

Florida Lions
Conklin Center
for the blind

Annual Report

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010



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Mission: to help children and adults who are blind and have additional disabilities to develop their potential for independence and participate fully in community life.



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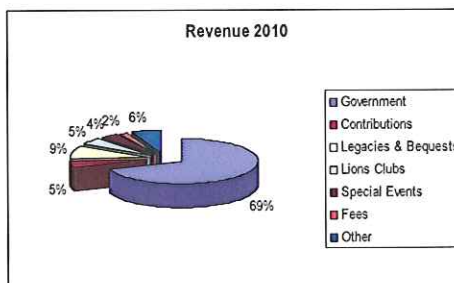
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Statement of Activities

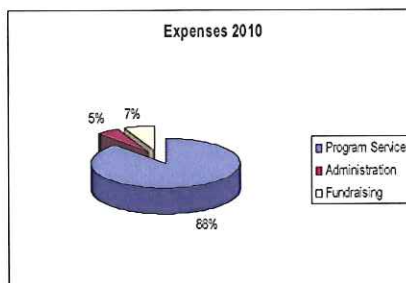
Revenue

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Government programs	\$1,721,401
Donated supplies & expenses	15,374
Legacies & bequests	230,725
Contributions & private grants	230,663
Special events	106,116
Investment revenue	40,686
Food services	7,938
Program service fees	26,081
Other	3,494
Realized/unrealized gain on assets	<u>103,818</u>



Expenses

Program services	\$2,238,406
General administration	126,908
Fundraising	<u>167,008</u>
Total	\$2,532,322
Changes in net assets	(46,026)
Net assets – beginning of year	\$4,304,467
Net assets – end of year	\$4,258,441



Adult Services

Teaching Skills for Independent Living

Our Students are adult Floridians, age 18 and above, who are blind and have additional secondary disabilities such as impaired hearing, seizure disorders, developmental delay, brain injury, mental health issues, or physical impairment. Whatever their background and abilities, they share a common desire: to develop their potential, build a purposeful life and have the opportunity to participate fully in the community.

To achieve an independent lifestyle a personalized training plan is developed for each student that includes these core areas:

Orientation & Mobility teaches safe travel using the white cane and public transportation.

Adult Basic Education offers training in money management, computer skills, Braille, sign language, finger spelling, and low vision screening

Activity of Daily Living provides instruction in shopping, cooking, personal care, safety, household management and budgeting.

Vocational Training develops good work skills and habits. Students save money earned in the workshop for the apartment they will rent when they complete their program.



Student Stats

- 29 adults completed pre-admission evaluations
- 49 adults participated in our residential training program
- 8 completed their personalized program, graduated and are living on their own in the community

Approximately 87,500 hours of instruction in vocational and daily living skills were provided at our residential campus in Daytona Beach.

- 72 graduates received Supported Employment Services
- 49 graduates received Supported Living assistance
- 42 participated in Advanced Life Skills Education

81 (unduplicated) adults requested community based services

"A happy life consists not in the absence, but in the mastery of hardships"
 — HeLen Keller

In the Community

Community Based Services offer ongoing, low key assistance to graduates at no cost to ensure that small setbacks don't turn into major problems that cause the loss of a job or home.

Supported Employment searches for job opportunities, conducts on-site

training and provides guidance to both the employee and employer at the job site

Supported Living assists with finding affordable housing and assists with everyday activities such as reading mail, shopping and accessing community resources

Advanced Life Skills Education In collaboration with Daytona State College, the Center provides graduates with opportunities to improve their skills quality of life. Participants select areas of interest (cooking, civics, computer skills, fitness, social skills) and set goals to achieve.



Early Intervention Program

The effect of blindness on early learning is profound - 80% of Knowledge is acquired through the sense of sight. Without this major source of sensory information visually impaired children can be delayed in almost all aspects of development.

In 2000 the Center expanded to include children from birth to age five who are blind or severely visually impaired. The Early Intervention program prepares children to enter public schools ready to learn and grow alongside non-disabled children and helps parents provide an enriching learning environment in their home.

Between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, the Early Intervention Program provided training and support to 58 children and 121 members of their families. Most often (75%) services are provided in the most natural environment for the child – the family's home. Early Intervention serves children in Brevard, Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties.



Delayna at age two



Delayna

Soon after her birth, Delayna's parents were told that she was totally blind. Shayla, her mother, enrolled her in the Conklin Center's Early Intervention program right away.

During a functional vision test at about five months of age, Delayna turned her head in response to a bright light indicating that she had a pinhole of vision.

Over the next five years, our early intervention Specialist taught mom ways to stimulate Delayna's vision as much as possible.

By age three, Delayna was advanced developmentally and, despite her very significant visual disability, could identify shapes, colors and objects by sight by

holding them up close to her eye.

By age four, she started to recognize large objects by sight that were just one foot away.

Delayna completed our Early Intervention program and successfully transitioned to kindergarten. Today she is in a gifted third grade class at her local public school.

"Here's a picture of Delayna! She is growing into a beautiful young lady. In her eight years she has sung in front of hundreds of people and went to All-County Chorus two years in a row. Thanks for helping her grow!" *Shayla*