

2008 Annual Report



For **more than 100 years**, we have made a real difference in the lives of low-income families in neighborhoods throughout Chicago's north and west sides.

Our Accomplishments

We **opened our new state-of-the-art, environmentally-friendly Logan Square Family Resource Center** that serves more than 100 low-income children and their family members each year.

We **helped more than 4,000 children** and their families overcome social and economic barriers.

We **prepared 84 percent of our 5-year-olds** to be academically successful in Kindergarten.

We **earned the National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation** for our early childhood education program under its new, more rigorous standards. In addition, we also **met 100 percent of program standard criteria** in the areas of leadership and management, teaching, assessment of child progress, teachers and community relationships.

We **championed 93 percent of our college and career prep students** to become more interested in school and improve their academic skills.

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Making a Measurable Impact on the Families We Serve

Christopher House is **dedicated to making a real difference in the lives of children and their family members** by delivering innovative and high-quality programs.

Critical to our ability to have a significant impact on those we serve is our commitment to **tracking and reporting measurable outcomes** that demonstrate the success of our programs and services and help us with continuous quality improvement. That is why we have implemented state-of-the-art evaluation and data collection methods to track the progress of our families. These strategies allow us to continually assess the specific and changing needs of individual families.

The success of this evaluation program has **earned Christopher House a reputation as a leader locally and nationally**. We partner with a wide array of supporters that believe in our innovative programs because they are confident we make a significant impact on those we serve. With the support of our donors and partners, we touched the lives of more than 4,000 children and their family members in 2008.

Infants and Toddlers

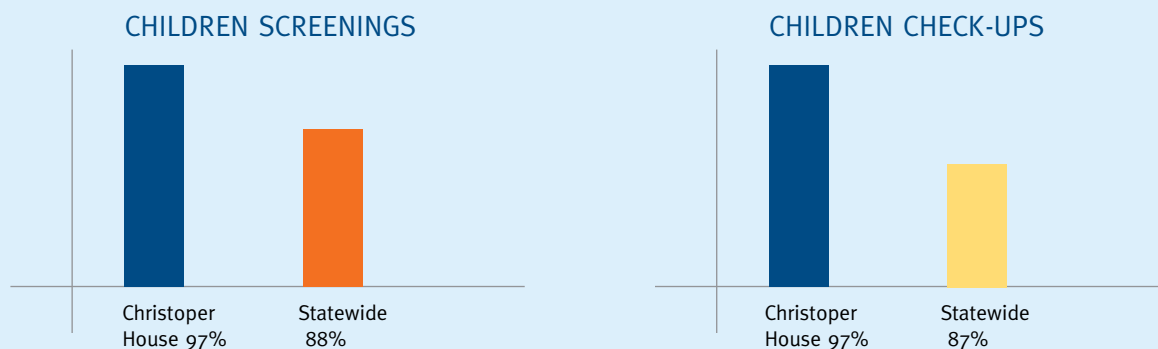
- **90%** of babies received on-time immunizations.
- **100%** of infants and teen moms were enrolled with a medical provider.
- **90%** of children 3 and under in our early childhood education classrooms reached age-appropriate milestones by the end of the school year.
- **84%** of 5-year-olds who graduated from our early childhood education program entered Kindergarten school-ready.

Children and Youth

- **89%** of parents report that their children know how to study better.
- **93%** of youth in our college prep and career program are more interested in school and have better academic skills.
- **89%** of parents report that their children are making better grades.
- **96%** of youth in our college prep and career program completed their homework more often.

Teen Parents

- **87%** of mothers initiate breastfeeding—building babies’ immunities, providing superior nutrition and promoting infant-mother bonding—compared to 58% statewide.
- **97%** of children receive regular developmental screenings compared to 88% statewide.
- **98%** of children received doctor check-ups compared to 87% statewide.



Parents and Caregivers

- **80%** of adults in our General Educational Development or Adult Basic Education classes improved their reading and math skills by one grade level after completing 64 hours of instruction.
- **98%** of parents who attended our workshops or participated in one of our support groups increased their knowledge of parenting or child development.

Families

- **91%** of families participating in our family counseling services showed improvement in their social and emotional development.
- **100%** of families read together more after participating in our family literacy program.
- **More than 1,000** children and their parents avoided hunger by utilizing our food pantry.



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 Mr. Don and Mrs. Lois Hartung
 Mr. Andrew and Mrs. Laurie Hochberg
 Mr. Mike and Mrs. Lindy Keiser
 King-Forman Insurance
 Mr. Dave and Mrs. Dawn Langhamer
 LISC
 Mr. Robert and Mrs. Ruth McDonald
 Mr. John and Mrs. Marcy Sherrill Mitola
 Mr. James Morgan
 Mr. Howard and Ms. Sandra Nagelberg
 Northern Trust Company
 Mr. Sankat Patel
 Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLC
 Mr. Gerald and Mrs. Aimee Pientka
 Polk Bros. Foundation
 Mr. Doug and Mrs. Melanie Scofield
 Smithfield Properties
 Ms. Barbara Stewart and Mr. Peter Bowe
 Thorton-Thomasetti
 Mr. Tom and Mrs. Tina Tromiczak
 Mr. Dale and Mrs. Nancy Turken
 U.S. Cellular
 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 Mr. Brian and Mrs. Janet Weed
 Ms. Kimberly White
 Wolff's Landscaping
 Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Emily Woodrow





Financials

FISCAL YEAR 2008

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year End June 30,	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash	\$213,188	\$17,503
RECEIVABLES		
Accounts receivable, net allowance of \$47,000 in 2008 and \$67,000 in 2007	571,752	1,247,178
Special project grant receivable	—	55,453
Interest receivable	755	3,008
*Capital campaign/annual fund receivables, current portion	222,415	33,380
Other receivables	114,928	115,125
	1,123,038	1,471,647
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR MARKET VALUE		
Land	—	58,000
Donated Land	852,822	852,822
Building	6,802,268	2,941,601
Leasehold improvements	315,794	388,007
Furniture and equipment	299,865	120,788
Construction in progress - Logan Square	—	1,214,439
	8,270,749	5,575,657
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION		
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	1,836,881	1,845,686
	6,433,868	3,729,971
OTHER ASSETS		
Capital Campaign/Annual Fund Pledges Receivable, net of current portion*	35,613	43,439
	414,237	157,094
TOTALS ASSETS	8,947,173	6,530,234
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Advances from government funding agencies	55,962	57,728
Accounts payable	138,253	196,754
Accrued liabilities	60,618	40,775
Accrued liabilities - Logan Square construction	—	840,429
Payroll deductions payable	93,509	79,203
Accrued vacation	58,469	71,711
Note Payable	2,180,319	—
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,587,130	1,286,600
NET ASSETS	6,360,043	5,243,634
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$8,947,173	\$6,530,234

*Capital/Annual campaign revenues recognized was \$771,728 and \$319,424 for year ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 respectively, with the pledges expected to be received the next five years. The pledges were discounted at 8% to their present value.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

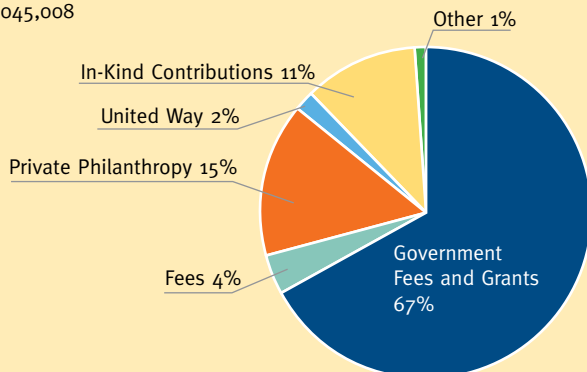
Year End June 30,	2008	2007
Support and Revenue		
Public Support		
Received directly		
Contributions	\$590,841	\$437,832
Special Events	537,722	424,413
Capital Campaign Pledges Received	682,174	274,824
Annual Fund campaign	89,554	44,600
	1,900,291	1,181,669
In-kind contributions	950,519	1,134,947
In-kind contribution - City of Chicago	—	564,960
Services	69,615	136,550
	1,020,134	1,836,457
Received indirectly		
United Way	193,000	254,612
	193,000	254,612
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	3,113,425	3,272,738
FEEES AND GRANTS FROM GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES		
	5,582,607	5,948,450
REVENUE		
Program service fees	296,576	261,065
Dividend and interest income	29,730	56,933
Miscellaneous	22,670	7,520
TOTAL REVENUE	348,976	325,518
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
	9,045,008	9,546,706
EXPENSES		
Program services**	7,429,372	7,831,642
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
Management and general***	575,226	454,346
Fundraising	354,023	306,824
Capital Campaign Expenses	103,724	43,949
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	1,032,973	805,119
TOTAL EXPENSES		
	8,462,345	8,636,781
OTHER GAINS (LOSSES)		
Gain on sale of building	620,983	—
Loss on disposal of other assets	(12,179)	—
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on investment	(75,058)	70,097
	533,746	70,097
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
	1,116,409	980,042
NET ASSETS, AT BEGINNING YEAR		
	5,243,634	4,263,592
NET ASSETS, AT END OF YEAR		
	\$6,360,043	\$5,243,634

**The decrease in program expenses is due in part to a decrease in in-kind donations and consolidating centers.

***The increase in management is due to a significant increase in in-kind professional fees and expenses generated from our capital campaign.

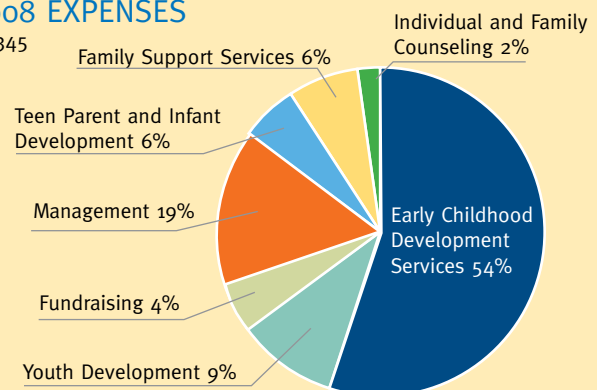
FY 2008 REVENUE

\$9,045,008



FY 2008 EXPENSES

\$8,462,345





What People Are Saying About Christopher House

“Whenever we needed help, they opened the door. Now I want to work hard on my job training program and give back to Christopher House someday. I see the future for myself and my daughters.

It is big and bright .” —Carla Gonzalez, Christopher House Parent

“If violence is the disease, Christopher House is the inoculation.” —Senator Richard Durbin

“There was a dark moment in my life when my husband was in the hospital for surgery and I had no babysitter or family member to help me take care of my child. I had to go to work so I went to Christopher House for help. They gave me light when it was dark for me.” —Azeb Tsegay, Christopher House Parent

“[Christopher House] knows how to get the job done . . . they are leading the way for other non-profits.” —Mayor Richard M. Daley

“There is a correlation between [my children] being safe [at Christopher House] and my productivity at work. I’m not worried or thinking about them and can concentrate on my work. When I know that they’re doing well at Christopher House, I feel better about myself.” —Christopher House Parent