

*Celebrating
35 Years of Caring*



Annual Report

2001-2002

MISSION STATEMENT

Building on a long-standing tradition, Circle C Youth and Family Services provides a safe environment and therapeutic relationships for children and families at risk. With a focus on strengths, we are committed to assisting children and their families in building solid foundations and supports within their own family and the community. Our goal is to instill personal growth and positive values and achieve permanency for each child.

As Circle C celebrated its 35th anniversary during the past year, we paused briefly to recognize our “three-and-a-half decade” mark. It’s been a year of considerable challenge as Circle C continues to respond to the needs of at-risk kids and families in our community. Along with so many other non-profit organizations, we have tried to address the growing gap between our agency’s revenues and the cost of providing services.

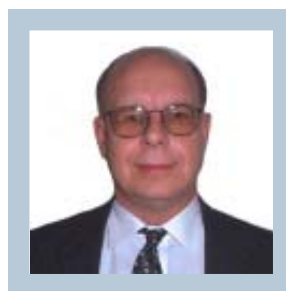
Especially during these recently difficult economic times, we’ve been grateful for those who partner with Circle C to support our efforts. We thank our many donors, whose financial contributions, and donations of Christmas and birthday gifts and other items are extremely valuable to our work. We are also grateful for those who have sponsored our fund raising events. And we continue to appreciate the foundation community’s underwriting of our facility improvements and programming initiatives. With their significant help, we’ve again been able to complete important renovations to our group homes, and have been able to provide our residents with special opportunities and resources.

Over the past year, Circle C staff and board members have created a new strategic plan for the next three years. Through this process, it was clear to all who participated that the goals and plans of the near future are worthy only

if we continue to offer the personal relationships and positive guidance that can make such a difference in the lives of the kids entrusted to us. With this underlying philosophy in mind, goals have been set to continue to upgrade facilities and resources, and to add treatment resources such as outside speakers, tutors, vocational tours, life-skills materials, and service opportunities which provide the kids in our care with new ways to look at life.



Richard T. Knouff
Executive Director



Joseph R. Hinzmay
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We are proud of and very pleased with our ongoing education efforts, which have grown this year. For the first time, Circle C has opened its annual summer school to residents of another agency. Ten boys from FamilyLinks were included in our 6-week program, which provided each student an opportunity to earn “make-up” credits in Math, English, and Social Studies. Also new in 2002 was the provision of professional tutors to our residents. Certified teachers now provide individualized tutoring at two group homes, and the program is scheduled to expand to the other two homes in the coming months.

As our difficult and important work continues, we are mindful of our history, and of our mission to offer each child in our care new ways to build a better future for themselves and their families. We recognize and appreciate that we are joined in this work with many other caring people.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

Revenues

Child Care Fees	\$1,981,328
General Contributions	48,575
Private Grants	88,139
Public Grants	53,230
Other	15,842
	\$2,187,114

Expenses

Group Home Programs (4)	\$1,607,262
Foster Care Program	277,911
Administrative Costs	329,941
Fundraising Costs	79,263
	\$2,294,377

Change in Net Assets (\$107,263)

Audited financial statements are available for review at the administrative office

Served

Carrick Group Home	18
Oasis Group Home	25
Patak Group Home	22
Euclid Group Home	13
Designated Family Program	31
	109

Counties of Origin

Allegheny	97%
Washington	2%
Westmoreland	1%

Race

Caucasian	35%
African American	59%
Bi-Racial	6%

Gender

Group Home	Males	68%
	Females	32%
Foster Care	Males	60%
	Females	40%

Age

0 - 6 years	22
7 - 12 years	5
13 - 18 years	79
19+ years	3

Licenses

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
 Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations

Affiliations

West End I-Net
 The HealthNet Project
 Conference of Allegheny Providers
 The Allegheny County Outcomes Collaborative
 Pennsylvania Council of Children, Youth and Family Services

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Child Health Association of Sewickley
 FISA Foundation
 Hermes Foundation
 Knudsen (Earl) Foundation
 Laurel Foundation
 Matthews Educational & Charitable Trust
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 Mellon Financial Corporation Foundation

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 Rockwell Foundation
 Staunton Farm Foundation

Churches

Chartiers Valley United Presbyterian Church
 Church of the Assumption
 Community Presbyterian
 Church of Ben Avon
 Mt. Pisgah Prebyterian Church
 Spencer United Methodist Church

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 Three Rivers Connect
 Tickets for Kids
 United Methodist Women – Spencer UM Church
 Western PA Toy Run

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...to all of our donors who have supported our mission to serve children and families in Western Pennsylvania from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. If we have missed you, let us know by calling (412) 937-1605 Extension 227. Please be assured that your generosity is very much appreciated.

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF CARING

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF CARING

Thirty-five years ago... it started with a commitment by John and Christine Patak. They opened their home in Pittsburgh's North Side to a troubled young man from the court system of Allegheny County. Their obvious caring and impressive skills with this difficult adolescent did not go unnoticed. It led to other requests, and a decision to make caring for at-risk kids their life's work. Since then, thousands of area young people have been referred to one of Circle C's group home programs or specially-trained foster families to learn skills for a new way of living.

Today, with the help of over 50 staff members, Circle C is still offering area young people an opportunity to meet life's challenges with the help and support of caring adults, community resources, and improved relationships. The agency's emphasis on education, life skill development, and family therapy provides each young person at Circle C with ongoing help in areas that are vital for a brighter future.

Group Home Programs

Circle C's residential group home programs include the **Carrick House**, designed for younger adolescent boys (ages 13-15 years); the **Patak House**, which focuses on the needs of older adolescent boys (ages 15-17 years); the **Oasis House**, which offers treatment and life skills development to young women (ages 15-18 years), and the **Euclid House**, which provides life skills development to young men (ages 16-18 years) who have successfully completed other programs.

At each home, physical improvements have continued, primarily as the result of ongoing foundation support and generous efforts by United Way Day of Caring volunteers from Alcosan, Allegheny County DHS, Giant Eagle, 911th Airlift Wing, and UPMC Health Plan.

The cleaning and repointing of the stone exterior at Oasis House is nearly complete, and a new recreation room and exercise area was recently completed. At Carrick, a new privacy fence has been completed, and a fresh coat of paint has brightened both porches and the home's entryway. New retaining walls



have improved the appearance of both Euclid and Patak Houses.

Grants were received during the 01-02 fiscal year from the Child Health Association of Sewickley, the FISA Foundation, the Earl Knudsen Foundation, the Laurel Foundation, the Matthews Educational and Charitable Trust, the McKinney Foundation, the Mellon Financial Corporation Foundation, The Pittsburgh Foundation, the Rockwell

Foundation, and the Staunton Farm Foundation. These partners enhanced Circle C's facilities and program capabilities tremendously.

Circle C's summer programming for its group home residents wasn't all work, however. Through a generous grant from the Sarah Heinz House, group home residents and staff were also able to take vacation trips to Chicago, Cleveland, Virginia Beach, and Assateague Island, near Ocean City, Maryland. Residents continued to enjoy other great recreational opportunities, due in large part to the agency's relationship with

Tickets for Kids. Circle C also maintained memberships with the *Sewickley YMCA*, and the *Carnegie Science Center*.



Family Therapy

Circle C understands the powerful impact of family relationships on the children in our care. Each Circle C group home program includes a family therapist as an integral part of the treatment team. These specially-trained counselors complete family assessments, provide family therapy, and seek to involve family members in their child's treatment process. Our goal is to reunite residents with their families whenever it is possible.



The Family Therapy Team continues to receive additional supervision and training by a professional who is licensed by the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Foster Care Program

Through the *Designated Family Program*, Circle C brings together a network of dedicated individuals who are able to provide the intimate setting that only a family can offer. Our foster parents are willing to open their homes at a moment's notice -- for both short and long-term care.

During the past year, staff have worked at providing additional support to a growing number of children who require frequent interactive family visits and mental health sessions.

Staff also maintain regular contact with families to



ensure that they have needed resources.

Education

Under the leadership of Circle C's Education Coordinator, our residents have once again had a productive year. With the support of the *Allegheny Intermediate Unit* and public school personnel, many of our residents were able to overcome a history of poor academic performance -- improving their attendance, grades, and test results! Residents are encouraged to actively explore vocational opportunities for after graduation.

Circle C continues to provide a Title I summer school program for its group home residents each year, from early July through mid-August. The program offers very personalized instruction in English, Math, Social Studies, and Industrial Arts. With a teacher-student ratio of about 1:3, students generally make tremendous progress -- often improving several grade levels in the course of the five week session! Mentoring relationships result which are not possible with larger class sizes.



Family members are invited to attend the Annual Awards Luncheon each year, where students are honored for their many achievements.

Following another very successful summer school, this year including some students from Familylinks, Circle C was also able to add tutors for its group homes. Two nights a week, the tutors provide additional support to the residents most in need.

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