



Annual Report

2011

Radiant Hands was again accepted by the University of Florida for the payroll deduction plan to donate to charities through the United Way. This is an intensive screening process where the charity must provide documentation to ensure fiscal responsibility. Anyone can make a payroll deduction to United Way and designate Radiant Hands Inc. as the recipient. They do not have to work for the university.

This year we started the Radiant Works Scholarship targeting Alachua and Marion County students who are ready to take the GED exam. The program started out slowly and we had 18 applications with 12 being funded. In addition we funded two people who were taking the exam to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. During the year, funding for the classes was cut by the state legislature and Radiant Hands decided to try to step in at this time and assist with payment for the classes. The scholarship committee is working closely with Sante Fe College to determine possible recipients. It was determined that the student must be in the final semester of study and almost ready for the taking the exam. The cost of a semester class is \$30 and the exam fee is \$70.

Radiant Hands again was accepted to have a booth at the Fall Arts Festival downtown Gainesville. The weather was perfect and our artists worked very hard both days creating beautiful henna designs for donation. Mary Loutfi provided chocolate covered pretzels which were very well received. Aqeela Afazal in addition to spending two full days working hard on the henna designs, contributed cupcakes which were a huge success.

The 5th Annual Dinner was held at the Gainesville Golf and Country Club in October. Dr. Elizabeth Ross was the guest speaker and talked about the ancient architecture of Jerusalem based on the three religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Everyone enjoyed the event and there were opportunities to acquire local artwork.

Financial Summary

Total Donations:	\$22,873
Distribution to Recipients:	\$21,978
Administrative Costs	\$ 932
Fundraising Expenses	\$3,819

Radiant Hands assisted 74 individual families during the year making an impact on the lives of 145 children. As can be seen by the graphic below, the majority of money was used to keep the utilities on, special assistance included helping with medical needs, assistance with getting to court to plead a case for social security benefits, paying for daycare so the mother could continue to work, and helping with an insurance payment to continue driving to work.

