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## What Is JOSHUA?

JOSHUA is a coalition of faith communities in the greater Green Bay area dedicated to building and deepening relationships within and among faith communities. It empowers people to work together on issues of justice and the common good. JOSHUA builds relationships in the public and private sector in order to advance issues which represent our common faith values.

**JOSHUA dedicates itself to celebrating and respecting our diversity** and our varied faith traditions. While we do not agree on every matter, JOSHUA seeks to unite our members around those faith values of justice on which we do agree and which bring us together.

Because our diverse faith traditions tell us to stand up for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized, JOSHUA works to impact public policies that affect those who are most vulnerable. JOSHUA uses the tools of education (helping people understand how their faith impacts issues affecting their community); advocacy (speaking with a common voice for our values); empowerment (ordinary people learning to effectively participate in issues of justice); and action (moving beyond the walls of our churches to make our presence felt and to transform our community).

**JOSHUA membership is by faith community or organization.** JOSHUA functions through a Board of Directors with representation from every member congregation or institution. In addition to the Board, JOSHUA works through other committees and groups.

**Each month pastors and other religious leaders gather** at the religious leaders caucus to build relationships, to reflect on matters of faith and community concerns, to have opportunity for prayer, learning and encouragement, and to provide the spiritual foundation for JOSHUA and to help shape it.

**Issues committees meet monthly** to research, educate and propose impact strategies and actions around issues of community concern which have been approved by the Board of Directors. Some of these concerns have related to housing, health care, immigration, restorative justice, and others.

JOSHUA is based on building relationships and within member congregations there are core teams which meet monthly to respond to the concerns and passions of their congregations. Core Team members are intentional about meeting one—on—one with people in their congregation and in the public arena, to foster mutual understanding and clarity of purpose. All of the core teams of every member community are invited to meet quarterly for large group gatherings.

**JOSHUA supports itself** through dues paid by congregations, "sustaining members" (individuals), fundraising and grants from foundations. JOSHUA is a 501 (c)3 organization. Charitable contributions to JOSHUA are tax-deductible.

**JOSHUA is part of WISDOM**, a statewide organization, of more than 125 member congregations. Our nearest WISDOM neighbor is ESTHER in the Fox Valley. Other sister organizations are AMOS in LaCrosse, CUSH in Kenosha, JOB in Rock County, JONAH in Eau Claire, MICAH in Milwaukee, RIC in Racine, and SOPHIA in Waukesha.

**Leadership training** is a major component of congregational-based organizing. Members of JOSHUA are eligible for various leadership training opportunities at the local, state and national level in both English and Spanish.

**JOSHUA is non-partisan.** JOSHUA does not endorse candidates. We have members from all political parties, and we believe in the need to hold public officials accountable, no matter what party they represent.

### Our Mission Statement

JOSHUA deepens relationships within and among congregations and empowers people to act together for justice in pursuit of their individual and collective interests.



Justice Organization Sharing Hope & United for Action

# A Message From Our President

**Happy 5th Birthday, JOSHUA!** What an amazing five years this has been. A look at the JOSHUA timeline included in this anniversary booklet documents the work of people of faith, celebrating diversity, bridging differences and coming together with shared core faith convictions, to educate, empower, advocate for, and act on issues of justice and the common good to help create a better community.



The theme for this 2009 yearbook was chosen so that we can reflect on and celebrate our PAST, work in the PRESENT, and recommit ourselves to a shared vision of justice and community building for the FUTURE.

There are five stones on the cover of this book indicating the five years of working together since seven faith communities first covenanted to be, with God's help, a light of hope, compassion

and justice for our community, to offer leadership in listening with open hearts and minds to all our neighbors and to be courageous in standing up for our values.

These five stones could also represent the main issues in JOSHUA's past and present; housing, the rights of immigrants, health care, restorative justice, and community building. Or the stones could be five blessings that JOSHUA has experienced that have led us to this point in time; the blessings of forming relationships; the blessings of diverse perspectives; the blessings of shared convictions; the blessings of financial support; and the blessings of sharing the sometimes hard work of transforming communities and systems.

What do the five stones represent to you? Think about that as you have a glimpse of the faith, dedication and passion of the people of JOSHUA in the pages of this annual. What do the stones mean to you as you recommit or join us for the first time?

JOSHUA is especially grateful to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for a grant which allowed us to hire Emily Gaumer in August as our new full time staff organizer. We are also pleased to have two new member congregations, Old St. Joe's Catholic Parish in De Pere, and the Fox Valley Friends Meeting, covenanting with us for the first time bringing our growing membership to eighteen.

In gratitude for our *Past*,
In solidarity for the *Present*,
And in faith and hope for our *Future*,

**Judith Vogels** 

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# CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 5 YEARS

## WISDOM's Prophetic Statement

We are people of faith united by our passion for justice, commitment to community and a practice of hope. We stand together understanding that our lives and destinies are intertwined.

We come together because God calls us into relationship with one another, with our communities and with the world around us.

We come together from across the state, across faith traditions, across race, class, gender and ethnicity, and across many divides that might ordinarily keep us apart.

We come together around core faith convictions that affirm our direction and shape our vision for the future.

We come together to act for justice, build power and to transform our communities, cities and state.

We stand together in our faith:

- We believe in the God-given dignity and infinite worth of each and every human life.
- We believe that we are each and all part of a sacred community, to which we have responsibility and from which we gain sustenance.
- We believe that our faith calls us to work for justice and liberation, standing against all forms of oppression and inequity.
- We believe we are called to be stewards of the natural world in all its bounty and diversity.
- We believe in shared abundance and stand against the dominant culture of reckless consumption and consumerism for some and deprivation for others.

We believe in the triumph of love and hope over hate and fear.

We build power and act together, drawing courage and inspiration from our faith. We believe God has called us to live, speak and act courageously in accordance with our faith beliefs. Together we will create the community we seek for ourselves, but also build the power we need to transform the world around us. We will build the relationships and strategic capacity we need to powerfully engage and impact public decisions.

Together we declare:

- · Where there is division, we declare unity.
- · Where there is hatred, we declare love.
- · Where there is lack, we declare abundance.
- · Where there is desolation, we declare renewal.
- · Where there is discouragement, we declare hope.
- · Where there is lack of strength, we declare power!

# A Timeline of Our First Five Years

2002-2003

SPRING 2003

and about social justice issues affecting our community. A steering committee is formed and the name

JOSHUA (Justice Organization, Sharing Hope, United for Action) is selected.

A grant was received from the National Catholic Campaign for Human Development to provide seed money for JOSHUA.

SEPTEMBER 2003

Sponsored a public hearing on Assembly Bill 95, a bill allowing children of undocumented, tax-paying immigrants to attend Wisconsin colleges at in-state tuition rates. Attended by 240 persons.

2002–2003

Spring of 2002–2003 — Informational meetings held to learn about congregational based organizing

NOVEMBER 2003
Informational forum and outdoor prayer vigil for those testifying at the Brown County Budget Hearing resulting in restored Human Services funding.



### Meet Our Organizer, Emily Gaumer

Emily was recently named as the new organizer for JOSHUA in Brown County. She began her position August 1, 2009.

Originally from southeast lowa, Emily graduated from Northwestern College of lowa, Orange City, lowa in 2000 with a B.A. in Communications Studies/ Journalism. She began her career as a reporter for her hometown newspaper, The Ottumwa Courier, writing about various topics—everything from the local city council to state and national legislative issues and bills.

Most recently, she served as the Media Relations Specialist with The League of Rural Voters/The Main Street Project, two non-partisan non-profits based in Minneapolis. During her time there, she worked extensively with residents in rural communities to give them a voice and empowering them as leaders within their communities and among legislative and state leaders. Giving back and sustaining the community in which she lives continues to be an important part of her life and will be something that she hopes will continue within JOSHUA as well.

"I am so excited to be working in Wisconsin with the social justice community. Involvement in community issues has always been an important piece of both my family and faith identity. I look forward to continuing to build the strong presence that JOSHUA has within the Brown County social justice community," Gaumer said.

## 2009 Award Recipients

#### SISTER MARIA DRZEWIECKI

#### **JOSHUA BARBARA SHIFFER AWARD**

In Recognition of Outstanding Leadership, and Exemplary Dedication of Time, Energy and Talent to further the Work of JOSHUA

Sister Maria Drzewiecki was raised in Howard and graduated as valedictorian of her class at St. Joseph Academy. She became a member of the Sisters of St Francis of the Holy Cross in 1962 and spent her first years of ministry teaching. From 1970 to 1998 Sister Maria served with the Capuchin Fathers in Bluefields, Nicaragua doing missionary work. She trained lay leaders, promoted education of



rural school teachers, expanded radio ministry, developed leaders and coordinated community involvement in agro-forestry. Sister Maria has always had the heart of a missionary, deep compassion for people in poverty, and a global vision. Returning to Wisconsin in 1998, she served as the Coordinator of Peace and Justice for her religious community.

In 2004 Sister Maria was instrumental in having the Sisters of St. Francis become a founding member of JOSHUA. In the first year of its existence, she served as co-president with Barbara Shiffer. Recognizing her own gifts as well as this area's need for outreach to the Hispanic community, Sister Maria helped establish JOSUE, the Spanish "arm" of JOSHUA, which offers leadership in the cause of justice for immigrants. Sister Maria continues her work with JOSUE and also ministers to Hispanics for the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay through translation services and advocacy for Hispanic families in Northeast Wisconsin.

St. Norbert College bestowed on Sister Maria the award for Distinguished Service in the Humanities in 1988. She also received the Peacemaker Award from the Franciscan Federation in 2005. JOSHUA is profoundly grateful to Sister Maria for her ongoing leadership and service to JOSHUA and to JOSUE.

#### HONORABLE JUDGE DONALD ZUIDMULDER

#### JOSHUA SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP AWARD

JOSHUA is pleased to present the 2009 Spirit of Leadership Award to Judge Donald Zuidmulder for his faith-filled vision, and leadership in the establishment and funding of a drug court in Brown County.

Judge Zuidmulder's ongoing responsibility for the drug court is making our community safer, saving money for the county, reducing recidivism, positively impacting families and neighborhoods and, most importantly, redirecting nonviolent offenders with substance addiction away from jails and prison into effective community-based treatment programs that offer hope.



Judge Zuidmulder was born in

Brown County and attended Norwood School, Franklin Junior High and graduated from West High School in Green Bay. He received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1964 and his law degree in 1968. Upon graduation, he served as Assistant Attorney General from 1968-1970 and as Brown County District Attorney from 1971-1975. He served in private practice from 1975-1997, before being elected to the bench as a Circuit Court Judge, Branch I; a position that he was re-elected to in 2009.

Judge Zuidmulder began his affiliation with JOSHUA last year, meeting with JOSHUA representatives in the spring of 2008 to discuss the possibility of a drug court. It was a very unusual meeting, as Judge Zuidmulder was hoping that JOSHUA would support a drug court and JOSHUA was hoping to convince him to serve as the drug court judge! Following the initial meeting, JOSHUA and Judge Zuidmulder met with Brown County officials, including the County Executive, and formed a committee to work for the establishment of the drug court. Judge Zuidmulder and JOSHUA then worked to secure the funding of the court through the County Board. The drug court is now operating with Judge Zuidmulder's leadership. He stated, "I believe Brown county is a better place because we have a drug court." JOSHUA believes Brown County is a better place because of the contributions and work of Judge Zuidmulder.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2004 Advocated for TIP (Treatment Instead of Prison) legislation in Madison and by contacting area legislators.

MARCH 17, 2005 Joined over 500 people advocating for state a national Immigration Reform at a hearing in Waukesha.

**FEBRUARY 9. 2005** 

165 Sponsored Urban Planning Expert, David Rusk, at a mixed income housing seminar attended by 165 city, county, organizational and business leaders. Work force housing becomes a JOSHUA issue.

# Workforce Housing Task Force

Dick Vogels, Chairperson

# 5 ROCK-SOLID REASONS TO BELONG TO JOSHUA

- Not only is there strength in numbers, but synergy as well.
  - Michael Paprocki
     Member of the Green Bay Area Unitarian Universalist
     Fellowship and Member of the JOSHUA Board of Directors
- 2 JOSHUA helps me to find out what is going on with social justice in my community and how that helps me be of service in the African-American community.
  - Rev. Sylvia Robinson
     Member of Faith Tabernacle and Member-At-Large,
     JOSHUA Board of Directors
- JOSHUA excites me because of its commitment to language, identity and priorities.
  - Cesar Quiro
     Member of St. Willebrord Catholic Parish and
     Member of the JOSUE Core Team
- 4 JOSHUA is a reflection of our United Methodist commitment to social justice.
  - Rev. Sarah Johnsen
     Pastor of First United Methodist Church and Chairperson of the JOSHUA Religious Leaders Caucus
- I believe all people are children of God.

  And because I am a steward of God's

  blessing to me, I'm called to be a voice for
  work to make our community a better
  place to live.
  - Abbie Nordholm
     Member of Resurrection Catholic Parish and Member of the JOSHUA Board of Directors



Members of the Workforce Housing Task Force

#### Our work to date in 2009 includes:

- Supporting, promoting and advocating for "Employer Assisted Housing" (EAH) legislation in Wisconsin providing a tax credit to employers for financially assisting employees in purchasing or renting a residence.
- Continuing to educate the general public and area decision makers about the need for mixed income Workforce Housing through distribution of the task force produced video "A Neighborhood for Everyone" and presentations.
- Cooperating with the Brown County Planning Staff through service on the steering committee studying the possibility of producing a model "Traditional Neighborhood Development" on the 150 acre "County Farm" property located adjoining the Brown County Community Treatment Center and the Brown County Detention Center.

SPRING, 2005 Wisconsin State Legislature passes TIP legislation. **SUMMER 2005** 

TIP Committee established with the goal of creating a pilot Drug Treatment Court in Brown County.

FALL 2005

JOSUE, Joshua's Spanish speaking arm, forms.

MARCH 6, 2006

JOSUE-sponsored "Know Your Rights" Hispanic information session.

MARCH 23, 2005
Statewide launch of Treatment Instead of Prison
(TIP) campaign held on the steps of the Brown County Courthouse.

SEPTEMBER 2005 Advocated in favor of Section 8 Housing at Housing Authority Public Meeting. 006

FEBRUARY 2006

Public Action Meeting/Support of redistricting measures to ensure economic diversity among all area high schools/ formation of Workforce Housing Task Force/ Two more congregations join JOSHUA

### JOSHUA Health Committee

#### Rev. Marian Boyle, Chairperson

#### Winter Season:

- Explored the health issues surrounding childhood obesity while still addressing issues
  of Health Care Reform.
- Helped to organize Health Care Hearing at 1st United Methodist Church in February at which a health care committee member gave testimony.

#### Spring Season's Postcard Campaign:

• Encouraged congregations to talk about the issue of Health Care Reform as people of faith and write postcards to our federal legislators expressing their own views on reform.

#### **Summer Prayer Services for Health Care Reform**

June—August at Baird Park

#### **Other Events:**

- In June, two members of JOSHUA joined with other people of faith in Washington, D.C. to pray and rally for health care reform.
- In July, participated in a non-partisan forum on Health Care Reform at Harmony Cafe.
- In August, participated with other organizations in a Rally for Health Care Reform at UWGB.
- In September, participated in press conference at Congressman Kagen's office regarding need for Health Care Reform.
- Participated at a Congregational meeting hosted by St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church regarding questions about faith and health care reform.
- Offered resources and assistance to congregational Core Teams who want to host 'Faith and Health Care Roundtables' to discuss how we approach this issue as people of faith.



JOSHUA members express support at a health care prayer vigil.

#### Health Care Committee's Value Statement

Health is not a commodity that can be bought or sold. Health is a state of being. It calls for a process of nurturing the physical and mental well-being of all God's children, recognizing that every human life is of infinite value. Therefore, we believe that quality, accessible health care is a basic human right.





Mary Jo Gordon, Executive Director of the Cardiac Arrhythmias Research and Education Foundation (left) and Rev. Marian Boyles (right), pastor of Westside Moravian and chairperson of the JOSHUA Health Care Committee, at a health care forum at the Harmony Cafe in Green Bay.

MAY 8, 2006

Organized Immigration forum held at Green Bay East High School. Over 200 people in attendance. OCTOBER 2006

JOSHUA successfully called for adequate funding for the Brown County Mental Health Center during budget hearings. MARCH 13, 2007 100 Over 100 people attend "Falling Through the Galamental health care forum.

**APRIL 2006** 

Participated in Immigration march with 3,500 others to the steps of the Brown County Courthouse

JUNE 2006

JOSUE hosted an interchange of stories between newly-arrived immigrants and long-time residents.

NOVEMBER 2006

Assisted with the launch of "Community Circles of Support," a Brown County Corrections Relations initiative. 2007





JOSUZ

Claudia Gonzalez, Chairperson







Over 300 people attended an educational forum at St. Willebrord's



Members of JOSUE

JOSUE is a core team within JOSHUA for Latino immigrant residents of Brown County. They meet monthly and have participation anywhere from seven people to 50 people at their monthly meetings. These meetings are in Spanish. The following is a brief time line of JOSUE's activities during the past year.

**In November of 2008**, JOSUE invited the Green Bay Chief of Police to a meeting for a training on how to respond when stopped by the local police and on who to contact within the police department when they needed to report a crime or wrongdoing and how to report it.

In January of 2009, JOSHUA held an immigration forum attended by approximately 300 English and Spanish speaking people. The forum was principally in English however translation devices were available for the over 50 Latinos who attended. Speakers included Green Bay Catholic Diocese Bishop Ricken, the pastor of St. Willebrord Catholic Parish, three Latinos, a Green Bay Alderperson and a representative of JOSHUA. Although this was an educational forum, it also provided a beginning in developing an immigrants rights platform for JOSUE as many Latinos signed petitions addressed to President Obama asking him to sign an executive order ending ICE raids and urging both President Obama and Congressman Kagen to work for positive immigration reform including a path to citizenship for the many undocumented Latinos living in the United States.

In April of 2009, members of JOSUE and JOSHUA met to plan a local leadership training event in community organizing skills. Three planning meetings were held before the "Powerful Leaders for Justice" bilingual leadership development training took place on May 15th and May 16th, 2009 at St. Bernard Catholic Parish in Green Bay. JOSUE invited the 18 Latinos who participated and they also organized a delicious Mexican feast for the final meal of the training.

**In the spring of 2009** a representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles educated members of JOSUE on the issue of drivers' licenses.

**In the summer of 2009**, members of JOSUE attended National Leadership training in Illinois.

**In August of 2009**, JOSUE held a blood drive hosted at St. Willebrord's Catholic Parish, where a total of 24 units of blood was collected, with a large number of donations coming from the Latino community.

On November 21, 2009, JOSUE will host a forum at Notre Dame Academy aimed at educating, organizing and mobilizing the Latino, as well as the wider Green Bay community, on national immigration reform at the federal and state level.

APRIL 22, 2007 Over 500 people attend JOSHUA's

"Festival of Unity"

JOSHUA and JOSUE members were a powerful presence at two public hearings regarding a proposed city immigration ordinance.

**FALL 2007** 

Religious leaders' caucus builds area clergy support for St. John's Homeless Shelter.

2008

**APRIL 2007** 

TIP committee members testify before the state legislature's Joint Committee on Finance. **MAY 2007** 

TIP Committee testifies before the Brown County Human Services Board, advocating TIP programs to be included in the budget. JUNE 2007 JOSHUA has 10 member congregations

NOVEMBER 2007

David Rusk returns for a second forum on affordable housing. Introduced "A Neighborhood for Everyone," a video developed by the Workforce Housing Task Force with a grant from the Affordable Housing Institute of the Catholic Foundation. Presented plans for a mixed income model neighborhood developed with Rrown County Planning Staff

# Religious Leaders Caucus

Rev. Sarah Johnsen, Chairperson

The JOSHUA Religious Leaders' meetings provide a forum for community, lunch, prayer, education, agitation, support and encouragement in our role as advocates for justice in our congregations and community.

**The Religious Leaders Caucus of JOSHUA** is comprised of clergy and religious leaders whose churches are members of JOSHUA. They meet the first Thursday of every month.

**The purpose** of this group is to assist JOSHUA in clarifying, developing and acting on issues of justice; providing the theological underpinnings of the issues, and helping to shape the vision of creating community where everyone is respected and valued.

**The monthly meetings** are a time of sharing concerns about issues of justice reflected in individual congregations, and how to address them in that environment and within the wider community. It is a time for reflection, prayer, support of each other, and encouragement as members of the group struggle to engage their faith communities around their core faith values and mandates of social justice.

The religious leaders have also led the support for local issues, such as obtaining community-wide clergy support for St. John's Homeless Shelter.

Interested religious leaders from non-JOSHUA congregations throughout the area are welcome to attend and participate. For more information, please contact the JOSHUA office at (920) 362-1511 or e-mail joshua4justice@gmail.com.

Rev. Sarah Johnsen is the chairperson of the JOSHUA Religious Leaders Caucus.



Members of the Religious Leaders Caucus



October 2008 Dinner

JANUARY 2008
Met with Congressman regarding concerns about proposed immigration reform.

FEBRUARY 2008
Over 80 people attended our forum "Health Care Acces Is It Making You Sick and Tired."

JUNE 2008
Meeting with State Senato

Meeting with State Senator regarding information on state health care reform.

AUGUST 2008

Held Forum on National Health Care Re
attended by 100 people.

AUGUST 2008

JOSUE works with local labor union and business to help retain jobs for Latino immigrants at local Packing Plant.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2008

Gave witness at Green Bay City Council Meetings supporting St. John Homeless Shelter. JOSHUA member appointed to mayor's homeless task force. APRIL 2008

TIP (TAD) Committee hosts a public forum with over 150 people in affendance, to educate and build support for the formation of a drug court in Brown County.

## Thank You

### Who We Are

#### **Member Congregations**

Ascension Lutheran
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JOSUE

Nativity Catholic Parish Old St. Joe's Catholic Parish Peace Lutheran Resurrection Catholic Parish

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

St. Bernard Catholic Parish St. Phillip Catholic Parish

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

St. Matthew Catholic Parish
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Abbie Nordholm of Allegra Printing for her generous assistance and expertise in printing during these last 5 years. This is also the fifth yearbook that Abbie has worked on. Thank you Abbie.

JOSHUA is richly blessed by the gifts of these members of JOSHUA.

#### OCTOBER 2008

JOSHUA Annual Meeting at St. Matthew's. Over 250 people in attendance. Received public support from many Brown County Board members, including the chair, for a Drug Court in Brown County. Religious leaders pledged support of St. John's Homeless Shelter. JOSHUA has 16 members.

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

JOSHUA, along with other partners, hosts a Health Care Listening Session with Congressman to keep the issue of needed health care reform as a top priority. Members of JOSHUA testify. **APRIL 2009** 

JOSHUA members testify at the State Legislative Joint Finance Committee Hearing for increased TIP/TAD money, for instate tuition for undocumented students, and for the need for a state health care registry.

JANUARY 22, 2009

Over 300 in attendance at JOSHUA event to hear religious and community leaders speak about the need for reform of U.S. Immigration policy and for an end to immigration raids. Petitions distributed asking for end to ICE raids.

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Advocated for retention of Section 8 Housing Vouchers.

MARCH 2009

Over 450 signed petitions collected asking for end to ICE raids are presente to Congressman Kagen's staff and ld - Senator Feingold.

MAY 2009

"Powerful Leaders for Justice" leadership development training planned and hosted by JOSHUA prepared 36 new Hispanic and Anglo leaders.

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- Building multicultural relationships
  - Solidarity with those in need
- Developing sustainable communities
  - Promoting health care reform

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SPRING AND SUMMER 2009

JOSHUA members made many contacts with state legislators for increased TIP/TAD funding, for issuing driver's cards, and for instate tuition for undocumented students. INSTATE TUITION for undocumented students was approved by the legislature.

JUNE 2009
JOSHUA continues speaking in support of
St. John's Homeless Shelter at council meetings.



OCTOBER 22, 2009

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE — JOSHUA CELEBRATES SYEARS ANNUAL MEETING - JOSHUA has 18 member faith groups.

JOSHUA members made multiple contacts with national legislators telling their stories and advocating for health care reform.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2009

Monthly prayer vigils for health care reform. Two members go to Washington DC for interfaith service of witness and prayer for health care reform. JOSHUA continues to speak for Health Care Reform at forum in September.

Congratulations JOSHUA for another year of helping us "to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP)

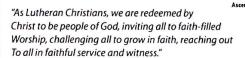


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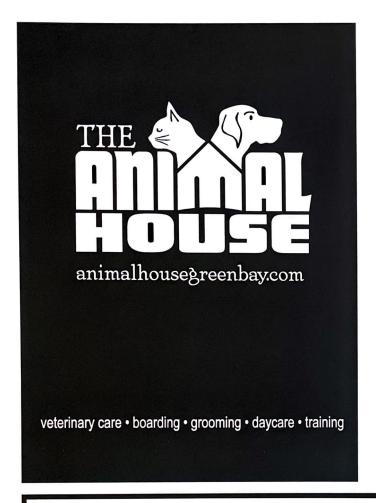


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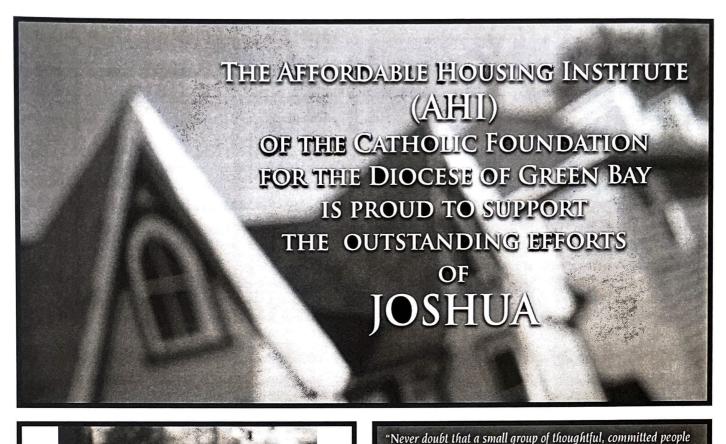
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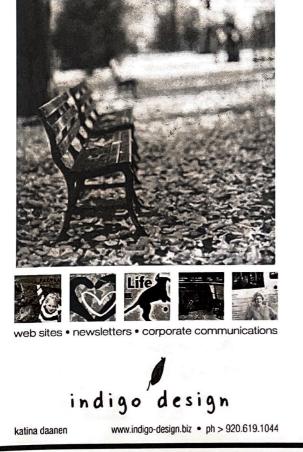
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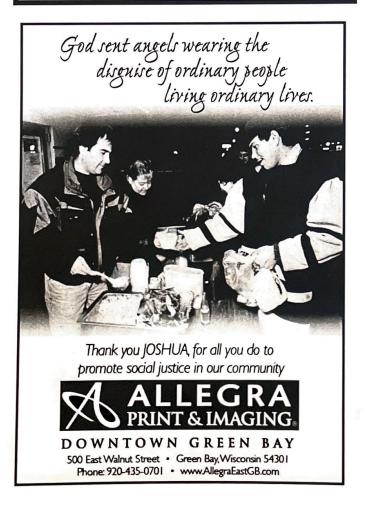
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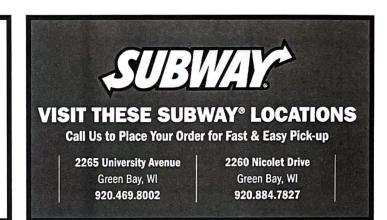
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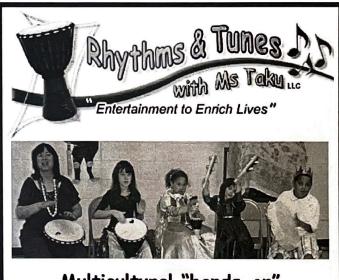
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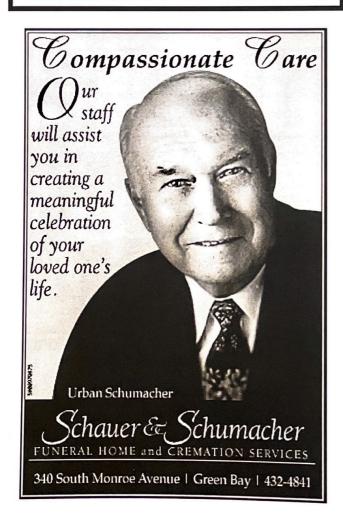
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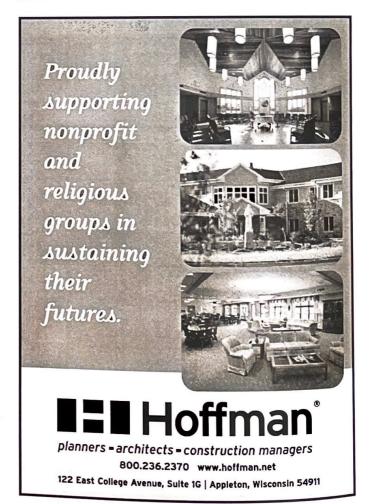
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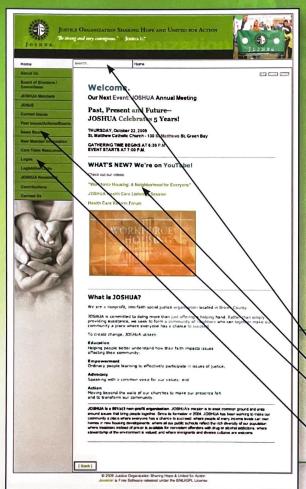
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