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2010 Annual Report “CHAIights”

FY 2010 marked the first expansion of residential services for CHAI in 12 years! In January 2010, CHAI purchased a North Dallas duplex, thanks to the generous donations of: the Leo and Rhea Fay Fruhman Foundation, in memory of Lois W. Toub, the mother of Beverly Goldman, CHAI Board Member and Executive Director of the Foundation; Katherine and Herbert Bauer (of blessed memory); and an anonymous foundation. After renovating the homes, six new residents moved in – 3 in semi-independent living at Bauer House, and 3 with 24/7 supervision at Toub House.

In lieu of a fundraising event, CHAI offered donors the opportunity to have a permanent piece of CHAI history by purchasing a brick or bench located in the beautiful garden settings at the group homes. The bricks installed at Toub and Bauer houses created beautiful walkways outside of the homes for the dedications. The donors were honored, Rabbi David Stern hung the mezuzot and gave a moving presentation on the importance of CHAI's residents inclusion in the Jewish community.

Along with donations to purchase the newest group homes, 2 additional anonymous donations were

received – 1 from a foundation and 1 from an individual – for the purchase of 2 vehicles. The first vehicle purchased is for use by the staff of Wolens Program Services, for clients' job interviews, learning to navigate the Dallas area, and for life-skills coaching. The second vehicle – a mini-van – is for use at the new group homes for back-up job transportation, doctors appointments, and social activities.

The CHAI Wolens Program Services (WPS) staff members worked on many great things this year. The CHAI Family Association, which is a networking group, comprised of the families of our group home residents and those of our WPS clients in the community, recruited four new families, three of which have a family member who began receiving services at CHAI this year.

CHAI's contract with the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) has generated additional employment client referrals. CHAI has assisted three new clients in our supported employment services this year, in addition to the 13 clients we were already supporting in job evaluation, job development, employment placement, job

coaching, or long-term follow along services. This program not only places clients in jobs, but also provides the supports to help them maintain employment.

CHAI continued to provide community-based services for adults with cognitive disabilities. Four new clients were referred to the CHAI WPS through our contract with Dallas Metrocare Services. These clients began receiving life skills coaching tailored to their individual needs and choices, such as grocery shopping, maintaining a weekly schedule, laundry, and budgeting. These services are quite important, as they support these individuals in achieving a level of independence they have never known before.

In addition to supported employment and life skills coaching, the CHAI WPS continued to provide an extensive social, educational, and recreational calendar of activities for our clients in the community and the residents in our group homes. This year's activities included: Dave and Busters, Studio Movie Grill, Cool Thursday's concerts at the Dallas Arboretum, train trip to Ft Worth on the TRE, Best Buddies Texas, Picnic in the Park, Special Olympics bocce, softball, bowling,

basketball, and many wonderful Shabbat dinners in the group homes, at family member homes, and hosted by Temples in the Dallas area. CHAI WPS also conducted several educational programs for residents, clients, and families. These included interpersonal relationships with Rabbi Jay Weinstein and CHAI staff, and "Life After" (School).

On Sunday, May 2nd, the 10th Annual presentation of Habima Theatre took place at the JCC under Laura Seymour's direction. The dedicated residents, clients, and staff of the CHAI WPS practiced once per week for four months, getting ready for the big day.

The 8th Annual March For Respect took place in the Dallas West End on March 27th.

Over 5,000 people gathered to raise awareness and show respect for individuals with cognitive disabilities. As in years past, an information fair with service providers was held to assist families as well as live entertainment from the main stage that got everyone's feet moving and ready to walk the 1.5 mile "March For Respect" around the Dallas downtown area.