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Annual Report

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

compassionate care



loving homes

DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

"The staff is awesome! We know our son is getting tremendous care!"

- Parent of Respite Child

"Our adoption worker was very flexible in making herself available to us...our experience was beautiful and intense and she was such a comfort in holding our hands and walking us through our transition."

-Birth Parent & Adoptive Family

"This letter is to say THANK YOU, to the staff at Children's Home Society for the kindness and the excellent care and love that was shown during my son's 20 year stay at CHS. The care given to him was invaluable. Sometimes in this hurried society we forget to say thanks. My son is doing well at his new home. Trust me...he is smiling all over the place!"

-Parent, Residential Program

"At first I didn't know what to do until I met my social worker. She didn't just help me...she has helped hundreds of young people like me who don't know where to begin."

-Pregnancy Counseling Client

"Our therapist is very empathetic, listens carefully, offers wonderful and sensitive advice. I am a better foster parent because of her."

- Mother, Counseling Client

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Children's Home Society,

Wow...what a year! Children's Home Society of Missouri (CHS) continues to improve the quality of life for children in need. Our mission remains the driving force behind all that we do. Over the past 119 years, thousands of lives have been touched by the dedicated staff of Children's Home Society.

Even though the economy is slow to recover, it is with great pride that I share with you the wonderful opportunities that have presented themselves to CHS this past year. In early 2010, CHS was recognized and licensed as the Family Nurturing Center of Missouri. This recognition allows us to use evidenced-based Nurturing Parenting Programs to empower parents and create customized parenting programs to meet the individual needs of families.

CHS partnered with St. Louis County Children's Services Fund to significantly expand our programs for pregnant and parenting teens and our post adoption counseling services as well as create a Family Support Partnership to work with families struggling with the challenge of parenting a child with developmental disabilities. We were one of only fourteen agencies selected by Washington University to participate in a study of counseling programs to enhance the results our client's achieve.

CHS diligently seeks out new resources to provide the services needed. We recognize the importance of good stewardship of these resources and continue to be prudent in how these resources are used.

On behalf of the staff of CHS, I extend my deepest gratitude to all of our partners, friends, and board members for your continuing generosity and commitment to the children and families in our community. Please feel free to visit us so that we can show you the tremendous difference your support makes in the lives of the people that we serve.

Respectfully,

Karen Nolte
Executive Director



*Over 119 years of
serving children and families
thanks to community support*

MISSION

Children's Home Society of Missouri is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children in need.

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March 12-13 , 2010

Beyond Consequences National Speaker, Heather Forbes joined CHS staff, board, and friends for a reception the night before she presented to over 400 people at Edward Jones.



August 21, 2010 was our signature fundraising event, "Under the Moroccan Moon". With 225 in attendance we raised over \$102,000. Special thanks to our event committee!



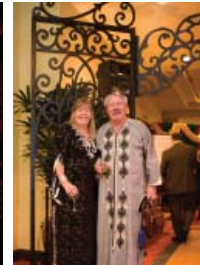
November 5, 2009

Savor the Season was attended by friends of CHS as we celebrated Karen Nolte's 25th anniversary with the agency.



June 12, 2010

CHS Homecoming Carnival was a success thanks to community sponsored booths and games. We kicked off the summer with fun activities for all the children we serve.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Ralston Purina: Visiting Pet Program

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND SERVICES.

Volunteers help by taking children out in the community for activities like ice skating, the zoo, theater, parks, special camps and more.

OFFICE MATES

Suited for filing? Office mates help with on-going or one time projects such as mailing, data entry or even helping with our volunteer program.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Like committee work? We depend on volunteers to help coordinate fundraising events, holiday wishes, children's carnival and more.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

We are always looking for help with in-kind services such as construction, painting, landscaping, marketing, photography services, hair styling and more.



VOLUNTEER

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Those seeking to become parents through adoption receive opportunities to prepare for parenthood while those experiencing unplanned pregnancies are supported as they make a plan for their child. Understanding that adoption is a life-long journey, CHS answers the call with professional services delivered in a compassionate setting.

Last year, 25 women and their partners received pregnancy counseling, 16 children joined families through a variety of adoption plans and 84 adults received assessments in preparation for adoption or legal guardianship.

CHS is excited to offer a newly enhanced dimension in the Social Service Program. Funded by the St. Louis County Children's Services Fund, two new programs are offered to increase parenting skills and decrease the likelihood of children experiencing abuse and neglect in their homes: They are:

The Nurturing Teens Program supports healthy pregnancies and prepares pregnant and newly parenting teens for parenthood by attending to their immediate needs, stabilizing their living environment and providing evidenced-based child abuse/neglect prevention services.

The Nurturing Kids Program supports children, birth through five, who are at risk of child abuse/neglect. By providing an evidenced-based curriculum to the family, there is a decrease in the likelihood of abuse/neglect and in the serious mental, behavioral and emotional difficulties that often result from such maltreatment and trauma.

Upon placement of a second child, a family wrote:

"We always felt like ¾ of a family before. Now we feel complete. We are so grateful to you for helping our family come together."

Taken from a letter an adopted adult wrote to his birth mother as he began his journey to meeting her, once again:

"I admire you for your decision and your choice-the choice that afforded me a childhood that did not know hard times, poverty or hunger. I grew up with a family that loved me like one of their own-if not better. I am full of hope, love and questions but not resentment, bitterness or animosity."

Birth mother, following the birth and placement of her daughter:

"I will never be able to express my feelings of gratitude I have for CHS. You have given me a beautiful family for my daughter and helped create open lines of communication for the future."

ADOPTION

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2010 Beyond Consequences Conference

EDUCATION AND COUNSELING

CHS continues to work closely with Children's Division to train and prepare foster and adoptive parents. In FY 2010, CHS staff provided 96 sessions of training and prepared 65 families for the joys and challenges of parenting children with special needs.

This past year, over 200 hours of training were provided to area foster parents, adoptive parents, and child welfare professionals on such topics as:

Understanding the Impact of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development

Parenting Children with Histories of Sexual Abuse

Raising Teens in Foster Care

Attachment Disorders

Transracial Parenting in Foster Care and Adoption

CHS counseling services continue to grow in response to the needs of our families. Additional therapists have been added and more than 680 hours of counseling were provided this year.

Our therapists receive referrals from multiple sources and are quickly becoming recognized for providing high-level mental health services to the adoption community.

In addition to our individual and family therapy services, CHS offers a variety of group services. Throughout the year, staff members facilitate opportunities for children and their families to gather together to share their experiences, learn and support each other.

CHS is actively involved in several projects in the St. Louis Community. Staff members are in the third year of a 5-year federal grant studying ways to best move older children and youth out of the foster care system and into permanent, stable families. We are also beginning a project to study the impact of providing parenting support and education in reducing the risks for abuse and neglect to families with young children.

EDUCATION AND COUNSELING

Children's Home Society of Missouri is recognized and licensed as the Family Nurturing Center of Missouri. This recognition allows us to use evidenced-based Nurturing Parenting Programs to empower parents and create customized parenting programs to meet the individual needs of families.

Nurturing Skills™ is an innovative program designed to empower parents and parent educators in creating customized competency based parenting programs to meet the individual needs of families.

Nurturing Parenting is dedicated to creating healthy communities by promoting the philosophy of nurturing through comprehensive programs and information for children, adults, and families.

To nurture is to promote the growth and development of all one's positive traits, qualities, and characteristics.

To nurture is to respect and care for yourself, for others, and for your environment.

To nurture is to view the world and all the people, animals and things in it as having value and worth.

To nurture is to believe with all of one's heart in the inherent goodness of life.



FAMILY NURTURING CENTER

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM serves children with complex support needs due to their significant, multiple developmental disabilities. This past year we served 21 children in our program. Many of our children require constant health oversight as a result of their medical needs. Consequently, we maintain a ratio of 1 staff for every 3 children in our care and, have at least one nurse on each shift to attend to health related needs. We provide care for these children in both our St. Louis and St. Charles locations.

While our highest priority is assuring the health and safety of each child, we also strive to assist each child in leading the fullest life possible. Our children attend schools and participate in a wide variety of leisure activities in the community. Playing on a baseball team during Challenger Baseball, ice skating at the local community center, attending camps and zoo trips are among the many exciting activities our children participated in this year.

SHORT TERM MEDICAL RESIDENTIAL (or Respite Care) Services is a vital program that provides short term care for children with significant, multiple developmental disabilities who live at home with their families. The goal is to enable these families to receive periodic relief from the care of their child for periods from a few hours to several days. We provided 9,128 hours of service to nearly 30 families in the St. Louis and St. Charles areas.

RESPITE CARE AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES is a new program that began August, 2010. It is designed to support families of children with developmental disabilities living in St. Louis County. A Family Support Partner for CHS collaborates with and empowers families to identify and secure needed services such as respite care, education and counseling, advocacy, and resources. These services are offered free of charge thanks to the funding provided through the St. Louis County Children's Fund, Keeping Kids First

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2010

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 387,947	\$ 868,131
Investments in Marketable Securities	4,588,926	3,655,573
Receivables		
Fees	157,687	224,220
Contributions & Grants Receivables	78,122	88,122
Accrued Interest Receivable	55	167
Prepaid Expenses	32,439	121,016
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	1,307,000	1,205,000
Beneficial Interest in Remainder Trusts	147,317	-
Land, Building and Equipment, Net	<u>761,833</u>	<u>803,205</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,461,326</u>	<u>\$ 6,965,434</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Notes Payables	\$ 25,000	\$ 43,333
Accounts Payables	25,702	126,001
Accrued Liabilities	<u>158,248</u>	<u>150,643</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 208,950</u>	<u>\$ 319,977</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	1,093,243	1,655,085
Board Designated	<u>4,540,295</u>	<u>3,605,841</u>
	5,633,538	5,260,926
Temporarily Restricted	291,463	132,029
Permanently Restricted	<u>1,327,372</u>	<u>1,252,502</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,252,373</u>	<u>\$ 6,645,457</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,461,323</u>	<u>\$ 6,965,434</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Activities
June 30, 2010

	Unrestricted			Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2010 Total	2009 Total
	Undesignated	Board Designated	Total				
Support and Revenue							
Contributions	\$ 600,908		\$ 600,908	\$ 147,035	\$ -	747,943	\$ 733,422
Purchase of Services - Gov't Agencies	1,708,588		1,708,588	-	-	1,708,588	1,794,317
Adoption	82,383		82,383	-	-	82,383	135,047
Education and Counseling	146,951		146,951	-	-	146,951	149,606
Investment Income						-	
Dividends and Interest	3,820	74,958	78,778	1,220	-	79,998	75,098
Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments		392,162	392,162	(172)	-	391,990	(350,538)
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	55,233		55,233		102,000	157,233	(214,114)
Beneficial Interest in Charitable Remainder Trusts			-	282	-	282	-
Miscellaneous	11,832	-	11,832	-	-	11,832	10,379
	<u>2,609,715</u>	<u>467,120</u>	<u>3,076,835</u>	<u>148,365</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>3,327,200</u>	<u>2,333,217</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions							
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	16,061	-	16,061	11,069	(27,130)	-	-
	<u>2,625,776</u>	<u>467,120</u>	<u>3,092,896</u>	<u>159,434</u>	<u>74,870</u>	<u>3,327,200</u>	<u>2,333,217</u>
Total Support and Revenues							
Expenses							
Program Services							
Residential Care and Outreach Services	1,896,062	-	1,896,062	-	-	1,896,062	1,869,972
Adoption	140,780	-	140,780	-	-	140,780	138,738
Education and Counseling	240,930	-	240,930	-	-	240,930	212,114
Supporting Services							
Management and General	319,905	-	319,905	-	-	319,905	332,883
Fundraising	122,607	-	122,607	-	-	122,607	150,160
	<u>2,720,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,720,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,720,284</u>	<u>2,703,867</u>
Total Expenses							
Excess of Support and Revenue over Expenses	\$ (94,508)	\$ 467,120	\$ 372,612	\$ 159,434	\$ 74,870	\$ 606,916	\$ (370,650)

HOPMEIER BOOK FUND
*Special thanks to Sam and Pat Hopmeier for their dedication
and support to provide educational resources.*

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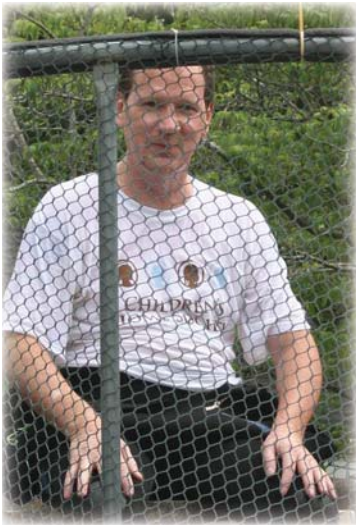
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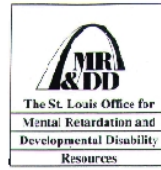
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