



# An Updated Strategy to House Homeless Families and Adults

## QUARTERLY REPORT

Issue 1  
July 2006

This report keeps the community posted on Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy. Each issue, posted at [csb.org](http://csb.org) and distributed to interested parties, covers significant progress since last quarter and previews the upcoming months.

### REBUILDING LIVES UPDATED STRATEGY

The Community Shelter Board's original Rebuilding Lives initiative has meant a new home and a new start for hundreds of people throughout Franklin County. The Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy (RLUS) will undertake a comprehensive research and resources inventory of the current Rebuilding Lives plan as well as the family system. Results of this assessment will be used to develop an updated strategy to address the needs of homeless families, children and adults as one comprehensive plan. This plan will help our community to connect homeless adults and families to housing and services they need to break the cycle of homelessness.

Modeled after the successful Scioto Peninsula Task Force (which created the Rebuilding Lives plan), the Updated Strategy consists of a Steering Committee composed of community leaders, CSB staff providing primary project support, along with external consultants working on research and strategy development. These three components attest to the important private and public partnership that holds this project together, with funding as well as leadership coming from private, non-profit and public sectors.



### STEERING COMMITTEE



#### Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy Steering Committee Members

- Elfi Di Bella, CSB trustee, chair
- Owen Bair, CSB Citizens Advisory Council
- Trudy Bartley, City of Columbus
- Patricia Cash, National City, CSB trustee
- Ruben Castilla Herrera, Herrera & Associates
- Denise Cornett, CSB Citizens Advisory Council
- Lisa Courtice, The Columbus Foundation
- Terri Donlin Huesman, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation
- Cynthia Flaherty, Fannie Mae/Affordable Housing Trust
- Doug Garver, Ohio Housing Finance Agency/Interagency Council on Homelessness & Housing (ICHH)
- Dennis Guest, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Floyd Jones, Columbus Dispatch, United Way of Central Ohio
- Susan Lewis Kaylor, ADAMH
- Mary Lou Langenhop, CSB trustee
- Douglas Lumpkin, Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Edward Menge, Columbus State Community College, Southeast, Inc.
- Timothy Miller, Crane Plastics Company, CSB trustee
- Adnan Mirza, Council on American-Islamic Relations
- Regina Mitchell, Africentric Personal Development Shop, Huckleberry House
- Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Ohio Department of Development/ICHH
- Debra Plousha Moore, Ohio Health, CSB trustee
- Alicia D. Smith, Health Care Compliance Solutions, Inc., Community Housing Network
- Donald Strasser, Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
- Melinda Swan, Columbus City Council
- Jim Sweeney, Franklinton Development Association
- Jan Wagner, CSCC, Homeless Families Foundation
- Jasimine West, COHHIO Youth Empowerment Project
- Tiffany White, St. Mary's neighborhood resident
- Kalpana Yalamanchili, Ohio State Bar Association, YWCA Columbus

#### Committee Begins It's Work!

Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 marked the exciting launch of the Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy Steering Committee's work. The gathering of many individuals dedicated to one cause was impressive, as was their varied and diverse perspectives. The Committee spent some time getting to know each other as well as their group and individual goals. They also set ground rules for future proceedings, reviewed their steps and covered background material on the history of Rebuilding Lives and the current emergency shelter systems to



Top: Kaplana Yalamanchili, Steering Committee, Stephanie, Homeless Families Foundation

orient themselves. Steering Committee members then traveled out into the community to visit several of the emergency service provider programs. The Homeless Families Foundation-family shelter, Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio-men's shelter, YWCA-Family Center and Lutheran



Top: Vicky Joe, VOA, Owen Bair, Steering Committee

Social Services/Faith Mission on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, all participated in giving informative and thorough tours of their programs and services. By visiting these agencies, participants were provided the opportunity to see both family and adult shelter programs.

*"We are fortunate to have representatives from the community, the public and private sectors, established research institutions and the Community Shelter Board working together. This collective effort to improve a plan that has changed how the nation views homelessness, creates even greater potential to impact our system of services and housing for those who are homeless here in Columbus." -Elfi DiBella, CSB Vice Chair, Steering Committee Chair*

**NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Steering Committee members will meet in September to complete their orientation process, tour supportive housing service providers and receive an overview of the research and planning process. The Committee has eight intensive meetings scheduled over 18 month to assure community input and guidance in all stages of the process. Steering Committee members will also participate in Discussion Groups and tours to further orient them with current systems and best practices.

Rebuilding Lives Updated Strategy Steering Committee Meetings are public. The next meeting will be Wed., September 13, 2006 from 7:30 AM- 9:30 AM. Please RSVP to [tjackson@csb.org](mailto:tjackson@csb.org). All meetings will be held at the SERS Building, 300 East Broad Street, O'Keefe Conference Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Free parking is available in the adjacent garage at the rear of the building.



**Presenting the All Star Research and Planning Team**



Dr. Dennis Culhane, one of the top national experts in homelessness research and a technical advisor to the original Rebuilding Lives plan, will be the research director via a contract with the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia with Dr. Steve Metraux.



Suzanne Wagner and Center for Urban Community Services, one of the top providers of services in supportive housing with extensive planning experience related to resources inventories, will conduct the resources inventory.



Bobbie Garber and Community Research Partners – a locally recognized human services planning and research organization, will undertake the process evaluation, develop the strategies and final report, and facilitate the steering committee and community input processes.

Rebuilding Lives Funders: ADAMH Board of Franklin County, City of Columbus, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Franklin County Office on Aging, Franklin County, Job & Family Services, H.C. Moores Foundation, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, The Columbus Foundation, The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, and the United Way of Central Ohio.

