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MAKE ALL THE
DIFFERENCE**



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2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT





**Allentown,
Bethlehem
and Easton's
collective
poverty rates (in
2000) were 17%,
more than four
times the rate
among townships
in both counties.**

watch your step

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pull yourself up by your bootstraps. You have the power to achieve your goals.

That is the mantra of the passionate staff and dedicated volunteers that make the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley so successful. We give people the tools - the bootstraps - to solve their own problems, rather than solve those problems for them. We believe people deserve another chance but expect personal responsibility in taking advantage of that extra chance. And as advocates, we believe charity is something a society must provide where there is not justice. And we pursue justice.

The past year we continued to get better, wiser and more efficient as an organization. Some highlights of the busy year included:

We were there to witness the Governor signing the bill we pushed that increased the minimum wage for the first time since 1997. We recruited Congressman Charlie Dent to hold off further cuts in the Community Services Block Grants which would have meant more reductions in our funding and consequent cuts in services for the

people of the Lehigh Valley. We continued to lead the fight against the abusive products offered by predatory lenders. And we played a critical behind-the-scenes role in the smart growth advocacy work of Renew Lehigh Valley.

In addition, we taught Start Your Business classes, made small business loans, assisted families as they were dislocated from a mobile home park, responded to inquiries from tenants and landlords about their rights and responsibilities, prepared tax returns, distributed food, offered short- and long-term transitional housing to homeless people, raised money from suburban municipalities to support homeless shelters all over the Lehigh Valley, replaced sidewalks and installed solar water heaters on people's homes.

These are just a few examples of how CACLV is still working every day, as we have for the past 42 years, to fight America's – and the Lehigh Valley's - War on Poverty. We hope you will take some time to review this annual report to learn more about the work of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.

Laurie Gostley-Hackett

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., is to improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley by building a community in which all people have access to economic opportunity, the ability to pursue that opportunity, and a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.



**Between 1991
and 2006 the
tax base of the
townships rose
100 times more
than the tax
bases of the
cities.**

waiting for the next shoe to drop

COMMUNITY PROBLEM-SOLVING

By identifying community needs, speaking out about those needs, and bringing together diverse stakeholders, the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley continues to distinguish itself as an outspoken advocate for improving the quality of life for lower-income people, their neighborhoods and, by extension, the wider Lehigh Valley.

SMART GROWTH

The issue of ensuring that the region grows in a way that strengthens our urban neighborhoods while minimizing sprawl has risen to the top of CACLV's advocacy agenda.

CACLV provided staff and administrative support for Renew Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania's premier regional smart growth advocacy coalition, comprised of a broad array of business, civic and government stakeholders. RenewLV focused its attention in 2006-2007 on building the organization while launching several campaigns. First, its professional study of the feasibility of improving the efficiency of the region's 41 water and wastewater systems neared its comple-

tion, with results expected to be released following a national peer review by year-end. At that point, RenewLV will begin the aggressive campaign to implement the findings and achieve hundreds of dollars per year in annual savings for each household.

Second, demand for rail alternatives to commuter traffic, both within the region and to the New York and Philadelphia markets, has sparked RenewLV's interest in coalescing stakeholders to explore such alternatives as tools to achieve smart growth. A standing-room-only forum on the subject was held, followed by a "transportation summit" to begin the dialogue on how to move this issue along.

Third, RenewLV partnered with the Pool Health Care Trust to launch a campaign to convince the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners and the Northampton County Council to establish Pennsylvania's first-ever two-county public health department.

Finally, RenewLV is working on a variety of state legislative reforms to modernize the delivery of and funding for critical public services.

CACLV's executive director continued to serve on the State Planning Board, which issued recommendations during the year to

the governor and state legislative leaders. Those recommendations included proposals to strengthen the role of counties in the delivery and funding of municipal services and removing obstacles to functional and governmental consolidation.

PREDATORY LENDING

As the country's credit system and housing industry fell into crisis due to the subprime mortgage industry running amok, CACLV's work on predatory lending over the past six years became prescient, small consolation for the inability of the agency's advocacy effort to intervene in a substantive way. While programmatic outcomes can be found elsewhere in this report (please see "Community Action Financial Services"), the only significant development (besides industry hand-wringing and bankruptcies, massive investor losses, skyrocketing mortgage foreclosures and sudden media interest) was the Pennsylvania Department of Banking's proposals to regulate mortgage bankers and brokers more aggressively. CACLV played an important role in the proposals' formulation but, by fiscal year-end, they were still not in place. Few other reforms were implemented despite exhaustive efforts: meetings

with legislators at the state and federal levels; through staff participation on the Board of Directors of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, meetings with national regulators and top executives of the nation's top subprime lenders; persistent efforts through the press and public speaking engagements to alert the public of the impending disaster.

CACLV also put up a fight against the availability of other predatory credit products. For example, staff worked with PA Senator Pat Browne to promote legislation to regulate refund anticipation loans, which are high-priced, short-term loans against income tax refunds and the Earned Income Tax Credit. The agency also helped fight off state legislative proposals to weaken restrictions on payday loans, which are high-priced, short-term loans against people's expected pay checks.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

For the twenty-third year, CACLV provided leadership and staff support for the Lehigh Valley Coalition on Affordable Housing. This year

the coalition raised over \$40,000 from ten suburban municipalities to support the valley's nine homeless shelters, all of which are located in the cities. The nineteenth Lehigh Valley Shelter Census was published. In partnership with the National Low Income Housing Coalition, coalition members met with U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent to discuss national housing trust fund legislation. In response, Congressman Dent became an original co-sponsor of HR 2895, the National Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, which passed the House. Coalition members participated in the development of a ten-year plan to end chronic homelessness in the City of Allentown.

The coalition provided staff support to the development of a regional plan to create, preserve, and enhance affordable and accessible housing. Under the leadership of Lehigh County Executive Don Cunningham and Northampton County Executive John Stoffa, the planning effort included housing authorities, redevelopment authorities, the counties' and cities' offices of community and economic development, and non-profit housing providers, banks, Realtors and other civic groups.

The coalition also played a key role in helping Easton Housing Authority gain approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its proposal to redevelop its Delaware Terrace neighborhood into a new HOPE VI community.

MINIMUM WAGE

Two years of hard work culminated early in the year (July 9, 2006, to be precise) when CACLV joined other activists around the state to watch Governor Ed Rendell sign the law increasing the minimum wage to \$7.15 per hour. This increase, the first in ten years, gave full-time workers earning the minimum wage a \$4,000 annual pay raise.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

The federal Community Services Block Grant is CACLV's core funding, representing almost 10% of the combined budgets of the agency and its three subsidiaries. CSBG has been a target of cuts for President George W. Bush, who proposed eliminating the entire block grant. U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent, however, led the

opposition to the proposal, organizing a "Dear Colleague" letter signed by over 120 Members of Congress calling on the leadership of the House Appropriations Committee to not only reject the cuts but to increase the funding by 12%. By fiscal-year-end the funding matter was still unsettled but the only issue to be resolved appeared to be the size of the increase in funding.

CHILDREN'S MEDIA PROJECT

In order to elevate the interests of children in the public policy discussion, CACLV brought together the resources and expertise, under the Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley, to conduct an advertising campaign to sensitize the region's voters about the needs of children. With volunteer expertise from Keenan-Nagle Advertising and donations from local businesses, quarter-page ads were run three times per week in local newspapers for five weeks leading up to the November, 2006, election.



**In July, PA
lost 2,800
jobs (1,600
of them in
manufactur-
ing). Since
2001, PA has
lost 160,000
manufactur-
ing jobs.**

One step forward, two back

THE RISING TIDE COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

- Closed on eight loans to eight businesses; of these, four were made to minority-owned businesses, four were made to women-owned businesses, and three were made to businesses located in low- to moderate-income census tracts; the types of businesses that received loans were a horticulturalist, a food vendor, a child entertainment center, a retailer of reading glasses, an advertising company, a concrete cutting business and two daycare centers.
- Provided the capital to create 17 jobs and retain 3 jobs.
- Disbursed \$102,741.64; the total disbursed by the Rising Tide to date is \$474,124.32; the current loan portfolio is at \$213,331.19, with a delinquency rate of just 5.4%.
- A total of \$510,000 of new capital was generated to recapitalize the Fund; of this amount, \$50,000 was donated by private contributors (including \$25,000 from Bank of America), \$125,000 was granted by the U.S. Treasury Department's CDFI Fund, and \$135,000 in interest-free loans was raised from private, local investors. In addition, the Wachovia Regional Community Development Corporation made a \$50,000 investment at 2% interest.
- The Rising Tide Community Loan Fund is a separately-incorporated subsidiary of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.

COMMUNITY ACTION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ALLENTOWN

- Conducted two 20-week series of Start Your Business classes providing comprehensive entrepreneurial training to individuals interested in starting new or expanding existing businesses; 116 students enrolled, of which 26 graduated with fully-prepared business plans; 11 businesses were started.
- Provided technical assistance to 112 existing or prospective entrepreneurs not participating in the Start Your Business Program; 15 new businesses were started as a result of this support.
- Conducted a customized, 20-week Start Your Business Program for 12 minority-owned contracting companies, including certified lead-based paint abatement training; of those, 8 had incomes less than 80% of the region's median income.
- Provided 12 micro-enterprise grants totaling \$55,000 to 4 start-up, and 8 existing businesses as part of Allentown's Weed and Seed initiative; all grant recipients received technical assistance as a prerequisite of receipt of the grant; 15 new jobs were created.
- Conducted three one-week youth entrepreneurship camps attended by a total of 40 inner-city teens. The camp invites successful small business owners to share their experience and

ideas in an interactive, motivational style to encourage young people to consider entrepreneurship as a career path. Field trips to local small businesses assisted participants in formalizing their own business ideas, which were transformed into websites loaded onto the internet for all to view; 12 websites were created.

- The Main Street Program for Allentown's 7th Street commercial corridor continued to move forward with committees of volunteer leaders, the hiring of a Main Street Manager, and the approval of bylaws; 71 volunteers joined in the Spring clean-up; a targeted façade grant process was developed and approved in collaboration with the City of Allentown; an updated website was created, hosted by Muhlenberg College.
- The Community Action Development Corporation of Allentown is a separately-incorporated subsidiary of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.

COMMUNITY ACTION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BETHLEHEM

- Conducted two 16- week series of Start Your Business classes providing comprehensive entrepreneurial training to 61 individuals interested in starting or expanding their businesses, 77% of whom had incomes below 80% of the region's median income; of those, 34 completed the class, and 14 graduated with completed business plans.

- 13 Start Your Business students improved their computer proficiency through specialized computer classes.

- Provided technical assistance to 23 existing businesses and prospective start-ups unable to participate in the business classes, including assisting one local minority business owner become state-certified as a Minority Business Enterprise.

- 13 businesses were started by individuals receiving business development services from CADCB; six more made significant progress in preparing to start their businesses.

- Helped 18 prospective entrepreneurs improve their credit scores using a new credit diagnostic system.

- Continued to provide staff support for Southside Vision 2012, the neighborhood-based ten-year revitalization plan for south Bethlehem funded by M&T Bank through tax credits from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). This effort resulted in the following outcomes:

- "Operation Facelift" was organized with assistance from Neighborhood Housing Services of Lehigh Valley and the City of Bethlehem, and resulted in façade improvements for nine houses on Mechanics Street; volunteers also trimmed hedges and swept the street on "Facelift" day.

- Six property owners in the Eastern Gateway neighbor-

hood also received façade improvements for their residences, thanks to funding from National Penn Bank, which received tax credits through DCED.

- The Southside Recreation Coordinator arranged a variety of constructive activities, including sports events and tournaments, dances, and community fundraising in which 965 Southside youth ages 12 to 19 participated.

- Provided additional funding for a new glass studio at the Banana Factory, which was completed in September, enabling Southside youth opportunities for creative expression.

- Developed a website and a video to help market the Four Blocks International commercial neighborhood in the 500 – 800 blocks of East Fourth Street.

- Completed two commercial façade improvements in

the Four Blocks International commercial neighborhood.

- 13 businesses, neighborhood churches, and other civic groups participated in the annual Four Blocks International Festival, with over a thousand people attending. Attractions included music, story-telling, puppet-making, the creation of a children's mural, dancing, and ethnic food.

- The 2006 farmers' market expanded with one additional institutional partner, Lehigh University, and Start Your Business graduates taking their first steps in business as vendors; the farmers' market moved to Campus Square and New Street, with one dozen vendors featuring fresh food and local farm produce.

- The Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem is a separately-incorporated subsidiary of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley.



as tough as old boots

In 2007, the average monthly participation for the Lehigh Valley food pantries was 8,729 individuals and 346 daily meals were served on average at the soup kitchens.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF LEHIGH VALLEY AND NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

- Distributed 4.6 million pounds of food, the same amount as the previous year, through careful purchasing and food acceptance efforts, despite rising food and fuel costs and cuts in government funding for food assistance.
- Provided food assistance to approximately 46,000 individuals each month through our network of 188 non-profit member agencies located at 289 sites in our 6-county region.
- Distributed nutritious weekend food supplies to 116 at-risk children every Friday through “Backpack Buddies.”
- Distributed 1,225 supplemental food packages to low-income senior citizens, 5-year-olds, and new mothers every month.
- Continued to strengthen food donor relationships, collecting nearly 346,000 pounds of food from local growers, manufacturers, and distributors; this was an increase of more than 20% over 2005-2006.

- Maintained stricter-than-industry-standard inventory controls averaging less than 2% variance in periodic physical inventories.
- Worked with the Easton Area School District to increase participation in the federal Summer Food Service Program by 100% in the city of Easton.
- Recruited 5 new emergency pantries, 2 new soup kitchens serving weekend and evening meals, and 2 programs serving at-risk children as member agencies; of those, four were newly established food programs that received technical assistance from Second Harvest.
- Conducted a survey of 350 participants in the emergency food network to help determine the state of poverty in the region.



**Children
accounted
for 35.6% (923)
of persons
housed in
Lehigh Valley
shelters in
2005.**

walk a day in her shoes

SIXTH STREET SHELTER/ TURNER STREET APARTMENTS/ FERRY STREET APARTMENTS

- Provided 15,745 nights of short-term (2 months), transitional housing and casework services to 95 families with 285 children, 135 of whom were under the age of 5; of the 82 families that completed the program (13 remained in the program at year-end), 38 secured affordable housing (defined as their rent consuming no more than 35% of income) upon departure; while 36 heads-of-household were employed upon entry, 59 were employed when their families completed the program.
- Of the 47 families that entered the Shelter through the Family Preservation Program, funded by the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services, every one was successful at keeping their family together while they received services, thus avoiding disruptive, emotionally draining and expensive foster placement.
- 94.5% of school-aged children met or exceeded the attendance requirements of the Allentown School District while residing at the Shelter; 60 school-aged children from the Shelter and surrounding neighborhood regularly attended our after-school Kids' Club.

- Assisted over 100 individuals in moving toward self-sufficiency by funding their General Equivalency Diploma test, driver's licenses, books for college, child care, and other related expenses.
- In partnership with Valley Housing Development Corporation and the Lehigh County and Easton housing authorities, 27 families received subsidized housing, vocational and supportive services at Turner Street Apartments and Ferry Street Apartments, our 18- to 24-month transitional housing programs in Allentown and Easton, respectively; 26 adults were enrolled in English as a Second Language, GED, or post-secondary education programs.
- Provided free GED instruction to 42 Shelter residents and neighborhood residents.
- In partnership with the Lehigh Valley Hospital, provided basic health services through a bi-weekly health care clinic to 396 Shelter residents and neighborhood residents who lack health insurance.
- Transferred ownership to CACLV of the 215, 217, and 219 North Sixth Street buildings, formerly rented from our long-term partner, Valley Housing Development Corporation.

SUPPORTED WORK/SUPPORTED ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

- In partnership with the county assistance offices in both Lehigh and Northampton counties, provided employability training and counseling to 55 welfare recipients identified by the CAO's as the most difficult to employ.
- Placed 12 participants in full-time employment at an average wage of \$8.50 per hour; of those, 7 remained employed in these or subsequent jobs at least three months later; all 7 stopped receiving cash assistance under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- Assisted 18 other low-income individuals in obtaining employment.

SAFE HARBOR EASTON

- Provided 5,196 nights of shelter to 234 homeless men and women; assisted 77 homeless individuals in securing affordable, permanent housing.
- Identified 127 individuals with drug and/or alcohol issues; of those, 47 entered formal treatment.
- Referred 80 individuals for mental health treatment; of those, 58 entered formal treatment.
- Served 34,245 meals, including breakfast, lunch and dinner, to 368 unduplicated individuals.
- Helped 160 individuals obtain entitlement benefits through intensive case management.
- Assisted 101 unemployed homeless individuals to find jobs.
- Provided homeless prevention services, including managing personal finances, to 254 individuals.

- Provided intensive after-care case management services to 30 former residents to minimize ongoing problems.

The June 28, 2006, flooding of the Bushkill Creek once again forced the evacuation of Safe Harbor Easton, closing the facility and limiting services until September 18. This reduced the number of people the program could serve compared to previous years. However, thanks to the generosity of volunteer meal providers and the Salvation Army who allowed Safe Harbor Easton to use their facilities, staff were able to serve a total of 1,714 bag lunches during that time, to a total of 187 unduplicated individuals.

WEST WARD NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Funding from Lafayette Ambassador Bank and Easton Hospital (supported by tax credits from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development), as well as DCED's Elm Street Program, have made it possible to carry out a wide range of revitalization activities within Easton's West Ward. (The area is bounded by the Lehigh River to the south, the Bushkill Creek to the north, Sixth Street to the east, and Fifteenth Street to the west. The West Ward is home to over 11,000 residents.)

- Provided grants of up to \$1,000 to 12 qualified property owners to repair unattractive and/or unsafe porches.
- Assisted 5 businesses with matching funds of up to \$1,000 each to improve their business image through attractive, new signs using design standards set by the Historic District Commission.
- Made the neighborhood more walkable and attractive by replacing 43 dangerous sidewalks in the West Ward.

- Planted 47 new trees.
- 8 teenagers completed a colorful two-paneled mural at the Public Housing Authority property in the 600 block of Northampton Street, in partnership with the Arts Community of Easton, the Banana Factory, the Boys and Girls Club of Easton, CareerLink, and the Easton Gang Prevention Community Task Force.
- In partnership with the United Way, helped establish a Teen Center for young people ages 12 to 18 at 1101 Northampton Street, operated by the Boys and Girls Club of Easton; 67 teens from the West Ward participated.
- Began to implement the \$303,000 PennDOT Home Town Streets Grant to revitalize the 600 block of Northampton Street; the project includes paving, sidewalks and curbs, traffic-calming crosswalks, streetlights, benches and trash receptacles.

COMMUNITY ACTION FINANCIAL SERVICES

HOME OWNERSHIP COUNSELING PROGRAM

- Conducted seven 14-hour seminars attended by 268 prospective homebuyers, of which 185 received certificates of completion; two of those seminars were conducted in Spanish.
- Of those earning certificates, 64% were Latino, 22% were African-American, and 43% were female heads of household, while 83% had incomes at or below 80% of the region's median household income.
- 72 families received individual counseling and 153 were provided pre-settlement counseling.
- At least 200 program participants bought homes; more than 2,700 participants have become homeowners since the inception of the program.

FAMILY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

- A total of 27 savers graduated from the program; of those, one saved to start a business; 6 saved for education; 29 saved to purchase a home; 11 saved for home improvements; and 14 saved to purchase an automobile.

- Graduates saved \$48,412.74, with the program matching those savings with \$45,865.18; these savings leveraged \$491,597 in cumulative funds spent (for example, home repairs, mortgages, tuition, or automobiles).
- 66 active participants saved a total of \$56,506.89 during the year, which will be matched by the program upon graduation.

RIGHT STUFF ABOUT RENTING

- Distributed 643 "Right Stuff About Renting" books to individuals and 1,043 to local agencies; CACLV's tenant resource guide has been copied by several Pennsylvania communities and is in its fourth edition, with nearly 42,000 copies distributed since the original publication.
- Responded to 961 inquiries regarding the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords; of those, 721 came from tenants, 65 from landlords, and 109 from others, including referrals from housing authorities, lawyer referral services, human service organizations, and district magistrates.
- Conducted 38 outreach seminars at area agencies, schools, civic groups and shelters, serving 424 people.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

- 57 volunteers, trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service, filed 969 tax returns, a 17% increase over the previous year.
- Generated \$1,283,629 in refunds and Earned Income Tax Credits for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, a 10% increase over the previous year; taxpayers saved more than \$191,000 by avoiding commercial tax preparers and the high-cost refund anticipation loans they offer (assuming the average taxpayer would have spent \$200 for these services).

INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF DISTRESSED HOMEOWNERS

- Submitted 116 applications to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for emergency mortgage assistance for financially distressed homeowners; PHFA approved just 29 of these.
- Staff fielded over 50 calls on mortgage lending from families with bad loans; conducted 7 educational seminars and 25 outreach activities.

PEACEFUL MEADOWS MOBILE HOME PARK RESIDENT RESCUE

- In July of 2006, CACLV contacted Ashley Development Corporation, which was preparing to purchase Peaceful Meadows Mobile Home Park (popularly known as Barbosa Trailer Park) and displace its residents. We encouraged Ashley Development President Lou Pektor, to offer financial assistance to the residents, and offered the services of our staff to help ease the transition. The resulting partnership accomplished the following:
- Assisted in relocating the 42 families who lived in the park, with Ashley Development Corporation providing \$2,500 to renters and \$6,000 to those who owned their own mobile homes. All but three residents were owners and many of these still owed significant amounts on their mobile homes. In those cases, the mobile homes were repossessed by their lenders.
 - CACLV hosted three community meetings at the Bethlehem Township Community Center to inform the residents of their rights (Attorney Don Miles provided pro bono legal services), help them

access various services and explain how the Ashley Development payments would be distributed.

- Staff visited the mobile home park to identify residents, survey the community, offer services individually and distribute dislocation assistance totaling \$235,500 from Ashley Development to forty-two (42) residents of the park.
- Of the displaced residents, 3 bought new mobile homes; 5 moved their mobile homes to another park; 6 bought homes; 18 moved into apartments; 7 moved in with families; 2 moved into a hotel (no permanent plan known); and one moved into an assisted living facility.
- Worked with PA Representative Bob Freeman on legislation he introduced to provide rights for future mobile home residents that these households did not have.

ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

- Weatherized 685 homes (375 funded by PPL, 110 funded by the federal government through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, 178 funded by First Energy and 22 funded by UGI). This work includes residence-specific pressure diagnostics, insulating attics and basements, caulking, weatherstripping and repairing doors and windows, and replacing some household appliances.
- Repaired and/or replaced 149 heating systems in crisis situations, using federal funding administered by DCED.
- Provided energy conservation education information to 377 PPL customers, 178 First Energy customers and to 110 households with funding from DCED.
- Enabled approximately 4,500 PPL customers to maintain service and reduce arrearages through OnTrack, the company's Customer Assistance Program.
- Provided energy assistance to 58 elderly households through funding from the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging, and an additional 20 households using private contributions.
- Purchased and installed 12 solar hot water systems at residences of low-income customers in the PPL WRAP Solar Water Heating Program.

FOWLER COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

- Provided formal instruction on robotics, digital photography and graphic design to 110 students in grades four through twelve.
- Provided after-school homework tutoring and snacks for 86 students in grades four through eight in two school-year sessions.
- 37 students from grades four through eight graduated from the program; each was provided with a refurbished computer and free internet access for one year.
- Of the middle school students, 94% maintained or improved their technology grade. Of the elementary school students, 92% maintained or improved their homework grade, and 100% of the students maintained or improved their citizenship grade.
- 53 students from grades 9 through 12 completed one workshop either in basic webpage design, graphic design, tee shirt design, or MS Office Help.
- 11 students started and completed the new Build Your Own

Computer (BYOC) course. Each student learned the fundamentals of computer hardware and software and built a computer from individual components to complete the course, earning ownership of the computer they designed and built.

- Competed in the state Lego Robotics tournament in Upper Darby for the second year.



**2,598 men,
women, and
children in the
Lehigh Valley
were homeless
in 2006.**

living on a shoe string

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REVENUES

07/01/06 - 06/30/07*

PRIVATE	\$4,156,355	50%
FEDERAL	\$2,665,402	32%
STATE	\$983,598	12%
LOCAL	\$507,286	6%
TOTAL	\$8,312,641	100%

* These unaudited figures include revenues from CACLV's three subsidiary non-profit community development corporations.

The audits of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. and its subsidiaries, are conducted by Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits, LLP. A copy of the official registration and financial information for CACLV, and its subsidiaries may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling, toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.