



Phillips Brooks House Association
FY2006
Annual Report



students & communities partnering for social change



PBHA is a student-led, nonprofit organization at Harvard University engaging 1,800 students in 78 public service programs that benefit close to 10,000 people in the Boston area. The largest student group on campus, PBHA is an organization dedicated to social service and social action by providing multi-dimensional services, quality programming, and comprehensive solutions to real world issues and problems. Often called “the best course at Harvard,” PBHA programs provide experiences and wisdom that cannot be learned within the classroom walls. Students get hands-on experience in the nonprofit world and get to learn from a staff of professionals and from the community. Programs are shaped and driven by community needs and the innovation and hard work of students. PBHA’s commitment to student development and our volunteers’ devotion to providing quality services to communities are hallmarks of our struggle for social justice.



A Message from
PBHA President
Alicia Rodriguez
and
Class of 1955
Executive
Director
Gene Corbin

PBHA made great progress in fulfilling its mission of engaging students in social justice efforts during the 2006 fiscal year! (Feb. 1, 2005 - Jan. 31, 2006) Our programs during the academic year continued to meet vital needs in the community while providing students with life-transforming experiences. Although highlighted in the separate 2005 SUP Newsletter, the Summer Urban Program once again met a much-recognized need for children and youth in Cambridge and Boston in addition to representing a striking example of the capacity of college students to serve. In all, there are now 78 programs that engage 1,800 students and benefit more than 10,000 people!

Among this long list of opportunities are several new and exciting programs. The Harvard Youth Leadership Initiative (HYLI) offers a weekly leadership development curriculum to over 80 middle-school youth in Cambridge. Another recent addition is the David Walker Program through which students involved in the Black Men's Forum at Harvard provide one-on-one mentoring to over 30 African-American male youth in Cambridge and Boston. PBHA also responded to the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina by sending teams of 80 students to New Orleans and Mississippi coastal communities during January Intersession with funding provided by the Harvard COOP.

We wish that space allowed us to convey many other examples of the amazing progress of PBHA. Public service is thriving, and we look forward to partnering with you to continue these important efforts. We hope you enjoy this brief report. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Alicia Rodriguez '07
Gene Corbin MPA '01

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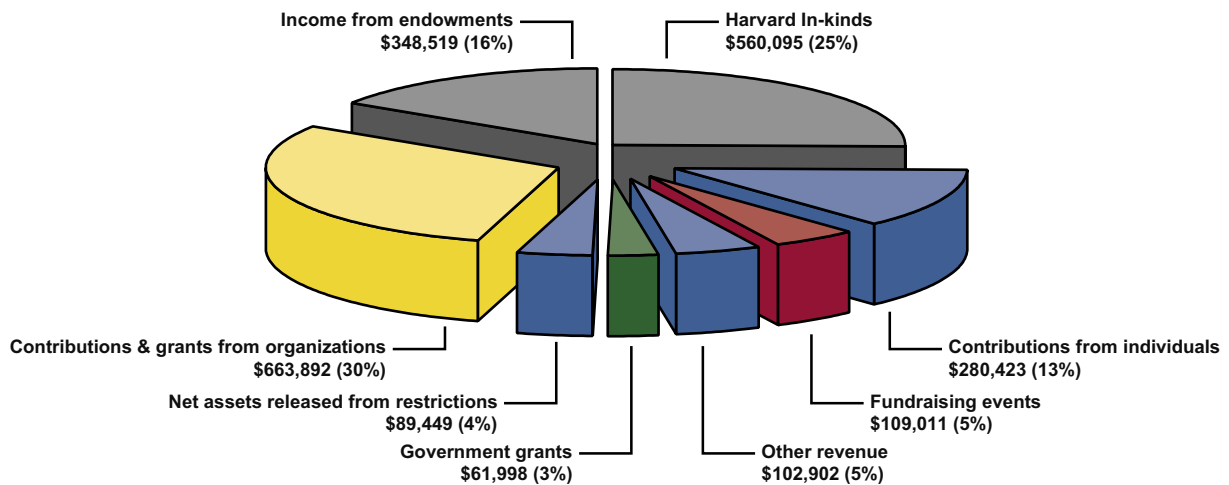
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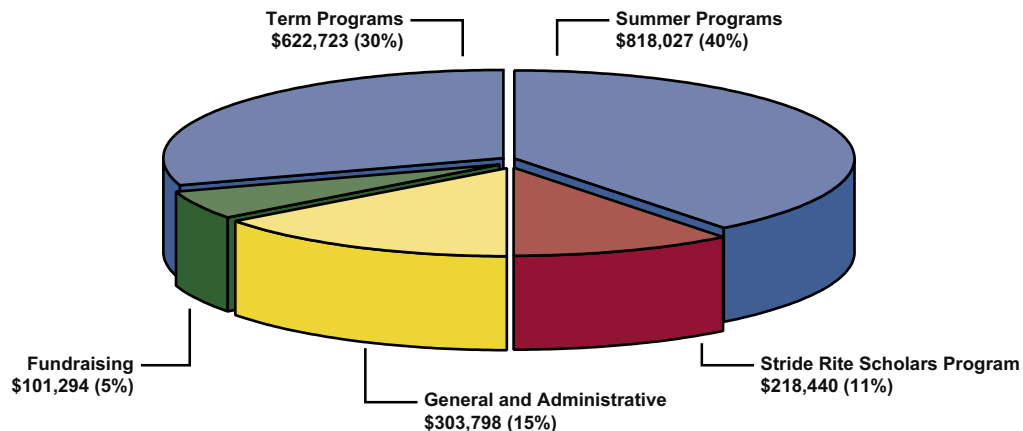
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Operating Revenue FY06: \$2,216,219



Operating Expenses FY06: \$2,067,254



Condensed Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ended January 31, 2006

Current Assets	\$381,719
Temporarily restricted assets	\$229,718
Endowments	\$1,841,938
Net Property and Equipment	\$106,342
Total Assets:	\$2,559,717
Total Liabilities:	\$336,065
Net Assets:	\$2,223,652

Condensed Statement of Activities for the Year Ended January 31, 2006

Total Revenue & Support:	\$2,263,691
Total Operating Expenses:	\$2,067,254
Change in Net Assets:	\$196,437
Net Assets, Beginning of Year:	\$2,050,565
Net Assets, End of Year:	\$2,223,652

Note: Fundraising expenses have been kept to only 5% so your donations go farther!
The complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

PBHA Officers Gain Valuable Experience

PBHA Program Highlights

- *Habitat International sent trips to Honduras, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.*
- *A program founded at PBHA, Strong Women, Strong Girls, is now a national nonprofit organization, while maintaining its PBHA chapter operating at nine sites in Boston and Cambridge.*
- *Harvard Square Homeless Shelter opened its renovated kitchen to better serve its guests and provide hot meals to additional needy individuals.*
- *“The Big Question” met weekly to discuss compelling questions about public service.*
- *An exciting new leadership development curriculum for Cambridge youth – the Harvard Youth Leadership Institute (HYLI) – opened through PBHA.*
- *Partners Empowering Neighborhoods (PEN) expanded to two new sites to teach ESL, computer, and GED skills to low income adults.*
- *Houston House expanded to Boston Women’s Resource Center, furthering the reach of the Prisoner Education Program*

Although I had previously served as an ESL teacher, elementary school tutor, and homeless shelter director through PBHA programs, the challenges of running the larger nonprofit organization were not always evident to me. But as Treasurer of PBHA, I had the opportunity to learn firsthand how nonprofit finance connects to programmatic quality. As Treasurer, I had the responsibility of ensuring that PBHA’s policies and fiscal allocations met the needs of our vital programs.

I think the experience was particularly incredible because I was a 20-year-old with a substantial amount of responsibility for a \$1.6 million budget – a great learning experience not accessible to most college students. At a time when nonprofit accountability and efficiency has come under scrutiny, I feel I have gained skills to strengthen the world of direct service through coordination, organization, and financial accountability. I share the intense drive for social justice and direct ser-

vice with my peers at PBHA, but without this valuable experience my understanding of the necessary nonprofit management skills would be incomplete.

Through the training and hands-on experience I have received as an officer at PBHA, I feel much more equipped to make a difference in the world!

Shayak Sarkar '07



PBHA Efforts to Help Rebuild the Gulf Coast

Over
Interession,
80 Harvard
volunteers
assisted
Hurricane
Katrina
rebuilding
efforts

The trips to the Gulf Coast were by far the most transformational experiences I have had at Harvard. The work we did was eye-opening, emotionally and physically challenging, and truly fascinating. I think I speak for the entire group when I say that the amount we contributed didn't nearly compare to the amount we learned and took back from the trip - it was an unforgettable experience that will continue to influence our lives, as we take less for granted, continue to raise funds and awareness for the persisting issues in the area, and use the perspective we gained to look at life differently.

Gayatri Datar '08



New Orleans



Ocean Springs



Moss Point



Jackson
(Harvard Habitat)



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Spotlight on a new initiative: The David Walker Program

The David Walker Program strives to create a sense of black cultural and historical pride in Boston Area boys through education and mentorship from the Harvard Black Men's Forum, in partnership with PBHA.

It has been our longtime belief that we have a duty

to provide guidance and leadership to these young men in order to facilitate a positive and prosperous future for them, as well as break the negative stereotypes of the black man in America. We look to do this by teaching and mentoring these young men on black history and life skills, such as college

planning, dealing with police and other figures of authority, and drugs in the community. Our relationship with these boys will extend outside of the classroom and include field trips and other activities to create and strengthen bonds that we hope will last far beyond their time in the program. Although in Boston for

only five years (from 1825- 30), David Walker was a significant force in the freedom struggles of Black Bostonians during the early nineteenth century. In 1829 he published *An Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World*, a document unlike any other anti-slavery, pro-justice treatise of the antebellum period. We honor him by naming our program after David Walker.



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