

Children's Home

every child deserves a safe place



Annual Report
2010-2011

From the... President/CEO



The past year has challenged most not-for-profit organizations and the Children's Home is no exception. Faced with federal, state, and local policies aimed at reducing higher levels of out-of-home care, we have focused on becoming more nimble and adaptable. Our Continuum of Care has helped us in that endeavor. We have seen some growth and expansion in our foster home program and expect to see more growth in this area in the future. We have also seen significant growth in our Bridges to Health program. As a result we are proud to say that last year we successfully completed over 20 adoptions, twelve of them in conjunction with our Bridges to Health program. This is a great example of creative ways to use our existing resources to fulfill our mission of permanence for children.

Fiscally, we remain in good shape. We finished the last fiscal year in a better position than we had originally anticipated. We are prudent in our budget preparations and have put ourselves in a good position to weather the current economic climate and its impact on governmental funding. During this past year our board has been diligent in the exercise of their fiduciary responsibilities and their support of our ongoing work with children and families.

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Robert K. (Chip) Houser

From the... Board Chair



As we approach the 100th birthday of the Children's Home, I often wonder if the founders would recognize anything about the place.

Started by the deaconesses of the Methodist churches of the Wyoming Conference, the Children's Home would serve as a place for "needy and abandoned children" — an orphanage. From early on, there was great support within the Conference for the mission of caring for orphans and destitute children, but the financial side seemed too often to be a struggle.

While the Methodist roots of the Children's Home are still very evident, laws of the state and financial stability dictate that we are no longer an "orphanage" and must respond in a variety of ways to care for the range of issues our children face. We do our best to help children gain a sense of hope, grace and sanctuary, while fulfilling the contractual and legal obligations that

come with being a top flight child care institution.

This past year it seemed that again we faced the dilemma of having backers believe in the mission of the organization but the financial side was difficult. Unlike the early years when covering the cost of basic needs was the greatest concern, our current struggle is being good stewards as we work with different streams of designated funds to cover the cost of legislated care parameters in areas such as education, case management, medical support, foster care and adoption services, and family assistance.

Sound operational and fiscal management have enabled us to continue to present a continuum of care that meets the needs of many at-risk and vulnerable children and their families. Programs including after-school, day treatment, group homes, diagnostic services and an emergency shelter are available to serve the needs of those sent to us. Our focus on retaining well trained staff, keeping the facilities current and being ready to adapt to constantly changing child welfare regulations will keep us ready to serve in the future.

While we go about it in a very different way, my guess is that the founders would see our desire to help children build a life worth living. The child remains at the center of all that we do, just as it was 100 years ago and hopefully that is what they would most readily recognize.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. Peak, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James W. (Jay) Peak, Jr.

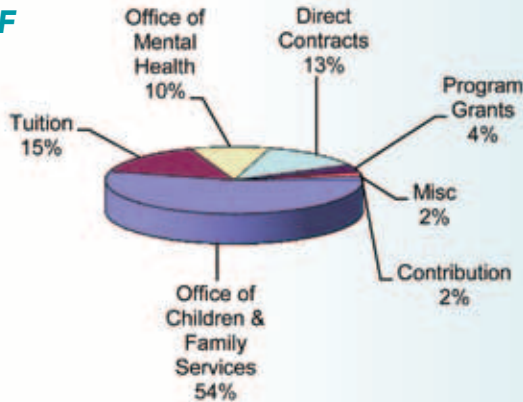
statement of activities...

Year Ended June 30, 2011

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

The past year's difficult economic climate contributed to the financial challenges the Agency faces as it attempts to meet the ever-growing needs of the children and families in our care. With thanks to the continued generosity of many caring and supportive members of our community, we were able to continue to provide quality services to meet the ever-growing needs of our vulnerable population.

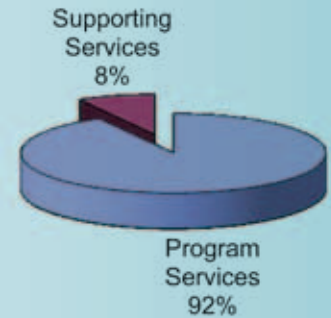
SOURCES OF REVENUE



EXPENSES

Program Services	
Salaries	\$ 8,161,066
Fringe Benefits	2,320,276
Purchased Services	2,485,348
Activities	140,724
Food	461,431
Clothing	122,014
Prescriptions	470,533
Supplies	328,984
Rent / Utilities / Maintenance	539,096
Transportation	202,526
Insurance	196,849
Interest / Depreciation	539,072
	<u>15,967,919</u>
Supporting Services	<u>1,521,953</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$17,029,206



- 397 referrals were received from public and private sources for residential services.
- 74 youth lived in the Residential Treatment Center, 34 in the Diagnostic Center, 97 in Haskins Non-Secure Detention. All received educational, counseling and health services.
- 190 individuals were served in the Close to Home Foster Care Services
- 15 students attended Day School
- 31 students attended the Day Treatment program
- 69 students were served by the Therapeutic After-School Program
- 21 boys lived at the Boys' Group Home
- 19 children lived at the Ardsley Group Home
- 56 children were placed at the Emergency Shelter
- 23 children were given help through the Family Support Program
- 21 young men and women were served through the Supervised Independent Living Program with 9 enrolled in college
- 44 families and 295 children were assisted through Children's Home Preventive Services
- 2,715 used the Wilderness Adventure Program
- 36 children were served through the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Adoption Program
- 49 children were served through the Bridges to Health program
- 20 children were placed for adoption.

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