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# Press Release

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## GATEWAYS for Youth & Families 2008 Annual Report to Membership

The President of GATEWAYS for Youth & Families announces the release of the 2009 Annual Report to Members.

- Tacoma, WA, December 15, 2008: Melody Curtiss, President of GATEWAYS for Youth & Families, announced the release of the organization's annual report. Curtiss said of the report's dramatic cover picture of the old farmhouse in flames, "we went with the theme *Burning Down the House* in light of the rough times. It is really a call to rally and "hold tight" – like the song says. We felt pretty battered last year as an organization, and empathize with those who may be reeling under the effects of the dire economic forecast for the future. Financially, we closed out our year in pretty good shape, but it was nip and tuck."

She added, "It turns out to have been a good thing, having to tighten up revenues and expenses early in the spring, although you couldn't have convinced me of that at the time. We are set to ride out the storm, and that's a blessing considering how many other nonprofits and children's social services and agencies have already faltered in this economy. We are building again and moving forward with the Board's agenda for programming, but cautiously. We have to carefully weigh the value received for each dollar spent, but we will make it. That's saying a great deal, considering how many more nonprofits are projected to fail during 2009."

The report is available on the GATEWAYS for Youth & Families website at [gatewaysforyouth.org/Documents/08gyf-annual.pdf](http://gatewaysforyouth.org/Documents/08gyf-annual.pdf)