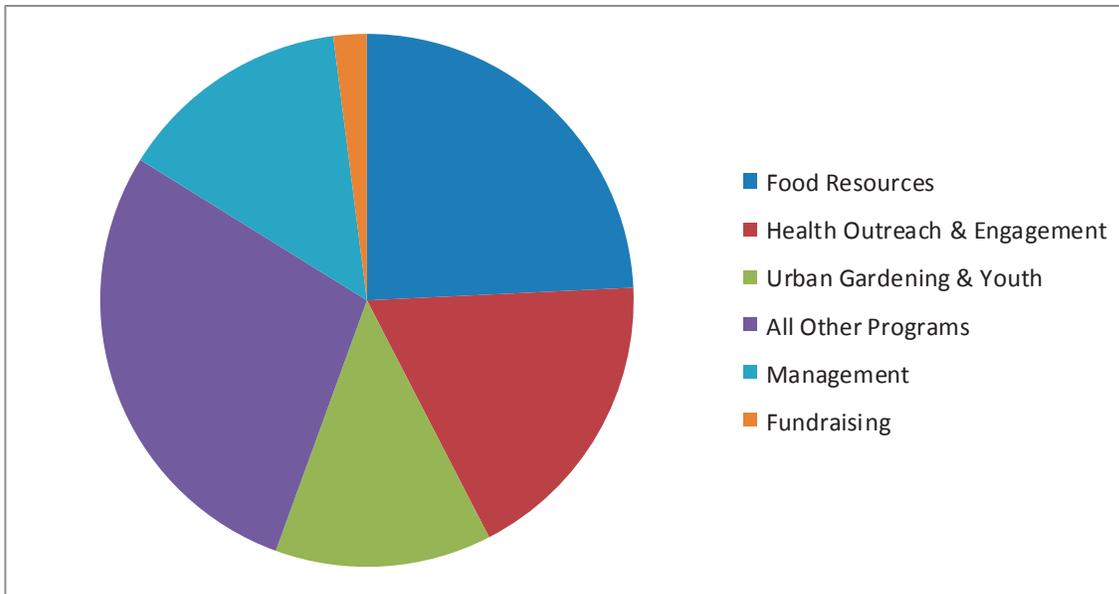
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 1, 2011—December 31, 2011

Support and Revenue: \$375,600

Expenses: \$388,486

Sources of Funding 2011	Program, Administration, Operating Costs 2011
<p>Grant Income \$340,063</p> <p>Contributions, Fundraising & Other \$18,883</p> <p>Miscellaneous Income \$16,654</p>	<p>Housing, Health, Family & Community Building Services \$323,033</p> <p>Management & General \$55,992</p> <p>Fundraising \$9,461</p>



Projected Costs & Sources of Funding
January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012
\$841,529

“We can begin by doing small things at the local level, like planting community gardens or looking out for our neighbors. That is how change takes place in living systems, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously.”

~ Grace Lee Boggs, writer and social activist

ANC STAFF & INTERNS



(Back Row: Left to Right)

Jody Lamb, Hollie Hamel, Maria Brummel, Rita O'Brien, Joan Nelson, Kathryn Ashbaugh, Kristina Adair, Ashley Staffney, Cynthia Hoag

(Front Row: Left to Right)

Lynne Brown, Nic Piechotte, Leah Kelley, and Debbie Diesen.

(Not Pictured)

Anji Reynolds, Helen Marsack, Deanna Swan, Shaunna Rowlee, Kandace Sims

ANC Board of Directors

Corie Jason (President), Vincent Delgado (Vice-President), Sarah Schillio (Secretary), Rick Kibbey (Treasurer), Dan Dillinger, Velma Kyser, Janet Kincaid, Judy Cox, and Jonathon Lum.

OUR FAVORITE QUOTE

“Community is the immediate and intimate sense of belonging. Much more than a physical space — though it may be geographically bound— community is an experience...”

ANC PICTORIAL



“There’s something very special about ANC and the Allen Street Farmers Market, and anyone who has visited tends to agree with that. The sense of family that I got from the staff and volunteers made kept me coming back week after week to help with the Market this season.”
~ Kate Yelvington, community member