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dear friends of UCAN

Despite economic challenges outside and inside our walls, UCAN achieved success on many levels this past fiscal year. In the face of our country's economic instability, UCAN has continued to provide outstanding services and programs to our clients. We want to thank the individuals, corporations and foundations for their much needed and very generous donations that have benefited our youth and families.

The election of the first African American president in our nation's history highlights the importance of diversity for UCAN in the global economy. UCAN has long been at the forefront of organizations in supporting, recruiting, training and retaining a diversified workforce, as it relates to race, nationality, gender and sexual orientation. Our Diversity Committee directs the development and implementation of diversity initiatives, based on an assessment that gauges the experiences and needs of our staff and Board. A variety of Affinity Groups are an indispensable resource for both staff and our youth, and help support UCAN's diversity goals.

UCAN has built strong partnerships with Chicago corporations and foundations. U.S. Cellular has served as our premier corporate sponsor and is an example of the true spirit of collaboration. We thank our partners who recognize the importance of our work and invest in our future. It is this sustainable support and confidence in UCAN that propels us toward greater accomplishments.

As we work within this economic environment, we are grateful for the talent and dedication of our staff and volunteers who continue to inspire and support the children, youth and families we serve. We look forward to forging new relationships with individuals, corporations, and foundations, while strengthening old ones, and thank all of you for supporting the mission of UCAN.

Sincerely,



Thomas Vanden Berk
UCAN President & CEO



Vanita Stevenson
Chair, UCAN Board of Directors

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of June 30, 2008

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	133,441
Bond Proceeds Held in Escrow	305,261
Accounts Receivable Less Allowance for Doubtful	5,035,778
Grants Receivable	797,898
Pledges Receivable	27,368
Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets	142,964

Total Current Assets **6,442,709**

INVESTMENTS

11,482,349

INSTITUTIONAL PROPERTIES

Land	778,658
Land Improvements	269,644
Building & Improvements	12,234,260
Furnishings & Equipment	2,976,787
Leasehold Improvements	53,169
Motor Vehicles	382,693
Other Assets	331,190

Total Institutional Properties **17,026,401**

Less Accumulated Depreciation (6,567,820)

Net Institutional Properties **10,458,581**

Deferred Financing Costs Less Amortization of 313,150
Beneficial Interest Held in Trust 10,227,876

Total Assets **38,924,665**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

General Accounts Payable	2,826,817
Deferred Revenue	620,425
Accrued Payroll	1,182,179
Accrued Vacation	692,359
Accrued Pension	294,818
Borrowings Under Line of Credit	3,000,000
Current Portion of Notes & Bonds Payable	—
Current Portion of Mortgages Payable	2,466
Current Portion of Bonds Payable	—

Total Current Liabilities **8,619,064**

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

10,889,564

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	8,772,104
Temporarily Restricted	186,039
Permanently Restricted	10,457,911

Total Net Assets **19,416,054**

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **38,924,665**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the fiscal year June 30, 2008

2008 total

SUPPORT, REVENUE & GAINS

Program Support	31,982,771
Public Support	1,791,262
Revenue & Gains	3,137,026
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	—
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	—

Total Support, Revenues & Gains **36,911,059**

EXPENSES

Program Services	31,228,979
Volunteer Program	—
Support Services	4,642,627

Total Expenses **35,871,606**

Change in Net Assets 1,039,453

FASB No. 158 Adjustments —

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 18,376,601

Net Assets at End of Year **19,416,054**

Our vision

is that youth
who have suffered
trauma can become
future leaders.

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2008 donors: \$250.00 and above

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(\$100,000.00 +)

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(\$50,000.00 +)

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"I live righteous and try to stay
away from the evil, Cause in
no way will I badly influence
my people, I let 'em know the
sky is the limit so you fly like
an eagle."

—Uhlich Voices Song

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"If we all did the things
we are capable of, we would
astound ourselves."

—Thomas Edison

“Being able to impact someone’s life while impacting my own life and seeing young people become future leaders of tomorrow.”

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and former STAR

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“The thing always happens
that you really believe in; and
the belief in a thing makes
it happen.”

—Frank Lloyd Wright

“If you cannot be the poet,
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—David Carradine

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the size of the goals, they are
able to achieve them and
that is hope.”

—Clinical Therapist
from TSPN Program

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Since its inception 140 years ago, UCAN's purpose has been to make a change for the better in the lives of thousands of children, youth and families. Through the years, UCAN has changed dramatically to keep pace with the daunting forces of violence, neglect and poverty facing Chicago's youth that destroys lives and dreams. The heart of this vision is our belief that youth who have suffered trauma can overcome their hardships, turn their pain into promise and become future leaders. Our mission is to build strong youth and families through compassionate healing, education and empowerment. We have developed many innovative and award winning programs and services to advance our mission for generations of youth.

As a multi-faceted social service agency, we provide assistance to over 8,550 at-risk youth and families annually in six key office locations within Cook and Lake County. Through high quality case management, clinical services, parenting and life skills training, educational programs, and career services, UCAN's continuum of care focuses on understanding a youth's inner world. Our goal is ultimately to empower youth by identifying and building upon their strengths. From our Hands Without Guns and STARS programs, to the Teen Parenting Service Network and foster care/adoption placement, UCAN programs engage young people at various life stages. We encourage a sense of independence for our clients and instill hope for their future.

In evaluating the success of our programs, our Quality Improvement department adheres to strict standards to ensure that UCAN programs meet the complex needs of our clients. With the assistance of program staff, each youth shared in their own success by setting and achieving goals outlined on their Individual Action Plans. Each youth has the opportunity to determine how well they meet the goals they outline on Individual Action Plans, which UCAN staff members review with them on a regular basis.

To learn more about UCAN programs and support the unique needs of the diverse children, youth and families we are proud to serve, please visit us at www.ucanchicago.org.