Dear Friends,

We at P.E.A.C.E., Inc., are proud of all that we accomplished in 2011. Working together, our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, funders and community partners empowered low income individuals to improve their quality of life and move toward self-sufficiency.

At P.E.A.C.E., Inc., 2011 was the year of the audit. We were reviewed by the New York State Department of State, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the United States Office of the Inspector General. Each of these auditors found that P.E.A.C.E., Inc. is a high performing organization. More specifically, the Department of State found that “P.E.A.C.E., Inc. is a thriving organization committed to continuous improvement.” (The state has five rating levels and thriving is the highest.)

I want to thank each of you who contributed to fulfilling the mission of P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of individuals and improve the quality of life for all.

Every Kind Wish,

Joe O’Hara
Joseph E. O’Hara
Executive Director
P.E.A.C.E., Inc. offers programming and training to provide families with the necessary tools and skills to move from poverty to self-sufficiency through...

**Youth Programs**
*Nurturing the Leaders of the Future*

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. served 2,397 children ages 0 to 17 in the 2011 program year.*

**Head Start/Early Head Start** is a comprehensive, family focused child development program that serves pregnant women and children birth to five years of age throughout Onondaga County. In 2011, our program offered slots for 863 preschoolers and 214 infants, toddlers and pregnant women. Under the leadership of a new Director, we established a comprehensive dental education program along with a portable dental unit in conjunction with the Syracuse Community Health Center and the Cavity Free Kids Program. We also started a new partnership with Onondaga Community College Daycare and implemented a teacher mentor program.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)** matches children ages 6 through 18 with mentors to provide support and guidance. In 2011, 860 adults, youth and teens participated. BBBS continued to offer services to children who have an incarcerated parent through Mentoring Children of Promise; added a school based mentoring program at Cicero-North Syracuse High School and Roxboro Elementary and received a community service award from the 100 Black Men of Syracuse.

**Family Resource Centers** (FRC) are community based sites offering emergency assistance, advocacy, supportive services, employment support, youth activities, and family development partnerships. In 2011, low income families and individuals were served through seven FRCs. Working in collaboration with community partners and Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NAC), the FRCs successfully implemented a host of programs and activities.

**EITC You’ve Earned It!** is a program that prepares and e-files taxes for families with low to moderate income for free. During the 2011 program year, the EITC program received a grant from United Way to fund the tax and financial education programs and completed 2,576 returns and obtained $5,063,736.00 in tax refunds.

**The Department of Energy & Housing Services** (DEHS) provides weatherization and energy reduction measures to low and moderate income people. In 2011, DEHS served 526 low-income clients under the 2010-2011 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) grant. In addition, DEHS provided additional weatherization services through two large American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants ($10,000,000 & $4,000,000), one of which targeted low-income multifamily projects in the Central New York Region. Weatherization Referral & Packaging Program (WRAP) provided weatherization and referral services to 140 seniors.

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**Individuals & Family Programs**
*Improving Lives and Uplifting People*

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. served 2,565 adults ages 18 to 54 in 2011.*

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**Senior Programs**
*Enhancing the Lives of Older Adults*

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. served 5,089 adults over the age of 55 in 2011.*

**Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center** offers a number of intergenerational programs, including lunch, day trips, volunteer activities and more. In 2011, we increased our senior participation by 15%.

**Senior Nutrition** prepares healthy meals and serves them to low income seniors at more than 40 sites throughout Onondaga County. In 2011, Food Services served 51,263 nutritious meals to seniors in our community and acquired 16 new senior nutrition locations from Catholic Charities.

**Foster Grandparent Program** offers senior citizens the opportunity to share their time and talents with special children and young adults in our community. Through the program senior citizens remain physically and mentally active and enhance their self-esteem while assisting our children to reach social, behavioral, developmental and educational goals. In 2011, 91 foster grandparents provided 79,758 hours of loving service to 541 at risk children and young adults.

**Project R.O.S.E.** (Reach Out to Serve the Elderly) and **Neighborhood Advisor Program** provides information and referral services to isolated and home bound seniors within the townships of Camillus, Jordan/Elbridge and Baldwinsville. In 2011, 177 seniors received referral services, volunteer drivers provided 247 round trip rides to doctors’ appointments and 49 seniors participated in strength building exercise classes.

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*P.E.A.C.E., Inc. served a total of 15,646 individuals. Age data for 5,595 individuals was not collected so they could not be categorized into age groups.*