

CARE for Children



Annual Report

July 1st, 2009 to June 30th, 2010

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From the President

How often do we hear 'life is full of opportunities'?

Everything we do at CARE for Children is rooted in providing opportunities, as a board, that is a driving force for our stewardship. We remain dedicated to helping children in ways that have the greatest impact.



During the economic downturn we made the decision to invest in service expansion and to improve the quality of existing services. Over the last two years the organization has hired five additional therapists to better serve the needs of our community. This annual report is a reflection of the success of that strategy as revenues for the agency have stabilized and the services we provide cast a wider safety net for local children.

In 2009-2010 a different opportunity arose as the organization acquired a property on 723 East Main Street in Bradford, one block south of our current location. I am gratified to be part of the leadership at CARE as we prepare to launch the most ambitious project in our 86 year history— a new facility that will serve as a community center for children of all abilities.

The new building is an opportunity for CARE to have a base to better feature and expand our clinical, educational and community services. We are exploring adding to our early learning and early intervention programs; as well as providing specialized services to school age children.

This year the board was happy to welcome two new directors: Dana A. Sampson, of Goodman Services, Inc., and Jan Brown, Practice Manager at Bradford Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine. I know Dana and Jan will contribute to the high quality of leadership that already exists on our board as we work to give children and their families opportunities they might otherwise not have.

On behalf of the board of directors, I want to thank our staff, volunteers, donors, partners and supporters for helping CARE for Children seize all the wonderful opportunities that have come our way and for helping to ensure that all children that receive our services have the chance for a life full of opportunities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Marshall'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Mick Marshall

From the Executive Director

CARE for Children has a lofty mission; as an organization we are *dedicated to improving the life of children of all abilities.*

At a recent meeting with the board and staff we talked about how the components of 'dedication, improvement and all abilities' provide the foundation for resource allocation, program development, and service delivery.



The discussion revolved around maximizing the potential of our kids, creating a culture that focuses on what children 'can do and not what they are unable to do' and how to maintain our commitment to providing pro-active, responsive services in a sustainable and responsible manner.

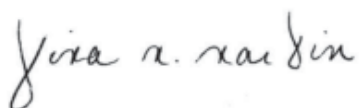
The discussion became a reinvestment in the mission for us as an organization, but the question becomes: How does CARE's mission translate into action?

At CARE we want the kids receiving therapy to have more independence; children that participate in injury prevention programs to stay safe; parents that attend family support meetings to be empowered; students that attend our preschool to be kindergarten-ready; and the fourth graders that attend disability awareness presentations to understand that as people we are more alike than we are different. Each of CARE's programs works to make small strides in bettering the lives of local children.

Although the majority of our services are child-centered, we recognize that each child that receives services is part of a bigger network that includes their families, teachers, peers, and community members. We want to continue to be successful in harnessing the collective power of those connections to make each child's life better.

Just like the children and families that receive our services; we at CARE for Children continue to grow and work hard to maximize our potential as an organization. It is only by partnering with children and their families; our donors and supporters; and the community, can we be successful in creating positive change in the lives of children of all abilities.

Tina M. Martin



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Therapy Services



Physical Therapy- School Based

Physical therapy centers on a child's basic movement, balance and coordination. CARE's physical therapists provide school-based evaluation and treatment for children with physical and developmental disabilities as well as children with delays.

Physical therapists also work with adaptive equipment to assist children with day-to-day tasks. School-based therapy is provided to give students improved access to education.

Occupational Therapy- School Based

Occupational therapy focuses on the development of a child's fine motor skills. CARE occupational therapists provide school-based evaluation and treatment for children with physical and developmental disabilities as well as children with delays.



Occupational therapists work to help children accomplish the daily tasks required for success in school, such as writing, painting, playing with toys, and cutting with scissors. Therapists also work with adaptive equipment to assist children with day-to-day tasks. School-based therapy is provided to give students improved access to education.

Early Intervention, Birth to Three

Physical and occupational therapists and special instructors work with children age birth to three that have been identified by the county Early Intervention system with a developmental delay or disability. Early Intervention professionals work with the child to achieve appropriate milestones and possibly prevent the need for future intervention.



Early Intervention is a collaboration of services that assists families in improving their young child's developmental and educational growth. Therapy and educational services are provided in the child's natural setting.

Health Services

Shriners Orthopedic Clinics

A team of pediatric orthopedic specialists travel from Shriners Hospital in Erie, PA to provide free evaluation and treatment for children with orthopedic conditions. A referral is required from physician, school, or health care provider. CARE also has telemedicine capabilities to provide long distance evaluative and consultative services with the hospital, providing improved access and convenience to quality pediatric orthopedic care for our region.



Developmental Screenings

CARE therapists and developmentalists conduct developmental, gross motor, and scoliosis screenings at schools, health fairs, and the McKean County Family Centers.

Verner W. Smith Adaptive Equipment Clinic

CARE provides consultative services in collaboration with mobility professionals to provide a team approach for filling prescriptions and making necessary adjustments, and repairs to adaptive equipment.



Equipment Loan

CARE loans walkers, wheelchairs, lifts and other equipment, with the referral of a health care provider. Equipment is subject to fit and availability.

Early Learning

Rainbow Corner Preschool

The Rainbow Corner Preschool is a unique, integrated program serving children of all abilities three to five years of age. The preschool is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and follows a curriculum that is aligned with Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards.

Rainbow Corner also offers a developmental playgroup for children aged 24-42 months. The playgroup focuses on language development, sensory exploration, and socialization.

The preschool's inclusive setting is designed to enhance each child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. Rainbow Corner encourages students to be active explorers of the world. The preschool and playgroup have year-round rolling registration.

Kiwanis Toy & Book Lending Library

The Kiwanis Club of Bradford: *Children First Priority One Grant* enabled CARE to establish a toy and resource library for parents and caregivers of children with special health care needs.

Community Outreach

Family Support

The Family Support Program is an important initiative in CARE's overall delivery of services and programs because it recognizes the toll on families raising a child with special health care needs and aims to provide positive support for these families. CARE's Family Support Program provides information and referral; connections to community resources; hosts support groups; and provides parent and professional education and trainings.

Therapeutic Recreation

Therapeutic recreation for children with disabilities provides many benefits including; cardiovascular fitness, and improved strength, balance, coordination and muscle control. It also improves self-esteem, provides an opportunity to gain socialization skills and encourages fair play and sportsmanship.

Some of CARE's recreation programs include: the Holiday Valley Adaptive Ski Clinic, Lady Panthers Basketball Mini Camp, Lady Panthers Volleyball Camp, CARE/YMCA Day Camp, Team Jeep Trail Rides, Arts and Crafts, Bylye Lanes Bowling, Aquabilities-adaptive swim program, and Pine Acres Adaptive Golf Outing.

Highmark CARE Kid Fitness

Thanks in part to a grant from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, CARE began offering a fitness program for children with disabilities and special health care needs. With Highmark funding CARE therapists and the physical education teachers from Blaisdell Elementary and School Street Elementary conduct weekly adaptive gym classes to promote life long fitness and the self esteem of students

Child Safety & Injury Prevention

CARE for Children is the lead agency for Safe Kids McKean. Safe Kids McKean promotes the prevention of childhood injuries in McKean County through education, collaboration, and advocacy. Please see *Safe Kids McKean's Report to the Community* for more information.

Disability Awareness

CARE's *Disability Awareness* program aims to promote acceptance for children with physical and developmental disabilities. CARE conducts presentations and workshops for area schools, civic, and professional groups.



Population Impacted by CARE Services & Programs July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

CARE for Children Programs	Children	Adults	Volunteers	Total
Early Intervention Birth to Three ¹	116			116
School Based Therapy ²	143			143
Therapeutic Recreation ³	384		73	457
CARE Kid Fitness Adaptive Physical Education ⁴	1261		143	1404
Community Outreach: Family Support, Special Assistance and Disability Awareness ⁵	497	133		630
Shriners Orthopedic Clinics & Developmental Screenings ⁶	449	57		506
Rainbow Corner Preschool ⁷	40		21	61
Child Safety & Injury Prevention ⁸	1463	368	54	1885
Total	4353	558	291	5202

¹ These figures represent the unduplicated active therapy caseload for Early Intervention Birth to Three Services (physical therapy, occupational therapy, and/or special instruction). Children may receive one or more interventions based on their age and specific delay.

² These figures represent the unduplicated number of children receiving School Based Therapy (physical and/or occupational therapy). Children may receive one or both therapies based on the recommendation of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or service agreement.

³ These figures represent the overall participation at therapeutic recreation.

⁴ These figures represent the overall participation (recurring) of children participating in Highmark CARE Kid Fitness throughout the school year.

⁵ These figures represent the overall participation in Community Outreach Programs for children with special health care needs including the disability awareness program and family support program, which includes referral services, parent & professional trainings, special assistance and the equipment loan program.

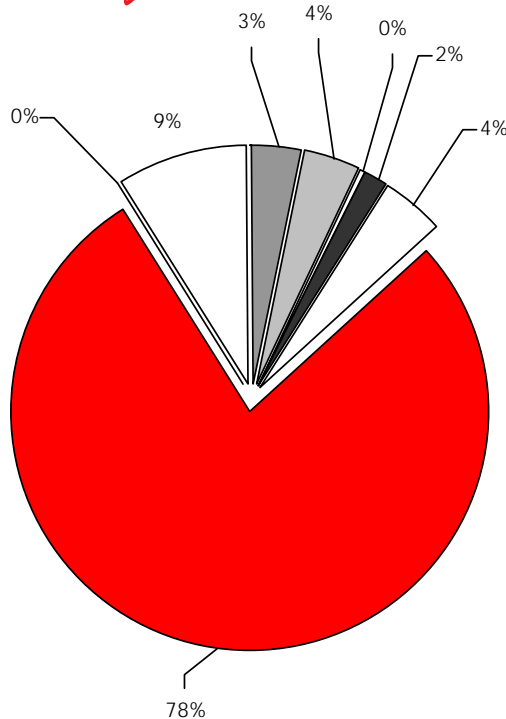
⁶ These figures represent Shriners Orthopedic Clinic evaluation and treatment (Bradford Clinic); equipment clinics; Healthy Baby Screening Day; McKean County Family Center Screenings; and assessments at scoliosis and developmental screenings in area schools.

⁷ These figures include preschool students and toddlers participating in the developmental playgroup.

⁸ The child safety and injury prevention number is taken from the Safe Kids McKean 2009-2010 Report to the Community. CARE is the lead agency for Safe Kids McKean.

Operating Revenues 2009-2010

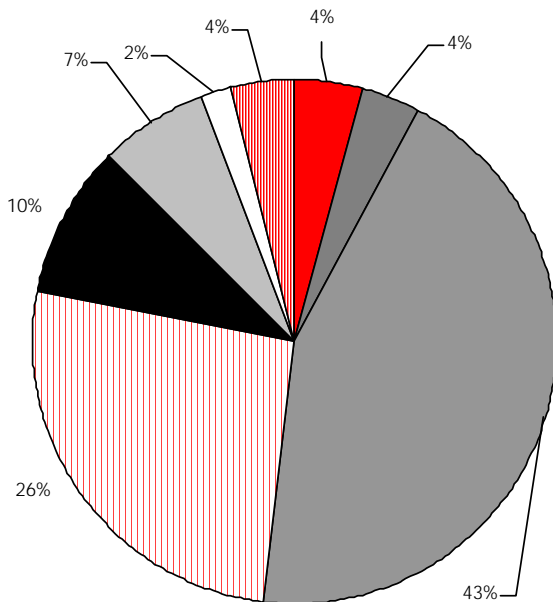
\$818,599



■ Donations	\$26,357
■ United Ways/ United Funds	\$32,589
□ Memorials & Honorariums	\$2,935
■ Grants	\$12,932
□ Special Events	\$33,464
■ Program Service Fees	\$637,327
■ Miscellaneous	\$995
□ Trust Income Used for Operating	\$72,000

Operating Expenditures 2009-2010

\$802,522



■ Community Outreach	\$33,976
■ Therapeutic Recreation	\$28,145
■ Birth to Three Services	\$356,261
□ School Based Therapy	\$207,901
■ Preschool	\$76,368
■ Management & General	\$53,633
□ Fundraising	\$14,910
■ Child Safety & Injury Prevention (Safe Kids)	\$32,328

CARE for Children Trust Activity

Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments (\$76,460)

Interest & Dividends \$95,976

Net Appreciation (Depreciation) of Investments \$262,622

Investment Management Fees \$16,330



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