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—Anthony D’Angel

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LETTER FROM CHARLENE TAYLOR HILL, President of the Board of Directors AND PATRICIA I. HANNAN, Executive Director

It has been an important year for Community Connections in a number of significant ways.

Our programs served 4,081 individuals at our 10 area locations. We were delighted to welcome Magnolia Point back into our family early in the year. New owners of the complex had terminated our relationship in late 2004 but quickly realized we were an asset to the property and asked us to come back.

Programming included many opportunities to help individuals and families get back on their feet. Quality child care, pre-school literacy and after school and summer camp programs all provided safe and nurturing opportunities for children and provided peace of mind to parents as they worked to improve their circumstances. By providing adult programming that included prenatal & postnatal care, the Parents as Teachers program, nutrition and health counseling, transitional housing for the homeless, computer skills training, GED classes, and job referral and placement, we provided the tools that helped empower people to become independent and self-sufficient.

With the help of a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, we initiated a marketing and awareness program at the beginning of the year to help enhance our image and create a stronger presence for the organization in the community. We improved our logo and produced more professional and effective printed materials and we ran radio spots to build awareness for who we are and what we do, as well. We also launched our newly designed web site which effectively tells our story, allows people to make online contributions and better reflects who and what Community Connections has become.

Our annual Tribute to Excellence Event moved from May to October and we upgraded the quality and clarity of the Tribute sponsor materials. For the first time, we partnered with the *Jacksonville Business Journal*. We received excellent publicity for the event, our sponsors, our honorees and our organization as a whole with an eight-page special insert that appeared in the issue published the day after the event. We hope to build on this relationship again this coming year and produce another special insert for the 2006 Tribute.

Like other nonprofits this past year, we were challenged by support that left our community due to Hurricane Katrina. In spite of this, Tribute was successful and our Challenge letter, which moved to the spring, experienced a strong response. These two events continue to play important roles in our fundraising efforts.

In keeping with our more polished look, we sent out a beautiful holiday card that also generated an excellent response.

Thanks to the Davis Family Foundation, some major renovations were made to the Davis Center and with funds received from a CDBG grant and matching funds from a State of FL Historical grant, we put a much needed new roof on that building. At the A.L. Lewis Center, we also made several seriously needed repairs with help from a grant from the DuBow Family Foundation.

Our Board, staff and volunteers continue to provide a strong foundation upon which to move into the future. We are proud of their dedication, commitment and professionalism. Combined with the strong support of our donors, who give of their hearts as well as their treasure, Community Connections of Jacksonville will continue to make a difference for children and families in Northeast Florida.

Sincerely,

Charlene Taylor Hill
President, Board of Directors

Patricia I. Hannan
Executive Director

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS WORK

- 80% of the residents are single mothers with children
- 90% are employed within 45 days of program entry
- 100% of families in the program perform volunteer service hours, giving back to their community
- 50% of the residents exiting the Nia Terrace program became homeowners

“It is a denial of justice not to stretch out a helping hand to the fallen; that is the common right of humanity.”

—Seneca (Seneca the Elder)



A Helping Hand Filled With HOPE

Transitional Housing

The Community Connections Transitional Housing programs are a haven to those who are trying to break the cycle of poverty or abuse and need some help along the way. More than offering just a safe place to live, our programs provide childcare and other essential support services for up to 24 months. It is these services—job training, career counseling and parenting programs, among others—that rebuild self-esteem and offer hope to residents and their families. With hope and belief in themselves, clients achieve goals and prepare for independence and access to permanent housing.

Community Connections' Transitional Housing Programs served more than 380 families during 2005 and are offered at these locations:

- The Florence N. Davis Center for Women and Children, located in downtown Jacksonville
- Nia Terrace, located on Jacksonville's Westside
- The Northeast Florida Housing Program, located on the Westside and in Clay County

Making a Difference for FAMILIES

Healthy Families Jacksonville

Targeting eight low income zip codes on Jacksonville's Northside, the Healthy Families program offers support services on a free and voluntary basis to families at risk for child neglect due to factors that include teen pregnancy, lack of education and inadequate income. Anyone with a newborn living within the target area may participate in the program.

During 2005, this Community Connections program taught women and families pregnancy wellness, breast feeding, parenting skills, positive parent-child interaction, infant and child development, the importance of bonding and offered developmental screenings and referrals. Working with clients in their own homes and supported by the Jacksonville Children's Commission, services were provided to more than 514 families.

“Only the family, society's smallest unit, can change and yet maintain enough continuity to rear children who will not be “strangers in a strange land,” who will be rooted firmly enough to grow and adapt.”

—Salvador Minuchin



AFFILIATIONS

Community Connections is affiliated with many community organizations on behalf of our clients. Some of these include:

- Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Children's Commission
- Jacksonville Kids Coalition
- Jacksonville Housing Coalition
- Jacksonville Community Council, Inc.
- Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida
- Assorted foundations

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”

—Confucius



Connecting With Partners to Help the COMMUNITY

Housing Partnerships: After-School & Summer Camp Programs, Adult Education & Early Childhood Literacy

Working with the developers of six very low-income housing communities, Community Connections provides services that support entire families and help to strengthen neighborhoods. Wholesome learning and recreational programs for children and adults are offered at these locations along with the A.L. Lewis Center on the Northside and the Florence N. Davis Center downtown.

After-school programs at eight locations provide healthy social and recreational activities as well as quality educational opportunities. Supervised homework assistance, professional tutorial services and computer instruction are available. Youth Services Coordinators work with parents and community volunteers to organize spelling bees, special projects, contests and story telling along with prevention and awareness programs. Enrichment programs including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, arts and crafts and seasonal sports are among the many activities that children and youth enjoy. Holiday and summer camps help provide structure when school's out and health and dental services offered through mobile units provide services periodically.

Literacy Programs

Community Connections operates two literacy programs to help families once disadvantaged by illiteracy. Improving parents' educational and parenting skills and enabling them to play a more active role in their children's education, many are successfully breaking the cycle of generations of illiteracy.

Families Learning Together is an intergenerational GED program offered at the A.L. Lewis Center on Jacksonville's Northside. Taught by a certified instructor from Florida Community College at Jacksonville



(FCCJ), the program targets adult high school drop-outs who want to complete their high school education. Funded by the Community Services Department of the City of Jacksonville, this Public Service Grant allows children to be educated on site while parents also receive instruction. Community Connections' Education Specialist helps graduates complete college applications and helps those with jobs to utilize their new skills for better employment opportunities.

For students who do not score at the required level for GED instruction (eighth grade), an on-site ABE class is available at the Lewis Center. Classes are patterned after the GED instruction and have many of the same requirements and activities. The program is funded by the Adult Studies Department of FCCJ.

The **Ready to Learn/Ready to Work** program is available at Sable Palms Apartments on Jacksonville's South side. Located in a Mayor's Intensive Care Neighborhood (Pine Forest/Larsen), the program provides intensive case management and emphasizes positive parenting, education and employability skills. Sable Palms houses nine ethnicities speaking more than fifteen dialects. While families are studying for their GED, they are able to bring their children for reading time and childcare. The Prudential Foundation's generous support has made the program possible for the past nine years, and has fostered community collaborations that provide a remarkable range of services for residents of the entire area.

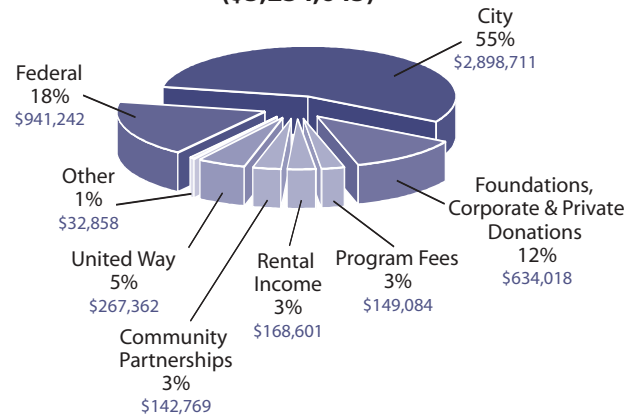
Both the A.L. Lewis Center and Sable Palms Apartments are in communities where residents are historically low-income, under-educated, and at high risk for crime. These programs serve more than 250 adults and children each year.

WE'RE THERE FOR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

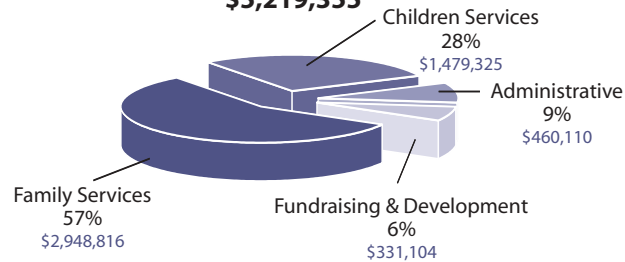
- More than 1000 attended Community Connections' summer camp programs
- More than 900 received tutoring, enrichment activities and seasonal sports during the school year
- Of children participating in Community Connections' after school programs for 60 days or more:
 - 96% were promoted to the next grade level on time
 - 98% exhibited reduced problem behaviors in the home and school environments

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