



# The Boston Project Ministries ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2012



**“Praise God.”** When I was a young adult, I attended an Italian Pentecostal church and there was an old saint in the rear of the church that would regularly bellow out in his deep voice, “Pra-ai-se God!” I have come to love the beauty and affirmation of God’s sovereignty found in this simple statement. **When I reflect upon God’s hand on The Boston Project Ministries this past year I cannot help but say, “Praise God!”**

**I’m proud of our Boston Project staff.** Many of them have taken significant steps forward in faith; such as leaving other employment to join our team, investing sacrificially in the lives of youth even when it comes with personal heartache, and waiting patiently on the Lord for answers to life direction questions. Urban ministry is not easy, but it is worth it. Thank you for the many ways you support our ministry team; often you *are* the encouragement that keeps us going!



**I believe whole-heartedly in the strategic importance of leadership development.** This past year, we launched our first neighborhood youth council with huge success. These 12 teenagers, under the guidance of our staff, are learning about leadership and how to address issues of change needed in our community. Some people label our youth as high-risk and stop there, but I believe God has a fuller perspective. These are His children – with His potential - and we’re excited they are learning what it means to stand up for justice.



Finally, **I want to affirm our commitment to the Gospel** - the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are thrilled to see how children, teens, and adults have grown spiritually this year. Our summer outreach was so impacting that at the request of children, we launched a Saturday kid’s church and strengthened our tween girls Bible study group this fall. We also affirm that God cares about all areas of our community life such as relationships between people (reconciliation), the physical environment, sharing our resources, and fighting injustice. Practitioners of Christian community development (that’s us!) even see the most mundane details of life, such as picking up trash off the sidewalk, as giving witness to God’s desire for His shalom here on earth.

*May God bless you as you read about all that He has done in 2012 at The Boston Project.*  
*- Paul Malkemes, Executive Director*



## Our Mission:

Engaging neighbors and volunteers to build and nurture strong communities, characterized by God's shalom.

### Youth & Family Ministries

Highlight: Neighborhood Youth Council

We believe that young people can create **DRAMATIC** change in our neighborhood. In 2012, we launched our Talbot-Norfolk Triangle [TNT] Youth Council.

These 12 teenagers are learning about and practicing leadership in our community. From planning neighborhood beautification projects and community events to identifying key problems and working with law enforcement and elected officials to find solutions, the TNT Youth Council members are developing their leadership skills, public speaking abilities, and self-confidence in representing their community before others. For most, this is their first leadership role. For us, it is a partnership with young people who share the vision for building a strong community.



The Youth Council baked and delivered over 800 Christmas cookies to more than 60 neighbors.

#### More from Youth & Family Ministries:



- **Spiritual Outreach.** We strengthened our "Real Life" (teens) and "Pretty Tween Girls" Bible studies (pictured left), and started EPIC, a Saturday kid's church in the park.
- **Youth Jobs.** This summer, we hired 35 local teenagers through our Park Patrol programs. Our goal is to develop life and workplace skills. Youth jobs is a proven strategy to reducing violence.

### Service-Learning Programs

Highlight: Summer Missions Program

**Amazing!** This was our 17<sup>th</sup> year of hosting the Summer Missions Program [SMP]. Our theme, "What do you See(k)?" was based on Matthew 6:33; "Seek first the kingdom of God." Youth had the opportunity to serve in new ways, reflecting on issues of justice they *see*, while diving into the very real conversations of what we *seek* in our own lives. Using service projects, creative teaching activities and community building as relational tools, youth encountered Christ in transformative ways. We look forward to an exciting 2013 SMP.

#### More from Service-Learning Programs:

- **Successful Transition.** In the spring of 2012, we hired Nik Locker to fill our *Mission Trip Director* position to oversee all our overnight mission trips. We thank God for Keith & Sarah Riddle who developed these trips for over 10 years.



Youth built relationships with many local seniors and families, including Bob McCoy, long-time friend.

- **Local Volunteers.** In an ongoing effort to increase volunteer opportunities for neighbors, we hosted several large community events where neighbors and church groups served side-by-side on TNT-initiated greenspace projects.

- **Individuals.** We saw a marked increase in the number of individuals who are regularly volunteering with programs like Homework Center, Fair Foods, summer park activities (pictured right), Bible studies, and behind-the-scenes work, as well.



### Community Development

Highlight: New Community Garden

Neighbors planted vegetables in our new Children's Learning Community Garden this inaugural season. Once a vacant overgrown lot, teenagers employed through Park Patrol (pictured below), plus neighbors and volunteers, continued construction on this new community space. We look forward to putting the finishing touches on this garden in 2013.



#### More from Community Development:

- **Family Fun Night.** Every Monday this summer, neighbors came to Elmhurst Park to have FUN including bingo, a steel drum band, carnival night, a gospel concert, and more!
- **Planning Initiatives.** We are part of several comprehensive planning processes that leverage resident ideas to build a strong community. In the works are CrossRoads Cafe and a Youth Jobs HUB (from Millennium 10), energy efficiency and green development on a large, neighborhood scale (LEED-ND, Eco-Innovation District), and public transportation equity and improvements (Fairmount Corridor).
- **Fair Foods.** We re-launched a weekly Fair Foods site on our street, where families can get a bag of fresh produce for \$2 (valued at \$30\*), meeting hunger and nutritional needs.

### What is "shalom"?

Our heart for the city

"Shalom" is a Hebrew word found in the Bible, that is often translated as "peace." While this captures its meaning in part, the fullness of "shalom" includes the concept of salvation, hope, and wholeness - the way God intended and still desires things to be.



In our urban context, shalom implies secure streets, healthy relationships, a thriving local economy, gardens, a living and vibrant Christian witness, and more. When you come to visit us or live here, we hope you experience a strong community characterized by God's shalom!

"shalom"

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:7

**Our Model:** Our mission is anchored in our model of establishing *Neighborhood Ministry Houses* in under-resourced communities. Today, our pilot house is in the 13-street neighborhood known as the Talbot-Norfolk Triangle.



Special thanks to Black Ministerial Alliance Capacity Institute for their assistance in crafting our new mission statement and outcomes - we love it!

**35 TEENAGERS HIRED**  
to work in our summer jobs program  
**PARK PATROL**  
40% increase over last year.



**650 VOLUNTEERS** representing **32** churches, colleges, schools, youth groups & our neighborhood  
SERVED A TOTAL OF **10,315 HOURS** IN 2012  
The minimum value of these volunteer hours: **\$82,520** (based on minimum wage)



**465+ NEIGHBORS** who came to at least one **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** this summer



**3 BIBLE STUDIES** involving more than **53** Teenagers, Pre-teens & Kids



**5 NEW BP STAFF**

# Financial Statement & Contributors

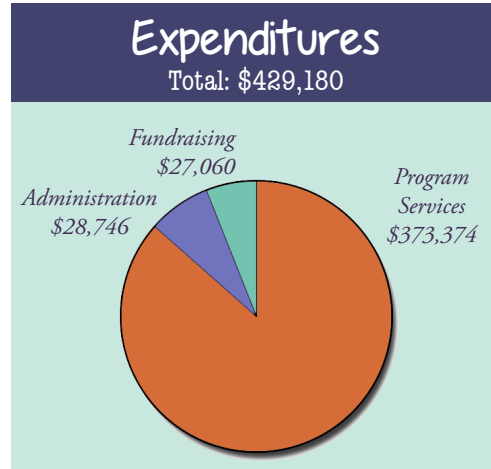
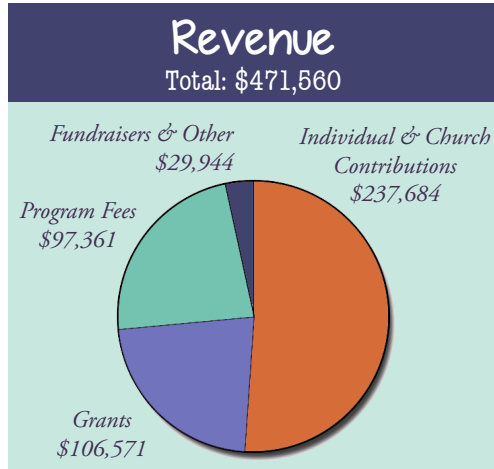
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Thank you to the many people, churches, and organizations that make our ministry possible! For 18 years, we have depended on individuals and churches to support our ministry through **prayer, volunteerism, donations of goods, and financial support.** We are thankful for the many ways you allow God to use you to further his Kingdom work here in Boston.

**Our annual income has grown an average of 7% each of the last 3 years.** We could only sustain this growth in a struggling economy with God's blessing through you. Your partnership in the Gospel is valued and greatly appreciated!

**We want to thank all those who partnered with us financially in 2012.**

For an update on our current finances, go to [www.tbpm.org/giving](http://www.tbpm.org/giving)



## Staff & Board of Directors

### Who We Are & What We Do

#### 2012 Board of Directors:

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Sarah Riddle, *New role being defined*  
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2012 BP Staff  
(Dec 2012)



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## Thank You!

Financial Contributors in 2012

### Individual Contributors - 268

Individual and family contributors make up 40% of our annual budget. We want to thank the many people who give. The average amount each friend gives is \$600 per year - that's only \$50 per month. You can see how gifts of all sizes make a difference!

### Churches & Ministries

Agape Chapel  
Bethany Presbyterian Church  
Byfield Parish  
Calvary Baptist Church \*  
Chinese Bible Church of Greater Nashua  
Community Church of West Medway  
CrossRoads Church  
Danville Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church of Raynham  
First Baptist Church of Toms River  
First Congregational Church of Hamilton  
First Parish Cong. Church of York  
First Presbyterian Church of Newport  
Gathering Christian Fellowship  
Global Ministries Christian Church \*  
Grace Chapel  
Kingsley Community Church  
Newton Junction Baptist Church  
Parkside Christian Academy  
Second Church of Dorchester \*  
South Acton Congregational Church  
Trinitarian Congregational Church  
\* *Shared Use of Building Space*

### Grants & Foundations

Black Ministerial Alliance  
Boston Baptist Social Union  
Church Home Society  
Constellation Energy  
City of Boston - Boston R.O.C.K.S.  
Episcopal City Mission  
Lenny Zakim Fund  
Millennium 10 Initiative  
Mt. Washington Charitable Trust  
Scotts Miracle Grow  
Shannon Community Safety Initiative

View a full list of churches and organizations that partner with us in many other significant ways at

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