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Our Mission

Because Bridge Disability Ministries honors the God-given dignity of persons with disabilities, we build relationships to alleviate isolation and enrich our churches and communities.

God's Hand...Or Coincidence

by Jack Staudt, Executive Director

2010 was a year of many contrasts. We began the year as we have each year since 2008 with an awareness of many more needs in our community, and the financial limitations we all face in our "post Recession" economy.

Limitations were apparent, in the decreased financial support from Churches, most of whom are seeing lower congregational contributions.

Yet here is our first contrast: Churches and their members have offered our Spiritual Care Ministry many more opportunities for events like our Sunday Celebrations. In addition, these events have drawn more volunteers from the congregations. The result is a blessing of more inclusion and relationship connections. And so, we see the fulfilling of the prophecy in Luke 14: 13-14 *"When you give a banquet or reception, invite the poor, the disabled, the lame, and the blind. Then you will be blessed"*

Limitations were apparent, in the resources of Foundations impacted by the investment market downturn. Again, the contrast was that Foundations gifted Bridge Ministries \$106,000 this past year. In addition, we received commitments in 2010 for funding from two municipalities - Renton and Kirkland - for support from their Human Services funds for grants in 2011 and 2012. Several of the grants allowed for matching funds which added another \$25,000 in support for our Ministries.

Limitations were apparent, in the resources that our individual donors could offer. Retirement funds were less, paychecks were less, and so too jobs were less than what we needed for our families. Yet again, the contrast is significant, as more people offered to serve more often and assist in new ways as volunteers, this made our work easier. And they discovered blessings in the work as volunteers and encountered relationships along the way.

Yes, limitations were apparent in 2010, yet we held more Sunday Celebrations, made more Chaplaincy contacts, and hosted more small-group meetings in our Spiritual Care Ministry programs than in prior years. And all of this was enriched by friendships and sharing of time and spirit that blessed all of us.

We saw again the "Do more with less" motto from our "Green" Mobility Ministry team, as they recycled, collected, cleaned, repaired, and then returned to the community (always at no cost) usable mobility items greatly needed for the frail & elderly, and the disabled, with less than adequate health insurance. Since 2006, they have nearly doubled the output, and they share the collected items with many charity groups that distribute around the world to disadvantaged and disabled peoples.

We increased our quality of Case Management oversight in Guardianship, and better managed our Payee function to recover lost benefit entitlements, and we had more social, spiritual, and relational visits with those we serve, by our staff and volunteer "Friends" that in any prior year I can recall.

God's hand's... or Co-incidence? We call these little miracles "God-incidences"! Moreover, they confirm that we have indeed been blessed. In each of these circumstances, and in the faces of those we serve, we see Christ before us, around us, and in us. We hope that your connection with the people with disabilities that we serve has also been a blessing to each of you.



SEC Gathering at Highland Covenant Church

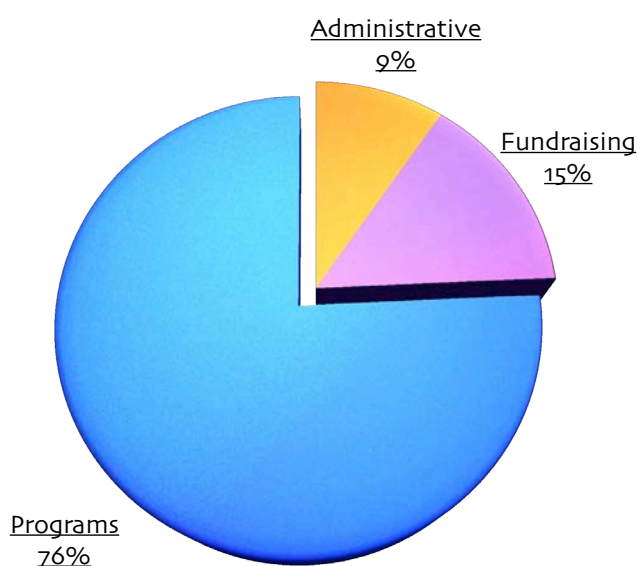
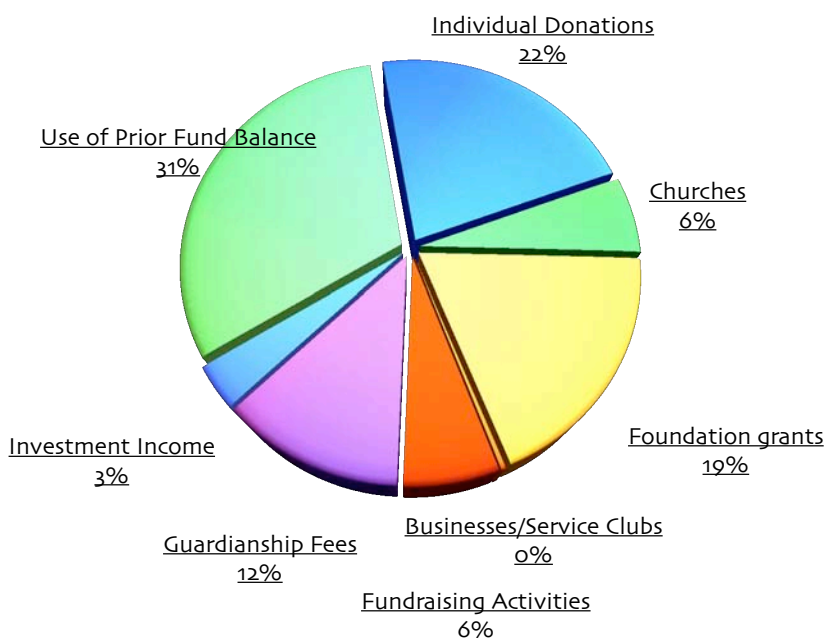
2010 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2010 INCOME

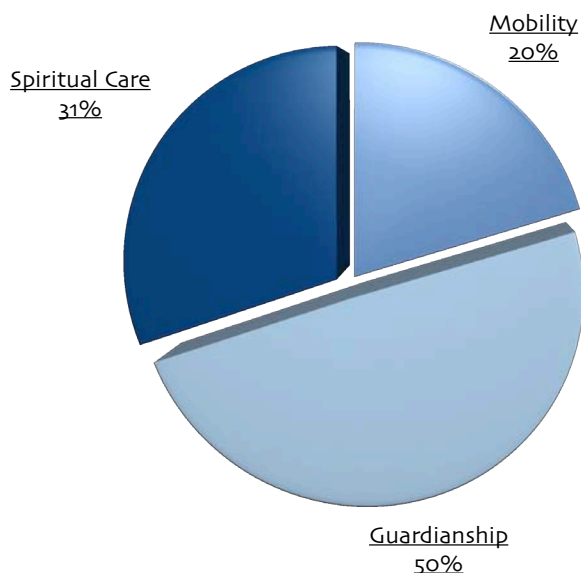
Individual Donations	\$127,702
Churches	\$35,656
Foundation Grants	\$109,005
Businesses/Service Clubs	\$1,825
Fundraising Activities	\$37,377
Guardianship Fees	\$71,612
Investment Income	\$20,089
Use of Prior Funds Balance	\$182,198
Total Operating Income	\$585,464

2010 EXPENSES

Administrative	\$55,424
Fundraising	\$86,418
Programs	
Mobility	\$88,395
Guardianship	\$219,611
Spiritual Care	\$135,616
Total Programs Expense	\$443,622
Total Operating Expenses	\$585,464



2010 PROGRAM EXPENSES



Volunteer Hours for 2010

10,420 x \$20/hour =
(# of hours volunteered)

\$208,400

value of 2010 volunteer hours

Each dollar you invest in the ministries of Bridge provides a wide range of services by our staff and is multiplied and enriched by the efforts of our many Bridge volunteers.

Bridge Disability Ministries 2010 Donor Family

*Thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers, we can make a difference, together in the community to meet the needs of people living with disabilities. With local and national statistics reporting one in five or 20% of the population in the US now lives with a disability, we know that the needs are very real and with your continued support, we can do more and reach more to transform lives, build more relationships and bridges.

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Ministry Messages:

Spiritual Care: Relationship building, small group gatherings, worship experiences, chaplaincy, and other opportunities for personal enrichment and growth are important aspects of who we are as we include those with disabilities in our lives. We are pleased to share that more and more faith communities are involved with folks living with disabilities. In 2010, we had more than twenty churches involved in direct care participation with folks with disabilities, and we continued to have more expressing interest in being involved throughout the year. Our regular church and ministry events throughout the Greater Seattle Area, our retreats for families with young people transitioning out of the public school arena, and individual care for the people we serve is what our spiritual ministry is all about.

The Mobility Center: Our year was one of continued amazement as God provided for the special requests made to our Mobility Center. We avoid providing false hopes, yet the appearance of specialized equipment at our doorstep is no coincidence! One family asked about a much-needed special adolescent stroller we had never seen before. Yet before the day ended, two of these strollers came through our door! Another request for a specialized oxygen concentrator was fulfilled in short order. This item allowed the recipient to leave the confinement of a bedroom, to be out in the community, and attend church. What a blessing to be able to provide increased mobility and quality of life in areas outside whatever we call normal. Overall, the Mobility Center has experienced a growth in excess of 20% over our previous year. It is without question that the support of our donors, both fiscal & gifts in kind, makes it possible to continue our ministry. Prayer support is our base, and action follows. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Guardianship Services: Our Certified Profession Guardianship Agency served 40 clients for most of 2010. All court requirements were met, with 15 triennial Reports submitted on time and accepted by the Superior Court. As part of our Rep Payee function, Windfall back payments from Social Security were pursued and obtained. As a result, we opened four new Special Needs Trusts to shelter client assets and provide additional quality of life funds, and maintain their government benefits. Our Rep Payee administrator also completed 24 "Eligibility Reviews," and 30 SSA required Rep payee reports in support of our clients. The Bridge Board and our Advisory team, in response to increasing requests from potential new clients, commitment to expand services to private-pay clients in 2011. The team finalized a new marketing plan, and standards for services. A critical aspect of this plan is the utilization of Intern Case Managers, and we started our first intern, an experienced social worker in the fall of 2010.