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2008 Annual Report "CHAIlights"

CHAI applied for and has been approved to receive Medicaid Waiver (Home and Community Based Services – HCS). This program promises to bring in more federal dollars and matching state funds. The intent is to help reduce the long waiting list for community-based supports for people with cognitive disabilities. CHAI successfully completed this lengthy and complicated process of applying to DADS (Department of Aging and Disabilities Services) to become an HCS provider. This funding along with private fees and continuous fundraising will help CHAI continue to be able to expand services to more clients and their families in the community who critically need these services.

CHAI Wolens Learning Center has applied for and has been accepted to become a program of the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). They are funding and we are providing supported employment services. In addition, the CHAI Wolens Learning Center provides community-based services for the adults with cognitive disabilities who have graduated from public school and, for the most part, are sitting at home. They and their families receive support to help assure that their loved one is participating in a quality program that assists them in living a meaningful life.

Activities the residents and clients have participated in through CHAI Wolens Learning Center include: Texas Rangers baseball games, ARC Dances at Bachman Recreation Center, the Annual ARC Holiday Party, Shabbat and dinner parties hosted by volunteers in the group homes and in their own homes, and Special Olympics bocce, softball, and bowling, just to name a few.

The beginning of our fiscal year was celebrated by Congregation Anshai Torah's Kadima Youth Group who brought Chanukah to Levy House, Miller House, and Todd House on December 2, 2007. December 6th brought another Chanukah party to CHAI group homes, sponsored and organized by Temple Shalom. Over 100 people joined our residents in the festivities.

January 18th, Tiferet Israel invited CHAI residents to a lovely Tu B'shevat Seder. The residents appreciated the congregation's warm hospitality.

January 23rd, students from Akiba Academy of Dallas went to each of the three group homes and planted flowers. Our residents had a great time with the students.

February 17th, the Social Action Committee of Adat Chaverim provided lunch, basketball, and jewelry making to our residents. The buffet lunch, basketball players, gym, beads, and materials needed to make beautiful necklaces and bracelets were provided by Adat Chaverim. Everyone had a blast!

Several of the CHAI residents competed in the Area 10 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. It was held at Allen ISD on February 22nd and 23rd and the residents competed in the area of individual skills all the way up to the team competition. We had bronze, silver, and gold medalists this year. Congratulations to the residents on a job well done!

March 31st, over 5,000 people gathered in the Dallas West End for the 6th Annual March For Respect. An information fair with numerous types of service providers including CHAI and CHAI Wolens Learning Center were there to hand out information and answer questions. Our clients had a great time and enjoyed the wonderful weather.

CHAI Wolens Learning Center invited guests to the JCC on April 7th for a presentation on the expanding services the CHAI Wolens Learning Center (WLC) provides. The WLC also hosted an open house on April 8th with a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments in the new office space down the hall from the CHAI administrative office.

A preview performance of The Wizard of Oz, the first one ever, was held on April 30th at the JCC in the Zale auditorium. After the show, there was a reception and cast party. All proceeds from this wonderful event were used to establish a new "Habima Theatre Fund" to promote next year's production.

May 4, 2008, Habima Theatre performed The Wizard of Oz at the JCC in the Zale Auditorium. The residents and staff of CHAI, staff of the JCC led by Laura Seymour, as well as many volunteers, met once a week for 90 minutes to rehearse over a five month period. The end result was astounding.

Receipt of a generous donation allowed CHAI to do major repairs at each of the three homes. Some of the repairs included: new windows, new sliding glass doors, new blinds, new shower stall and bathroom floor, new kitchen floor, new fixtures, new outside doors, new garage doors, and total renovation of a handicap accessible bathroom.

During the weekend of August 8-10, five CHAI residents attended the Annual Texas ARC Advocates Convention held in Austin. While at the conference, the residents attended workshops on voting in elections, self-advocacy, relationships, and many other great topics. The five attendees were able to receive free registration to the conference after their graduation from the ARC's Leadership Institute.

All of our residents have enjoyed many Texas Rangers games over the summer months, thanks to several of our donors who gave us free tickets and parking passes so our residents and staff could have wonderful community activities. We appreciate your thinking of us.

On September 18, Dallas Furniture Bank assisted CHAI in upgrading some basic furnishings in Levy, Miller, and Todd Houses. This donation of furniture made a difference in the lives of the residents and staff of these homes. DFB became aware of the need and was committed to making sure these residents had safe, comfortable, and stylish furniture that could warm their hearts for days and months ahead. The total donation was valued at approximately \$5,000, which included a mixture of new and high-end gently used furniture. DFB staff was excited to participate in the furnishing which is provided through a special project of the agency called "You Make My Home Smile" – and indeed, that was the outcome of this effort.

About 20 volunteers from the Jewish Federation's YAD (Young Adult Division) came to CHAI's Todd House on Sunday, September 21, for their annual Mitzvah Day. The residents greeted the volunteers and spent the afternoon bonding, playing basketball, enjoying good food, and of course, rooting for the Dallas Cowboys. The volunteers brought Dallas Cowboys decorations to decorate the house as they watched football. This was followed by a pizza and ice cream cake party which everyone enjoyed. The volunteers most enjoyed being able to get to know the residents on a personal level and talk to them about what they like to do for fun and their jobs.

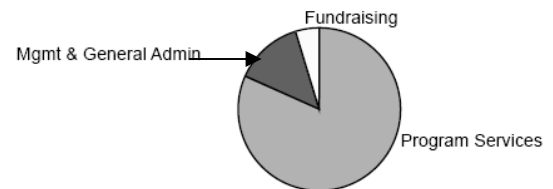
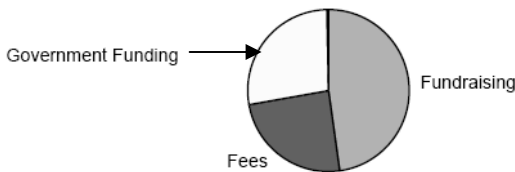
On Sunday, September 28, the CHAI Family Association held a potluck picnic for all of our families. We had a good crowd of about 25 people on what turned out to be a gorgeous Sunday afternoon. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought a homemade dish.

On October 12, CHAI residents, along with seven wonderful volunteers, built a Sukkah at Todd House. Upon completion, everyone enjoyed a great annual tradition... a pizza party followed by a photo shoot in the Sukkah.

This fall the CHAI Wolens Learning Center hosted several themed activities in conjunction with the UT Dallas Chapter of Best Buddies. Our clients have been busy with many other wonderful activities. They took a train ride to Ft. Worth, attended the Bachman Halloween dance, went to the Stampede Championship Rodeo, Miranda Lambert/Blake Shelton Concert, toured the King Tut exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art, went to the State Fair of Texas and were involved in a mitzvah project with Shearith Israel.

The CHAI/Greenhill Book club is still going strong, with the generosity of Temple Emanu-El, meeting twice per month discussing the topics of the current book they have been reading. They usually read one book per semester and do crafts projects linked with the book. Participants and staff of the CHAI Wolens Learning Center couldn't be happier that so many students from Greenhill are involved this year – thanks for your support.

The CHAI Wolens Learning Center continues to expand. We have hired three new employees – an Employment Specialist and two part-time Job Coaches. This is an exciting time for CHAI Wolens Learning Center, one of growth, expansion, and continued opportunity for our clients. Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, the Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation, and Orien Woolf for their generous gifts that made the Employment Specialist position a reality.



FY 07/08 Support & Revenue Resources

Fundraising	\$675,972	47.86%
Resident, Client and Family Fees	\$344,466	24.39%
Government Funding	\$386,588	27.37%
Other Income	\$5,322	0.38%
TOTAL	\$1,412,348	100.00%

FY 07/08 Expenses

Program Services	\$1,041,561	81.63%
Management & General Administration	\$174,886	13.71%
Fundraising Expense	\$59,567	4.67%
TOTAL	\$1,276,014	100.00%

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