

GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER, INC.
A 501 C (3) subsidiary of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC)
of Bethesda-Chevy Chase
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR CY 2010

Activities of Graceful Growing Together, Inc. (GGT Inc.) during CY 2010 concentrated on continuing to organize for future development and community opportunities. Organizing steps followed the Mission set forth in the Bylaws that were established with the Articles of Incorporation on October 17, 2008.

“The Board of Directors shall support the Corporation in contributing to the historical mission of the Church by remaining in downtown Bethesda and offering and/or expanding services to (i) connect the community by offering affordable operating space for persons or nonprofit organizations that would otherwise be unable to operate in such location, (ii) enrich people’s lives and help them grow through caring relationships and meaningful services, (iii) be innovative by offering new services responsive to community needs, and (iv) impact the quality of life of the less fortunate living in Bethesda, through sustainable community-based programs.”

GGT Inc’s mission and goals address both use of current Church owned community facilities and well as those planned future expanded development. The future development filed in November 2006 received County Council re-zoning approval on G-864 by resolution dated October 26, 2010. That resolution was subsequently appealed by a citizen on November 11, 2010 and is currently pending in Circuit Court as detailed in the GGT Steering Committee Development report.

Completed 2010 Activities

1. Board meeting of January 24, 2010 approved annual reports and 2010 plan.
2. Approval to begin recruiting new community Board member.
3. Completed CY 2009 year-end audit with Key and Associates PC.
4. Released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2011 Financial Services.
5. Continued preparations for a capital campaign including a draft Feasibility Study. CELC Council reconfirmed agreement to capital campaign in a post Local Map Amendment (LMA) approved period.
6. Received County Council approval for LMA re-zoning on October 26, 2010.
7. Participated in three grant workshops and submitted four county and private foundation grant applications.
8. Board members participated in four NonprofitCenters Network Shared Space Workshops.
9. Two Board members completed Maryland Nonprofit *Financial Literacy and Leadership Excellence Seminar* on November 8 and 9, 2010.
10. Launched Culinary Arts Initiative for training and testing of food service workers in fall 2010.
11. GGT Inc President and Acting ED accepted role on the 2011 Program Committee for NonprofitCenters Network annual meeting.
12. Completed updated Board member matrix.

13. Updated activities and developments about GGT Inc. on a regular basis to the sole member, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) and congregation and community it serves.

Activities Underway in 2011

1. January Board meeting completed 2010 review and approved 2011 plans.
2. Complete Acting Executive Director (ED) assessment and initial Feasibility Study
3. File at least 5 grant applications.
4. Complete internal Board and Capital Campaign Feasibility Study
5. Complete YE 2010 Audit, IRS 990 and quarterly financial compilations
6. Assist with completion of Financial Services RFP solicitation and contracts in 1Q11
7. Complete Board Governance expansion with community participation
8. Present Faith Based Shared Use Best Practices at the NonProfitCenters Network Annual Meeting in May
9. Launch Capital Campaign after successful LMA appeal challenge and Feasibility Study completed.
10. Continue active ED and Board participation in local, county, state and national Non Profit seminars.

Approved: January, 18, 2011

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