

Some things in this life are easy.

Here at The Association For Community Living, the way we feel about those we are privileged to serve is something that's easy for us. Something that comes naturally.

It's called caring. It costs nothing, and it requires no set of special instructions. The Association family cares, and we are all part of a Caring Force.

What isn't easy is what we've been forced to do in recent history. *Do more . . . with less.* The need continues to grow while our primary resources diminish.

That's why we turn to you . . . to help us do what we've always been able to do. Adapt. Be resourceful. *Move forward.*

Despite the challenges we face, we are certain of what we need to do and know that we will be able to do it because people like you share the belief that some things in this life are easy.

Like caring. Which is, after all, what we do: *Caring for Children, Adults and Families. It is The ♥ of Our Mission.*

The Association meets a wide variety of individual needs through the dedicated staff, care providers, and volunteers in six distinct program divisions and one business.

Residential Supports - Responsive to individual needs

Specialized Home Care - Shared living for children and adults with developmental disabilities

Intensive Residential Services - Helping people face challenges and find possibilities

Family Support, Down Syndrome Resource Group of Western Massachusetts, The Hampshire Family Support Center, Unified Sports Program, Whole Children - If you know a person with a developmental disability, we've been there . . . we can help.

Community Resources for People with Autism - Supporting children with autism and their families since 1989

Employment Supports - Providing opportunities for personal growth, skill development and meaningful work

Valley Tees - Your local source for quality screen printing and embroidery

The Association's website www.theassn.org provides detailed information on all of our program divisions and the services they provide, and our business.



The Association For Community Living is *Certified with Distinction* by the Department of Developmental Services and licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care. The Association relies on the support of the Departments of Developmental Services and Children and Families, and MassHealth, the United Way, foundations, contributors, volunteers, and community partners.

The ♥ of Our Mission: Caring for Children, Adults and Families . . .



CAMPAIGN 2011

Fifty-Eight Years of Service

THE ASSOCIATION

FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

*Creating Opportunities, Building Relationships, Improving Lives
for children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1952*

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2010 Campaign Accomplishments

Last year, with your generous support, we raised \$401,666 to fund these initiatives.

Through *First Steps for Families with Children with Autism*, a program for parents who have a child recently diagnosed with autism, Community Resources is providing in-home assessments, intervention recommendations, resources, and child development strategies to help their child learn and grow.

Building Relationships One Family at a Time is enabling The Hampshire Family Support Center and Whole Children to support families in developing relationships with other families in an environment that accepts everyone through the provision of social activities in their communities.

The Association is improving its intranet and internet sites to enhance communication among families and individuals we serve, staff members, volunteers, and community members. The *Strengthening Community* program began this summer with enhancements to The Association's website www.theassn.org.

Vocational Training and Employment Supports Program provides employment training and part-time jobs for adults with developmental disabilities in preparation for independent employment. Four individuals are learning and using job skills in paying positions, experiencing the satisfaction of being productive members of their community, and receiving a regular paycheck.

Last year was the fifteenth anniversary of our annual campaign, which to date has provided more than 2.6 million dollars for critical unmet needs.

The Association has strengthened its clinical capacity, established a strategic partnership with Unified Sports Program, and expanded services to families in Hampshire County through a merger with Whole Children.

2011 Campaign

The goal is \$400,000.

Many unmet needs exist beyond the basic needs met through the Massachusetts Departments of Developmental Services and Children and Families, and MassHealth. The following special initiatives will

provide needed services to the children, adults, and families we serve. Your contribution will support their safety, education, and inclusion.

The Heart of Our Mission: Caring for Children, Adults and Families



Building Independence and Community Relationships for Young Adults \$20,000

Support individuals to develop independence and make social connections in the community as they transition from teenage years to young adulthood.

Every Child Deserves an Education \$25,000

Provide workshops and 1-to-1 consultation for parents on best educational practices for children with autism so their child becomes a contributing member of the community.

The Association For Community Living supports 2,127 individuals and 1,700 families in 96 cities and towns throughout Western Massachusetts and northern Worcester County.

County	Individuals	Families
Berkshire	191	127
Franklin	169	124
Hampden	1,075	850
Hampshire	617	527
Worcester	29	26
Other	46	46

These individuals and families are currently supported by 564 full- and part-time staff and 110 volunteers.



ON-GOING PRIORITIES

Expanding Opportunities - \$500 per individual - 319 on waiting list
Scholarships for individuals to further their education and growth

Respite - \$250 per individual - 136 on waiting list
A break for families caring for loved ones 24 hours a day

Vocational Training and Employment Supports Program - \$5,000
Training, experience, and part-time jobs for adults with developmental disabilities