

# DOMINICAN CENTER FOR WOMEN



## DEDICATED TO TOM BERES



A COMMUNITY UNITED IN  
"ONE VOICE"

## 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends:

This publication is dedicated to Thomas Beres and his family.

Tom, a Rehab Specialist, was a faithful, loyal, generous and loving employee of the Dominican Center and a friend to the staff and the residents served by the Dominican Center. Tom spent his last day at work giving hugs, making jokes and finishing and scheduling rehab jobs with the Amani residents. Tom's sudden death three days later was a shock to all of us.

Tom freely shared his special gifts of squeezing twenty-nine cents out of a quarter, building and rehab skills, and his tender heart with the Amani residents. Tom's special call was to the Amani community's senior residents with whom he shared a special bond and love.

Tom is best known for his smile, generous hugs, stories of his grandchildren, love of educations, pride in his work, bad jokes, generous heart, good judgment and great rehabbing skills. Tom will be forever remembered for his ability to share consoling words or special poems or prayers, for his faith in God, deep love for his wife Kay and his children, his love of being grandpa and his strong belief in social justice.

Tom Beres carried out well the Dominican Center's Mission to partner with the community to maintain and enhance a beautiful, stable, healthy and safe neighborhood. I thank God for sending Tom to the Dominican Center and thank Kay for sharing Tom with us.

Your generosity makes the Dominican Center's Home Rehab program which Tom shared with Wes Landry possible. I thank you for sharing in the wonderful ministry and life of Thomas Beres.



*Sr. Patricia Rogers, OP*  
*Executive Director*

I don't know what I would have done without Tom when I was trying to get corrected the work done to install a chair lift on our front porch for my disabled husband. I didn't know the technical terms to explain what was wrong nor could I tell them how it should be fixed but Tom knew what to say. When I knew the VA or the contractor would be coming to check on my complaints I would ask Tom to come and talk for me and he did. It took a long time to get the problems with the gate and the lift corrected but Tom stayed on the job with me and it got done.

Tom was kind enough to made minor adjustments on the porch like adding a handrail and fixing a step to make it safe for us to use the lift before the VA corrected the problems. I thank God for Tom's help and support.

Tom had a way of stopping by. He brought tomatoes from his garden and stories about his grandchildren. He was a good friend; I miss Tom. Katherine Turner



## EDUCATION

Congratulations to Emma Nash, the proud Dominican Center GED graduate for 2012. Emma was determined to make 2012 the year she completed her GED course work and she succeeded. Upon receiving her diploma, Emma immediately enrolled in the MATC Culinary Arts program. Emma said, “ I feel really good about what I’ve accomplished. I always wanted to finish my high school education and one motivation for me was my children who said ‘go mama go! You can do it’. They are so proud of me going to college.”

“I encourage all adults who haven’t finished high school to enroll in the Adult Education Program. It’s hard work, but it’s fun putting your mind to work. An idle mind will get you into trouble. It takes lots of motivation to get up and out of the house each morning, but I love it. I love putting my mind to work.”



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## BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD CAPACITY PROGRAM

August 3, 2012 Mike Johnson of the Journal Sentinel reported: “The Milwaukee Police Department has received a \$225,000 federal grant that will be used to help revitalize two neighborhoods...”

The Building Neighborhood Capacity Program is part of the White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. Over an 18 month period the grant money will be used to provide training and technical assistance to faith-based, nonprofit and community organizations in the Amani and Metcalfe communities. These monies will help the neighborhoods develop plans to improve education, housing, public safety, health services and other needed services.

The Dominican Center for Women was named as the lead community-based organization in the Amani neighborhood. The Next Door Foundation was named as the lead community-based organization in Metcalfe. Milwaukee City agencies named in this revitalization partnership includes the Zilber Family Foundation, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The Dominican Center’s Mission fits well within this program.

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### *In memory of Tom Beres*

“The nicest person I’ve ever met.” Ms. Blanche Dugger

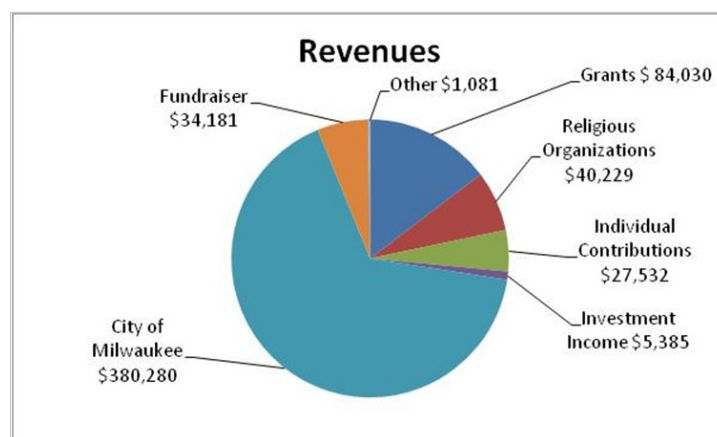
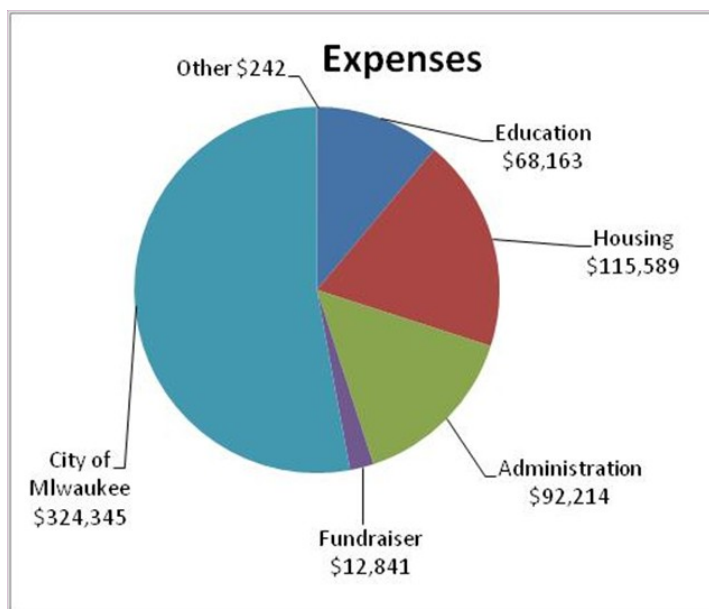
“The most gentle and caring man I know.” Ms. Georgiana Bond

“He was a good friend.” Mrs. Katherine Turner

## OUR MISSION

The Dominican Center for Women partners with the community to maintain and enhance a beautiful, stable, healthy and safe neighborhood consisting of residents who are community-minded and are striving to be meaningfully educated and employed.

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What can I say about Mr. Tom? He did so much for me I can't tell it all. Everywhere I go in my house I see Mr. Tom. If I go upstairs or down in my basement, there's Mr. Tom in the handrails. If I go outside, there's Mr. Tom in my front gate and if I go in my back yard, he's there in my garden with the solar lights that glow and sparkle in the dark and look so pretty. He was the nicest person I've ever met.



He hung my big screen TV and underneath it and on the side he made shelves for my whatnot's. He had it looking like an entertainment unit. He was so thoughtful and creative. Mr. Tom could save money on a job too.

Mr. Tom was a family man. He brought his granddaughter by for me to meet. He loved telling me all about what they did together on grandpa day. He was such a good person and would come by just to talk and check on you. Every visit I got my hug from him. Mr. Tom will be missed. Blanche Dugger

Tom was very concerned about my safety in my home so he put handrails inside and outside for me. I had problems with mice getting in my house because there was a hole in my basement wall. Tom plugged the hole and redid the outside corner of the basement. He saved me from another housing code violation fine. The corner of my house looks very nice and he did all that work within my budget. Tom was a blessing to me.

There are many places in my house that Tom repaired. He was a very sweet man, he was a gentle man and he cared about people. He loved his family and his time with his grandchildren was very special to him.

The last day Tom worked he stopped by my house and we made plans for him to return on Tuesday of the next week to repair my porch and the handrail. It was a sad day when I heard that he passed. He is very well missed by me. Georgiana Bond



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