Dear Friends:

Some of the most significant accomplishments in life are the result of many steps - large and small, over time – toward a goal. This is true not only in the individual lives of the thousands of people who come to PEC seeking assistance, it is also a reality for People’s Emergency Center as an agency.

I want to share with you some of the steps PEC took in fiscal year 2014 toward our goals and the impact of your investment.

- A Financial Opportunity Center was launched at our Center for Employment and Training, offering comprehensive services including financial education and coaching, employment training and placement, and access to public benefits in order to empower individuals in the community to move forward.

- PEC crafted a conflict resolution program for the moms living in emergency and transitional housing. The first group to complete the training held a graduation in January of 2014 to share what they learned and how they now interact differently with their children, neighbors and employers. It was an inspiring time and one participant shared “I now understand that it is ‘ok’ if someone has a different idea – we don’t have to fight.”

- Work continued to transform a vacant lot on Powelton Avenue into a two-story apartment building for formerly homeless families with special needs. A building adjacent to this site was rehabilitated to create affordable rental units for the moderate-income families within the West Powelton community. Known as Bigham Leatherberry Wise Place, to honor three outstanding civic pioneers, this project took many steps from abandoned space to beautiful housing as you can see in the photos at right.

- The Emerging Leaders of People’s Emergency Center (ELPEC) hosted their first event in support of the organization. We look forward to more exciting projects from this group of young professionals.

PEC was one of many collaborators in securing a Promise Zone designation for West Philadelphia. One of only five communities across the country, being in the ‘Promise Zone’ will give PEC an advantage when applying for federal funding, allowing us to take even bigger steps toward change in the future.

We appreciate each of you who support PEC. From our community volunteers, donors, corporate representatives, elected officials, staff at private foundations and government funders you all are vital in our progress. With your help, our circle remains unbroken and we continue to take steps – large and small – to nurture families, strengthen neighborhoods and drive change.

Sincerely,

Bernadine Hawes
Chair, Board Of Directors
The mission of People’s Emergency Center is to nurture families, strengthen neighborhoods and drive change. We are committed to increasing equity and opportunity throughout our entire community. We provide comprehensive supportive and therapeutic services to women experiencing homelessness and their children through a community of more than 240 housing units and programs offering job training, technology coursework, and financial counseling as well as parenting, life skills and early childhood education.

By the Numbers

PEC’s Fiscal Year 2014 Impact

- **108** families accessed emergency housing at PEC last year, including **179** children
- **70** residential façade improvements were made in our neighborhood footprint
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- **PEC delivered 14,403 digital literacy training hours through its Digital Inclusion programs**
- **3,800** community members accessed the weekly food cupboard
- **50,100** meals served to the residents of our shelter
- **More than 60 families benefitted from Transitional Housing**
- **PEC hosted 5 policy forums—bringing research in the field to practitioners across the region**
- **2,165 VISITS TO KEYSPOT COMPUTER LAB OPEN ACCESS HOURS**
- Our Center for Employment and Training Career Fair brought **10** area employers and over **100** job-seekers together
- **1st ever “Homeless Youth of Philadelphia” and “Childhood Homelessness in Pennsylvania” reports published**
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May 2014 Kentucky Derby party fundraising event featured fancy hats, mint juleps, and a fun atmosphere – all in support of PEC.

The staff, moms and children participating in PEC’s Center for Parenting and Early Childhood Education (CPECE) enjoyed a fall field trip to Linvilla Orchards. CPECE staff works with PEC residents to strengthen family bonds and develop healthy, cohesive family relationships.

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Leigh Wilson was PEC’s Stoneleigh Fellow in fiscal year 2014 and enhanced PEC’s Policy efforts. Leigh studied the boys in shelter and how to improve services focused on supporting their unique needs. Leigh’s fellowship culminated with a community forum in June, 2014, at which Leigh and fellow service providers presented key findings from her research and next steps toward supporting this at-risk population. Her report, Fostering Resiliency in African-American Boys Living at PEC, continues to inform our efforts in nurturing families at PEC.
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325 N. 39th Street

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