

# CARE for Children

## *Annual Report*



July 1st, 2005 to June 30th, 2006

*Improving the Lives of Children of All Abilities since 1924*

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*On the front cover:*

*CARE kid Vanessa, age 5, with Kimberly Engstrom,*

*Preschool Director/Developmentalist.*

# *from the President*

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## *Joseph Yaros*

The past fiscal year CARE for Children eased through a transition in leadership; as the board elected new officers and the agency hired a new executive director. Former Director, Ann Feightner left CARE after four years and an impressive track record to take a position closer to home. After a thorough and comprehensive search by the Board of Directors, we promoted Tina Martin, who after four years as community relations director, has demonstrated her passion for the mission, knowledge of service delivery and dedication to the children for whom we provide service.

The Board of Directors also welcomed Director Dan Wertz, an attorney with Woods, Baker and Ross from the Smethport community. Dan has already made several noteworthy contributions to the work of the board.

The Board also made the decision to support the expansion of community outreach efforts to include all children with special health care needs and not limit those services to children actively receiving therapy services. This enables CARE to include more children throughout the county that need support services and renewed our commitment to services that are child centered but take into account the needs of the family as a whole.

As the needs of the county and the surrounding region becomes greater, CARE is prepared to address those needs by expanding recruitment and retention efforts for qualified therapeutic staff. It is our goal that the needs of the children in our community will not go unmet.

The support of the community is invaluable; to this end CARE for Children has actively collaborated with community partners and resources to ensure a welcoming and inclusive community for children with disabilities.

Lastly, I would like to thank Tina Martin, Executive Director and the exceptional staff for their dedication to providing excellent services to the children and families in our area. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors and the community for their ongoing support and commitment to improving the lives of children.

Sincerely,

Joseph Yaros  
President, Board of Directors

## *from the Executive Director*

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*Tina Martin*

This year marks my fifth year at CARE for Children. It has been remarkable to be part of the many changes that have taken place. CARE has more than doubled the active pediatric therapeutic caseload with the addition of occupational therapy and doubled the size of our staff; entered a new era with the addition of telemedicine and increased our value added services, including; a formalized family support program, exciting recreation programs; and by sponsoring disability awareness in area schools.

In a traditional business model, success is measured by numbers, by profitability. At CARE we strive to run the most ethical, efficient and cost-effective programs but **the first measure of our success is impact**. How many kids have we helped? How many steps have we made towards a truly inclusive community? And most importantly: What more needs to be done for our kids and their families?

As we move forward, we will be measuring not only the number of children provided services but the quality of those services. We are also moving forward with new initiatives such as childhood safety and injury prevention that will hopefully improve the lives of all children in the area. We also plan to expand the disability awareness program to every public school in the county.

None of our success would be possible without our stakeholders: a dedicated and caring staff; a Board of Directors with vision and determination; and a tremendous number of community partners, businesses, volunteers and donors that fully invest in our mission of improving the lives of children of all abilities.

I want to take this opportunity to not only thank you for your continued support, but assure you that we will continue to work with diligence to ensure that CARE for Children maintains the highest return on investment, by making a positive impact in the lives of children in our community.

Sincerely

Tina M. Martin  
Executive Director

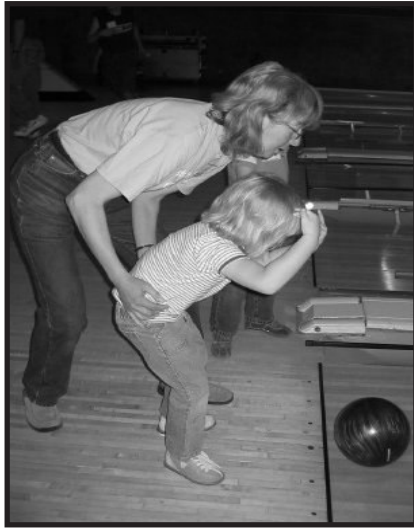
# *Pediatric Population Impacted by Services and Programs Year Ending June 30, 2006*

	Pediatric Therapy PT/OT/ Special Instruction	Shriners Orthopedic Clinic/Screenings	Community Outreach *	Rainbow Corner Preschool	Total # of children receiving service	% of Client Population
Infant (0-2)	22	70	20	0	112	6.5%
Young Child (2-5)	24	35	32	34	125	7.3%
Older Child (6-12)	82	65	**996	0	1143	66.5%
Teen (13-19)	8	315	14	0	337	19.6%
Young Adult (19-21)	0	0	3	0	3	.10%
Total	136	485	1065	34	756	100%

*\* Community Outreach includes the Family Support Program, Information and Referral, Therapeutic Recreation & Respite and Disability Awareness.*

*\*\*This number includes 883 children that attended the Disability Awareness Program in area schools.*

# Programs & Services



*Physical therapist Carol Schindhelm gives a little coaching to Allison, age 5, at one of CARE's Bowling Nights at Byllye Lanes.*



*One-year-old Michael gets ready to slide on the CARE playground. Michael receives Early Intervention Services.*

## Physical Therapy

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 developmental & physical disabilities in an educational setting.

Therapists also work with adaptive equipment to assist children with day-to-day tasks.

## Occupational Therapy

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.

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.

## Early Intervention

CARE's Therapists and Developmentalists work with children age 0-3 that have been identified with a developmental delay or disability by the county Early Intervention system. 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.

### **Shriners Orthopedic Clinics**

A team of pediatric specialists travel from Shriners Hospital in Erie, PA to provide free clinical evaluation and treatment for children with orthopedic conditions. A referral is required from physician or health care professional.

### **Telemedicine Clinic**

In 2005, CARE for Children partnered with Shriners Hospital and the CVS pharmacy/Charitable Trust to establish a telemedicine clinic to provide evaluation and consultation services with the hospital. The clinics telemedicine capabilities provide improved access and convenience to quality health care for area children.

### **Brace Clinics**

Brace consults are held several times a year during Shriners Orthopedic Clinics, a qualified Orthotist (brace specialist) conducts fittings, assists with repairs and provides consultative services.

### **Adaptive Equipment Consultation**

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.

### **Out-Patient Therapy Clinic**

The out-patient clinic, located at 20 Russell Boulevard, combines a child-friendly facility with licensed physical and occupational therapists that specialize in the treatment of pediatric patients.



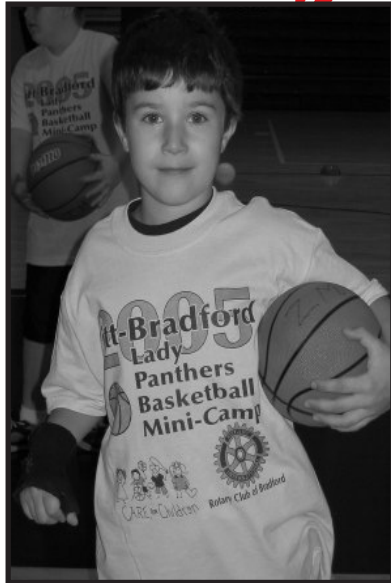
*Sherrí Rhoades hangs out with best friend Rodney, age 12, at CARE's annual Walk, Rock and Roll Fundraiser at Callahan Park Ice Rink.*



*Occupational Therapy Assistant Intern Leslie Brown has a good time playing with Savanna Swanson, age 5.*

# ***Programs & Services***

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*Zach, age 7, shows his NBA skills at the Lady Panthers Basketball Mini Camp at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Sports Complex.*



*Bryce, age 7, loved cooking class but liked eating his finished product even better at CARE's first cooking class for kids.*

## Therapeutic Recreation & Respite

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 learn about fair play and sportsmanship.

Some of CARE's Rec Programs include, Mighty Blaze Sled Hockey, Holiday Valley Ski Clinic, Lady Panthers Basketball Mini Camp, Karate Kids, Aquabilities, Team Jeep Trail Rides, Arts and Crafts, Byllye Lanes Bowling, Pine Acres Golf Outing and Summer Camp.

**Respite** is considered "a gift of time" for parents of a child with special health care needs. CARE hosts respite activities to give parents the chance to take a break and for kids to get together and have fun.

## 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.

## Developmental Screenings

Therapists conduct developmental, gross motor, and scoliosis screenings at schools, health fairs, and local family centers.

## 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.

## Rainbow Corner Preschool

The Rainbow Corner Preschool is a unique, integrated program serving children 3-5 years of age. The preschool is licensed by the Department of Education and follows the 'Creative Curriculum'. The 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 has year round rolling registration. Please contact CARE for Children for more information.

## Disability Awareness

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

CARE's community-based Disability Awareness program aims to raise awareness of the agency's mission and to promote tolerance for children of all abilities.

## 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, support groups and parent education.



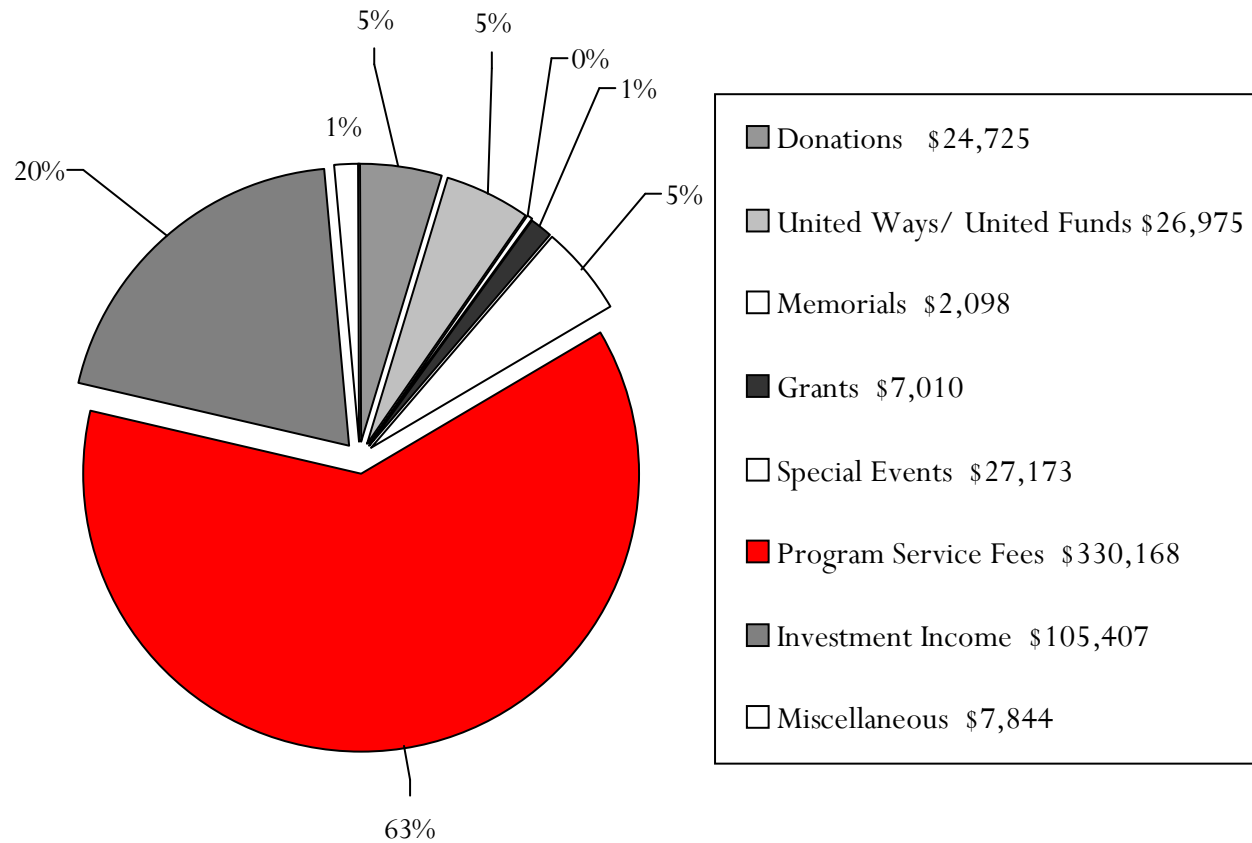
*Rainbow Corner Preschoolers, Sierra, Brandi and Devon help "Miss Jan" mix up some batter for their snack.*



*Timmy and Lacey have a good time playing while their parents head upstairs for an educational meeting.*

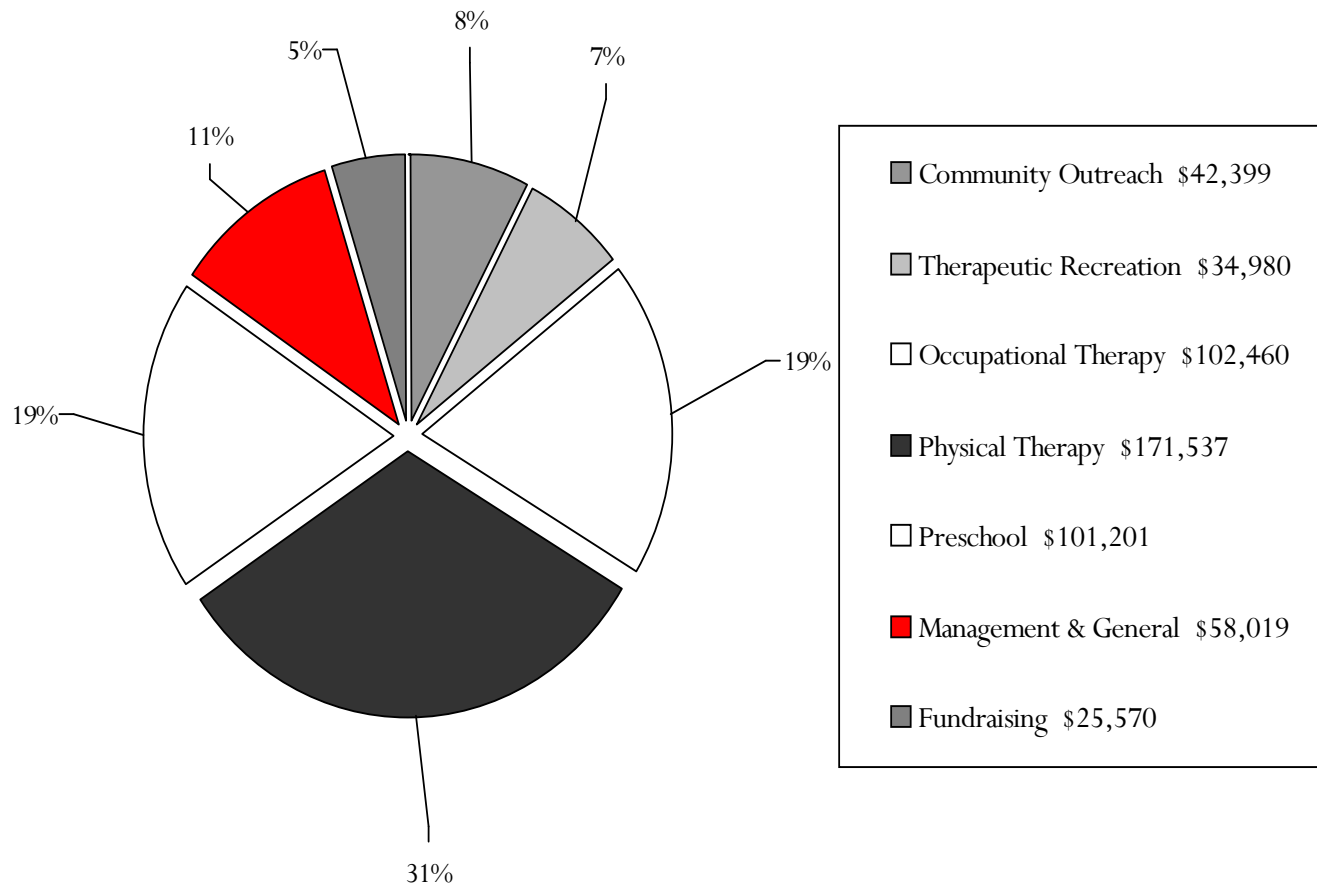
# *Programs & Services*

# Revenues



**Total: \$531,450**

# Expenditures



**Total: \$536,166**

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