

Dear Friends,

Life Skills had a terrific 2009 and looks forward to an even better 2010! We accomplished so much because of a dedicated staff of over 740 who helped 1,425 people with developmental disabilities live and work in the community. Your assistance as a donor or volunteer helped make it all possible.

A few of our highlights follow.

- ① We helped 1,425 clients and accepted 26 new individuals who came off the statewide wait list because we believe all people deserve the opportunity to live and work on their own.
- ① More than 275 of our clients worked and earned a paycheck at one of our 130 job sites; we are helping 50 more look for work.
- ① We ended last fiscal year in the black, our 5th consecutive time, and our Executive Vice President and CFO, John Adkins, was a finalist in the St. Louis Business Journal's 2009 Chief Financial Officer Award Competition. Please see the reverse side for our financials.
- ① We led an advocacy effort in Jefferson City to expand services to 800 individuals who would then come off the statewide waiting list of 5,000.
- ① We completed and have begun to implement our 5-year strategic plan.

This year, you can expect to hear more about:

- ① Our new website has been launched and promises to be a resource for people with developmental disabilities and their families to become connected to the providers, funding sources and services they need.
- ① Young people with developmental disabilities often lose the skills they have gained once they graduate, face an unemployment rate of nearly 70%, and give up trying to find work. A Life Skills pilot program called Project Search will help these individuals transition to employment with skills gained in their last year of high school.
- ① The largest collaborative fundraising event in the community will occur on April 24 as Life Skills expands its Walk Run 'n Roll event to include six other community providers in the new Walk Run 'n Roll for People of All Abilities, with honorary co-chairs, Albert and Deidre Pujols. Our 25th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on July 26 and is already shaping up to be a record setter.

The pictures you see to the right are of several of the people who attended our year-end Comfort and Cheer party. Donations from people like you made gift baskets possible for each individual we serve who does not have family to help celebrate the holidays!

On behalf of them and all of us at Life Skills, we thank you for your contributions this past year and wish you a safe, happy and healthy new year!

Wendy Sullivan, *President*





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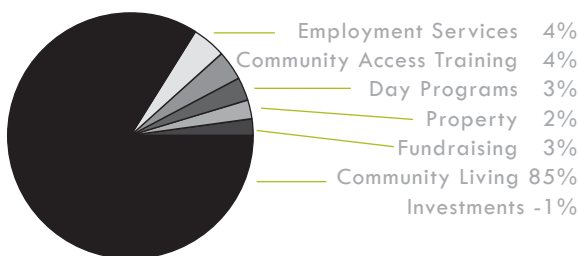
Life Skills changes lives by helping people with developmental disabilities find meaningful work and live in a home of their own in the community.

2009 financial highlights

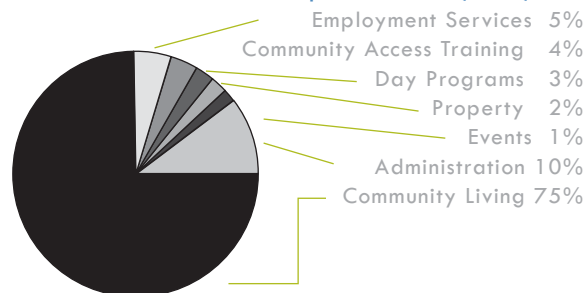
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009



Revenues \$22,112,633



Expenses \$21,973,247



"In 1964, the prospect of a person with a developmental disability living a full, meaningful life outside of an institution was doubtful. Yet a small group of determined parents had big dreams for their children. They dreamed of a life of greater independence in an accepting community. Join our mission to continue their dream. Experience our clients directly and realize what a gift they are. Visit us online or call me today."

~Wendy Sullivan, President

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To see a listing of our
2009 funders and
supporters, visit us online
at lifeskills-stl.org

ASSETS

Cash & Investments	\$ 1,511,048
Accounts Receivable	2,179,202
Promises to Give	49,878
Prepaid Expenses	256,659
Property & Equipment Net of Depreciation	2,118,641
Restricted Cash Reserves	143,683
Funds Held in Escrow & Loan Fees	99,581
Designated Investments	1,303,112
Total Assets	\$7,661,804

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	\$ 1,434,050
Long Term Debt	2,389,559
Capital Leases	0
Total Liabilities	\$3,823,609
Net Assets	\$3,838,195
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$7,661,804