

LIFE IN THEIR HOMETOWN WAS PRETTY GOOD FOR ODALEE FAIR AND HER SECOND GRADE DAUGHTER CERITA.

Odalee worked at a pre-school day care center. It wasn't her chosen career field, but it paid the bills and enabled her to set some money aside for the future. Cerita went to school and studied hard to fulfill her dream of becoming a veterinarian...or if that fell through, a wrestling star of the WWE.

Then, in 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and forced mother and daughter to leave behind everything familiar and start over.

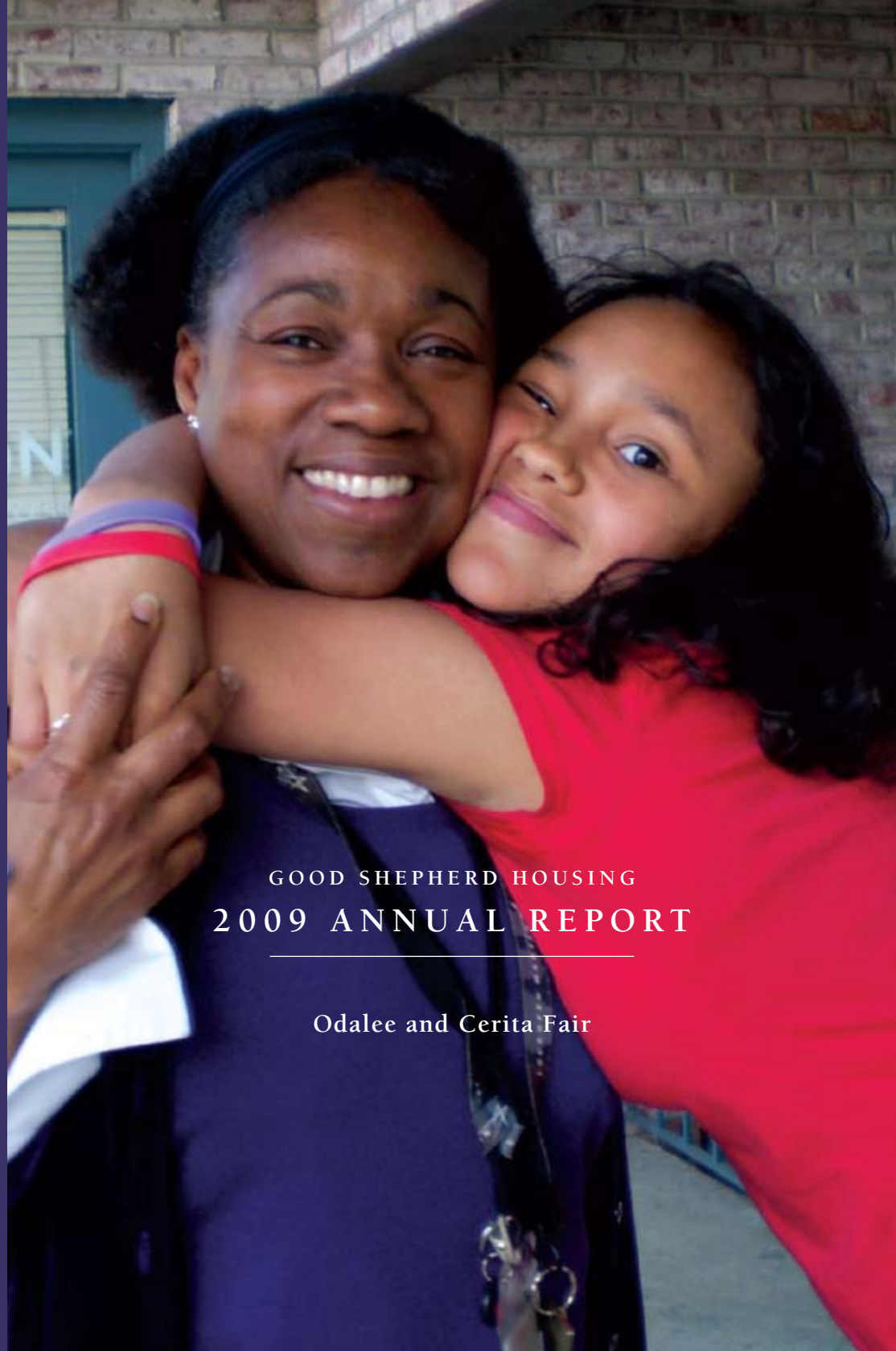
Circumstances brought Odalee and Cerita to Fairfax County, Virginia and a new start. Luck, or perhaps divine intervention, brought the Fairs to Good Shepherd Housing. With the help of Good Shepherd Housing, Odalee took the first step toward establishing a new life by volunteering at the Fairfax South County Government Center. A customer training course she took helped her land a job as a county customer service representative – a job she really enjoys.

No move is easy, especially when it is not by choice. Good Shepherd Housing has years of experience providing solutions for people in troubled circumstances. Odalee and Cerita took comfort in the way Good Shepherd Housing helped make their transition less trying by providing job and budget counseling, and working with other agencies to provide financial assistance and furniture donations for their new living quarters.

Odalee loves her job and the circle of friends she has at work and in her new neighborhood. Good Shepherd Housing has been placing people like Odalee and Cerita in safe and affordable housing along the Route One Corridor since 1974. Grants and donations have helped Good Shepherd Housing purchase more housing for the growing number of families in need.



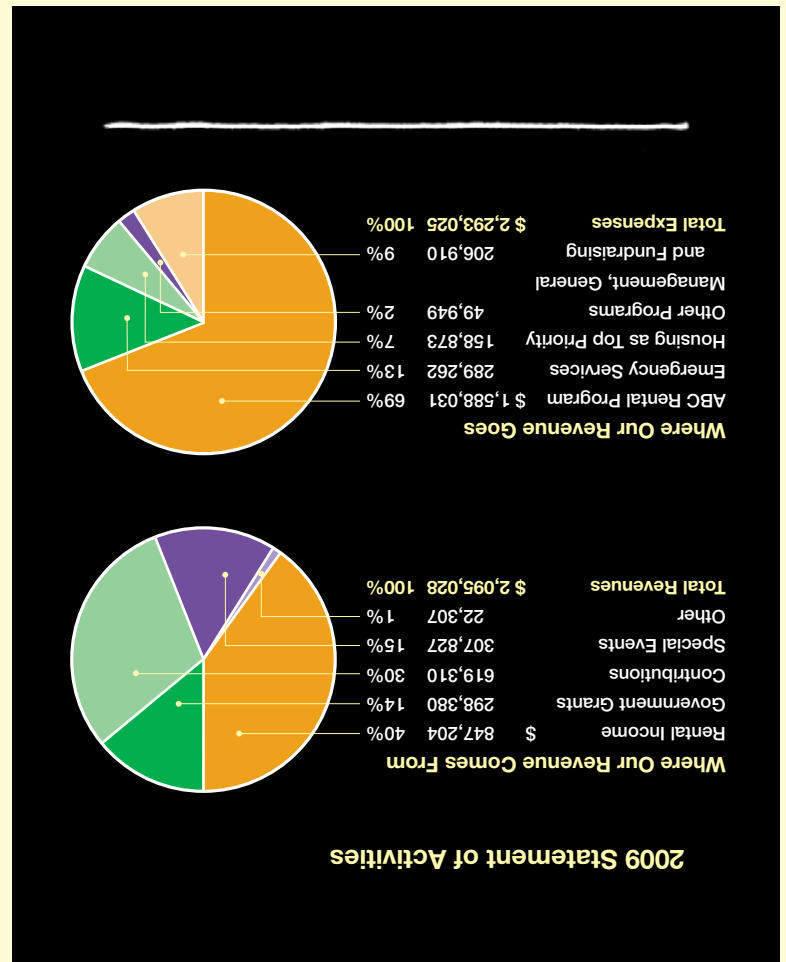
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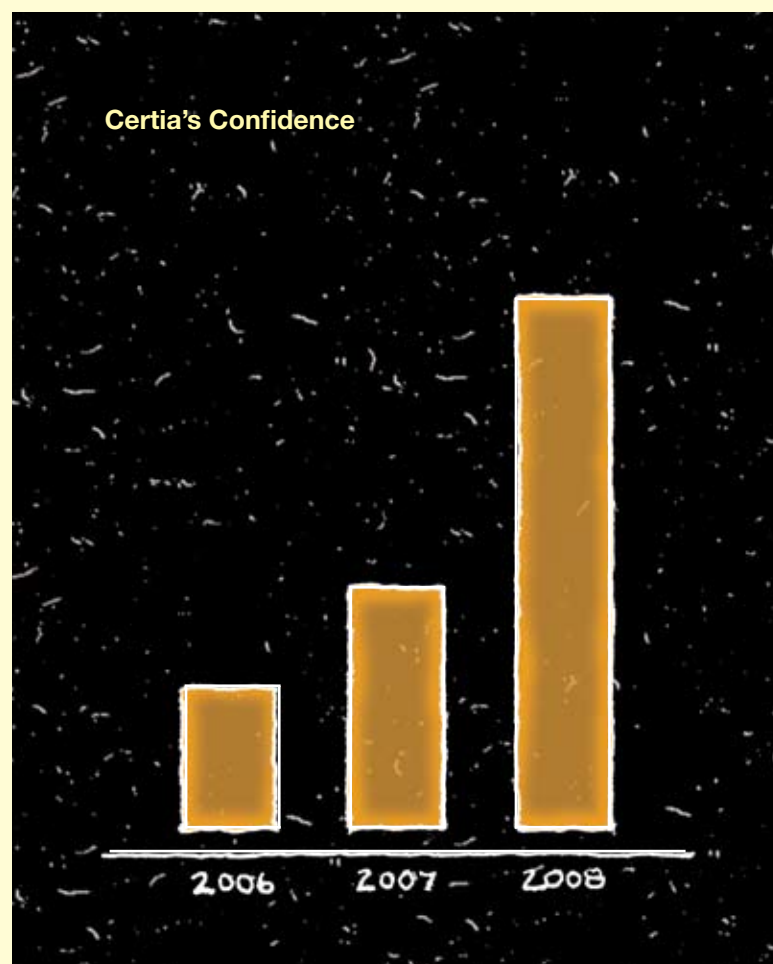
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Odalee and Cerita Fair

The mission of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services is to reduce homelessness, increase community support and promote self-sufficiency. In 1974 a group of volunteers found a couple and their eight children living in a two-room shack. They helped the family find safe, suitable housing and have been addressing housing needs in the community ever since. In 35 years Good Shepherd Housing has grown in response to community needs and served over 650 families in 2008.

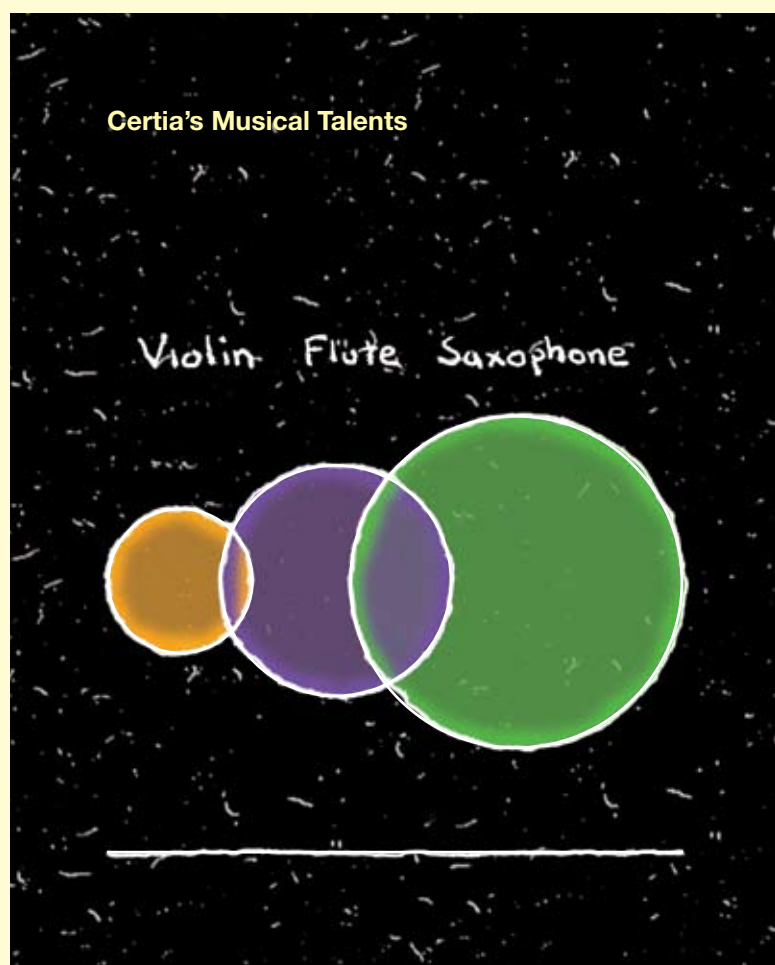


CERITA STILL HAS A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND DILIGENTLY DOES HER HOMEWORK.



Her confidence has blossomed thanks to numerous after-school programs she participates in, such as Girl Power, Media Smart and Computer Lab. Field trips have enriched her life experience with visits to Kings Dominion, the National Zoo, Six Flags, and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Odalee is especially grateful that the stable home life provided by Good Shepherd Housing has enabled Cerita to join clubs like Girl Power, which teach young ladies to be responsible and to make good choices.



Certia's love of music has inspired her to try her hand at different instruments. First she tried the violin, then flute, and now saxophone (her favorite song is Hang on Sloopy).

Cerita has also benefited from the Good Shepherd Housing holiday toy drive, which has provided games, clothes, books, bicycles, art supplies and more to GSH client families. For the last three years, Cerita has been enrolled in the Rec Pac summer school program thanks to Good Shepherd Housing funding.

This newfound stability allows Cerita to continue pursuing her dream of being a veterinarian. She is already practicing her bedside manner every day by assuring her own cat, Michael Glover Fair, "he is loved."

CERITA'S SPIRITS ARE SOARING AS WELL AS HER MUSICAL TALENTS.

