Fifteen years ago, Rev. Donald Robinson commenced discussions with the residents association of Edgewood Terrace about establishing a community based program for children and youth of Ward 5. Today, the Edgewood area continues on a long-term path of rejuvenation, and Beacon House is a permanent mainstay of the community. I am proud to have been associated with the formative years of Beacon House. After serving as Chairman of the Board since its inception, I am turning over the reins to my able successor, George Niederehe, my long time colleague on the Board. I hope to continue to lend a hand in building a lasting legacy as a tribute to Rev. Robinson’s initial vision.

The educational challenges we address at Beacon House have evolved with our programs and our neighborhood over the years. In recent years, we have developed enhanced, coordinated, and tightly focused educational curricula to enable Beacon House kids to master their basic reading and math skills.

We must now strive even more to assist the children in our community to improve their educational performance, and to help them focus on pursuing their talents today. But we must broaden our horizons to assist our older youth to graduate from high school, well prepared for college or other occupational training, as well as for meaningful engagement in their community.

We must expand even as we continue to serve almost 400 children and their families with educational, recreation and life-skill-enhancing programs. To accomplish this we need, more than ever, to build tighter working relationships with our partner organizations. And we must seek from our donors and individual supporters even greater assurances of long-term commitment to support our programs. Together, with you, we can ensure that the beacon continues to shine for the future.

H. Jeffrey Leonard, Chairman Emeritus, Board of Directors

Fifteen years into serving the Edgewood community, Beacon House continues to grow and flourish as an organization. We have successfully accomplished many of the goals that we set in a strategic planning process five years ago. In numerous ways, we have upgraded staff capacities and organizational support systems. Beacon House’s programs have been given more of an educational focus, and have gotten considerably bigger and more complex. The annual budget has nearly doubled. Thus, once again, the Board is engaging in longer term planning, and in refocusing our vision for the organization’s growth over the next five years.

Since becoming Board chairman at the end of 2005, I have been more impressed than ever by the many people it takes to make Beacon House the exceptional learning environment that it is. Beacon House has many unsung heroes. Every day, our hardworking staff, volunteers, and involved community residents bring tremendous dedication and talents to nurturing the education and rounded development of Beacon House youth. We are also fortunate to have a group of very committed and knowledgeable individuals serving on the Board of Directors. Exemplary of that, on behalf of the Board let me express special thanks to Jeff Leonard for his long service to Beacon House. Without his very able Board leadership over many years, Beacon House would not be the success story that it is today.

We are all also very grateful to you -- the many volunteers, corporate and individual donors, foundations, and community partners who have enabled Beacon House to come this far. We will be looking to you for sustained partnership as we continue to pursue the goal of enriching the lives of youth and families in the Edgewood community over the next five years.

George Niederehe, Chairman, Board of Directors
FROM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
I wish I was poet enough to be able to capture for people the full depth of the progress that Beacon House has helped to forge in the Edgewood Terrace community in Washington, D.C. since 1991. Over the last 15 years, Beacon House has become a truly remarkable place.

I shudder to think of what this neighborhood would be like today without Beacon House. An article written in the Wall Street Journal in 1995, referred to the Edgewood Terrace community as “Little Beirut,” then a war-torn city in Lebanon where fighting was a constant, daily presence. At Edgewood Terrace, the drug dealers were the “insurgents” keeping this community under siege. It was routine for children at the elementary school level to drop out of school. The neighborhood had crumbled into a slum, and lives were endangered throughout the whole area. Today, we see smiling youth who feel safe walking and playing in their neighborhood, and who have hope and ambitions for their future.

The primary goal at the outset remains the same today: to arm our children with the academic and social skills they will need to grow into productive and fulfilled adults. Our programs instill hope and confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline in our youth. Although there is much soil-tilling left to do, there are already many blossoms, and many, many buds that will be flourishing over the next several years.

These blossoms and buds are the result of the support, guidance and love of the many dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters who together constitute Beacon House. As the Founder of Beacon House, I am enormously gratified by what Beacon House has become. I cannot overstate my deep appreciation for all of our supporters. You not only have made my dreams come true, but, more importantly, you have given our children reasons to dream.

Rev. Donald E. Robinson, Founder and President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Many of our steadfast supporters remember the time when Beacon House operated out of a basement apartment without money or staff. Over the past fifteen years, Beacon House has had its share of stumbles and falls, but we persevered and have made steady progress towards a youth center that truly makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of children. Through it all, Jeff Leonard, our long-time Board Chair, and as busy a father, husband, and businessman as you’ll find, shepherded Beacon House through numerous challenges and towards what Beacon House is today – a vibrant, financially sound, highly effective organization recognized in the city as a difference-maker for kids. As Jeff passes the mantle of leadership to another long-time leader and supporter of Beacon House, George Niederehe, it is a good time to thank Jeff for his leadership and to reflect on where Beacon House is headed.

Over the last year, supportive and healthy educational, athletic, mentoring, outreach, and cultural programs nurtured the minds and bodies of over 400 at-risk youth. We’ve strengthened and grown our programs geared towards youth ages 5-12. For youth ages 13+, we set forth with a renewed emphasis on serving this population and focused our efforts on developing more intensive, substantive programming that will boost and sustain this “harder to reach” population’s participation and increase their likelihood of success as young adults.

With on-going support from our foundations, individuals, partners, volunteers, and parents, we will continue to work to challenge the economic, social and environmental factors facing our youth. Together, we know we can and will succeed in helping youth blossom, flourish and thrive.

Stacey Erd, Executive Director
This past year has seen Beacon House continue to grow and make more and more of a difference. Our Focus on Excellence and Ready, Set, Read tutoring programs continue to arm our kindergarten through eighth graders with the reading and math skills to succeed in school. And, our increasingly effective volunteer recruitment efforts have allowed us to enroll more and more students in these tutoring programs.

Additionally, with support from the 21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative, Beacon House contracted with a Reading Specialist to provide on-site, in depth, one-on-one reading enhancement with English as a Second Language (ESL) and special education students. After school Educational Workshops occurred throughout the year and provided a means to incorporate educational concepts in an enjoyable and entertaining environment. Workshop partners included Mad Science of Washington, Sugarfoot's Storyteller Theatre, Ariana Ross's Storyteller Workshop, Resume Writing by Robbie Kaplan, and Fun with Math Workshops.

Beacon House continued its partnerships with People-Animals-Love and College Bound. PAL provided over seventy five youth with hands-on science based animal education programs and College Bound provided older youth with tutoring, mentoring, and college preparation programs.

Camp Leap 2005, our annual, low-cost summer camp for 150 youngsters, celebrated the rich history of our home town, Washington, D.C. In between swimming, dancing, playing sports and generally having loads of fun, campers visited museums, libraries and monuments and learned about the people who helped shape our city and our nation.

Our Football, Basketball, Baseball and T-Ball Teams enriched the lives of over a hundred elementary, junior and high school boys and girls, not only by affording them a chance to play organized sports, but also through the lessons our volunteer coaches, many of them fathers, imparted about teamwork, self-discipline, and the importance of academics.
Our **MENTORING AND ARTS** programs included programming this year by Dance Place, Sierra Club Inner City Outings, Girls Scouts of the Nations Capital, and our new partner Northeast Tao Kwon Do. Saturday programs continued to thrive under the leadership of metropolitan Unitarian Universalist volunteers which included the Reading Falcons Club, field trips, the development of the “Peace Room” at Beacon House, and arts and crafts.

Beacon House’s no cost **AFTER SCHOOL SNACK/DINNER AND SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM** grew exponentially this year, serving over 450 youth. In August, Beacon House received the “Superb Sponsor Award” by the D.C. State Education Office and the United States Department of Agriculture for this outstanding nutrition program.

**Increased focus on teens**

Perhaps most exciting of all, however, is our new focus on our underserved teen population through our new initiative called **UNIVERSITY TEENS**. This past year, two foundations familiar with the good work of Beacon House supported and empowered us to develop tutoring, mentoring, career training, job and apprentice placement, and a whole new set of programs for our junior and high school students, as well as for those teens who have either left school prematurely, or “graduated” without the wherewithal to be productive citizens.

We are tremendously gratified and excited about this new direction. This past year has allowed us to get started on meeting the needs of our teens. We have held mentoring groups, employer symposiums, SAT prep classes, Friday night socials (over a hundred teens listening to ear-splitting music!), career training classes and more.

In some ways, it is our older youth who most need Beacon House, particularly the ones who, for one reason or another, are not headed to college. If we are to fulfill our mission, if we are to guide and nurture disadvantaged children and youth towards lives of dignity and financial security, then we must stay involved with and positively impact our older youth.
The Salamanca Family

Raphael and his wife Laura have lived in the Edgewood community for 11 years. Originally from El Salvador, they moved to D.C. in 1984 in search of a better life. Their children, Laura (age 6) and Jocelyn (age 11) are star participants at Beacon House. Laura attends Shaeed Elementary School and participates in after school study hall; Girl Scouts; Ready, Set, Read; and Saturday programs. Jocelyn attends D.C. Preparatory Academy Charter School and attends after school study hall, FOCUS on Excellence, and Saturday programs. Jocelyn received the “Rising Star” award in June for her outstanding academic progress throughout the course of the school year.

The Freeman Family

Michael and RaShawn Freeman grew up in the Edgewood community, and have lived here over 25 years. They are well known at Beacon House and in the community for always generously donating their time and attention to the “Beacon House Family”. Their children, Mishawn (age 14) and Myiah (7) are long time participants in Beacon House’s program. Mishawn currently attends McKinley Technology High School. We have had the opportunity of watching Mishawn grow and blossom into a caring, warm, and responsible young woman. She participates in after school study hall, University Teens, and is a member of ROTC at school. Myiah currently attends St. Francis de Sales and participates in after school study hall; Ready, Set, Read; Girl Scouts; and Tao Kwon Do. She was recently awarded a personal success award from her school for “Outstanding Homework”. Both girls can be counted on for their warmth, friendly smiles, and outstanding attitude.
Beacon House’s sizable growth and success over the last 15 years is due in large part to our **committed, dedicated, excellent, and reliable volunteers**. This year alone, over 100 talented and faithful individuals volunteered as tutors and mentors; coordinated and provided arts, reading, and math programs; painted, built, and cleaned Beacon House and its equipment; coached athletic teams; and organized and participated in field trips and special events.

Each volunteer brings his or her own set of skills, abilities, and talents, while at the same time often crossing the boundaries of race, income and geography. As a result, the volunteer experience at Beacon House brings learning and understanding to both the volunteer and Beacon House youth.

Thank you to those of you who share your time with such a generous heart. We would also like to acknowledge the metropolitan D.C. Unitarian Universalist church community, City Year of Washington, D.C., Catholic University’s D.C. Reads, Trinity University, Howard University, American University, Pepperdine University Alumni Association, and the D.C. J.C.C. Behrend Builders who have been a critical support to Beacon House.
# Beacon House

*Financial Statement For the Year Ended December 31, 2005*

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*Total Other Revenue:* $84,473

*TOTAL REVENUE:* $677,735

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*Total Support Services:* $86,771

*TOTAL EXPENSES:* $819,319

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

*Beginning Net Assets:* $795,735

*Ending Net Assets:* $654,151

*CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:* $-141,584
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