

2005 Annual Report

**Making Connections...
Strengthening Communities...**



OUR NEXT



GENERATION

INC.

Our Next Generation, Inc. serves the children of our neighborhoods with programs focused on improving educational outcomes and life skills. In addition, Our Next Generation endeavors to build an effective, collaborative team of parents, families, teachers, volunteers and staff through one-on-one relationships. Our programs serve all races and creeds and are rooted in spiritual and moral beliefs.

If I were God... I'd be there for
anyone in need...and everyone
would love each other.
Never against one another.



- Destinny Fletcher, 8th grade



Dear Friends:

Making **CONNECTIONS** is the key to Our Next Generation's success. The results we achieved in 2005 reflect the commitment of our donors, volunteers, parents, and friends who support this community by giving of their time and resources.

Our Next Generation strengthened its community ties by providing quality after-school and summer programming to more than 500 children and youth. For the first time, we were able to expand our programs to three sites, as well as a new off-site "Odyssey" program at **University School of Milwaukee**. With the leadership of science teacher **Brian Pack**, a group of our elementary school students traveled to University School weekly and paired with high school students for one-on-one mentoring and tutoring. In addition, we expanded the Jubilee Day Camp to an eight-week summer program with a half day of academics and a half day of enrichment and recreation activities providing a positive and safe place for more than 180 youth.

With the every-increasing and welcome participation by middle- and high-school students, we made a commitment to develop and support our middle- and high-school students with programming that would provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to improve their chances of success – especially their chance to graduate from high school and overcome the current, disheartening graduation rate of only 40 percent. Thus, a pilot program was formed – the **High School Connection**. Led by long-time volunteer **Charlie Drake**, the new program provides a multiplicity of incentives including peer and academic counseling, job training and placement, and tutor stipends with mentoring opportunities, as well as a link to the positive role models and environment presented by The Homework Club of Our Next Generation. As a result, *high school students enrolled in this pilot program averaged GPAs almost twice that of the MPS average*. At the attainment of their goal - high school graduation - each graduate is eligible for an **endowed scholarship** of \$6000.

Our Next Generation's flagship program, **The Homework Club**, remains as the base for our future growth. The one-on-one tutoring program designed to support and encourage academic success in students grades one through twelve continues to evolve as we strive to support more children. The agency served children from more than 25 schools and helped them improve academically – as demonstrated by school attendance and grades.

This foundation will support the expansion of new programming and recruitment in 2006, starting with an exciting program "**LINC**" (*learn, investigate, navigate, create*). "LINC" gives neighborhood middle-school students an opportunity to experience cultural arts, life skills and hands-on programming at a safe, neutral site, and offers a center for academic support and guidance. We think that "LINC" is the right program to help students transition into the High School Connection program.

Our Next Generation plans to launch a pilot program in fall to adopt a group of elementary school students and make a **long-term commitment** to their academic success. The children attend high-need schools, and their families must be willing to commit to being involved with us in their children's development. The program will include tutoring, family support and peer discussion groups.

We look forward to future connections with you, and our next generation of children and youth.

Sincerely,

Susan Quandt, Board Chair

Robert R. Dunn, President

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from Our Next Generation students,
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I am the art of African music, the
 dance of love, and the
 voice of hope. I am the
Black Woman!

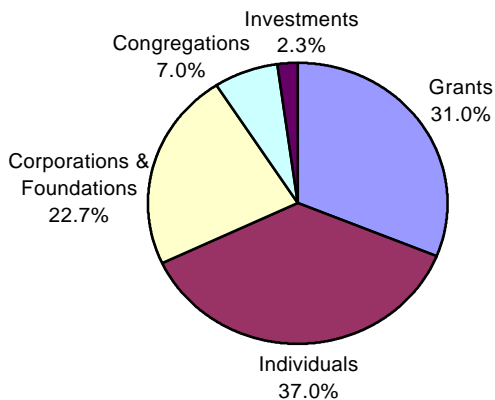


—Tierra Salton, 8th grade

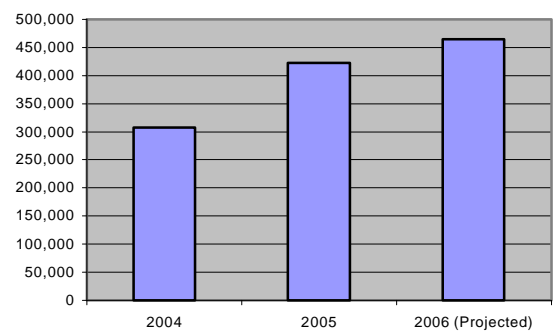


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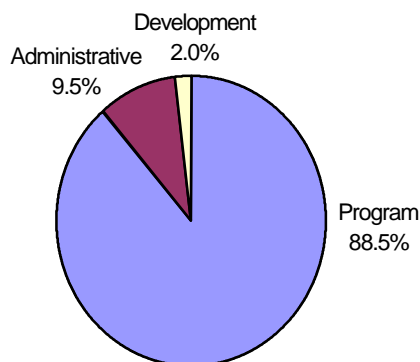
2005 Operating Revenues



BUDGET 2004 - 2006



2005 Operating Expenses



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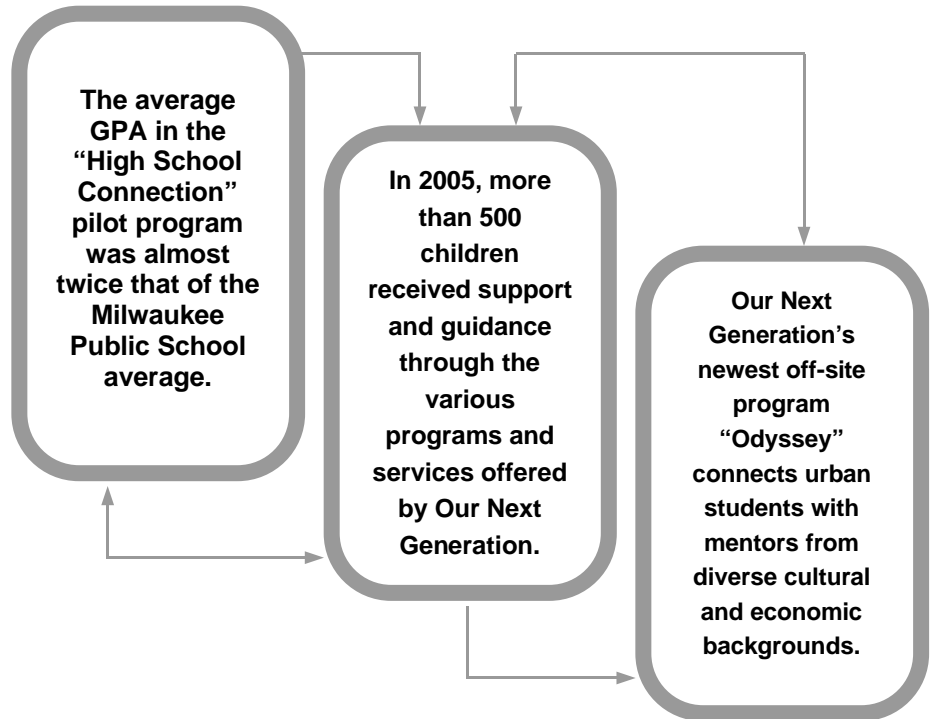
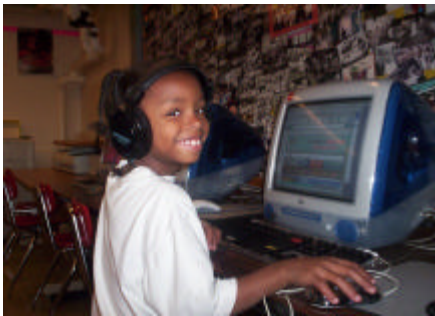
These numbers are approximate.
 The 2005 audit is available upon request.

I'll make the dead rise again, Martin would breathe again and Luther would dance with his Father again.

—Diana Williams, 8th grade



Children. Families. Community.



Connections.



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St. Andrew's
Community Center
34th and Lisbon

The Learning Centers
36th and Brown
31st and Brown