



A Newsletter from Parenthesis Family Center

Fiscal Year 2009-2010-A Summary Report by Danielle Tomlinson, Board President

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As Parenthesis celebrates it's 30th year the Parenthesis Board of Directors would like to thank all of our donors, volunteers and community partners for your continued, and much needed, support of Parenthesis Family Center. We also want to thank the dedicated work of our staff, lead by Executive Director, Kathy Kern. Your tireless work, and dedication to the wellness of families is remarkable!

The economic situation of the past two years has brought greater need across our communities and less funding to organizations, like ours, who can help to meet those needs.

While we have been significantly impacted by the economic crisis in many ways, we are proud to report that our programs continue to remain intact. Thanks to the tireless work of our volunteers, donors, staff and our board filling in where we have gaps with special fund raising events like our Special Summer Appeal, \$5 to Thrive, and our Fall Appeal.

As we continue to focus on our core programs, Parenteen, Family Wrap, Mothering on our Own (previously known as Parenting on our Own) and the Morning Program participation remains strong. In addition, popular programs like our 'Mommy is Mad' workshop and our 'New Mom's Group' have expanded our reach.

Over the past year and a half we have been expanding and revitalizing the Parenthesis brand, starting with the new look of our logo and change in name from 'Parenthesis Parent Child Center' to 'Parenthesis Family Center'. We want our name to clearly represent who we support, which is, the entire family. We know that parenting comes in many forms from many people within the family and community which we serve.

Our transformation continues with the launch of our new web site in March 2011. We are excited about being able provide clear information and much needed resources for our clients, volunteers, donors and the community via the web.

We proudly celebrated our 4th Annual DreamMakers event in February 2010 honoring our founders, Cathy Blanford and Sunny Hall, and continued the celebration in January of this year with our 5th Annual event at Fitzgerald's honoring Janis Clark Johnston and Biznet for their outstanding contributions.

We also celebrated our 25th Annual Kitchen Walk event with a brand new format and over 800 participants touring the ten outstanding kitchens! Don't miss this year's event on Saturday, April 30th, 2011 with even more exciting program additions!

The year ahead is an exciting one for us as we continue to explore ways in which we can expand our reach, grow our programs and meet the needs of our community. Our needs are diverse from time and tangible goods, to your financial support. We can't do it without you and we need your support, now more than ever. Thank you for all that you do!

On behalf of the Parenthesis Board of Directors,

Danielle Tomlinson, President



"Despite our diversity, we shared a common desire to be the best that we can be in order to help our children become the best that they can be. This created an invisible bond amongst us that I learned to appreciate" Mothering On Our Own Participant

"I was a freshman in all honors classes. I was pregnant and so alone. I felt like a freak show. Parenthesis made me realize I am not alone"
Parenteen Participant

Parenthesis Wish List - Can you help?

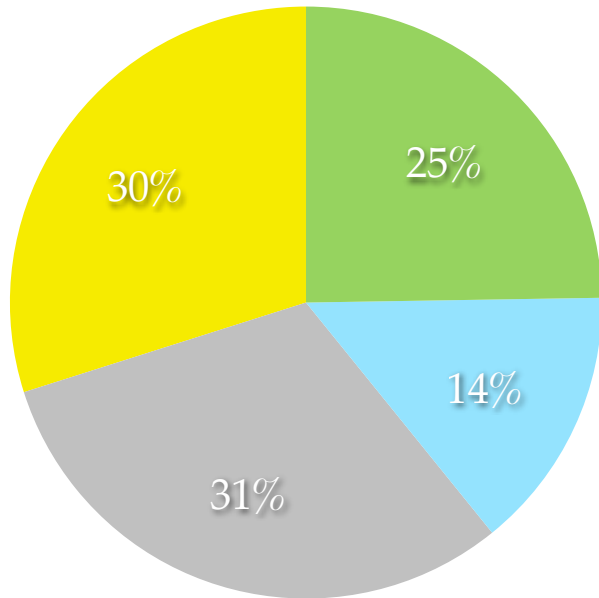
Adult size white tube socks (for making puppets), Stickers-seasonal & fun, Cotton Balls, 1 gallon jug of Elmer's Glue, Coffee, Tea

Financial Statement

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010

Percent Distribution of Functional Expenses by Program

- Family Wrap
- Morning Program
- Teen Parent
- Single Parent



REVENUES

Government Grants	\$143,360
Contributions	\$70,896
United Way & Community Chest	\$7,912
Special Events	\$109,856
Membership & Program Fees	\$13,220
Other	\$7,779
Net Assets released from restrictions	\$46,265
Total Revenue	\$399,288

EXPENSES

Program	\$251,555
Management & General	\$49,056
Fundraising	\$64,504
Total Expenses	\$365,115

Surplus/(Deficit) \$34,173



We are currently accepting applications for our Fiscal Year 2012 Board of Directors
If you are interested in applying for a volunteer board position, please contact Kathy Kern @

kkern@parenthesis-info.org

Parenthesis Staff

Kathy Kern — Executive Director
Bonnie Andorka — Director of Development
Ann Puccetti — Program Director, Family Support Specialist
Jill Fazio — Family Support Specialist
Peggy Wright — Family Support Specialist
Barbara Walters — Infant Teacher
Linda Gary — Toddler Teacher
Sue Schreck — Administrative Assistant
Krystyna Santana — Childcare Staff

Thank You to our Sponsors

Paranthesis would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions during the 2009 fiscal year. It is your support that keeps us strong and growing!

Donations received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010

Gifts over \$5000

Chicago Tribune Charities
Community Development Block Grant
Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park
Janis Clark Johnston
Marvin Windows and Doors
Township Youth Services of OPRF
RF Mental Health Committee
United Way of Metro Chicago

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Alan & Deborah Braxton
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BOSI Construction
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Wendy & Dave Giardina
Hoy Landscaping
Susan Karwowski
Margaret Kelly
Kovacs Family
Aaron Lebovitz & Donna Myers
Chunlin & Christoph Leonhard
Edward Malone & Kristina Entner
Eric & Brandy Masoncup
McCarthy & Trinko
Bette & Craig Williams

\$100 to \$249

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Jeanne Anderson
Timothy Andriano
Erin Avertis
Melissa Authement
Daniel & Spencer Baker
Linda Bones
Buckingham Brothers
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Landmark Kitchen Design
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Bruce & Susie McNulty
Chris Meier
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Tim & Maria Nelson

Nowicki Family
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Paranthesis would like to graciously thank all the generous individuals and organization that made contributions but were not able to be mentioned.

A note from Kathy Kern, Executive Director

This past year has been busier than ever as Parenthesis Family Center has grown into its new name! Our four core programs have remained healthy and strong, while two new programs have become quite popular. As well, we have improved the quality of our workplace with new phones, new computers, a new office and now a new website. Needless to say, we are pleasantly tired!

In Fiscal Year 2010-11 Parenthesis Family Center served approximately 223 families. The Parenteen Program served 52 teen and child beneficiaries of very low income and from diverse ethnicities. The Mothering On Our Own Program also served 65 mother and child beneficiaries of low or very low income and from diverse ethnicities. This year our Family Wrap program has achieved capacity numbers serving 46 families. Finally, the Morning Family Drop In Program has served 60 families. Our staff remains committed to the families and mission we serve.

It takes dollars to deliver quality programs and this past year we have tried valiantly to leverage every precious penny. Through a generous technology grant from the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park, we were able to replace our 1985 telephones, upgrade our computer system, and design a new website. This year we also saw an increase in our McCormick Foundation Grant. Our local Township and Village funding has remained stable as has our United Way award for which we are very grateful.

Finally, we moved our offices! The staff now has a bright, cheerful environment in which to work.

As we look to the coming year, I know there will be challenges. I also know that with the help of so many staff, volunteers, donors and funders we will sustain Parenthesis Family Center. Thank you



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