

2009 Annual Report



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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 served **more than 116 children and their family members** at our new state-of-the-art, **environmentally-friendly** Logan Square Family Resource Center.

We **helped more than 5,000 children** and their family members overcome social and economic barriers.

We **prepared 86% 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. We **met 100 percent of program accreditation criteria** in the areas of leadership and management, teaching, assessment of child progress, teachers and community relationships.

100% of seniors in our college and career preparatory program graduated high school on time.

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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 5,000 children and their family members in 2009.

Infants and Toddlers

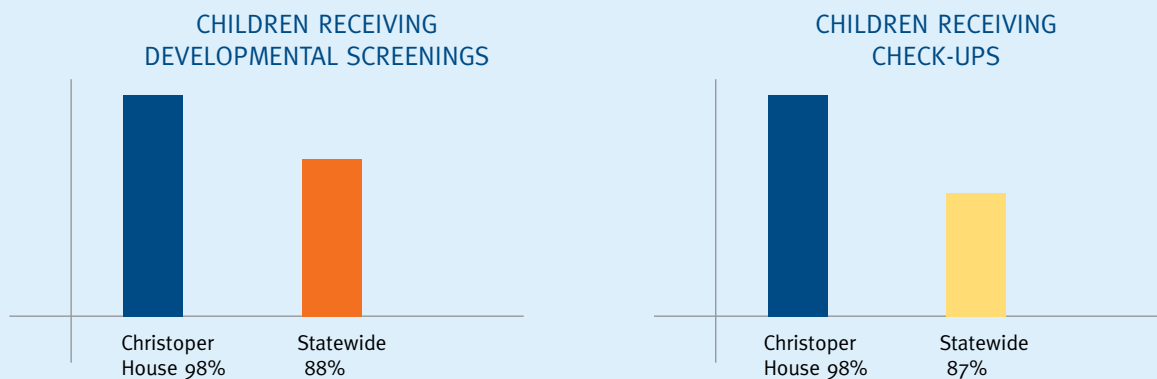
- **90%** of infants received on-time immunizations.
- **100%** of infants and teen moms were enrolled with a medical provider.
- **86%** of 5-year-olds who graduated from our early childhood education program entered kindergarten school-ready.

Children and Youth

- **95%** of parents reported that their children knew how to study better.
- **93%** of youth in our college and career preparatory program were more interested in school and had better academic skills.
- **82%** of parents reported that their children were making better grades.
- **95%** of youth in our college and career preparatory program completed their homework more often.
- **100%** of youth were more interested in attending college.

Teen Parents

- **81%** of mothers initiated breastfeeding—building infants’ immunities, providing superior nutrition and promoting infant-mother bonding—compared to 43% of teens in the general population.
- **98%** of children received regular developmental screenings compared to 88% statewide.
- **98%** of children received doctor check-ups compared to 87% statewide.



Parents and Caregivers

- **92%** of adults in our General Educational Development or Adult Basic Education classes improved their reading skills by one grade level after completing 64 hours of instruction.
- **95%** of parents made progress towards their educational, financial and employment goals.

Families

- **82%** of families participating in our family counseling services showed improvement in their social and emotional development.
- **More than 2,000** children and their parents avoided hunger by utilizing our food pantry.



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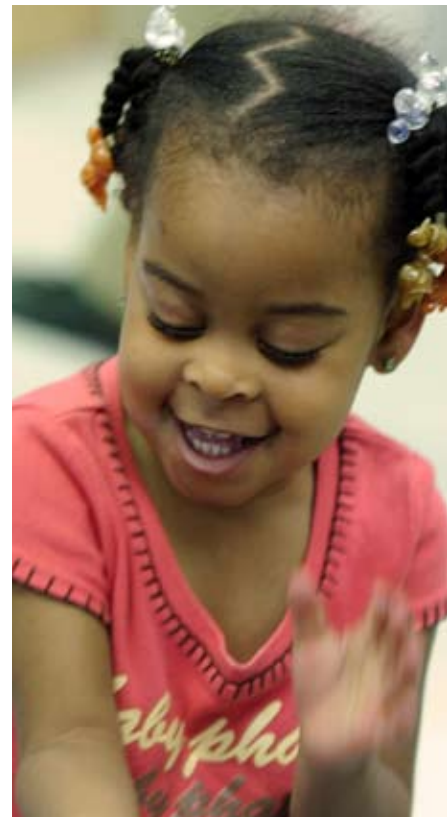
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year End June 30,	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Cash	\$416,454	\$213,188
RECEIVABLES		
Account receivable, net of allowance of \$35,000 in 2009 and \$47,000 in 2008	614,949	571,752
Capital campaign/annual fund receivables, current portion*	328,094	222,415
Other receivables	200,063	115,683
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	28,803	35,613
Total Current Assets	1,588,363	1,158,651
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR MARKET VALUE		
	966,926	940,417
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Donated Land	852,822	852,822
Building Improvements	6,941,027	6,802,268
Leasehold improvements	323,794	315,794
Furniture and equipment	348,057	299,865
Total Property and Equipment	8,465,700	8,270,749
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION		
	2,057,528	1,836,881
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	6,408,172	6,433,868
OTHER ASSETS		
Capital Campaign/Annual Fund Pledges Receivable, net of current portion*	404,912	414,237
Totals Assets	9,368,373	8,947,173
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Advances from government funding agencies	52,914	55,962
Accounts payable	141,679	138,253
Accrued liabilities	47,664	60,618
Payroll deductions payable	140,647	93,509
Accrued vacation	73,560	58,469
Notes payable, current portion	46,390	-----
Total Current Liabilities	502,854	406,811
Notes payable, long-term portion	2,133,929	2,180,319
Total Liabilities	2,636,783	2,587,130
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	2,949,624	2,786,429
Temporarily restricted	3,251,465	3,043,113
Permanently restricted	530,501	530,501
Total Net Assets	6,731,590	6,360,043
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$9,368,373	\$8,947,173

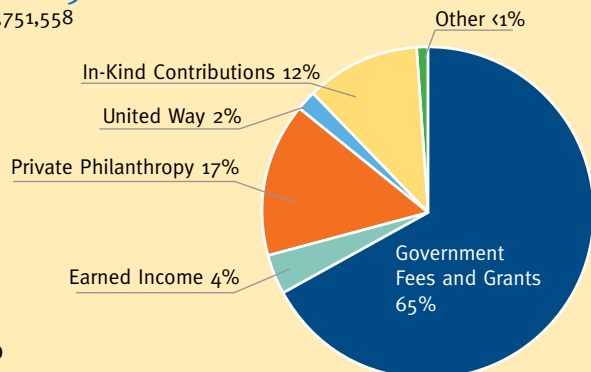
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year End June 30,	2009	2008
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Public Support		
Contributions	\$770,847	\$590,841
Special Events	397,957	537,722
Annual Fund Campaign	4,883	89,554
Capital Campaign Pledges Received	488,323	682,174
United Way	193,000	193,000
In-Kind Support		
In-kind contributions	1,150,990	950,519
In-kind contribution-Logan Square Contraction		69,615
In-kind contribution- Belmont Cragin	27,998	
Total Public Support	3,033,998	3,113,425
FEES AND GRANTS FROM GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES		
	6,334,677	5,582,607
REVENUE		
Program service fees	360,544	296,576
Dividend and interest income	13,996	29,730
Miscellaneous	8,343	22,670
Total revenue	382,883	348,976
Total support and revenue	9,751,558	9,045,008
EXPENSES AND LOSSES		
Program services	7,941,337	7,429,372
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
Management and general	799,044	575,226
Fundraising	517,301	457,747
Total supporting services	1,316,345	1,032,973
Total expenses	9,257,682	8,462,345
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 investments	-122,329	-75,058
Total other (losses) gains	-122,329	533,746
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	371,547	1,116,409
NET ASSETS, AT BEGINNING YEAR	6,360,043	5,243,634
NET ASSETS, AT END OF YEAR	\$6,731,590	\$6,360,043

*Capital/annual campaign revenue recognized was \$493,206 and \$771,728 for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, with the pledges expected to be received during the next five years. These pledges were discounted at 8% to their present value.

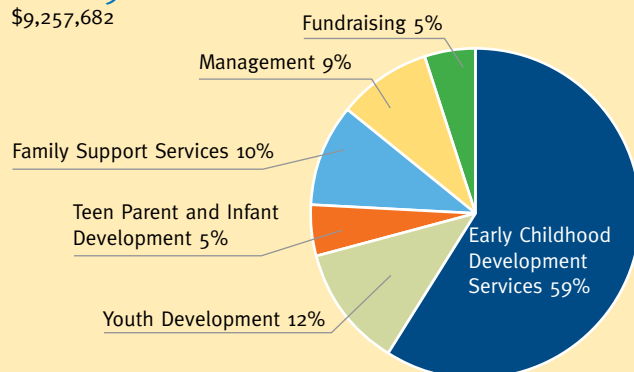
FY 2009 REVENUE

\$9,751,558



FY 2009 EXPENSES

\$9,257,682





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.” —Dolly Ogbuagu, Christopher House Parent