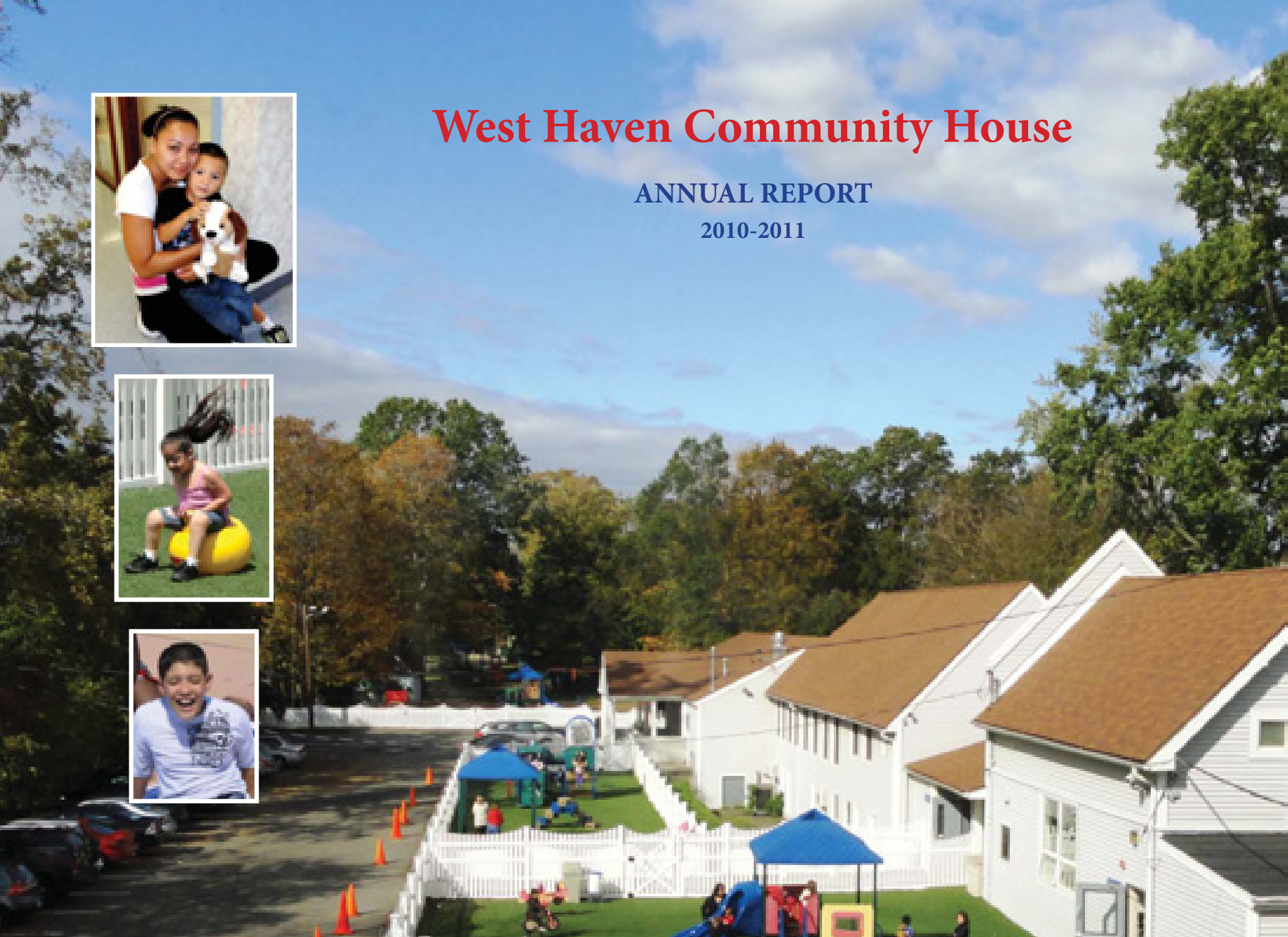
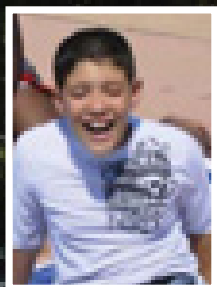
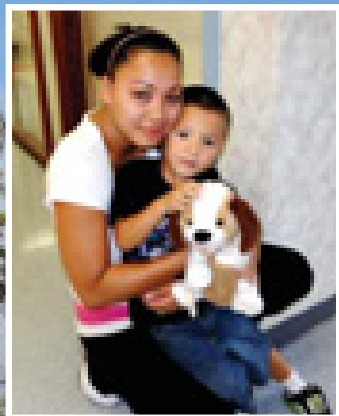


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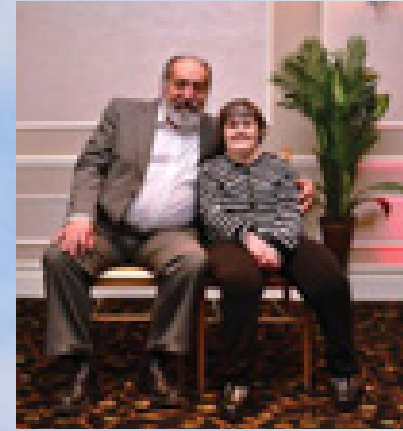
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# *Family and Friends*

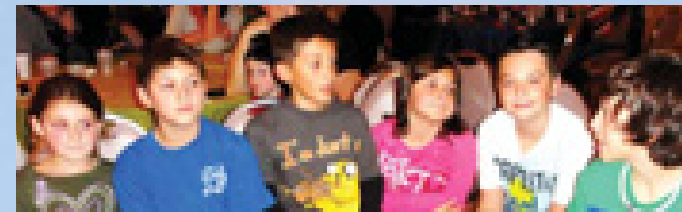
*The best of times are always found when friends and family gather round.*



*Having someplace to go is home. Having someone to love is family. Having both is a blessing.*



*Families are like quilts, pieced with memories, bound with love.*



*“Are we going to be friends forever?” asked Piglet.  
“Even longer,” Pooh answered.*

*~ A. A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh*

# A Message from Our Board President

The theme of this year's Annual Report is "family and friends," and I am happy to report that the West Haven Community House "family" has completed its 2010-2011 fiscal year on June 30, 2011 in stable fiscal shape, thanks in no small part to our extended "family and friends" of supporters.

Last June 23 at our Annual Meeting, I compared the Community House's current situation to the famous children's story, "*The Little Engine that Could*." It is a story of optimism in the face of difficult challenges, and famously replicated in the Disney movie "Dumbo" in 1941, when a train's engine transporting circus animals chants, "*I think I can ... I think I can ...*" while climbing a steep mountain.

The parallels to today are real. It is no secret that times are tough for parents, families and businesses, and tough for agencies like the Community House. Yet, despite these tough times, we concluded our 2010-2011 fiscal year with stable finances and strong programs that serve a population of clients that range from pre-school children to older adults. I am pleased to tell you that, "*We knew we could! We knew we could!*" ... and with the faithful support of our many "family and friends" in the greater West Haven community we will continue to do so.

The past year was also one in which we weathered more than the fiscal challenges. It may be a distant memory, but the winter of 2010-2011 was severe, and tested our facilities, challenged our staff and affected our bottom line. And the economic slowdown that first manifested itself with a severe downturn in the Fall of 2008 continues. Although the severity has abated, difficult times remain stubbornly with us.

Yet in 2010-2011 the Community House continued to move positively forward on many fronts. But it did not happen without hard work; the hard work of a dedicated management and staff and the continuing efforts of our board ... a board that has embraced its role ... not only as an owner and a protector ... but also as stakeholders. Of course, you too, our faithful donors, are a major reason we remain viable and stable.

All that said, we continue to proactively monitor our finances while continuing to operate our programs. For instance, in 2010-2011, we restructured our Residential and Day Services programs into one unit - Disability Services - consolidating administrative and support staff functions, resulting in cost savings and quality enhancements for our clients.

So as we face the challenges that will no doubt arise in 2011-2012, I am pleased to report that with your help - our family and friends - we will continue to serve the people of West Haven with excellent programs that exemplify our mission.



Richard S. Bruno / President



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## Board of Directors Profile

*What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?*

~ George Elliot

# Patricia Herbert: 40+ years on the Board and still going strong ...

For longtime Board of Directors member Patricia “Pat” Herbert, the Community House, as well as her former school students and many others in West Haven, have been among her her extended family. A retired teacher who never married, which she attributes with a twinkle in her eye to “my being able to say no,” is a living time capsule of West Haven history. These days, Pat, who first began serving on the Community House Board more than 40 years ago, remains active, even as she recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. Yet, she has lost little of the spark that is a hallmark of her personality.

A past Community House Board president, Pat has served many other local organizations in her time, including the library, Board of Education, Girl Scouts, and religious and civic groups, including being a founding member of the West Haven Land Trust, among others.

At the Community House these days, Pat is most active on the Endowment Committee, which manages a special fund that is nearing a milestone of its own. The Endowment fund will soon reach \$500,000, at which point, according to its by-laws, certain proceeds can then be directed to benefit the programs and families served by the Community House. But that can happen only when the fund, totaling about \$388,000 in the Fall of 2011, reaches \$500,000.

Pat is a long time financial supporter and urges citizens to consider making a donation or bequest to support the Community House’s Endowment Fund as a way to leave a lasting legacy. (*See information on this page to learn more about how you can contribute to the Community House’s Endowment Fund.*)

Community House Board member Sharon Martin,

herself a former board president, recently marveled at Pat’s commitments and achievements. “To me, her commitment to the Community House and its work is unmatched for anybody over that length of time. Particularly moving to me is that Pat never loses sight of the real purpose of the Community House, which is helping people. I can still hear her say, ‘If we don’t take care of each other, who will?’ and I think that sentiment sums up what Pat is all about. She’s just phenomenal.”

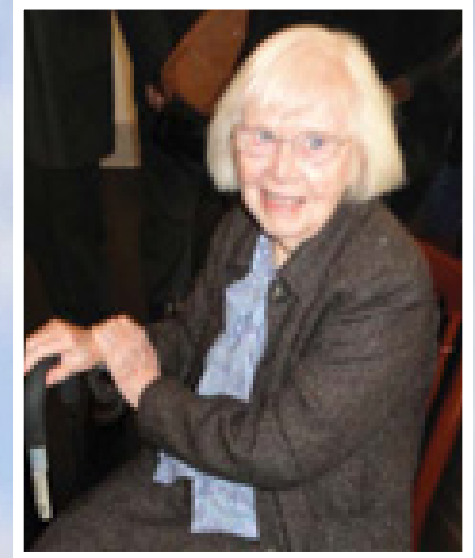
Former Community House Executive Director Peter Schwartz is another who sings the praises of Pat’s lifetime work and commitment to West Haven and its people.

“A really good example of Pat’s everlasting contributions to the Community House was her role of helping to establish our before-and-after school child care program as a true partnership with the West Haven Board of Education,” Schwartz said. “Our program’s ability to serve such large numbers of West Haven children is based upon the Board of Education’s decision to allow us to use school buildings after school for our program. It was Pat Herbert, as a member of the Board of Education, who helped the educators understand the tremendous benefit to the children of West Haven and to the school system itself to have our program operate directly in as many public schools as possible.”

Speaking of his own personal experience with Herbert, Schwartz added, “Pat also epitomized the ideal partnership between Board President and Executive Director. She was always a tremendous source of support for me, while always bringing out in me the

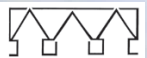
desire to strive for the best agency possible ... after all, after Pauline Lang, Pat has always been the ‘Keeper of the Mission,’ always reminding you, as Executive Director, why the Community House exists, and how important it is to the community that the agency survive and grow.”

Pat Herbert is certainly one of a kind, and the West Haven Community House has been very fortunate, indeed, to have her in its corner.



## Help our Endowment Fund grow

**Do you have stocks or bonds, insurance policy proceeds, estate or other assets that you would like to donate knowing that it will have a lasting impact on the West Haven community, plus provide a tax benefit? If so, please consider making a bequest to the West Haven Community House Endowment Fund. All principal in the Fund will be held in perpetuity, with income from the principal distributed to benefit the Community House. For more information, please contact Executive Director Patty Stevens or Development Director Chris Carroll at (203) 934-5221.**



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# Agency ‘family friendly’ says former Head Start, KIN client, now staff

Looking back, West Haven resident Jacqueline Cruz can see how the West Haven Community House’s continuum of programs for children, starting with Head Start, has had such a positive effect on her own family’s life, as well as many, many other children and families through the years.

Jackie, as she is known to staff here, was “born and raised in a Hispanic family” and therefore had little early-life exposure to the English language. “At the age of four, I was enrolled in the Head Start program here at the Community House . . . and it was at preschool where I learned to speak English as my second language.”



**Jackie, center, age 4 in the mid-1990s as a Head Start child client.**

Head Start “is where I learned my basic colors, numbers, and alphabet and how to better improve my interaction with others,” she noted. In addition, Jackie was also getting home visits from Community House staff, “when I learned how to write my name and advance in my learning skills.”

Fast-forward a few years later when “as a second grader in the Molloy School, my mother enrolled me the Community House’s KIN (Kids in the Neighborhood) after-school enrichment program, where I attended for the next three years,” Jackie said. “Although the program was only twice a week, it was something I looked forward to every day.

“I enjoyed the help from the staff when it came to homework and other daily issues, the ability to interact with others who I was introduced to, the hands-on activities that we learned from, along with the sports and other fun activities. The KIN program taught me and others how to better understand ourselves and others. It was also there that I learned how the simple things that we consider ‘fun’ can also be a big help in life.”

Community House programs also were a big relief to Jackie’s mom. “From a parent’s perspective, my mother enjoyed the program, too, as not only did it help parents with their work schedules but it also reassured them that their children were in a safe and enjoyable environment.”

Her connection with the agency did not end at KIN. “Throughout my high school years in West Haven, I had the opportunity to come back to the Community House as a summer employee and to work both with the preschoolers and also for the KIN/CHAMPS after-school program.

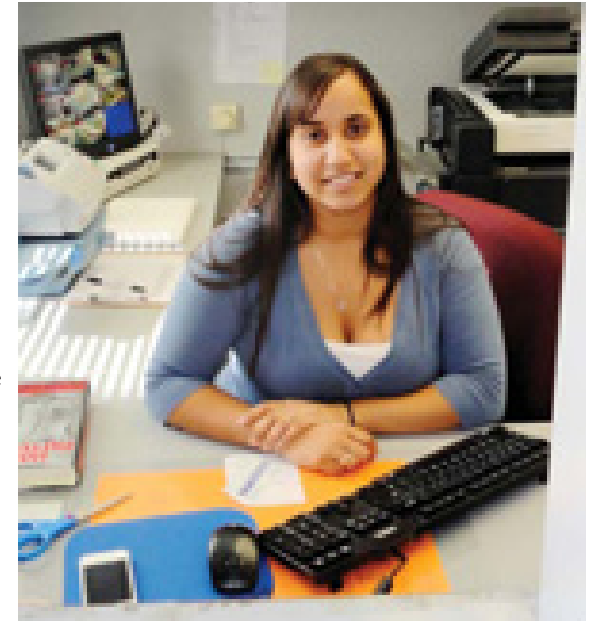
“Going back to where it all started for me was emotional but also an eye-opener. It made me realize how important it is to start and to never give up. Teachers here do their best to encourage kids to continue and believe that they can do anything they set their minds to.”

Since 2010, Jackie has been staffing the receptionist desk on Elm Street, serving, as she realizes, “as one of the public faces of the agency.”

Ironically, too, what goes around comes around – Jackie’s fluent bi-lingual skills in both English and Spanish make her an invaluable Community House liaison to the public. “It wasn’t until I started at this position did I recognize the importance of having the ability to speak, read and write Spanish,” she said, which is especially critical since a substantial number of the clients the agency serves speak Spanish as their first language.

Today, in addition to her work on the front desk, and in the agency’s School-Aged Child Care program in the afternoon, Jackie serves as one of the agency’s primary Spanish translators, putting documents and calendars into Spanish from English.

Looking back, she noted, “I have learned the importance of education and how much it can impact not only my life but others,” like her mother’s. “Not only did schooling help me succeed in many areas of my life, but along with attending preschool and other agency programs here, it all helped guide me in the right direction” and to the success that Jackie is having today as an adult employee at the Community House.



**Jackie in 2011 at the front public reception desk on Elm Street.**

*A mother’s hug lasts long after she lets go.*

# Head Start

The Head Start pre-school program offers free part-day, part-year programs, as well as full-day, full-year programs on a sliding scale fee basis for the children of parents who are working or going to school.

## 2010-2011 Head Start Financial Report

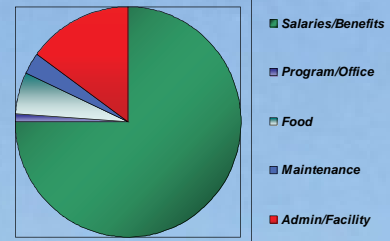
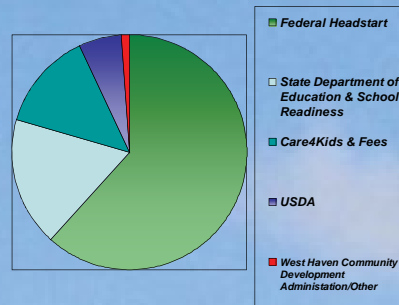
### FINANCES - INCOME

Total amount of public and private funds	
Federal Head Start	\$ 1,275,770
CT Dept. of Education/School Readiness	\$ 348,541
Care4Kids / Fees	\$ 272,878
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	\$ 110,000
West Haven Community Development Administration	\$ 12,000
Other	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,029,189</b>

### FINANCES - EXPENSES

Salary/benefits	\$ 1,445,926
Program/Office	\$ 43,565
Food	\$ 110,021
Maintenance /Services	\$ 57,987
Administration/Facility	\$ 281,507
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,939,006</b>

Head Start participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which allows us to provide the children with nutritious meals (breakfast, lunch, and/or snack) each day.



## Audit and Review

The West Haven Community House conducts an annual financial audit that includes the Head Start program. The most recent audit, dated Feb. 10, 2011, found the Head Start program in good standing with all funds properly expended.

The most recent federal review was conducted in 2008 and cited one minor finding, which was corrected through a Program Improvement Plan. The next federal review will occur in FY 2011-12.

## CLIENT POPULATION

Total Number of children and families served:

195 children enrolled / 185 families

Average monthly enrollment: 163 children

Average monthly enrollment as a % of funded enrollment: 86%

Percentage of children enrolled with a diagnosed disability: 13%

Percentage of children enrolled who received medical exams: 100%

Percentage of children enrolled who received dental exams: 87%



*"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it."*

~ Harry S. Truman

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

162 parents and guardians involved in parent activities

Activities included:

Participation in shared governance via Policy Council

Family Literacy events - book distribution

Events for "Mom & Child" and "Dad & Child"



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# Head Start - School Readiness

The Progress and Outcomes Report that details each Head Start students' progress is generated through application of the Creative Curriculum Assessment Tool. The tool addresses the following areas: Social / Emotional Development, Physical Development, Cognitive Development, Language Development and Emergent Literacy. Our assessment tool is directly aligned with Connecticut's Preschool Curriculum Framework, and the Head Start Child Development & Early Learning Framework. The step levels are identified, as follows, with the initial assessment of each student made each Fall, with progress assessments all completed in the following Spring.

**Forerunner Step (F Step) – identifies and groups children not yet at the beginning level of typical pre-school development:**

- F1 – Forerunner First Step
- F2 – Forerunner Second Step
- F3 – Forerunner Third Step

**Steps I, II and III: The next three steps measure children in their pre-school development, with Step III the highest level:**

- Step I – Beginning level of pre-school
- Step II – Next highest level of pre-school
- Step III – Highest level of pre-school

Assessment Tool statistics show that steady progress was made in all areas of development and that Head Start children were being well prepared for entry into Kindergarten based on individualized plans prepared for each child. For a full report of outcomes, please contact us.

**In June 2011, a total of 94 children were successfully prepared and transitioned to Kindergarten.**



*“One of the luckiest things that can happen to you in life is, I think, to have a happy childhood.”*

~ Agatha Christie

# School Age Child Care

In 2010-2011, the program served 200+ working families by providing before and after-school child care for elementary school-age children. Fun individual and group activities, 'free time,' outdoor play and meaningful learning experiences are provided in a safe and creative atmosphere that encourages personal growth and social interaction. In addition, the KinderKlub program provides extended care to children enrolled in half-day kindergarten, while the summer program is available for children grades K-5, with spaces primarily filled by children who have participated in the school year program.



**Skit time at Molloy School.**



## *Family in need finds help from Community House*

A West Haven mother, Marialena, has two children enrolled in the Community House's School Age Child Care (SACC) program. Michael, who was in third grade during the 2010-2011 school year, was enrolled in our before and after-school program at Seth Haley School. Emily, a kindergartner in 2010-2011, attended our before school and Kinderklub at Molloy School, and in the afternoons she attended our after-school program at Seth Haley.

Michael has been in our program since 2008 and Emily joined us this past year. Late fall in 2010, the family household went through some difficult and drastic changes. The children's father suffered with health issues, and left the home after a court restraining order was served against him. It was an extremely difficult time for the family, emotionally and financially.

Despite the issues, their "extended family" at the West Haven Community House was there for them.

Our SACC staff worked with Mom and

provided support for the children. The Head Teacher at Seth Haley also played an important role in assisting Michael to adjust, understand and learn to control some of his emotions and behaviors. The teacher and Mom communicated daily. For Mom, knowing that her son's needs were being addressed, this helped relieve some of her stress. Of course, the teacher also served as a positive male role model for Michael.

But that was not the end of it. Mom then began to face financial difficulties and was unable to meet her child care payments. She desperately needed to maintain her child care as her income was her only financial resource.

Again, the Community House rose to the occasion, as our program was able to provide a scholarship to assist her while her Care-4-Kids application was being processed.

With the 2010 holidays approaching and the lack of finances still weighing heavily on the family, our program was able to connect them to a benefactor who

adopted the family for the 2010 holidays – and Mom and the children were taken care of during the holiday season.

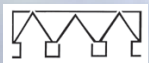
With her children in wrap-around child-care at the Community House, Mom has been able to maintain her employment. Since that time and throughout the new year in 2011, things have improved for the family.

Mom is constantly thanking and praising the Community House staff who helped her and her little ones through such a traumatic period in their lives.

But that's what family is for – to help each other when it's needed most.

*Other things may  
change but we start  
and end with family.*

~ Anthony Brandt



# Positive Youth Development (PYD) KIN / CHAMPS

**Kids in the Neighborhood (KIN) and CHAMPS are after-school enrichment programs that provide elementary and middle school children in West Haven with a safe, constructive place to be in the hours after school.**

In the 2010-2011 school year, the KIN and CHAMPS programs served 240 children. The KIN program was modified substantially at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year due to redistricting in the West Haven public schools. This past year, the KIN program served students in grades 1-4 at Forest, Mackrille and Savin Rock schools. Also, the KIN program at the upper elementary level was renamed CHAMPS and served all 5th and 6th graders who were moved into one school - Carrigan. The CHAMPS program as redesigned better served the needs and issues of these older elementary school students, as opposed to the KIN program that served students in grades 1-4.

The true measure of a program is what both the client and the parents say. The following parent comments came from our 2010-2011 KIN end-of-year survey:

- *“He loves it ... Thank you!”*
- *“My daughter loves the program and the price is right.”*
- *“He had fun. He likes the crafts things he does and gets to bring home. He looks forward to this every year.”*
- *“She has fun and has made a lot of friends. She likes how she’s helped with her homework. I think it was a great idea for the Kids in the Neighborhood to be at the school.”*
- *“It keeps him extra busy, giving him a chance to interact with other children.”*
- *“The adults who work with my son are just great, full of patience and understanding of my son’s special needs.”*
- *“My child has a lot of fun playing with other kids and with the projects they do.”*
- *“I like the fact that he is at an after-school program that I feel he’s safe in and he really enjoys. I wish I could have him in more after-school activities but most are not as affordable like this program.”*
- *“My son loves Kids in the Neighborhood. He looks forward to it.”*
- *“I like the way they help for homework, and the crafts.”*
- *“She loves Mr. Mike. He is helpful and friendly. All the staff is wonderful.”*



## Summer Program

Summer means “fun,” and for the dozens of children each year who enroll in the Community House’s School Age Child Care “Summer Program,” there is plenty of fun to go around.

The program served more than 50 children in 2010 and had an adventure-filled summer that included day trips to a variety of destinations, among them: Lighthouse Park in New Haven, Ansonia Nature Center, Rocky Neck State Park, Stamford Center for the Arts, the CT Science Center, and of course, our fabulous West Haven beaches.

The summer program concluded with an afternoon gathering at Stiles School, which was highlighted by skits, a fitting conclusion to the program, which was a time where friends enjoyed the company of friends.

*Gems may be precious,  
but friends are priceless.*

**The Summer Program offers child care for elementary school children during the summer school vacation - providing ‘peace of mind’ to parents in need of child care, while offering children a great opportunity for fun, recreation and friendship!**



# Services for Adults with Disabilities - COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Above, Sharon was among volunteers in city beautification project. Below, Shawn pets a rabbit with staff.



**Our Community Connections program located on Campbell Avenue provides individualized and meaningful enrichment opportunities that increase independence, enhance community integration, and improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.**

People with disabilities – despite their challenges – have a lot to offer. During the 2010-2011 agency fiscal year, there were 77 clients served by the West Haven Community House’s “Community Connections” day program and they proved it in more ways than one.

Adults in the Community Connections program participate in social activities intended to increase independence and enhance community integration. Those unable to perform vocational tasks or are no longer interested in working can choose the Day Service Option program. There participants engage in a variety of individual and group activities that achieve community inclusion, enjoyment and skill building.

“Giving Back to the Community” was a major theme of the past year, and remains a strong emphasis for the program going forward, as it is valuable for everyone to understand that all people, including those with disabilities, are capable of helping others, even if it is in small ways.



Katrina, center, read a book to a Head Start class.

*Together is the happiest place to be.*

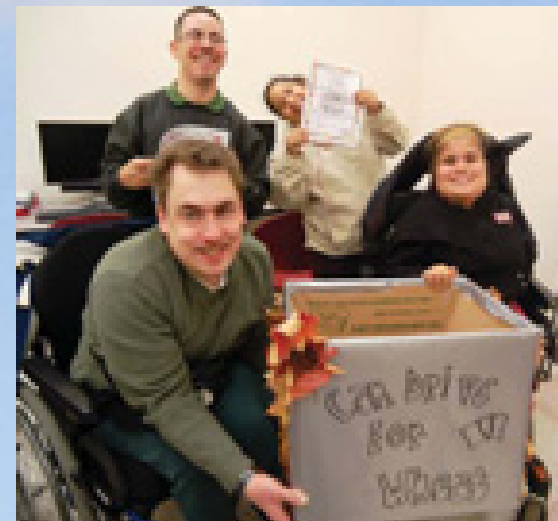
Indeed, clients put their good intentions into action with several major projects in West Haven in the past year. This included raising funds for the Center for Disability Rights (CDR) by participating in that organization’s annual Wheelathon.

Also, this past June, clients joined with West Haven’s Beautification Committee in helping clean up a number of city sites, including a flower bed at City Hall, areas within the city of West Haven’s historic Green and raking leaves for area veterans.

In addition, clients wrote letters to our troops serving overseas and also collected items to send to the soldiers in 2011.

The program also helps participants build socialization and daily living skills, and along those lines, other activities include: bowling,

arts & crafts, baking, yoga, movement & exercise, gardening, picnics at the beach, field trips and more.



In addition to collecting supplies for our soldiers, Day program clients also sponsored a food drive for WHEAT, the local food bank.



# Services for Adults with Disabilities - RESIDENTIAL

**Maximizing independence and dignity through support and choice characterizes the Community House's Residential Services for adults with developmental disabilities.**

The most common definition of a "traditional family" is a social unit that consists of parents and children living together and also can include aunts, uncles, grandparents, nieces and nephews.

Folks in the West Haven Community House Residential program are lucky to include roommates, staff, friends and other WHCH clients in their definition of "family."

"Celebrating Family & Friends" was the theme this past year at the annual Residential family event when WHCH residents, family members, friends and staff gathered at Anthony's Oceanview restaurant to celebrate each other, to remember good times and to make new memories.

There, Residential Director Davaul Amin served as the evening's emcee and dinner program director. He read his own poem, "Babies," whose message he deftly tied to the evening's theme and how special it is to have "memories" and to share "good times" with families and friends.

Also at the dinner-dance, photographs were taken of both the natural families and the extended Community House family members.



Residential client photo, March 2011, Family & Friends dinner-dance.

At this event, we also remembered past clients who were a part of our extended family during the 26 years that Residential has been an established program at the Community House.

Of course, when it comes to sharing a household, the evening dinner and the occasional outdoor picnic in the backyard are typical "family and friend" occurrences, as well as shared vacations.

It's all part of creating a "home" where one feels a part of a family. In the past year, 18 adults lived with their peers in our residential program, either in group homes with 24-hour support, or in supervised apartments with more limited support.

Residents are provided with individualized assistance based on their needs. Support ranges from help with hygiene, nutrition and other tasks of daily living to assistance with more advanced skills such as budgeting and social interaction.

Residents are encouraged to set individual goals and to engage in recreational and social activities of interest to them. In addition, all of our residents attend a program that provides community activities or supported employment.

The bottom line remains: in the Community House's Residential program, housemates and friends are family, in the best of ways.



Above, a field trip to Washington, D.C., was a highlight of the past year. Below, residential clients visited the Central Park Zoo, with Dennis, below, and Evette, below left with Savin House Supervisor Dianna Hoyt at Savin, at the zoo.



*Families are forever.*

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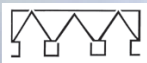
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**Each year, the Community House sponsors several special events. On Oct. 8, 2010, the 11th Annual Gene McCarthy Memorial Golf Tournament netted more than \$12,000. On April 15, 2011, the annual Night at the Races event netted more than \$15,000. We thank all our individual and business sector participants.**

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**The highly successful Night at the Races event raises vital dollars. In April 2011, a "Fancy Hat" contest was added to the fun.**

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Picture Day in March 2011 at Head Start

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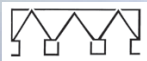
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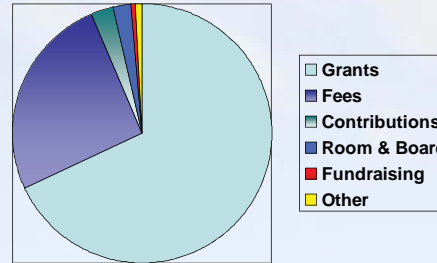
# Financials

## Revenues

2010-2011

Government Grants and Contracts	\$4,263,230	68.0%
Fees for Service	\$1,610,277	25.7%
Room & Board / Rent	\$ 169,601	2.7%
Contributions	\$ 131,717	2.1%
Fundraising	\$ 51,056	.8%
Other	\$ 42,732	.7%

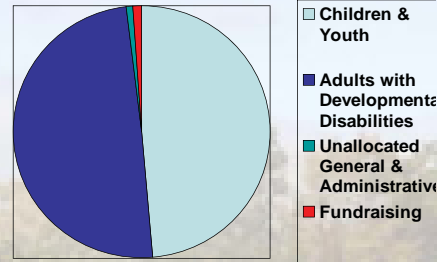
**Total** **\$6,268,613**



## Expenses

Children and Youth	\$2,925,996	48.6%
Adults with Developmental Disabilities	\$2,973,345	49.4%
Unallocated General & Administrative	\$ 53,390	1.0%
Fundraising	\$ 54,613	1.0%

**Total** **\$6,007,344**



**Depreciation** \$ 253,594

**Increase (Decrease) Net Assets** **\$ 7,675**

All revenue and expense figures are pre-audit and do not include endowment funds. For a complete copy of our 2010-2011 financials please contact the finance department at 227 Elm St., West Haven, CT 06516.

## Foundation, Government & Combined Appeal Grants

US Dept of Health/Human Services	\$ 1,275,770
Dept of Education	\$ 348,541
US Dept of Agriculture	\$ 110,000
Community Development Adm	\$ 35,700
Dept of Developmental Services	\$ 2,232,089
Fiscal Intermediary	\$ 512,685
Dept of Children and Families	\$ 78,795
Department of Social Services - BAS	\$ 40,275
Family Resource Center	\$ 3,000
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven	\$ 7,500
American Assoc. for Physical Activity & Recreation	\$ 5,000
United Way	\$ 34,000
Webster Bank	\$ 1,500
People's United Bank	\$ 2,500
Archdiocese of Hartford	\$ 2,800

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