

# Annual Report

July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010

*Sherwood Center exists to empower children and adults with autism and related developmental disabilities to maximize their potential in family and community life.*

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## **Impacting Lives One Step at a Time**

It takes a partnership of many caring people to provide programs and services for children and adults with autism and related disabilities. In a year marked by daunting economic challenges, the steadfast support of a generous and responsive community allowed Sherwood Center to continue its commitment to program excellence. First and foremost, Sherwood Center certified staff worked closely with families and professionals to provide special education, adult day services and in-home family support programs for approximately 145 individuals. The agency was overseen by Program Director Elizabeth Cindrich and co-founder and Executive Director Debbie Wood, and governed by a 15-member Board of Directors.

Eighty-three percent of Sherwood Center's operating revenue was provided or administered by state agencies. With oversight by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 13 area school districts contracted for special education and related therapeutic services for students ages 5-21. The Kansas City Regional Office, under the auspices of the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) administered funding for the Adult Day Services program and in-home support for school aged children. A small program helping families with very young children was funded through Missouri First Steps.

Additional community funding came from United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign (6%), grants, fundraisers and individual giving (5%) and miscellaneous revenue, primarily MAJ-R Thrift Discount Stores (6%).

Our three distinct, yet interrelated, programs exemplified the agency's mission. As evidenced by positive outcomes achieved on individualized program plans, recipients of all agency services acquired and strengthened skills needed to enjoy a variety of school, home and community settings. Two special education students transitioned back to their neighborhood schools. Adult participants took advantage of numerous on- and off-site volunteer opportunities.

Sherwood Center is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Fifteen members provided essential leadership and expertise to the agency in many areas, including: financial management and oversight; fundraising and community relations; board development; program transition and personnel matters.

With a strong base of volunteers from area high schools, universities, corporations, federal agencies and the support of United Way of Greater Kansas City, Sherwood Center benefited from the generous assistance of more than 200 people. Volunteers assisted with a variety of program and administrative activities, such as classroom support, facility maintenance, construction projects and fundraising events.

## Maximizing Potential in Family and Community Life

Sherwood Center was founded in 1974 to provide educational opportunities for children diagnosed with autism. Since the early 1980s, Sherwood Center, located in southeast Kansas City, has provided Special Education services for school-aged students and Adult Day Services for individuals 21 and over, including senior citizens.

### *Special Education:*

Sherwood Center's Special Education program is certified by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide services to student's ages 3-21 with autism and related developmental disabilities. The purpose of the program is to achieve individual goals through effective educational practices.

In 2009-2010 we offered special education programming based on proven methods, as appropriate to each student: Precision Teaching, Applied Behavior Analysis, Gentle Teaching, Positive Behavior Support, speech and language programs, occupational therapy, discrete trial instruction, community inclusion, and transition services. In addition to appropriate teacher certification special education staff were certified in First Aid, CPR, trained in Abuse and Neglect and Level 1 Medication Administrations. In 2009-2010 the Special Education program was in session for 224 days, providing 7,987 days of service for 41 students with autism and related developmental disabilities.



### *Adult Day Services:*



The Adult Day Services (ADS) program is a Medicaid Waiver home and community based program funded through the Missouri Department of Mental Health. The ADS program empowers its participants to achieve optimal physical, emotional, sensory and intellectual functioning. Outcomes for the program are taken from the Missouri Quality Outcomes and goals for those outcomes are developed in coordination with the individual's annual Person Centered Plan.

In 2009-2010 services were provided on-site and off-site in both small groups and individual settings. On-site outcomes were designed to increase a person's independent functioning, physical health and development, language and communication development, cognitive training, socialization, domestic and economic management, activities of daily living, behavior management responsibility and self direction. Off-site outcomes included opportunities for repeated exposure to community life and development of greater independence in areas relating to community inclusion. The program did not duplicate any other services authorized for the individual. ADS staff were certified in First Aid, CPR, trained in Abuse and Neglect, Level 1 Medication Administrations, Missouri Quality Outcomes, and Positive Behavioral Supports. The ADS program provided 23,134 hours of services for 19 adults with autism and related developmental disabilities.

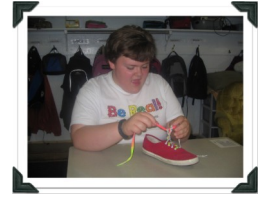
### *Family Support Program:*

The Family Support Program has provided in-home services to families with individuals diagnosed with autism and related developmental disabilities since 1994. These families in Kansas City and the surrounding areas received one or more of the following services: parent/caregiver training, behavior therapy, and in-home or school consultation services. The Family Support program provided 4,017 hours of services for 85 families in 2009-2010.

## *Funding Notes*

### **United Way**

Sherwood Center has received United Way funding since 1977. The 2010 allocation of \$86,498 was a 1% decrease over that received in 2009. Donor Choice contributions totaled a little over \$7,500.



### **Combined Federal Campaign**

In 2010 \$6,595 was donated to Sherwood Center through the Combined Federal Campaign. This was an increase of more than \$1,500 from 2009.

### **MAJ-R Thrift**

Donations of used clothing and furniture to MAJ-R Thrift and Discount Stores provided Sherwood Center with funds totaling \$61,459 in fiscal year 2009-2010. Participating stores are located at 1500 Main Street in Grandview, MO and 2842 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Fairway, KS.

### **Swiss Re**

Swiss Re committed \$50,000 to much needed building renovations in February 2010. Projects were started in May on their company-wide Community Day and included renovations of the Adult Day Services wing.



### **Missouri Department of Transportation**



The Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) provided all non-profit organizations with the opportunity to apply for brand new vans/buses at a discounted price. With the discounted price Sherwood received over \$126,000 from MODOT in the form of gifts in-kind.

### **Other Funding**

Many generous individuals and corporations donated time and money to a variety of fundraising activities. Special events brought almost \$28,000 to the agency, and more than \$34,000 was brought in by grants and foundations. Special thanks to BB's Lawnside Bar-B-Q for hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues and Bar-B-Q!



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## *Volunteers*



Sherwood Center's volunteer program continued to flourish in 2009-2010. Over 250 volunteers from Swiss Re, Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. Department of Agriculture, TEVA Neuroscience and AGC Construction Leadership Council completed 12 general and fundraising projects for Sherwood Center.

Over 300 hours of classroom assistance were provided to Sherwood Center through students from Rockhurst High School, St. Teresa's Academy, Research College of Nursing, UMKC and staff family members.



## *Board of Directors and Faculty*

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Jason Ingram

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**Advisory Board Members**

Leigh Anne Guminger

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Michelle Saunders

In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, a 15-member Board of Directors governed Sherwood Center. The board was a partnership of professionals in the areas of law, education, business, public relations and others who volunteered time and efforts in helping Sherwood Center accomplish its mission.



Sherwood Center's programs and services made a difference for a growing number of people with developmental disabilities and their families. A great team of professionals strived to help individuals improve their quality of life, whether it was in a classroom, the community, a home or an office. The team, led by Executive Director Debbie Wood and Program Director Elizabeth Cindrach maintained the highest expectations for the agency. Listed below are the 2009-2010 Sherwood Center staff.

Elizabeth Cindrach, Program Director

\*Debbie Wood, Executive Director

Tammy Baker, Special Education Teacher

\*Kim Boggness, Paraprofessional

Mary Bundy, Behavior Therapist

\*Judy Campbell, Special Education Teacher

Kimberly Carter, ADS Assistant

Valerie Collins, Special Education Assistant

Tiffane' Davis, Special Education Assistant

Diana Devaul, Behavior Therapist

Robin Eaton, Special Education Teacher

Shannon Fletcher-Woods, Special Education Assistant

Diana Garcia, Speech Therapist

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Christy Hamment, Special Education Assistant

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Niecy Higgins, Paraprofessional

Karen Horn, Parent Trainer

Pat Howard, ADS Assistant

Liane Jackson, Certified Substitute Teacher

Holly Jacobs, PE Teacher/Counselor

Amy Lawder, Special Education Teacher

Karen Lees, Facilities Assistant

Phillip Lees, Facilities Assistant

\*Charita Love, Community Inclusion Coordinator

Jessica Marsh, Community Relations Coordinator

Wayne Marshall, Teacher Assistant

Erica Nelson, Special Education Assistant

Milka Ramirez, Office Personnel

Lyle Roach, Facilities Manager

Julie Serrone, Behavior Therapist

Susan Sheeley, Fiscal Manager

Jackie Smith, QDDP Instructor

Susie Stimelsky, Paraprofessional

Anita Townsend, Office Manger

\*Linda Warman, QDDP, Services Coordinator

Crystal Wilburn, Special Education Assistant

Tanya Williams, Special Education Assistant

Chris Yaeger, Special Education Teacher

Five members (\*) of Sherwood's 33-member faculty have been with Sherwood more than 30 years, providing supports that have empowered hundreds of Sherwood program students and participants to attain success in their lives.

# Thank You To All of Our Donors

AT&T United Way Employee Giving Campaign	Harold & Carol Epstein	Denise Languin	Chris & Jessica Rushton
Richard & Candice Baldwin	Kathleen Facer	Lewis Webb, L.W. Management	Jolie Sabin
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## Thanks To The Bands Who Donated Their Time at the 19th Annual Blues and Bar-B-Q:

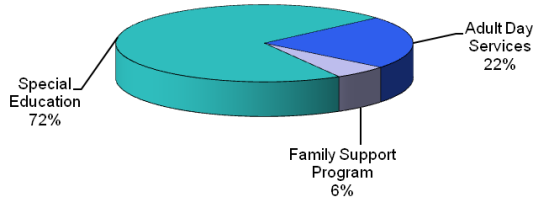
Shinetop Jr. \* Fast Johnny \* John Paul's Flying Circus \* 4 Fried Chickens & A Coke \* Levee Town \* Trampled Underfoot  
Mike Elrod & The Roosters \* Scotty Daniel Blues Band \* Frank Ace Blues Band \* Mama Ray's Jazz-Meets-Blues All-Star

# SHERWOOD CENTER

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

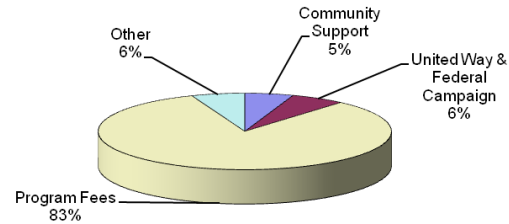
### Program Fees

\$1,387,928



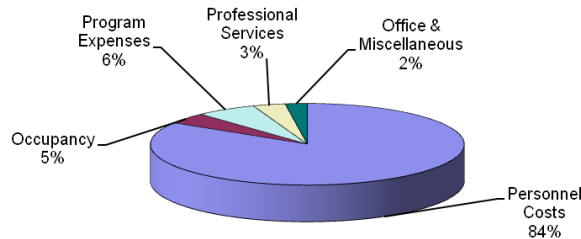
### Revenue Sources

\$1,676,970



### Expenditures

\$1,733,334



<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>Special Education</b>	<b>Adult Day Services</b>	<b>Family Support Program</b>
Individual Donations	14,370	5,748	8,622	0
Corporate Donations	12,700	5,080	7,620	0
Grants & Foundations	34,688	13,875	20,813	0
Special Events	27,955	11,182	16,773	0
United Way	86,498	65,284	21,214	0
Combined Federal Campaign	6,596	4,508	2,088	0
Donor Choice	7,616	3,046	4,570	0
Program Fees	1,387,928	1,109,107	184,349	94,472
Miscellaneous	98,619	37,377	61,242	0
Unrestricted Net Assets Used	68,484	0	59,731	8,754
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,745,455</b>	<b>\$1,255,207</b>	<b>\$387,022</b>	<b>\$103,226</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>Special Education</b>	<b>Adult Day Services</b>	<b>Family Support Program</b>
Personnel	1,451,882	1,048,162	305,830	97,890
Occupancy	75,429	53,257	22,172	0
Professional Fees & Contract Labor	57,812	40,469	17,343	0
Program Expenses	108,990	72,982	30,695	5,313
Office & Miscellaneous	39,221	28,216	10,982	23
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,733,334</b>	<b>\$1,243,086</b>	<b>\$387,022</b>	<b>\$103,226</b>
Surplus/Deficit	12,121	12,121	0	0

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*Member Agency*

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