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From the Executive Director

Direction by Design

In August, the leadership at the Human Service Center and community stakeholders began a strategic planning process in order to help guide our direction into the future. The process leading to future goals and objectives became as important as our planned direction. As a review of our values was an important component in the planning process, the committee proposed the following value statements:

- Having a passion for people and our work
- Being committed to respond to the needs of consumers and the community and to support our staff
- Applying honesty, integrity and reliability in all that we do
- Being fiscally responsible to our funding sources
- Providing professional care with the highest degree of quality and respect for those that we serve

Next, the committee used those value statements to create a new vision for our agency. Our vision is to become a leader by always implementing best practices to improve services to our consumers and community and to support our staff. This vision will challenge and inspire us to accomplish our mission.

Our mission is to assist people in achieving self-sufficiency, independence and healthy lifestyles to the maximum extent possible. The committee believes that this mission statement is realistic, credible, and easily understood. In plain speech, our mission statement defines why we exist and serves as a description of what we do.

The committee also examined our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We looked at how we could build on strengths, correct weaknesses, exploit opportunities and counteract threats. This information was used to help develop planning themes, goals and objectives.

The committee reviewed the findings of a community needs assessment, community and client demographic profile, findings from a client needs survey, services offered by other providers and findings from a staff survey on organizational needs. This data was useful in identifying gaps in needed services, accessibility issues, and the need to redirect or expand services.

All of the committee's activities have culminated in goals and objectives in our long term plan. Progress in achieving the goals in the plan will be continually reviewed and evaluated by the management team and the board of directors. I am thankful for everyone's input into this comprehensive planning process. As we look to our future, we see a direction by design.



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Reports and to see all the types of
services we have to offer our
community



Gary L. Buatta

4-H Demonstrates Good Cooking

The University of Illinois Extension Service hosts 4-H. Young people in 4-H learn about citizenship, leadership, cooking, arts, crafts agriculture and a variety of other subjects. The organization allows youth and adults to work together to design programs that will teach skills for living and upholds the theme "learning by doing". The Randolph County chapter visited our day program to teach our program participants how to cook.



Joni Chandler
Director of Day Services

Special Olympics



Our clients participated in the Special Olympics bowling in Herrin, Illinois. Of the 32 clients participating, 10 won gold medals, 7 won silver medals and 7 received bronze medals. All of the participants received ribbons for their efforts. The gold medal winners went on to compete in the sectional tournaments in Belleville.

Wal-Mart Supports Our Group Home

The Chester Wal-Mart store matched our fund raiser that supports our group home. The group home provides a family atmosphere to people with developmental disabilities, and staff help them to enhance their daily living skills, increase their integration in the community and increase their independence.

Donated Vehicles Help Make a Difference

HSC is a 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit corporation that provides services for people with developmental and mental disabilities. As such, we are able to accept donations from the public. One of our greatest needs is donated automobiles and vans.

As a donor, you should check with the professional preparing your taxes to see if you may receive a tax incentive greater than a dealer would give you for a trade. Also, ask your tax professional how to value your vehicle and other donor responsibilities.

We ask that donated vehicles be in running condition and a safe condition to be driven. Your donation will make a difference in the people's lives we serve and help you at tax time. For more information, contact Mark Bollmann at 282-6233.

News and Updates from Counseling

Counseling Program Welcomes Student Intern

Lori McAllister joined the counseling program as a student intern in July. Lori is completing her Master of Arts Degree in Professional Counseling from McKendree College in Lebanon. Lori's interest in the counseling profession was developed as a result of her volunteer experience at Scott Air Force Base's Family Support Center and her experience at Southwestern Illinois College's Personal Advocate Linking Services.



Shea Haury
Director of Counseling

When Lori is not working or going to school, she enjoys trout fishing, photography, and catching the latest HGTV program. She has 3 sons and claims to be owned by 2 wonderful basset hounds – Sammy and Charlie. She and her youngest son enjoy Civil War re-enactments in their spare time. Lori loves the fact that everyday at HSC is different from the previous time. She indicates that she could not be getting a better experience on how to be a counselor. She notes that her experience at HSC has helped her make a decision to become a counselor.

Summer Youth Program

Our summer youth program in Sparta was well attended again this year with 13 youth ages 7 years to 16 years old. The program offers youth a structured program with sessions on self-esteem, early substance abuse prevention, social skills development and recreational activities. The program focused on building knowledge and skill development provided through a combination of didactic instruction and skill building exercises. The program ended with a pizza party and an awards ceremony recognizing the achievements of every participant.

HSC Co-Sponsors Conference

On September 15th, HSC co-sponsored the Behavioral Health, Aging and Wellness Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Fairview Heights. The keynote presentation was delivered by Dr. David E. Burns, Director of Villa Serena Treatment Facilities in Brazil. Dr. Burns spoke on the topic of Aging, Spirituality and Recovery. Jodi Kranz, HSC's GeroPsych Program Manager, presented a workshop on the Illinois Mental Health and Aging Manual, a manual to assist social workers serving older adults. The workshops supported the conference's theme: "Resilience in Late Life: Facing the Challenges Together".



Jodi Kranz
Older Adult Prg Manager

Recycling Helps Our Agency

Human Service Center has a recycling program that we are proud of and with the communities help it can even be a bigger success. You simply need to donate something that you would normally just throw away – empty laser and inkjet printer cartridges and cell phones that are no longer in service. By recycling these cartridges and cell phones through HSC, we earn points that we can exchange for office and computer equipment. The only thing we need to do is collect these items instead of throwing them away. Not only can we receive much needed equipment, it is also FREE, and we will be doing our part to help save the environment!

You can simply drop off your empty cartridges or old cell phones at any of our three office locations in Red Bud, Sparta or Chester.

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Star Award

The Star Award is presented by employees that recognize outstanding work of their peers. The most recent Star Awards were presented to:

April, 2006	Wendy Cathell
May, 2006	Lynn Turnbow
June, 2006	Brenda Damm
July, 2006	Rick Diemert
August, 2006	Ken Ruwald
September, 2006	Barb Koch
October, 2006	Jan Montroy



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Suzanne Neff, Community Support Program Assistant, has been named Human Service Center's Employee of the Year. Suzanne began her employment in April of 1990. Her primary responsibilities are to assist in the delivery of community services to individuals who are mentally ill. Her peers have described her as a kind and generous person, by listening and showing support she conveys the message to her clients that they are valued and they can make positive changes in their lives. Suzanne is an exceptional example of a truly dedicated and caring person, not just here at HSC but in her personal life as well. Pictured is Suzanne, accepting the award from Gary Buatte, Executive Director at the HSC's Employee Appreciation Picnic. Suzanne and her family reside in Red Bud.



Welcome New Staff

Mark Bollmann	Jamie Buchek	Victor Sieberg
Sarah Lee	Mary Bynum	Jamie LeForge
Kim Cash	Melvin Rogers	Shelli Wallace
Jessica Shields	William Cron	

Service Recognition Award Recipients

Five years – Ruth Chandler & Karla Rednour
Ten years – Trish Beck
Twenty years – Beth Nortin

Thank You to Our Donors – April 2006 – October 2006

The Human Service Center is grateful to our many donors who help make our mission of service to others a reality.

Food or Material Items

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts – Red Bud

Peggy Buettner

Curves – Red Bud

Dennis Phegley

Kristin Wolter

Robert Burgdorf

Red Bud High School

Trinity United Presbyterian Church - Sparta

St. Peter United Church of Christ – Red Bud

St. John's Lutheran Church Ladies Club – Ruma

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Norma Eckart, Curves Manager
and Amy Bauer, HSC Employee
during the Curves Food Drive

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Knights of Columbus “Tootsie Roll Drive” Huge Success



Shea Haury and Kelly Gaertner helping out at the Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 12,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the world. The history of the Knights of Columbus involvement in community life is a record of outstanding benevolent achievement. One of the most popular and successful programs has been the “Tootsie Roll Drive”. Donations were collected outside stores and on street corners in order to support HSC’s programs serving people with developmental disabilities.

From a Special Volunteer

I was recently a volunteer at the Human Service Center. This experience was one of the best experience’s that I have ever had. The clients and staff at the Human Service Center were among the friendliest and most caring people that I have ever worked with. I want to personally thank everyone at the Human Service Center for such a great experience. Robyn Korando

Trivia Night at Steeleville Eagles

On November 4th the Fraternal Order of the Eagles from Steeleville hosted a trivia night for HSC. The evening was a ton of fun in addition to raising \$741 for the agency. These proceeds will be used for the clients of HSC to attend Special Olympics, Christmas shopping, and other activities throughout the year. A big thanks to the Steeleville Eagles for their support.

Craft Fair a Success



On October 20th, the Developmental Training Program hosted a craft fair. Many of the items were designed by program participants. The proceeds will go to support client educational materials and client related community activities.

Aluminum Recycling Hours – Red Bud Location ONLY!



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2nd Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon



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Holiday Message

The holidays are a time to share our warmest thoughts –those cherished treasures stored in our heart.

This is a season filling our hearts with the thankfulness for all the blessings in our lives.

This is a season to express our love through the joy of giving.

Best wishes for a blessed Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.

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