



## **Annual Report 2008**

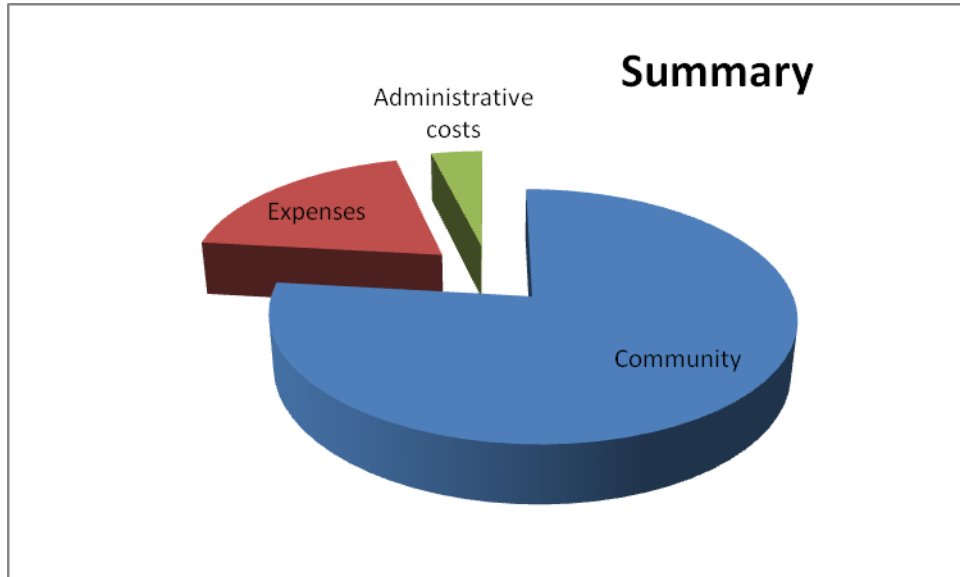
- Jan.** Helped with immigration/work visa fees to remain in country
- Helped young mother with collecting baby clothes
  - St. Francis dinner
  - Money raised for child size blood pressure monitor for SK and food/gas card
- Apr.** Helped single parent with emergency money to move during divorce
- Set up stipend for 6 months
  - Set up stipend for 2 months while business beginning
  - Helped local Islamic school with school supplies
  - Continued St. Francis dinner
- June** Radiant Hands was accepted into UFCC – University of Florida Community Campaign managed by United Way for those who are employed to UF to make payroll deduction to a specified charity.
- Sept.** Worked with Project Downtown Gainesville for fundraising dinner at Gainesville Women’s Club. Radiant Hands is very happy that we were able to team up with Project Downtown Gainesville and raise more than \$3000 for their effort.
- DD monthly stipend
- Oct.** Fun Spot Orlando, amusement park to advertise Radiant Hands and try to fundraise
- Rented van for single parent of 3 to move when foreclosed on and then gave money for food
  - Assisted client with stipend spread over two months
  - Assisted family with stipend for a month while husband waiting for payment
  - Assisted single woman by paying lot fee, utility payment and gave food card
- Nov.** Fall Arts Festival had henna booth for fundraising 11/8/08 and 11/9/08
- Hometown Day Eyeglass program by Lenscrafters in the Oaks Mall, 5 families received glasses for their children.
  - Assisted client with utility bill so that the power could be turned back on, helped R with car repair so he could continue to go to his second job, helped MS obtain equipment for baby.
- Dec.** Helped area single parent with licensing to maintain her homebased food business.
- Met with Gainesville Community Ministry to arrange clients having information about the Angel Food Program.
  - Assisted collecting baby items for the Birthing Center of Gainesville who was working with 3 women with babies ranging from newborn to 6 months. We were able to locate a crib, two large strollers and two umbrella strollers.
  - Jean Ritch, on behalf of Radiant Hands, purchased food and delivered downtown to feed the homeless Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Project Downtown Gainesville.

During the year Radiant Hands signed up with a web marketing called Constant Contact. Through this website, Radiant Hands sends out emails and keeps updated contact lists. The first year was donated by Patricia Khan and the next year will be picked up by Radiant Hands.

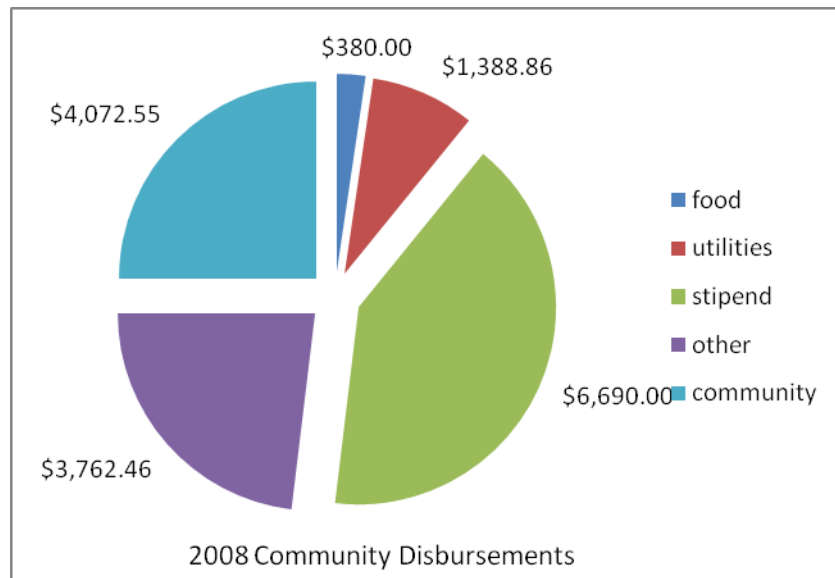
We developed an online request form for those looking for assistance. Requests for help have increased slightly ranging from Orlando to Lake City and even a request from Macon Georgia.

### Explanation of Disbursements during 2008

64% of all contributions were distributed to the community and 3% has been spent on administrative costs. Administrative fees (Storage fees, professional fees, PO Box) for managing and running Radiant Hands came to \$818 for the year. A breakdown of the expenses is given below

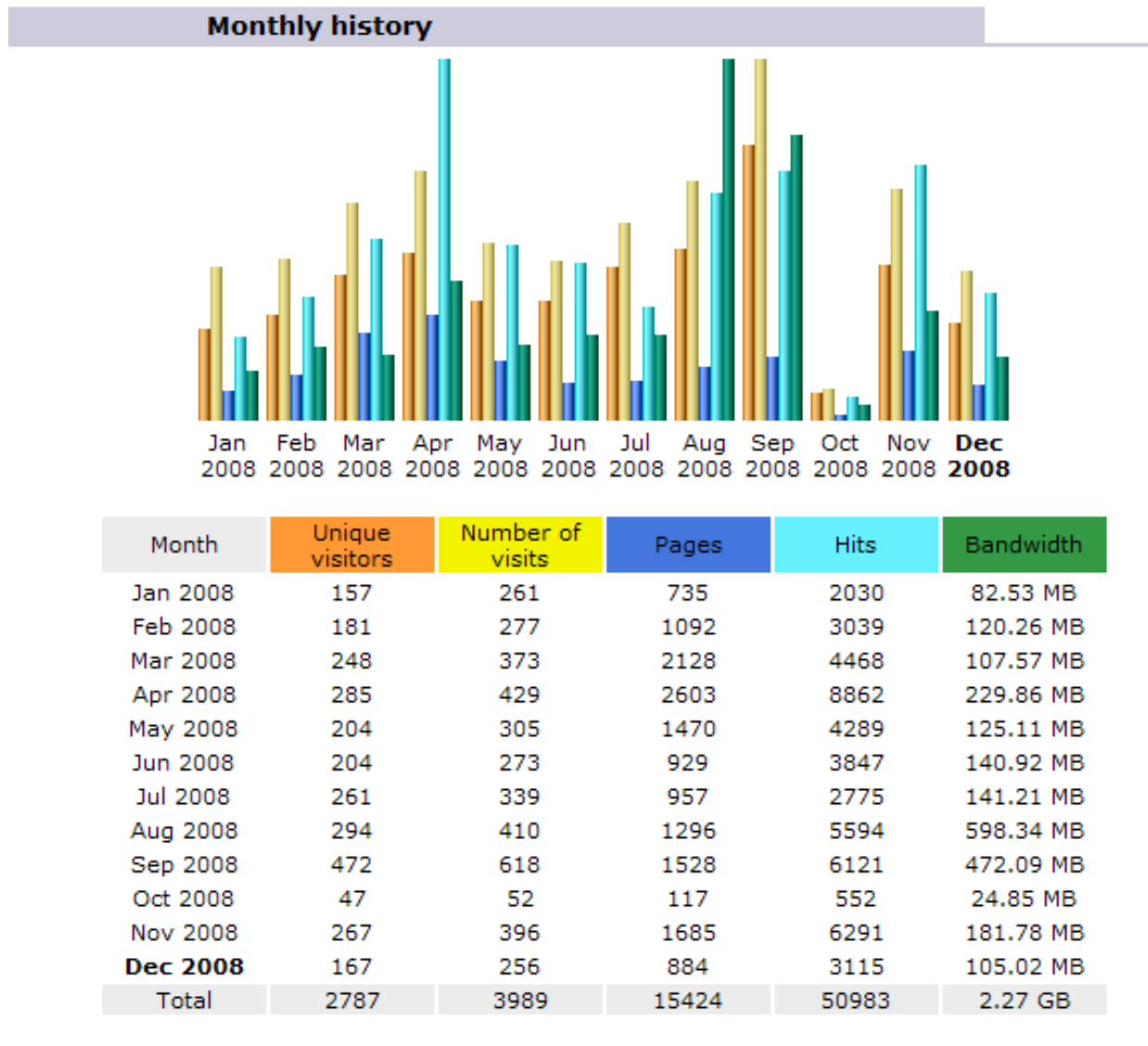


### Financial details available upon request



Support from Radiant Hands ranged from food, stipends (to meet everyday expenses for an extended time over 6 months), “other” expenses such as: medical fees, car repair assistance, utility reinstatement, counseling services, license fees for homebased business and moving assistance. In addition, we assisted 6 people to get new glass frames. We were able to provide dinner for St. Francis House and also provided a dinner for the homeless people in conjunction with Project Downtown.

### Graphical representation of visitors to the website during 2008



Some recent emails from people we have been able to help. The names and/or initials have been removed to protect privacy:

*My son, ES will be so grateful for your help + the help from Radiating Hands. Thanking you in advance for all of your caring attention.*

*I am a single disabled mother. I am having a very hard time right now and am in dire need of some help. I have a mentally disabled special needs 1 year old daughter along with another 13 year old. in addition to my own disability. I have experienced many hardships in the last 6 mos. I lost my position of 2 years at the U of F because of lack of work, this was a OPS position so I am unable to get any unemployment benefits. The range of my electricity bill was from 30-50 dollars now it is 200 dollars a month. I went to the Dept of Children and Families for help only to be told to sign up for SSI or TANF. Which takes a long time I was given an allotment for my two girls for 156.00 a month support from TANF (Temporary assistance for needy families). Although I am not financially able to contribute money there may be some way I can be a blessing to someone else through your organization. I am and will be forever grateful for your blessing.*

*I learned about your company while online looking at the University of Florida Community Campaign Agencies. I read about Radiant Hands, Inc. how you help women and decided to write to you all. I have worked at Oak Hammock for the past four years as a Certified Nursing Assistant. I am a nursing student but had to drop out. There are three of us in the home. My 18 year old sister and her 5 month old baby have had to live with me. But because my lights are off they are with a friend until I can get the lights back on. I will go to the agencies that you sent. Thank you so very much. I never heard of you all until I was seeking information about the University. I do believe as the scriptures say, Seek and ye shall find. Thank you for the list of agencies to contact. I will definitely contact them. I have not received any kind of assistance from these agencies so maybe they can help me. My most critical need is to have help getting my lights back on. If your board will approve me for help my most critical need is the electric bill. I have proof of rent and lights being delinquent. Any help will be appreciated.*

*I recently finalized my divorce and was married for 14yrs. I have 3 children ages 5, 10, 13 all of which are from my previous marriage, my ex did not want to pay child support instead he wanted me to give him custody of the children if I needed child support, needless to say I had to retain a lawyer for representation I did want to harm my ex financial, and neither could I afford to really have my rights I paid nearly \$5,000.00 in Legal fees, and I agreed to \$400.00 in Child Support although I know that his financial information was very misleading. in order to have closure I just agreed and moved on, In the process of going through my Divorce I applied for a higher paying job that would afford to raise my children without any assistance. I was promoted and transferred to Lakeland, Florida in April 2008, my divorce finalized in June 2008. Mashallah no sooner than 2-3 weeks passed and I had maybe 1 month left to pay off my car. and my transmission went out, I was hoping to buy beds and linen and pots to start anew but no luck I had to look for another that was reliable, I travel an 45 minutes to work every day from Lakeland to Bartow, and the down payment was a little but I had to do something, I took a loan out to help with my down payment and had to pay it back and obtain full coverage insurance, for ex had taken me off his policy. ... I really feel blessed that I have been able to hold it together up until now Alhumdulillah, and no I haven't requested or recieved assistance from any organization or from Zakat. my # 1 number one priority would be my rent for the month of November I will provide the address and contact information and I shouldn't need any on going help and I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read and consider aiding me at this time.*

*Radiant Hands has been a very important part in my life this past year. In April 2008 I found myself suddenly single after a 16 year marriage failed, expecting my second baby and without a job all while also raising a teenager. This organization took me under their wing to help not only monetarily but I also received many a note from the members to encourage me when things seemed to be going down hill. They not only helped during this dire moment of need when deposits, moving and facing a pregnancy alone...but they continued to "watch" over me and keep up with my progress in job hunting, house finding and baby growing. It is with great gratitude and love that I am forever indebted to this organization for their caring ways and continued support. I honestly do not know how my little family would have made it without them.*