



Community Partners

2008 Annual Report

Providing behavioral health & developmental services for Strafford County

Fall 2008

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From Ken Muske, Board President and Brian Collins, Executive Director

Change has been the language of the past year, and it has been no different at Community Partners. We served a growing number of individuals and families, and the Board of Directors made a commitment to increasing its development efforts.

Giving families the help they need has been a challenge; some families require additional resources and support, and respite demands in particular have increased. For example, the numbers of children and adults with autism has increased by 43% since the year 2000. With the help of a dedicated group of parents and community members, Community Partners created The Autism Fund, dedicated to the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

In Fiscal Year 2008, we continued our collaborative efforts with Strafford County criminal justice and law enforcement to implement a pilot Mental Health Court in Rochester. This intervention program allows individuals with mental illness to avoid incarceration by participating in mental health services and adhering to their treatment plan. Operating on volunteer time with a limited number of participants, the Court has already demonstrated positive outcomes for its graduates.

One of the most successful new projects of the past year was the newly created Behavioral Health Art Program. Established with funding from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, we were able to hire two

artists who are trained to work with people with disabilities. During sessions over several months, they created paintings and poetry that culminated in a calendar in recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week. The outcomes for the people involved in this project were truly amazing, and made a believer out of anyone who was skeptical about the power of art and healing.

Collaboration and fundraising have become integral in our planning for the future and now, as for so many others, it is a necessity. If we are to continue these critical and worthwhile programs, we must work together with the community we serve to make a difference.

Our Accomplishments

- Developed a therapeutic creative arts program for people with mental illness.
- Created a dedicated Autism Fund for families with children on the Autism Spectrum.
- Improved systems and processes in DS Day Programs, resulting in deficiency-free certifications in all three programs.
- Served 21 children in Youth & Family Summer Functional Support Services.
- Established a centralized intake process to reduce wait time for BH services.
- Collaborated on Mental Health and Criminal Justice system initiatives, including the Rochester District Mental Health Court pilot, Mental Health Council, psychiatric care at Strafford County House of Corrections and training to develop a Crisis Intervention Team.
- Developed a process for earlier diagnosis of children suspected of having autism.
- Transitioned 29 individuals from the Developmental Services Wait List.
- Provided unfunded Emergency Services for 823 Strafford County residents.



June Latti (left) works with June during a session of Expressions of Color From the Heart, a therapeutic creative arts program for people with mental illness.

Financial Highlights
Fiscal Year 2008

Revenue

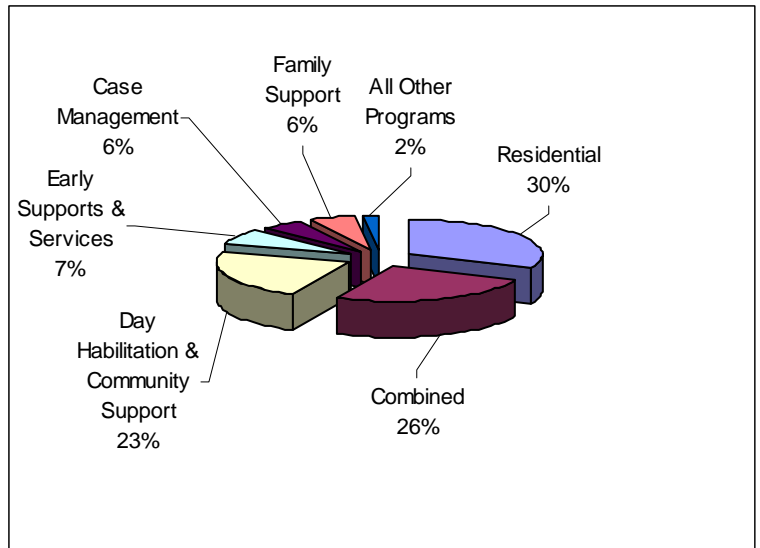
Medicaid	17,570,932
Client Resources	1,442,309
State Contracts	455,200
Other Contracts	222,761
Grant Income	440,669
Medicare	90,723
Interest Income	43,166
Public Support	20,703
Other Programs	15,581
Other Revenue	363,376
Total Revenue	20,665,420

Expenses

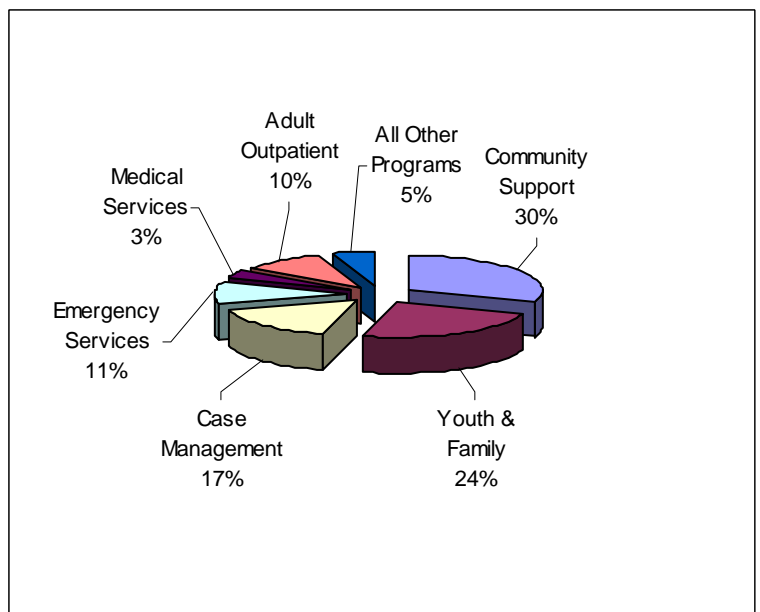
Personnel	12,110,744
Client Tx & Assistance	3,986,303
Subcontractors	2,149,673
Professional Fees	186,869
Staff Dev & Training	138,407
Occupancy & Equipment	681,869
Supplies	197,521
Depreciation	376,571
Telephone & Communication	150,353
Transportation	441,927
Insurance	133,547
Other Expenses	101,199
Total Expenses	20,654,983

Increase in Assets 10,437

**Developmental Services Programs by
Percentage of FY2008 Expenses**



**Behavioral Health Programs by
Percentage of FY2008 Expenses**



Grants Received in Fiscal Year 2008

United Way of the Greater Seacoast

\$47,000 for the Adult Outpatient Program Indigent Fund and Developmental Services Dental Fund.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

\$143,815 for renewal of Family Transitional Housing program.

\$85,865 for renewal of Academy Street permanent supportive housing program.

\$42,098 for renewal of Tideview Condos permanent supportive housing program.

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts

\$2,000 for the Behavioral Health Arts Program.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

\$8,700 for home modifications for people with disabilities.

\$3,741 to create a computer lab for people with developmental disabilities at the Dover Vocational Office.

Anna Philbrook Children's Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

\$900 for recreational opportunities for children in Youth and Family Services.

The Corporate Fund of New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

\$5,000 for an audit of data systems.

Liberty Mutual

\$5,000 for the Behavioral Health Arts Program.

Endowment for Health

\$9,057 for a Planning Grant to determine the need for Infant Mental Health Services in Strafford County.

New Hampshire Bureau of Behavioral Health

\$4,475 to improve data integrity.

Strafford County Commissioners

\$25,000 for Emergency Services.

TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation

\$3,094 to create a computer lab for people with developmental disabilities at the Dover Vocational Office.

Community Development Block Grant-City of Dover

\$10,400 for security deposits and first month's rent for homeless individuals and families with mental illness or developmental disability.

The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust

\$4,000 for camp scholarships for children and adults with disabilities.

Abraham Burtman Charity Trust

\$500 for The Dale J. Tedeschi Memorial Fund.

Target Corporation

\$1,500 for literacy kits for Early Supports and Services.



Jackie Horne, parent and Tournament Committee Member, presents a check from the Third Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction for Autism to Brian Collins. Held on July 19th at The Oaks Golf Links, this event raised over \$6,000 for the Community Partners Autism Fund, a designated fund to help families facing the challenge of autism by providing them with resources for support and education.



Cheryl Neal, Chief Operating Officer of Liberty Life Assurance Company of Boston, presents a check from the "Mulligans of Golf" Tournament to Ken Muske, Board President, and Brian Collins, Executive Director. The proceeds from the tournament were dedicated to the Behavioral Health Art Project.



The Newsletter Committee of the Dover Vocational Office works diligently on their latest edition. The computer lab was made possible with funding from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation-Piscataqua and TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation.

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Sharing a special moment at the Annual Developmental Services Summer Outing at The Works.



In Fiscal Year 2008, Community Partners provided services to 3,646 individuals and families in Strafford County.

Our Mission
is to promote respect, wellness, full inclusion, & empowerment of individuals & their families who experience mental illness, emotional distress, developmental disability, chronic health need, or acquired brain disorder.
By identifying and creating opportunities for people, in close collaboration with a network of local agencies, we will promote independence and interdependence and help the people we serve to realize their maximum potential. We are committed to educate the community at large about our mission.
The agency will provide staff with opportunities for professional growth so they may contribute to the overall achievement of the agency's mission.