



DEAR FRIENDS OF UCAN:

This has been a pivotal year for UCAN. For over a hundred years, we have brought empathy and compassion to the care of victims of abuse and neglect. Today we are incorporating the research and insights in brain development and applying this knowledge to clinical treatment. Neurology and physiology are showing us how neglect and abuse affect the growing child and what methods best promote healing.

This new understanding has led to an agency-wide Clinical Philosophy that lays out what therapies work for which clients and how we can build the team-work essential to providing individualized, successful treatment. The Clinical Philosophy does not alter the essentials – the dedication and selflessness that motivate our staff. But it does unite all UCAN programs into a cohesive approach for treating clients who have experienced trauma.



Repetitive maltreatment or prolonged trauma in childhood causes psychological, physical, neurological, and physiological changes. Think of a deer paralyzed in bright light and perhaps you can understand the panic, anger, or passive numbness our clients experience when stressed. These are coping strategies that can be triggered even by the change from an abusive environment to a safe refuge with us.

Our goal is to help traumatized children unlearn these old responses and acquire new, positive ones. First and foremost we must help them identify and use their own strengths. And we must be understanding when they revert at times to the old coping strategies.

Because of your generosity, UCAN is positioned to lead the field of treatment into the 21st century. Thank you.

Warm regards & best wishes,

Thomas Vanden Berk
President and Chief Executive Officer

Vanita Stevenson
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FISCAL YEAR 2006 ACHIEVEMENTS

This year we provided services and support to 10,447 children, youth, and families. Our agency has grown both in geographic extent and program depth. The near-in suburb Riverdale welcomed a new UCAN site which brings support services to a broader population. Within UCAN, we have extended and enlarged our Continuum of Care to ease the transitions our clients experience as they build a healthy future.

Some highlights for UCAN include:

- CHA Relocation Project and Service Connector Program helped some **2,037 individuals** transition to new lives as they returned to public housing.
- Clinical and Counseling Services (CCS) served **932 clients** throughout greater Chicagoland. CCS was able to provide a crisis-debriefing to a Riverdale school after the tragic shooting death of a student.
- Foster Grandparents provided loving guidance to **1,288 children** including a group in Ronald McDonald House.
- Parents Anonymous groups enabled **305 parents** to support each other through peer mentoring.
- Parent Education Programs in Cook, Lake, and McHenry County reached **405 individuals**.
- Professional Foster Parenting (PFP) supported **281 children** in foster families, with complex behavioral and mental health needs and 18 children with challenging disabilities.
- Residential Treatment Center provided a home and treatment interventions to **111 children and youth**.
- Teen Parent Services Network (TPSN) helped **1,066 pregnant or parenting teens** become self-sufficient adults while developing their skills as parents.
- U-LEAD reached **2,266 children and youth** in leadership development and violence prevention programs.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

for the year ended June 30, 2006

ASSETS

Current Asset:	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	538,277
Bond Proceeds in Escrow	2,611,610
Accounts Receivable	4,519,556
Pledges Receivable	15,285
Grants Receivable	791,354
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	219,570
Total Current Assets	8,695,652

OTHER ASSETS

Investments	10,704,644
Net Institutional Properties	11,577,606
Net Deferred Financing Costs	378,852
Beneficial Interest Held in Trust	8,342,774
Subtotal Other Assets	31,003,876
Total Assets	39,699,528

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	2,003,183
Accrued Payroll and Vacation	1,672,188
Accrued Pension	1,296,308
Borrowings under Line of Credit	2,300,000
Current Portion of Mortgages and Bonds Payable	252,323
Deferred Revenue	748,949
Subtotal Current Liabilities	8,272,951

LONG - TERM LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	12,254,000
Mortgages Payable	56,670
Other noncurrent liabilities	136,995
Subtotal Long Term Liabilities	12,447,665
Total Liabilities	20,720,616

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	10,106,760
Temporarily Restricted	180,106
Permanently Restricted	8,692,046
Total Net Assets	18,978,912
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	39,699,528

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the year ended June 30, 2006

FY 2006

REVENUES

Program support	29,042,657
Public Support	1,146,091
Revenue & Gains	1,848,385
Total Revenue	32,037,133

EXPENSES

Program Services	27,683,733
Fundraising	445,158
Management & General	2,908,806
Other	703,454
Total Expenses	31,741,151
Total Change in Net Assets	370,716
Net Assets at end of fy06	18,978,912



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UCAN CHANGE A LIFE

In our 138-year history, UCAN has been a refuge for needy, neglected, and abused youth and children and for families at-risk. Our mission is to nurture the promise of Chicago's children. We work toward this goal by providing support and promoting healing to restore a nurturing environment. We have helped thousands of children and families over the years and have gone to great lengths to be in the forefront of new treatment and therapy options.

We are unique among child welfare agencies in offering a full continuum of care including but not limited to a Residential Treatment Facility, the Uhlich Academy, Hands Without Guns, Teen Parenting Services Network, Foster Care/Adoption placement, Partners in Parenting, Professional Foster Parenting, Independent Living Arrangement, Vocational Services, and the STARS programs. This continuum enables us to move clients from one program to another as their needs change yet spare them the transitions caused by moves from one agency to another. Throughout Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, our Department of Quality Improvement provides rigorous review of each program.

For more information on Uhlich Children's Advantage Network and its programs, please visit our website at www.ucanchicago.org.

