



# Bridge Disability Ministries 2008 Annual Report

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## Our Mission

Because Bridge Disability Ministries honors the God-given dignity of persons with disabilities, we build relationships to alleviate isolation and enrich our churches and communities.

## Building Communities of Inclusion

by Jack Staudt, Executive Director

Our first year highlights in the Bellevue facility show God's hand on our ministry. New space allowed for 855 persons served by the Mobility Ministry, a 28% increase. With 1485 devices rescued from a landfill, we feel very "green".

People, who could not qualify for insurance coverage, received devices to improve their quality of life with improved mobility. We collaborated with eight other non-profit agencies to enrich lives with improved mobility sending equipment to Mexico, Africa, and the Philippines.



Guardianship improved care by offering 1564 hours of direct personal contact and social visits, including community outings for 42 clients. We traveled 11,023 miles in the process. 500 hours were logged on case management, and we devoted 117 hours as advocates to medical issues. These hours have direct life enriching impact. Living conditions improved, new and better housing was arranged. Timely medical care improved individual quality of life, as illness was prevented, and injuries were cared for. We supported better living at life's end, through hospice care needed to relieve discomfort. There are no "estates" to manage, however, 110 hours of Guardian effort with their support team accounted for every penny of SSA/SSI benefits, and made accurate and timely reports to the Superior Court.

Our Spiritual Care Chaplaincy ministry orchestrated connections at monthly Celebrations with collaborative churches and community organizations to bring 595 people with disabilities and their caregivers, together with 325 volunteers hosting church dinners and building relationships with guests. Our Chaplain's pastoral care activity served the confidential spiritual needs of 42 persons with disabilities, and visited nearly half of these in person for ongoing follow-up to confirm their wellbeing. Memorial Services with support for family and friends, were prayerfully organized blessing all in the spirit.

Small group ministries continued to nurture members with guidance from our staff. Our peer-to-peer group with physical disabilities met nearly every month with average attendance of eight persons of 13 regular members. Our newest support group for Families in transition, with young adults with special needs, held three meetings. In collaboration with Young Life Open Door, parents discussed creative ways to enrich the transitional experience for their young adults moving into the world.

We have been building relationships... guarding the vulnerable, increasing mobility, transforming lives. Our message for our community (from Luke 14): "INVITE people with disabilities, and be BLESSED"...with gifts shared among all people.

*P.S. Please e-mail questions & comments to [Jstaudt@BridgeMin.org](mailto:Jstaudt@BridgeMin.org)*

# 2008 Financial Summary

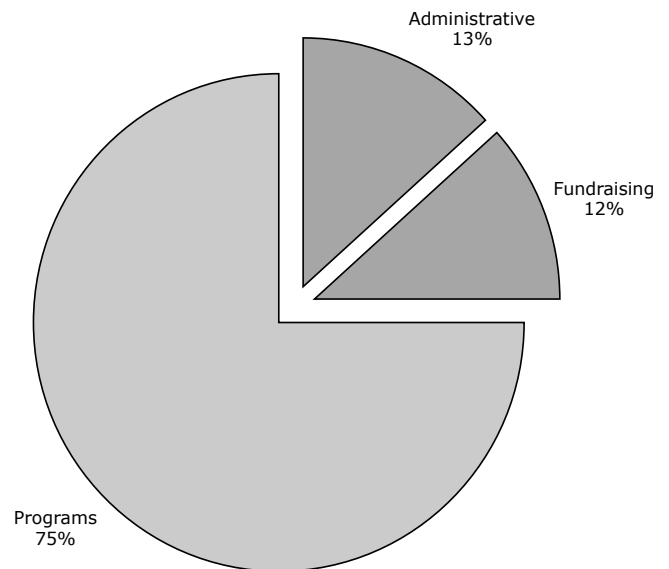
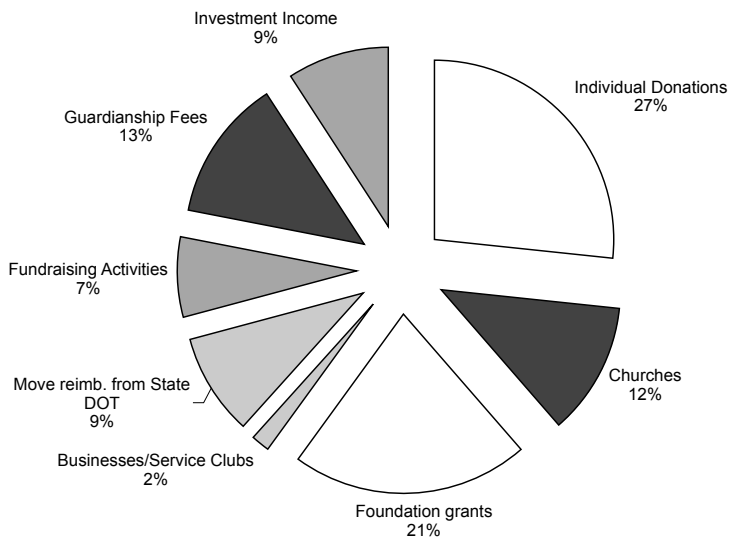
## 2008 INCOME

Individual Donations	\$110,710
Churches	\$50,294
Foundation Grants	\$89,500
Businesses/Service Clubs	\$7,379
Fundraising Activities	\$30,814
Guardianship Fees	\$52,951
Move Reimbursement from DOT	\$37,526
Investment Income	\$38,102
Use of Prior Funds Balance	<u>\$171,856</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$589,132</b>

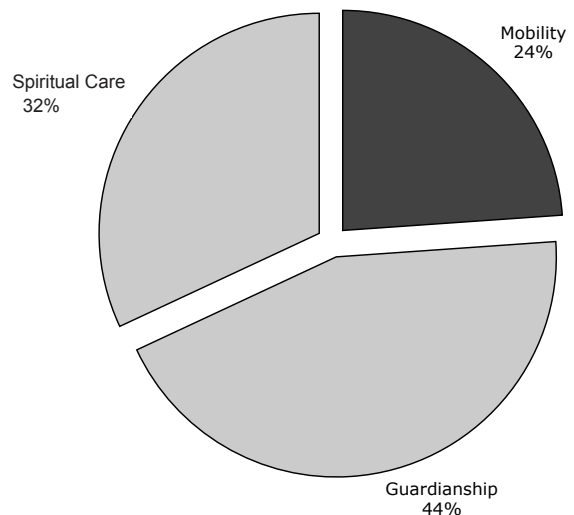
## 2008 EXPENSES

Administrative	\$77,755
Fundraising	\$69,860
Programs	
Mobility	\$105,965
Guardianship	\$194,267
Spiritual Care	<u>\$141,285</u>
<b>Total Programs Expense</b>	<b>\$441,517</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$589,132</b>

## 2008 OPERATING EXPENSES



## 2008 PROGRAM EXPENSES



### Volunteer Hours for 2008

**7,339** x **\$20/hour** =  
(# of hours volunteered)

**\$146,780**

**value of 2008 volunteer hours**

Each dollar you invest in the ministries of Bridge provides a wide range of services by our staff and is multiplied and enriched by the efforts of our many Bridge volunteers.