

## Financial statement



- delivered over \$4 million of services to people in our communities
- kept administrative costs under 10%
- accomplished our mission despite unfunded mandates from the state and federal government
- contributed over \$3 million to the economies of La Plata, Montezuma, and Archuleta counties
- started a strategic campaign to cap the cost of housing for our clients
- achieved full compliance with GAAP for our financial operating results and procedures
- received annual audit by the independent accounting firm of Logan, Thomas, and Johnson

We would like to tell you our financial story in more than a profit and loss statement because our financial story is actually about people. It's about people who have developmental disabilities like autism, cerebral palsy, or Down Syndrome and they need help. Luckily, there is one organization in our area providing comprehensive assistance to children and adults with developmental disabilities and that is Community Connections.

There are over 200 people being served right now by CCI, and yet there is a waiting list of over 7,000 people statewide. Due to lack of funds, sometimes people wait 10 years to get help. So this is where the financial part of our story comes in.

Our funding source is largely from the state and federal government. We receive a certain dollar amount to care for each person based on formulas set by the government. Unfortunately, many times what we receive falls short of what is needed to support healthy and fulfilling lives for our clients. But we make ends meet in every way we can, sometimes by making ten dollars of food stamps last for three meals; in short, wringing every nickel out of every dollar we receive. And we do that while spending less than 10% on administrative costs.

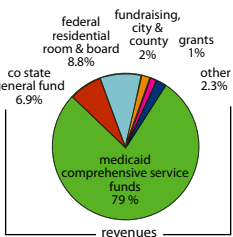
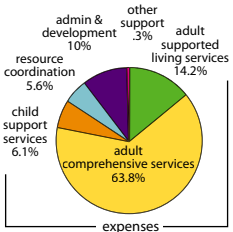
Our story could potentially end there, with Community Connections receiving a collective community pat on the back for its judicious use of scarce resources, and life in our community could continue on as it has for us since 1985. However, things are changing and we are faced with some threats that will reduce our ability to provide quality services to the people we serve in the future.

The first danger is something we are all aware of; the rising cost of housing. Between the years of 2000 to 2007, the cost of housing has gone up over 100% in our area. During that same time period, the room and board payments that we are allocated have risen a meager 14%. The government doesn't consider that in our area, \$500 a month to provide food and a roof covers only 30% of the real cost, whereas in Mississippi, it covers 99%. Yet, the government gives out the same amount of money across the nation.

Our other real danger is a contractually-required "local match". Per the terms of our governing contract, the state and federal government will require that we find a way to raise 5% of the cost to provide services to our clients from local sources. Right now, our local match meets only 2% of the contractual requirement. We need to find a way to raise an additional \$120,000 annually by 2009.

We believe our story will have a happy ending and that our neighbors will help us raise the funds we need so that we may continue focusing on what really matters - helping children and adults with developmental disabilities lead healthy and fulfilling lives right here in our own community.

Our complete financial operating results are available for public review and can be obtained by requesting a copy from our office.



## Thanks for your support!



Thank you community! Your support makes a real difference in the health and lives of the children, families, and adults of Community Connections, Inc.

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Barbara Antoine (on back).

CCI accepts individual, group, and business donations in keeping with our mission. We encourage the community to get involved with the people we serve by volunteering, employing, and supporting our Festival of Trees and Golfing for Kids fundraisers. All contributions, whether in time or treasure, are used to achieve CCI's mission of helping children and adults live healthy and fulfilling lives.

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