



2006 Annual Report
PAKT Community Resource Center

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2006: SEEING A NEW DAY DAWNING

"Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth, shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

It has often been said that PAKT was the "best kept secret" in North County. Hidden from view of much of the community, in a rather isolated area in Kinloch for some 40 years, the PAKT Community Resource Center quietly operated out of its facility at 8301 Booker Avenue, faithfully providing services to residents of North St. Louis County. In the year 2001 the peacefulness of this situation was disturbed with the announcement that the area would be acquired for the development of a business park. For more than five years the leadership struggled with the uncertainty as to when a buyout would occur; what would be involved in accomplishing a relocation of the organization, determining the areas in which the agency might relocate, and finding a suitable facility. This uncertainty prevailed until the final weeks prior to the pending closing date when we began meeting with the Ferguson United Methodist Church family who had been seeking tenants to occupy 9,000 plus square footage of unused space in the west wing of their facility's complex. April 14, 2006, was a day of double blessings; we closed on the sale of the Kinloch properties and on the same date moved into our new home!

Having been brought through the trials of the relocation process and now being able to look back on what transpired, we can clearly see that in reality it is another example of God's faithfulness toward a people who continued to put their trust in Him to work all things for their mutual good....and the good of the Gospel! When PAKT completed its relocation move to Ferguson, Missouri – we were still centered in the agency's service area, and just over a mile from its historic presence in Kinloch. And with the move, the once "little secret" is considered to have burst into a "new beginning" at the dawning of a new day, with plans being made for the direction the agency will take to effectively serve an even more diverse population in this rapidly developing area.

With awareness of the importance of Board leadership to our planning and development, in September 2006, PAKT extended an invitation to a number of its friends and associates to a "state of the organization" meeting; this followed an aggressive four-month recruitment effort to increase Board membership and promote a diversity of expertise in the agency's governing body. As a result 11 new members were affirmed at the November, 2006, Board of Directors meeting.

2006 was an exceptional, exciting, and exceedingly blessed year! It served to bridge the old with the new, the historic with the progressive, and closed gaps of weaknesses to strengthen the organization to maximize its full potential during the years to come. But most of all, 2006 validated our stance as a "faith-based" organization, for indeed it was our faith in God that allowed us to realize the manifestation of His greatness and faithfulness to PAKT!

**Raymond Woods
President/Board of Directors**

**Anita Wilder
Executive Director**

PAKT History

In 1965, St. Michael Lutheran Church conducted a study in north St. Louis County by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Council of Lutheran Churches, and Lutheran congregations surrounding Kinloch. As a result, The PAKT Community Resource Center, formerly known as Parishes Associated on Kinloch Team, was established.

By the time of PAKT's incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation in 1971, it had developed into an agency supported by congregations of various denominations in the north St. Louis area. PAKT's purpose is to conduct programs that address the material, health, educational, cultural enrichment, and recreational needs of individuals and families.

At one point or another during our history, PAKT sponsored a Teen Drop-in Center and Neighborhood Block Partnership, and served as an outpatient location for the St. Louis State Hospital and St. Louis County. Additionally, PAKT operated the nursed managed Community Nursing Center, which hosted Well Baby Clinics, and provided in-home care to the elderly. PAKT also operated a Resale Shop and housed Head Start programs at our facility. Until 1982, the clinic space at the PAKT facility operated as Kinloch Community Health Center staffed by the Daughters of Charity as an independent not-for-profit corporation providing general health care to area residents.

In 1978, structured activities for youth were developed and staffed through the CETA program. Following the two-year CETA contract, PAKT incorporated these activities as a formal component to the agency's offerings that received funding through corporate gifts. In 1993, the program was expanded to include educational, recreational and cultural activities and was renamed the PAKT Youth Resources and Recreation Program. Funding from the Missouri Arts Council and Regional Arts Commission has provided the opportunity to develop the Summer Day Camp Multicultural Day Festivities, Color me Bright fine art classes, and the Circus Skills workshops conducted by the Everyday Circus Foundation.

The most enduring PAKT programs, food pantry services, utility assistance and the annual distribution of Christmas toys, receive funding primarily through the network of Christian Congregations we refer to as PAKT churches.

Since 1986, we have received United Way support for our Core Material Needs programs, (which include those direct services-to-individuals programs mentioned above,) and the Youth Resources and Recreation program. In addition to these funds, support for the youth programs come from the Variety Club of St. Louis, Suburban Journal's Old Newsboy Day, various corporate gifts, and numerous individual supporters.

In 2001, PAKT legally changed its name from Parishes Associated on the Kinloch Team, Inc. to the PAKT Community Resource Center, Inc. The PAKT Board made this decision to reflect the nature of PAKT's service area, which includes the entire North County and surrounding regions.

PAKT relocated to its current home in April of 2006, after TriStar developers purchased its original properties. All operations continue in the west wing of the Ferguson United Methodist Church complex in Ferguson, Missouri.

The PAKT Board of Directors consists of representatives from our supporting congregations, members-at-large, and individuals who are interested in the programs and ministries of PAKT.



Mission:

The PAKT Community Resource Center unites Christian congregations and individuals in a Christ-centered service organization to provide basic material, health, recreation and educational programs for individuals and families in need.

PAKT Community Resource Center Program Descriptions and Report

PAKT's underlying goal in all of its projects as described in the following pages is to touch the lives of people in need with the love of Christ. That, however, cannot be reported on paper! Rather, it is reflected on the faces of those that pass through PAKT's facility and benefit from these projects.



PAKT's 2006 Departments

Core Material Needs:

Rental and Utility Assistance: Offers help to households facing disconnection of utility services or eviction. PAKT can provide a pledge and payment on behalf of an individual or family to a utility provider to ensure that services are maintained. In most situations PAKT does not pay full balance of a utility bill; however, in every circumstance pledges are made for the final portion of a minimum balance after the billed individual makes payment for a portion of the existing balance. This system ensures that all pledges (100%) made by the agency allow for uninterrupted services. FEMA, the contributing organization for the rental assistance program, dictates procedures for that program. A seventeen zip code service area of north St. Louis County is the geographic area impacted by these programs.

During 2006, Core Material Needs' programs received funding from the United Way of Greater St. Louis and PAKT supporting churches. PAKT used this funding to help 394 individuals in 147 households.

Food Pantry: Provides three days worth of meals to each individual in a household that is facing a food-related emergency. The pantry's service area is a seventeen zip code region of north St. Louis County. Households may receive assistance three times in a twelve-month period. The support of many local congregations and schools, the United Way, St. Louis Area Food Bank, Operation Food Search, and the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery make the pantry's services possible.

Client referrals for food assistance come from agencies such as the Urban League of St. Louis County, the Missouri Division of Family Services, Operation Food Search, the United Way Hunger Hotline, the Ferguson Florissant School District, and area churches. In 2006, PAKT helped 1,019 individuals in 265 families through its food pantry program.



PAKT's 2006 Departments

Core Material Needs (continued):

Christmas Toy Distribution: Provides toys for families with children 10 and under, served by the Food Pantry and the Rental/Utility Assistance programs during that year. Each year many local congregations collect toys for the event. Each family that participates is given two items per child. The event is normally held on the second Saturday in December. To promote the dignity of those served, only the heads of households are allowed into the facility on Toy Day; it is PAKT's goal that each family served is able to present the gifts to their children in their home or family environment that is most comfortable for them; in this way children do not have the perception of being recipients of charitable "hand-outs."

The Christmas Toy Distribution day is an annual event. Approximately 60 volunteers help sort toys, set-up the "toy room" (Fellowship Hall), and assist families. A group of volunteers from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church provides paper, tape and name tags; and does the gift-wrapping for those receiving toys. Families appreciate this added thoughtfulness. PAKT supporting churches conduct an annual toy drive around October of each year to collect toys for this event. Generous individuals who volunteer their time, energy and money make this project a huge success. At the 2006 Christmas Toy Distribution, PAKT provided for 183 children distributing over 500 toys.

Legal Assistance: PAKT serves as an intake site for the St. Louis University Law Clinic and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. Attorneys and law students come to PAKT twice monthly to provide free legal council and representation to clients in non-criminal and non-bankruptcy matters. PAKT staff coordinates the appointments that are available to anyone in the community in need of such assistance.

PAKT is one of eight agencies, which cooperate with the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc. Volunteer Lawyer Program. Clients are able to come by or call the PAKT office for legal assistance. Volunteer lawyers contact the client direct after a PAKT referral is forwarded to their office. Volunteer lawyers are scheduled through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and St. Louis University Law School. They assist people in determining their legal needs and refer them to the proper help.



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Youth Resources and Recreation Department:

PAKT's Youth Resources and Recreation programs maintain a holistic approach in its offerings by including:

- 1) physical development and good sportsmanship through team sport activities
- 2) mental development through academic stimulus and incentive programs
- 3) interactive Multi-Cultural Days festivities to foster understanding and tolerance for others
- 4) emotional development through mentoring and positive peer relationships
- 5) spiritual development through "Bible Fun Time" activities during summer camp.

Summer Day Camp: A six-week program that provides area youth, ages 7-14, with structured and wholesome activities including: sports, fine art, educational field trips, and self-esteem building activities. The Summer Day Camp features weekly "Multi-Cultural Day" festivities, held each Thursday and provides a performance by, and interaction with groups of ethnic performers. The multi-cultural focus of the events fosters tolerance and understanding of other cultures and customs. The Summer Day Camp hosts 65 children from the communities that PAKT serves.

PAKT supporting congregations, Boeing Employee Community Fund and the Cardinals Care Foundation provided summer camp scholarships for families unable to pay camp fees. The scholarship funds were generous enough that no one was turned away because of their inability to pay. The Multicultural interactive activities continued to bring representative of various ethnic groups to the PAKT site. This has become a signature program for PAKT's annual summer day camp, making the campers and the broader community aware of other cultures. Ferguson United Methodist Church coordinates visiting youth groups from out of town to work as camp counselors and volunteers.



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Youth Resources and Recreation Department (continued):

After School: The provided activities included basketball, cheerleading, girl scouts, fine art classes, circus skill workshops and field trips. Youth ages 7-18 can participate in all or some of the programs. In 2006, PAKT had a collaborative relationship with St. Louis County Housing Authority. Through the spring of 2006, St. Louis County Housing Authority provided league participation for our sports teams. Central & Griffith Elementary Schools, part of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, provides the practice sites, and PAKT provides limited equipment and transportation for most of the youth projects. Circus Skills workshops (gymnastics, juggling, balancing, etc.) held at Griffith Elementary, Color Me Bright fine art classes, and tutoring session held at the PAKT Resource Center and remained at capacity during 2006. During 2006, PAKT after school programs offered a variety of projects to 207 participants.

Offerings for Seniors:

"My Life, My Words": creative writing and journaling workshops for seniors continued in spring and fall, 2006. This project reinforces the older person's significant contributions to, their personal historical valued investment in, and their current relevancy with, our society. Activities include scrapbook making, creating historical journals, story-telling, collective research, and wreath making. Classes average 15 active participants. The "My Life, My Words" program was conducted at the Santa Ana Sullivan Place Residential facilities.

Health Screenings: The PAKT Community Resource Center and Mid-America Healthcare jointly sponsor free monthly health screenings at the PAKT facility. Activities include monitoring blood pressure and blood sugar levels, nutrition information, and referrals to agencies that provide education on making healthy lifestyle decisions.



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PAKT COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
Financial Statement
January through December 2006

Income

Sale of Assets	\$678,234
The United Way	\$86,501
Contributions*	\$56,058
Government Grants	\$11,501
Special Events	\$10,193
Investment Income	\$9,594
Program Service Fees	\$3,251
Misc. Revenue	\$1,356
Total Income	\$856,687

Expenses

Salaries	\$150,044
Other Expenses	\$42,315
Rent/ Maintenance	\$38,623
Professional Fees	\$38,525
Occupancy	\$16,212
Insurance	\$14,788
Taxes on Payroll	\$13,397
Assistance to Individuals	\$12,596
Telephone	\$7,224
Miscellaneous	\$6,137
Local Transportation	\$5,566
Supplies	\$5,259
Printing and Publications	\$2,021
Postage & Supplies	\$1,761
Interest Expense	\$1,245
Conferences, Meetings	\$838
Employee Benefits	\$457
Membership dues	\$425
Awards & Grants	\$172
Travel	\$52
Total Expenses	\$357,658

Net Income **\$499,029**

* Contributions include businesses and the corporate sector, congregations, foundations and individuals



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Zion Lutheran Church of Ferguson



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Church Women United
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Development Resource Group
Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis
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United Way of Greater St. Louis
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