

## **Autism Housing Pathways, Inc.**

### **2010 Annual Report**

In June of 2009, a small group of parents with children at Nashoba Learning Group sat down to talk about housing for adults with autism. The group's initial goal was to create a home for their children. As their discussions progressed over the next few months, it became clear that what was really needed was an umbrella group that would help families throughout the state learn about and incubate housing creation. Thus, the initial gathering of NLG parents coalesced into what is now Autism Housing Pathways.

In the seven months since Autism Housing Pathways has incorporated we have seen a number of notable accomplishments:

- Enrolled 32 paid members
- Expanded the membership of our Yahoo group to almost 70
- Created a Facebook page which now has 66 members
- Applied for 501(c)(3) non-profit status from the IRS
- Established cordial relations with several staff members at the Department of Developmental Services and several residential service providers
- Became the Massachusetts affiliate of Archway, a national non-profit with aims closely allied to ours
- Created a website with two parts:
  - The public portion includes a series of PowerPoint presentations on housing, a Turning 18 checklist, and links to other organizations working on housing
  - The private portion, while still under construction, includes an in-depth section on creating a vision, and a section on determining how much a family can afford and ways to save for a down payment
- Created two PowerPoint presentations, one to educate parents and one to educate potential donors; the parent presentation has now been taken "on the road"
- Hosted tables at the Autism Speaks walk and the Building a Home conference at Brandeis, as well as distributing brochures at the annual Organization for Autism Research conference in Washington, D.C.
- Presented at the Flutie Foundation annual conference and to the adult services committee of Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts

- Developed a spread sheet that will allow families to analyze costs for housing, including real estate and staffing, for different numbers of residents, home sizes, and levels of state funding (this should be posted to the Members only section of the website within the next month)
- Held our first fundraiser, which netted over \$1300
- AHP's president became part of a working group under the auspices of the Autism Commission, which was created by the legislature in April and will develop recommendations on providing support for persons with autism throughout the lifespan

Our goals for the coming year include:

- Seeing our first group of families create a home
- The possible creation of a revolving loan fund
- Developing a day-long workshop for families interested in creating housing
- Developing a presentation for real estate, development and property management professionals about the needs of this population

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## Financial Report

November 13, 2010

### Balance Sheet

#### Assets

Cash assets	
Bank account .....	2204.93
PayPal account .....	278.05
Pledges .....	1420.00
Inventories and supplies .....	20.00
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Total assets .....	\$ 3922.98

#### Liabilities

Debts .....	50.00
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<u>Net assets</u> .....	\$ 3872.98
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### Statement of Revenue and Expenses

#### Revenue

Contributions .....	3590.00
Membership and joining fees .....	1600.00
Interest income .....	.92
PayPal test deposit .....	.37
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Total revenue .....	\$5191.29

#### Expenses

Supplies .....	94.41
Banner .....	79.69
Bank fees (checks) .....	48.76
PayPal fees .....	12.55
Conference fees .....	115.00
Governmental filing fees .....	928.50
Webhosting .....	59.40
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Total expenses .....	\$1338.31

#### Change in net assets from operations

(revenue less expenses) .....	\$3852.98
Inventories and supplies .....	20.00

<u>Net assets</u> .....	\$3872.98
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