

## Children's Center Programs

**Parent Education and Support Groups:** Education and Support Groups allow parents and caregivers to learn about topics most relevant to raising a young child with special needs and seek support from others experiencing similar challenges.

**Rehabilitative Community Support:** Young children receive focused skill development in home and community environments in order to increase independence in functional living skills and promote consistency across all natural settings.

**Targeted Case Management:** Highly skilled professionals work directly with children with special needs and their families in the home and community by providing families with support and resources needed to access services.

**Child Care:** Full time child care for children six-weeks to five-years-old in inclusive early education settings from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. year round.

**Special Education Services:** Children participate in individualized instruction focused on pre-academic skills and kindergarten readiness in a specialized classroom or inclusive setting depending on strengths and needs of the child.

**Occupational Therapy:** Licensed Occupational Therapists and Certified Assistants provide children with positive, fun activities to help them develop in the areas of self-help, fine and gross motor skills, oral motor, and play.

**Speech and Language Therapy:** Licensed Speech and Language Therapists and Certified Assistants help children develop their speech, language, communication, and oral motor skills to promote success in other programs, services, and settings.

**Autism Program:** Children diagnosed with autism receive one-on-one treatment services in a specialized setting overseen by a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) in order to increase independence and readiness for an inclusive early education classroom and/or public school setting.

**Behavioral Support Program:** A Licensed Clinical Social Worker oversees the highly structured classrooms focused on specific skills related to emotional regulation, behavioral management, and/or interpersonal skills for children with a behavioral health diagnosis in order to improve their ability to participate in a less restrictive environment.

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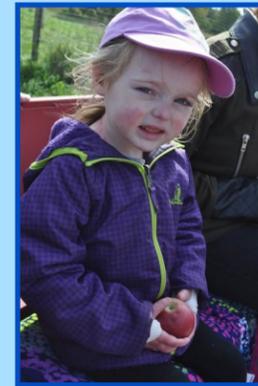
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## Annual Report 2015

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## President's Report

I have had the privilege of being on the Board of Directors at the Children's Center for over four years.

Over the years, the organization has been through much growth and change. We have increased the number of children receiving services at our location in Augusta and expanded services for children to both Skowhegan and Gardiner.

Each and every day, the staff at the center work tirelessly to create an atmosphere where children of all abilities can learn and grow. Our communities have a great need for the services provided through our agency and we continue to work towards expanding services to help even more children succeed.

The organization has recently grown their fundraising efforts in order to help provide for these services. The Resource and Development Committee has recently added a new event, the First Annual Dinner & Auction. The event was made possible only through the continued support of community members and businesses, including our major sponsor, Augusta Fuel Company.

Charlie's Motor Mall remained our major sponsor of the 14th Annual Chili Chowder Challenge, which continues to successfully support the efforts of the center and provide a fun family event for our community. Local restaurants donate the chili and chowder that help make the event possible and become an anticipated treat for all attendees.

The supporters of our organization make me proud to be a member of this wonderful community. We live with caring individuals who understand the importance of supporting the learning and growth of children. I know the generous support of this community will allow the Children's Center to continue to provide these needed services for our region's most valuable assets, our children.

*María Hays, President of the Board*

*The Children's Center's vision is a world where communities, families and caregivers join together to create nurturing environments in which all children are embraced as unique and valued individuals.*

## From the Executive Director

In 2015, the Children's Center has focused on two primary goals: providing high quality services to children with special needs and increasing accessibility to services in rural communities where services have been largely unavailable. Over the past year, that focus has resulted in the following:

- 20 children in our Autism Program.
- 33 children in our Behavioral Support Program.
- 40 children in Child Care.
- 73 children in Occupational Therapy.
- 40 families in Parent Education and Support.
- 43 children in Rehabilitative Community Support.
- 77 children in Special Education Services.
- 100 children in Speech and Language Therapy.
- 222 children in Targeted Case Management.

The Children's Center purchased a property adjacent to the current building in Augusta for service expansion. We expanded services in Skowhegan, now offering an Autism Program and Behavioral Support Program along with Parent Education and Support Groups, In-Home Rehabilitative Community Support Services, and Targeted Case Management. We collaborated with Southern Kennebec Child Development Corporation to create a Behavioral Support Program at the head start program in Gardiner.

The Children's Center raised over \$31,000 at our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Chowder Challenge, held March 28, 2015 and over \$14,000 for our 1st Annual Dinner & Auction, held August 29, 2015 to support our programs.

In 2016, we look forward to continuing to provide quality services to children with special needs and remain committed to providing those services in communities where these programs are simply not offered to children and families. All children, regardless of ability or where they live, deserve no less.

*Jeff Johnson, Executive Director*

## Statement of Financials as of June 30, 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 447,999	\$ 586,486
Board Restricted Cash	\$ 251,136	\$ 370,432
Accounts Receivable	\$ 356,912	\$ 403,662
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 18,734	\$ 16,453
Promise to Give for Use of Building/Land	\$ 170,162	\$ 193,406
Land & Building Held for Sale	\$ 59,855	
Property & Equipment	\$ 924,911	\$ 853,149
Assets Restricted for Permanent Trust	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,231,209</b>	<b>\$2,425,088</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 13,808	\$ 6,880
Accrued liabilities	\$ 205,682	\$ 157,336
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 219,490</b>	<b>\$ 164,216</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted		
Available for Operations	\$ 660,008	\$ 832,226
Board Designated	\$ 251,136	\$ 370,432
Net Investment in Property & Equipment	\$ 924,911	\$ 853,149
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$ 1,836,055</b>	<b>\$ 2,055,807</b>
Temporarily restricted	\$ 174,164	\$ 203,565
Permanently restricted	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,011,719</b>	<b>\$ 2,260,872</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,231,209</b>	<b>\$ 2,425,088</b>

## Financial Highlights

Revenue by Source	2015	2014	Expenditure by Program	2015	2014
Program Fees	\$ 2,381,796	\$ 2,645,427	Education	\$ (52,542)	\$ (89,869)
Grants and Contracts	\$ 55,168	\$ 83,704	Specialized	\$ 209,447	\$ 128,852
Contributed Services	\$ 12,463	\$ 216,887	Therapy	\$ 5,125	\$ (10,617)
Fundraising	\$ 47,760	\$ 58,629	Family Services	\$ 240,708	\$ 225,207
UW Contributions	\$ 75,778	\$ 69,998	Fundraising & Grants	\$ 35,058	\$ 49,675
Municipal	\$ 11,349	\$ 4,099	Other	\$ (686,949)	\$ (259,764)
Miscellaneous	\$ 8,668	\$ 8,616			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,592,981</b>	<b>\$ 3,087,360</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (249,153)</b>	<b>\$ 43,485</b>

*The mission of the Children's Center is to meet the needs of all children by offering quality programs that encourage individual growth, provide support for their families, and promote inclusion of all children in the community.*

