

Community Connections, Inc. info

2008 Annual Report

our mission

To provide opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities to lead healthy and fulfilling lives while educating businesses, families, and communities to be advocates for change and to promote independence.

our services

In addition to our programs, CCI's case management department assists in assessing the individual's needs and finding community resources to help meet those needs. We also help ensure that the services provided are meeting the intent of the individual. CCI's case management department continually strives to increase connections with community resources and improve the quality of care that individuals with developmental disabilities receive.

wish list

- **donors** - to support adult independence (\$100), fund Tambo (\$5,000), sponsor a day program (\$10,000), or donate in kind
- **employers** - to hire adults who have the desire and ability to work for you
- **host homes** - to change the life of an adult by providing a loving place to call home
- **employees** - to do a job that really makes a difference
- **volunteers** - to work with kids, or help at the Festival of Trees and Golfing for Kids fundraisers
- **friends** - if you see us around town don't be shy, say hi

highlights

We have been trusted by families since 1985

We are the only organization offering comprehensive services in our area

We serve over 200 children, families, and adults with developmental disabilities annually

We have two of the top early intervention programs in the state

We employ over 150 staff - contributing over \$2,000,000 a year to the local economy

contact us

If you have questions about CCI or would like to request services, please call us or visit our website today.

board of directors

Larry Welte (chairperson), Robert Torres (vice chairperson), Rodney Cross (secretary & treasurer), James DeNier, Patricia Pegram, Lynn Martens, Bob Conrad, Betsy Hamilton, Dominic Luna, and Lauren Ellison.

cci directors

Jackie Morlan (Executive Director), Dan Bahn (Finance Director), Jacque Hendricks (Human Resource Director), Sondra Cordova (Director of Residential Integration), Tara Kiene (Director of Families, Children & Adults), Julie Dreyfuss (Development Director).

Photos: Wesley Hamilton, Lori Laner, Lyndsey Lopez.

triumph!

we are overcoming challenges together

Triumph! It's a word that expresses glory and achievement. Woodrow Wilson long ago stated that he "would rather fail in a cause that will ultimately triumph than to triumph in a cause that will ultimately fail." Here at Community Connections, a company that has more than 150 employees working around Southwest Colorado, we are constantly seeking achievements and that feeling of glory with the people we serve. And yes, we have some failures but the accomplishments made by people with developmental disabilities are what we ultimately celebrate; not the disabilities.

Photos: Bridgette Semplicio and Shane Zimmerman. Murray O'Toole.

2007 was a good year and we have many reasons to celebrate. Our Early Intervention Program received an A+ from a survey team who deemed our program one of the only ones in the state with total compliance. We also passed

each of our adult program surveys and will continue to improve and maintain quality and compliance. We are strategically acquiring reasonably priced housing for our clients to defray costs associated with high rents. We now own one wheelchair accessible home in Cortez and one accessible van for our Cortez clients to improve their community accessibility!

Another triumph has been to move to web-based training for our Support Staff which helps with efficiency and standardization. And soon, we will have a paperless filing system as the last of our client files get scanned into the computer.

Thanks to a new development director who was hired in the fall, we now have a marketing plan, and a business plan to start operating a year-round green house in Duran-

go. Our Holly House staff and clients pulled off first place this year for the Snow Down Parade's non-profit award. And, our 4th Annual Festival of Trees fund-raiser and annual Golfing for Kids Tourney have become more profitable and more fun each year.

All of these achievements have come during a hopeful time of change at the state level.

Although Colorado continues to be 48th in the country for funding people with developmental disabilities there is new hope. Increased lobbying and the help of strong parent advocacy organizations are working to secure new bills and increased funding for 2009. Together, I know we can overcome many challenges and celebrate many more achievements and triumphs in the future!

Jackie Morlan, Executive Director

