

2008 Annual Report

“Our mission is to serve communities by providing research-based programs and services that promote healthier families, personal responsibility and public safety.”

Chair and President's Message

Dear Friends of Alvis House,

In 2008, Alvis House once again grew in size as well as in the scope of programs provided at the Agency. Most significantly, Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, Inc. became a part of Alvis House. This greatly expanded our capacity to serve individuals in nonresidential settings and our ability to work with some of the most difficult to serve clients, such as the indigent.



Alvis House's growth in the past few years has been dramatic - from annual revenues of \$6.5 million in 2004 to more than \$10 million at the end of 2008.

While Alvis House provides much more than community corrections services - such as family support programs, supportive living services for individuals with Mental Retardation and other Developmental Disabilities, and specialized employment readiness services - community corrections remains the core of what we do. And it is an inescapable fact that our growth is a direct reflection of the growth in the number of individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system.

In the United States, the number of people in the criminal justice system has grown to a staggering level. In Ohio alone, one out of every 25 adults is under correctional supervision today, compared to one in 116 in 1982.

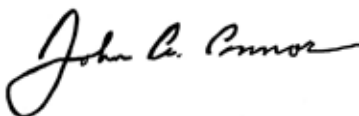
Looking at numbers like this is daunting, but it is also just a small part of the story. Each of the individuals in the criminal justice system has a family and lives in a community. Like a stone thrown into a pond, the effects of an individual's incarceration radiate outward, through family, neighborhoods and communities.

But here's the good news - the individuals that come to Alvis House double their chances of transitioning to a life that does not involve, or depend on, criminal behavior. That's good for them, for their families and for our communities.



Throughout this report, you will find pictures of Alvis House clients and their families, as well as pictures of Alvis House staff and volunteers. We hope this will help you to visualize all of the lives that have changed for the better because of the direct services Alvis House provided to more than 4,000 men, women, young adults and children in 2008.

Alvis House is fortunate to have a board that is so dedicated to the success of the agency; staff that are devoted to excellence in everything they do; and volunteers who have selflessly given of their time and talent. Alvis House has grown because of the quality of our work and our unwavering commitment to "Opening Doors and Rebuilding Lives."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Connor".

Hon. John A. Connor
Chair, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise M. Robinson".

Denise M. Robinson
President and CEO

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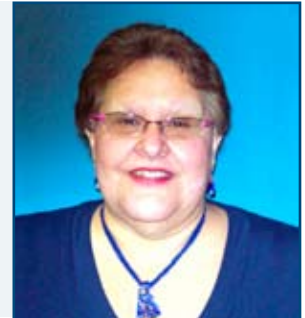
Thomas Barnes

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Volunteers teach life skills classes at Alvis House and contribute in so many other ways. Susie Blank, pictured at right, designed and hand made the mosaic depicted on the cover of this Annual Report.



Executive Staff

President and CEO Denise M. Robinson	Vice President of Agency Programs Lois Hochstetler	Vice President of Agency Programs Mark Paulus
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Alvis House programs offer rehabilitative services such as job skills training, educational instruction, substance abuse treatment, evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy programs, parenting skills instruction, and other supportive services in our community.

These programs have been proven to reduce recidivism and are a cost-effective alternative to incarceration.



2008 Highlights

Agency Growth

Community Connection for Ohio Offenders, which operates programs in Columbus and Lima, officially became a division of Alvis House. This completed a process begun more than a year ago to join the agencies together in order to better serve constituents' needs.

The board approved a new Strategic Plan intended to take the agency through 2012. The plan envisions continued growth in services for individuals with Mental Retardation and other Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) and providing more services to at-risk individuals and families while still maintaining and seeking growth in Alvis House's core business of corrections and reentry programs.

Alvis House added teleconferencing equipment to its Columbus, Dayton, Chillicothe and Toledo programs. This resulted in substantial savings in staff travel costs and improved the agency's ability to provide a wide range of services to clients over a larger geographic area.

Staff and Volunteers

Denise M. Robinson was inducted into the YWCA's Academy of Women of Achievement in recognition of her contributions to empowering women and ending racism. The event was attended by more than 2,000 people and provided a wonderful opportunity to highlight the work of Alvis House.

Hon. John Connor was honored for his service to the Franklin County Drug Court. Judge Connor completed his term as the Presiding Judge and was recognized by Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. Sally Murphy, who is also a trustee, is the TIES (Treatment Is Essential to Success) program coordinator.

Bob Longberry, vice president of support services, and Jerry Farmer, director of support services, were recognized for 20 years of service to Alvis House.

Audits, Evaluations

The Long Street Residential Program was awarded its initial American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation and the Veterans Residential Program was awarded re-accreditation. Both programs scored a 100% compliance on all applicable standards.

The University of Cincinnati's comprehensive evaluation of the Young Adult Reentry Program found that Alvis House had the highest acceptance rate of applicants into the program and the highest successful completion rate among all such programs in Ohio.

2008 Highlights

Awards/Recognition

Alvis House was presented with a “Health Care Hero” award from Business First in the Employer category in recognition of the agency’s Employee Wellness Program.

Cupidette Club, Inc. selected Alvis House to receive a charity scholarship from their national organization. The Columbus Chapter, which nominated the agency for the award, has supported Alvis House women’s programs for several years.

Alvis House was chosen out of 170 companies in Columbus and Cleveland to receive a “Best Practices Award” from ERC Health, who oversees our Wellness Plan.

Gifts

Alvis House received a bequest of more than \$200,000 from the estate of Mary Renoll, a member of Alvis House’s original Women’s Sustaining Board dating back to 1969. Alvis House also received a bequest from the estate of Jacqueline Mary Rachel Roush designated for use in programs benefitting women.

New Contracts

The Ohio Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives awarded Alvis House a grant to provide Strengthening Fatherhood Services as part of the new Ohio Fatherhood Initiative.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons awarded Alvis House a new five-year contract to provide reentry services for clients in the Dayton area.

The Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation awarded Alvis House a contract to provide employment readiness services for former offenders.

St. John’s Church awarded a snow removal contract to clients in Alvis House’s Wittwer Hall program for individuals with MRDD.

Community Relations

Alvis House clients paid more than \$60,000 in restitution, fees, court costs, fines, etc.

Clients provided more than 10,000 hours of community service for a variety of organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, Love Zion Food Pantry, United Way of Central Ohio, St. Stephen’s Community Center, Uptown Civic Association (Toledo), Dayton View Neighborhood Association, YMCA and Salvation Army.



Alvis House’s ability to develop relationships with employers is a critical component of helping former offenders to find jobs. The agency works with more than 300 employers, including Governor Ted Strickland. In the fall of 2008, Community Connection Division clients and their families were invited to the Governor’s residence for a recognition ceremony to honor their work. At the ceremony, the Governor and Frances Strickland presented staff member Robert “Junior” Brown (pictured below) the 2008 Outstanding Support Award.





Alvis House's commitment is to client services and the community. Since 1967, Alvis House has been helping people learn how to open doors and rebuild their lives. Annually, the agency provides research-based reentry programs and services to more than 4,000 men, women, young adults and children.

Community service and events, such as Community Commitment Day 2008 (pictured below) in which students from The Ohio State University and Alvis House clients joined together to clean up the Olde Towne East neighborhood, help clients to build stronger ties with the community.



Client Statistics

In 2008, Alvis House provided:

- Residential reentry services for more than 1,600 clients.*
- Nonresidential family reentry and family support programs for more than 350 clients.*
- GED Instruction for more than 325 clients.*
- Specialized monitoring services, such as electronic monitoring, home confinement, Global Satellite Position monitoring and remote alcohol monitoring for more than 500 clients.*
- Employment readiness training and job placement services to more than 1,100 clients.*
- Transitional Education Programming services to more than 1,000 clients*
- Outclient chemical dependency treatment to more than 150 clients.*

Nearly 95% of all incarcerated offenders will return to the community. Ohio alone releases more than 25,000 individuals each year, of which more than 20% return to counties where Alvis House provides direct services.

The individuals who come to Alvis House are more than twice as likely to successfully return to the community.

Financial Report

	2008	2007
Revenue		
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	\$4,607,915	\$4,230,565
Federal Bureau of Prisons	2,043,833	1,461,046
Medicaid	1,261,862	1,226,078
United Way & Contributions	707,067	355,789
Other Government Contracts	1,682,733	1,157,222
Affiliate Cost Reimbursement	476,709	459,391
Miscellaneous	9,618	131,911
Total Revenue	\$10,789,737	\$9,022,002

Expenses

Staff Salaries	\$5,576,141	\$5,001,597
Staff Benefits & Payroll Taxes	1,204,519	1,153,117
Facility Operations & Client Food Services	1,765,580	1,513,808
Adoption of FASB 158 Pension	1,391,411	482,746
Other	1,555,681	1,379,555
Total Expenses	\$11,493,332	\$9,530,823

The financial statements of Alvis, Inc., d.b.a. Alvis House, for the year ending December 31, 2008, were audited by Nipps, Brown, Leppert and Collins, Inc., Certified Public Accountants.

Major Funding for Alvis House Provided by:

- ◆ Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation
- ◆ Federal Bureau of Prisons
- ◆ Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board
- ◆ Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
- ◆ Laura Stanley Gunnels Trust for the Benefit of Alvis House
- ◆ Ohio Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives
- ◆ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- ◆ Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- ◆ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
- ◆ Ohio Department of Youth Services
- ◆ Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
- ◆ Private Contributions
- ◆ United Way of Central Ohio



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