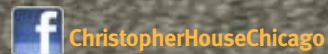




# *2011 Annual Report*

For more than 100 years, Christopher House has made a difference in Chicago's North and Northwest Sides, offering underserved children and low-income families a continuum of educational and supportive services that help them thrive.

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## *Our Accomplishments*

- 94% of five-year-olds left our early childhood program ready to enter kindergarten. This success is due to the hard work of students, parents, teachers, and the agency's adoption of Creative Curriculum® Gold, a more rigorous curriculum and assessment program that includes research-based approaches and extensive teacher training.
- **Christopher House began partnering with families in the Belmont Cragin community, future home of our new headquarters, through prenatal and parenting education services. Last year, more than 40 Belmont Cragin parents benefited from prenatal support and the Parents as Teachers curriculum, which helps parents fulfill their role as their children's primary teachers. When it opens in January 2013, our new center will serve more than 500 children and their families.**
- 100% of high school seniors graduated high school on-time, and 91% enrolled in college this fall. Schools attended include Loyola University Chicago, Concordia University, Lewis University, Lake Forest College, Northeastern Illinois University, Carlton College, Carthage College, University of Illinois, University of Illinois at Chicago, Southern Illinois University, and Chicago city colleges.
- **Christopher House continues to lead a groundbreaking benchmarking initiative funded by The Chicago Community Trust that is changing the way agencies track and share data to improve program services and increase their measurable impact on children and families. This year, we are excited to announce that Children's Home + Aid has joined us in this important work. In the coming year, we anticipate adding two additional community partners to the project.**



# Our Purpose

## Help build thriving families.

Thriving families ensure that all family members have the opportunity to be happy, healthy, and productive. Thriving families meet their basic needs and utilize outside resources when necessary. They have access to healthcare and to education and maintain safe and nurturing homes.

Christopher House is a catalyst for strengthening and empowering low-income children and their families. Christopher House provides a web of support that helps families become self-sufficient and resilient and communities become stronger.

We help children succeed in the classroom and in life through programs that enhance their cognitive, social, physical and emotional development.

# Our Values

**Fairness of Opportunity & Equality**

**Commitment to Excellence & Quality**

**Respect & Inclusivity**

**Personal Development & Achievement**

**Compassion**

# Our Vision

As a national leader, we will provide low-income children and families with equal access to tools and opportunities. Our programs will be dynamic, innovative, creative, and designed to improve the quality of family and community.

Christopher House's best practices will be replicated across the country because of our clear and measurable impact toward strengthening families and communities.





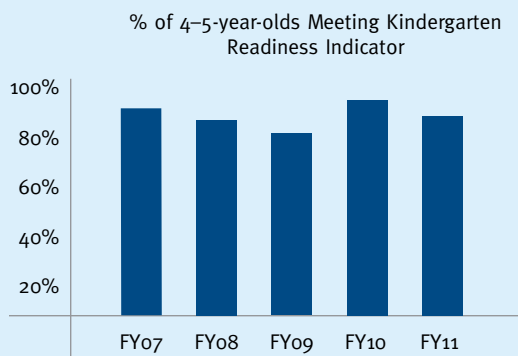
## *A Measurable Impact on our Community*

Christopher House is dedicated to the ongoing improvement of its programs and services, and continually uses outcome data in decision-making. Below are the results of our 2011 Data and Assessment Plan. These results are made even more meaningful via our collaborative benchmarking evaluation project. Through this project, we are partnering with five leading social services agencies in Chicago to benchmark our success against previous years' results as well as those of peer agencies. Agencies collaborate to sustain and adopt effective best practice approaches that are garnering impressive outcome results.

### *Early Childhood Development Services*

Christopher House's early childhood education program closely monitors the cognitive, social, and emotional development from the age of six weeks through a child's transition to kindergarten. We use research-based, nationally-recognized tools including Creative Curriculum® to ensure objective and accurate student assessment and develop individualized plans for each of our students.

#### **KINDERGARTEN READINESS**



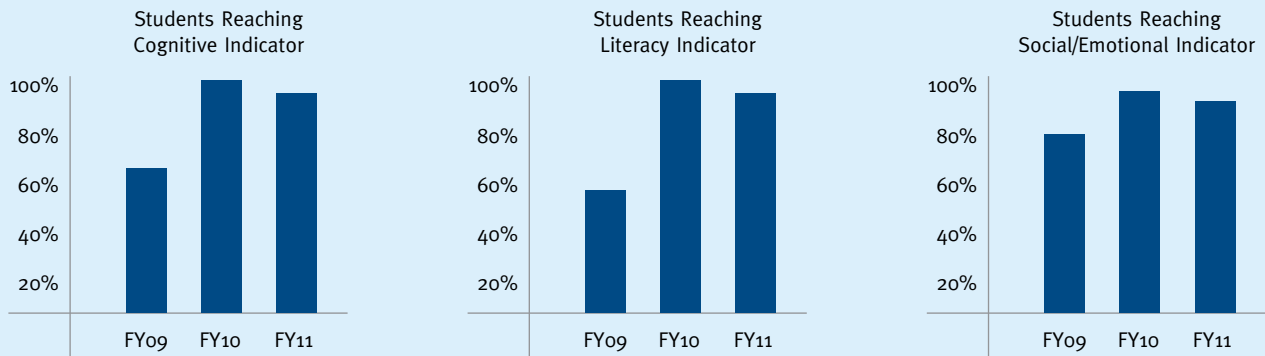
#### **A HEALTHY START**

- 100% of babies born to teen and adult parents received on-time immunizations and were enrolled with a medical provider.
- 86% of teen and adult parents initiated breastfeeding.

Data Source: Creative Curriculum© Spring/Summer Assessment Results, 2007-2011



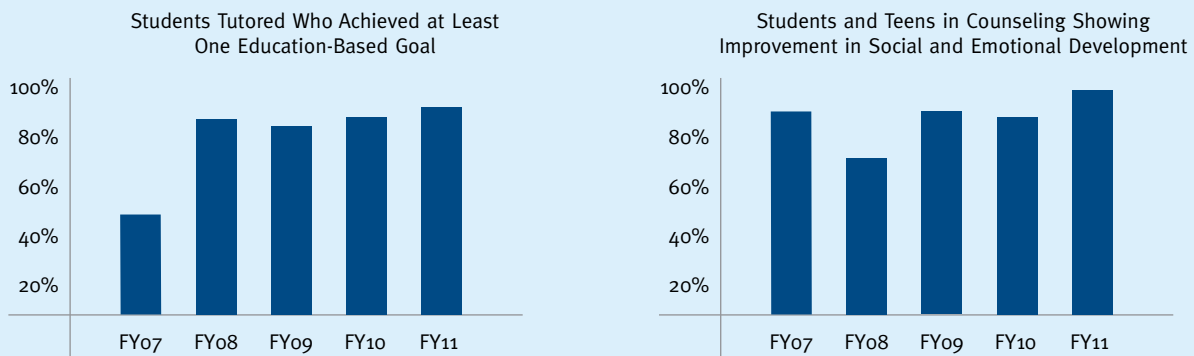
## DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES



Data Source: Creative Curriculum Individual Child Profiles

## *School Age & Youth Development Services*

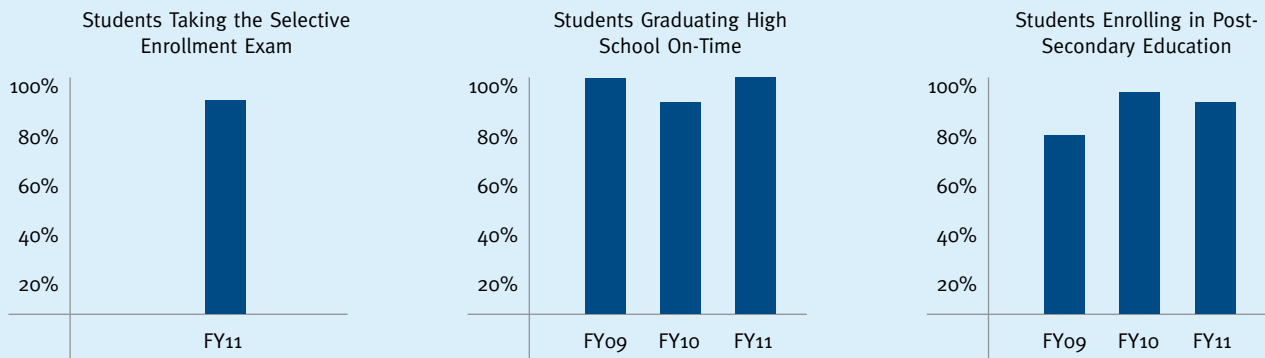
**TUTORING AND COUNSELING INDICATORS** - Christopher House measures success in its after-school program by assessing the progress displayed by youth receiving tutoring and counseling services.



Data Source: Christopher House Agency-wide Outcomes and Indicators Comparison Chart



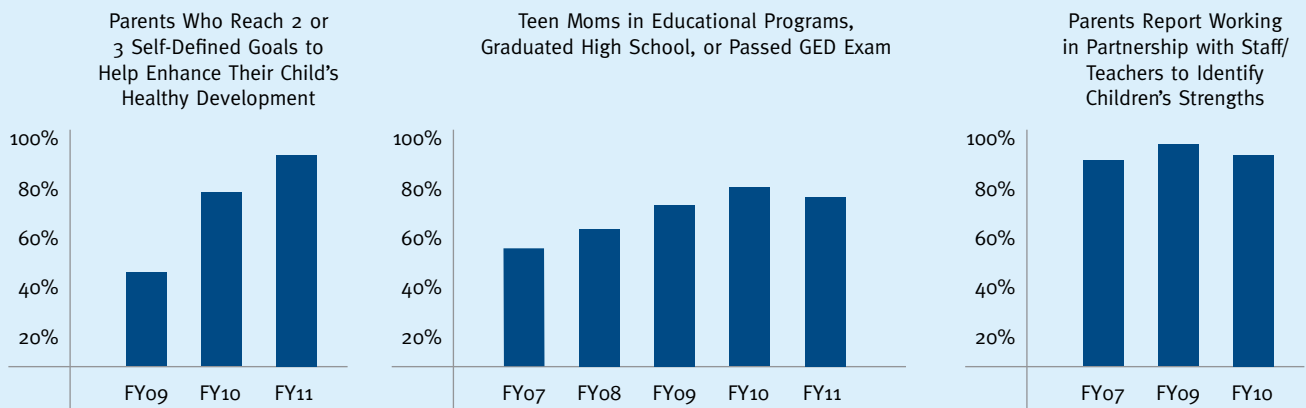
**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND COLLEGE ATTENDANCE INDICATORS** – Based on best practice research, Christopher House has developed indicators that measure the critical steps that students must take to stay on track for on-time high school graduation and college attendance.



Data Source: Christopher House Agency-wide Outcomes and Indicators Comparison Chart

## Parents / Caregivers

**PARENT EDUCATION INDICATORS** – Understanding that educating children as a stand-alone intervention is not enough, we also provide support services to the entire child’s family that help build stability and self-sufficiency.





## *Impact on Families*

### *Providing High Quality Education for All*

Last year, more than 800 children benefited from Christopher House’s educational services, including early childhood education and rigorous youth programs designed to prepare our future workforce to excel. Students enter our program with a variety of educational needs and backgrounds and Christopher House works to pair each with the appropriate services to help them reach their full potential for academic success.

**Tiffany Schad and her two-year old son, Amari, came to Christopher House without a stable home or family. Amari is a beautiful toddler who has found a classroom environment equipped with the staff and facilities to meet his needs at Christopher House. Diagnosed at a very young age with developmental delays, Amari has made marked improvement in his communication and motor skills, as well as his interaction with others. Tiffany is grateful for the quality of education that Amari is receiving and is giving back through her role on Christopher House’s Parent Policy Council. In addition, the Schad family utilizes our food pantry and holiday programs while Tiffany uses our computer resources to search for employment. With Amari’s needs taken care of, Tiffany is focusing on repairing her relationships with Amari’s father as well as her own mother. Tiffany is now employed in the food industry.**

#### **ARGOSY UNIVERSITY**

Beginning in July 2010, all Argosy University applicants are able to waive their application fee by making a donation to Christopher House. The university’s partnership has generated over \$10,000 in support for our programs and services for low-income children and families. “We have always been interested in helping people improve their lives,” said Dr. C. Ronald Kimberling, Argosy University President, Chicago and Schaumburg Campuses. “Our faculty, students, and alumni remain committed to organizations such as Christopher House that makes Chicago a better place for all by helping children and families in need.”

*92% of parents state that their children’s language and literacy skills have improved through their involvement with art, music, and drama at Christopher House.*



## *Creating Stability*

Christopher House services provide support to hard-working families working toward a brighter future. Many of our families are recent immigrants or refugees and others are single parents working long hours at two jobs to make ends meet. Others, like Norma (below), are working to overcome a crisis and create a stable life for their families. Last year, more than 1,500 children and adults benefited from our food pantry and holiday programs made possible through partnerships with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the members of our community.

**Norma Olivares is a mother of three and a parent in our early childhood education program. When she was told that her employment would be reduced from full-time to part-time as a result of the economic downturn, she immediately started searching for a second job to ensure that she could provide for her children. Faced with a difficult job environment and the challenge of limited English skills, Norma enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Christopher House to make herself more marketable.**

**Norma also began participating in the food pantry, educational workshops, and a women's support group lead by a Christopher House licensed clinical social worker. Although Norma does not have any family in the area, the support group has helped her immensely in her endeavors to achieve her family's goals. Norma is a shining example of a hard-working mother doing whatever it takes to improve her family's quality of life.**

### **POLK BROS. FOUNDATION**

For over fifteen years, the Polk Bros. Foundation has supported Christopher House programs, like our Teen and Adult Prenatal and Parenting Services; and capital projects, such as our new Logan Square Family Resource Center. "Christopher House's programs clearly align with the Foundation's grant-making strategy to support low-income youth and families through comprehensive, evidence-based prevention, intervention, and skills-training programs that lead to positive personal and social outcomes," said Frank Baiocchi, Senior Program Officer. "It is our pleasure to partner with Christopher House as we work together to strengthen Chicago's families."

This year, Christopher House gathered information about our families through a family needs assessment completed by more than 400 parents. The data collected was used to create a parent education and support program tailored to family needs and interests. Last year, 250 children and adults benefited from social work services, 142 parents participated in intensive parent education, and 239 adults took adult education classes to improve their language and life skills.







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FISCAL YEAR 2011



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

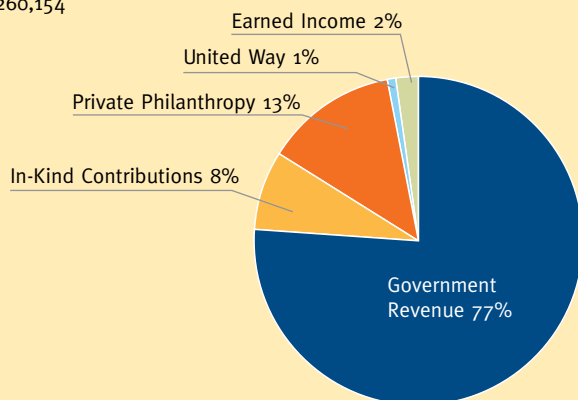
Year End June 30,	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$242,959	\$296,170
Account receivable, net of allowance of \$35,000 in 2010 and 2009		\$879,472
Capital campaign/annual fund pledges receivable, current portion	\$407,818	\$364,432
Other receivables	\$100,368	\$76,389
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$23,290	\$25,016
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,687,539</b>	<b>\$1,641,479</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR MARKET VALUE</b>		
	\$1,126,966	\$1,016,087
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Land (Chicago Board of Education lease)	\$825,000	\$825,000
Donated land	\$852,822	\$852,822
Building and Improvements	\$7,088,746	\$7,016,607
Leasehold improvements	\$821,860	\$759,457
Furniture and equipment	\$409,250	\$409,250
Software	\$7,533	
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	<b>\$10,005,211</b>	<b>\$9,863,136</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION</b>		
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>	<b>\$2,562,928</b>	<b>\$2,292,176</b>
	\$7,442,283	\$7,570,960
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Capital campaign/annual fund pledges receivable, net of current portion	\$162,218	\$133,890
Other assets	\$75,000	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,494,006</b>	<b>\$10,362,416</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Advances from government funding agencies	\$3,027	\$20,260
Accounts payable	\$172,613	\$264,124
Accrued liabilities	\$60,162	\$48,062
Payroll deductions payable	\$226,865	\$171,518
Accrued vacation	\$83,671	\$70,974
Notes payable, current portion	\$67,780	\$61,820
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$614,118</b>	<b>\$636,758</b>
Notes payable, long-term portion	\$1,467,489	\$1,530,999
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,081,607</b>	<b>\$2,167,757</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	\$4,862,506	\$4,010,989
Temporarily restricted	\$3,519,392	\$3,653,169
Permanently restricted	\$30,501	\$530,501
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$8,412,399</b>	<b>\$8,194,659</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$10,494,006</b>	<b>\$10,362,416</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year End June 30,	2011	2010
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		
<b>Public Support</b>		
Contributions	\$553,804	\$547,787
Special Events	\$332,664	\$355,333
Annual Fund Campaign	\$81,997	\$1,226
Capital Campaign Pledges Received	\$200,878	\$107,715
United Way	\$90,010	\$115,510
<b>In-Kind Support</b>		
In-kind contributions	\$716,275	\$687,894
In-kind contribution - Chicago Board of Education		\$825,000
In-kind contribution- Belmont Cragin		\$32,506
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$1,975,628</b>	<b>\$2,672,971</b>
<b>CONTRACTS AND GRANTS FROM GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES</b>		
	\$7,110,578	\$6,761,253
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Program service fees and incidental revenue	\$133,490	\$257,754
Dividend and interest income	\$38,181	\$8,320
Miscellaneous	\$2,277	\$16,176
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$173,948</b>	<b>\$282,250</b>
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$9,260,154</b>	<b>\$9,716,474</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program services	\$8,281,616	\$7,131,901
<b>SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>		
Management and general	\$413,071	\$647,920
Fundraising	\$429,340	\$510,943
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>\$842,411</b>	<b>\$1,158,863</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$9,124,027</b>	<b>\$8,290,764</b>
Net realized and unrealized (losses) on investments	\$81,613	\$37,359
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$217,740</b>	<b>\$1,463,069</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, AT BEGINNING YEAR</b>	<b>\$8,194,659</b>	<b>\$6,731,590</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$8,412,399</b>	<b>\$8,194,659</b>
<b>EARLY HEAD START (EHS) FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>		
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011	Budget	Actual
EHS Revenue	\$1,247,279	\$1,098,097
Other Revenue	\$11,500	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,258,779</b>	<b>\$1,098,097</b>
Operating Expenses	\$1,166,431	\$1,061,763
Capital Expenses		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,166,431</b>	<b>\$1,061,763</b>
<b>Revenue/Expense Variance</b>	<b>\$92,348</b>	<b>\$36,334</b>

## FY2011 REVENUE

\$9,260,154



## FY2011 EXPENSES

\$9,124,027

