



# Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.

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*Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities*

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## SHINING STARS YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Annual Report: January 1 – December 31, 2011**

Children from homeless and lower-income households often experience difficulties in academic competencies and lack the basic social and cultural skills necessary for future success. These children often fall further and further behind their peers academically, socially, and ultimately, economically. For twenty two years, the **Shining Stars Youth Education Program** has provided the youngest guests of Hope House and children from households in the surrounding neighborhoods with an environment which is safe and structured, built on trust and empathy, and staffed by caring adults who offer opportunities that strengthen academics, model positive social skills, and provide an atmosphere in which to practice new skills. Youth are offered a plethora of unique experiences to further their development as students and citizens.

### PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The population served by the Shining Stars Youth Education Program is children, ages 6 – 17, living on-site in the Hope House shelter or within the community on Milwaukee's south side. The majority of community youth participants live in neighborhoods in close proximity to Hope House.

**In 2011, Shining Stars has served a total of 108 children – 40 females, 68 males – demographically comprised of 33% Hispanic, 54% African American, 5% Caucasian, and 8% Other.**

### PROGRAM GOALS AND RESULTS

The Shining Stars Youth Education Program is based upon the active involvement of youth in a variety of activities, workshops, and excursions that increase knowledge, improve skills, and teach new behaviors and strategies for future success at home, school, and in the community.

#### **GOAL 1: TO IMPROVE BASIC ACADEMIC SKILLS**

Outcome: Participants will demonstrate improvement in core academic skill areas.

Indicator: 75% of participants will demonstrate concrete improvement on academic skills.

**Results: 90.5% of regular participants have demonstrated concrete improvement on academic skills according to the Student Assessment (IEP).**

**Results: 4040.5 hours of individual tutoring have been provided this year.**

**GOAL 2: TO ENRICH COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS AND DIVERSIFY THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Outcome: Participants will participate in a diverse set of educationally enriching workshops and community and cultural awareness activities.

Indicator: 4000 hours of educational enrichment will be completed each year.

**Results: 9523 hours of educational enrichment workshops have been provided this year.**

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Academic Tutoring. One-on-one and small group tutoring with UWM, MATC, and Marquette University students has just started up again with the beginning of the school year. This provides youth with personal support as they build up essential skills.
2. Educational Workshops. Workshops have provided youth will in an array of “hands-on” educational workshops and experiences that promote lifelong learning, provide unique opportunities for individual growth, and encourage an increasing compassion and understanding of others.
3. Summer Session. The end of the school year brings the beginning of our Summer Session. Excursions and activities are planned for the entire summer, focusing on both fun and community service. The Summer Session runs from late June and continues through mid-August.
4. Community Fieldtrips. During the summer, youth visit area museums, cultural sites, and fun places. These offer safe, positive structure during the summer months. In addition, one day per week, the youth are completing community service projects.

Respectfully Submitted by –