

# 2010-2011 In Review

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## Our Vision

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*Bringing glory to God by providing a Christian Home for adults with developmental disabilities.*

## Our Mission

### *SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE*

- *Believing God's promises are true*
- *Directed by Christian values*
- *Believing we are called to serve*
- *Believing all people have dignity and potential*
- *Giving our best to help others achieve their best*

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## ACHH Highlights...

### Praise and Good News:

- Faithful donors helping to fill financial gaps resulting from state & federal funding shortages
- Good return on our investments
- Low turnover and great new employees

### Concerns:

- Ongoing deficit in the State of Illinois and the inability of the Governor and General Assembly to effectively address it
- Possible reshaping of Medicare and Medicaid

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## ACHH Celebrates 40 Years of Service on October 1, 2011!

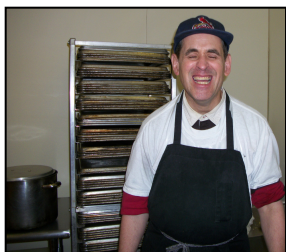
During the 1960's and across the nation, parents of children with disabilities began to consider the kinds of living

environments that would be the best and safest for their sons and daughters as they entered adulthood.

The awareness of their children's potential, in conjunction with their knowledge regarding the starkness of the state-operated facilities of the time, made them aware that there needed to be a better choice.

Several parents, all of whom were a part of the Apostolic Christian Churches of America, began to have the same questions and concerns. They began to talk to each other and to church leadership and the idea of a church-based home was born. In 1967 the plan was approved, committees were formed, fund raising was started and planning was begun. As we have become accustomed to these services, we sometimes can forget all that went into the planning. (continued on page 2)





## Description of Our Services...

1. The Home provides **residential services** for adults with developmental disabilities. All services are in Morton, Illinois.
  - 73 residents at **Timber Ridge** receive significant care and medical services.
  - **Two 16-bed homes** provide moderate to high degree of personal assistance and supervision.
  - 44 residents in **ten homes in the community** participate in cooking, cleaning and other daily details of keeping a home but still need 24-hour supervision.
2. Residents participate in some type of **work or day training programs**.
  - Some have **supervised jobs** in community businesses.
  - Some attend **day programs** and receive training in work skills and personal skills.
3. Residents **participate in community events**, such as outings to the park, shopping, etc.
4. ACHH strives to serve the **spiritual needs** of our residents. Residents attend church and Sunday School at the Morton and Washington Apostolic Christian Churches, attend other churches of their choice in the community or attend Sunday School classes at their home and Bible studies during the week.

## ACHH Celebrates 40 Years of Service (continued from page 1)

The original services consisted of a 50 bed home that was very comfortable and homelike, similar in many ways to a modern nursing home at that time. Finally the day came for our first residents to move. This was on October 1, 1971 and one of them lives with us yet today. In 1978 the building was doubled due to the appreciation for the services and the demand for additional services.

Like all services, new ideas are developed and people become aware of the possibilities for additional options and improvements. Smaller settings were added in 1988. These have also evolved with time. Initially these homes served people with high skill levels, but after time, we began serving people with greater needs.

A description of services is summarized above. More important than the specific services is the ongoing evidence and awareness of God's presence in what we do. We don't have room to list the miracles and evidence we have been privileged to witness, but they include cancer which just disappeared, the continued provision of dedicated staff, donations and funding which happened in time of need and just in time, contracts with the State that were not expected to be given, etc. God is present in the lives of our residents, in the homes where we deliver services and in the hearts of our staff and supporters.

Our prayer is that we can deliver good quality services that are helpful to the people we serve but more than this, our prayer is that God's name can be lifted up as we continue to serve for as long as He gives us the privilege.



*Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*  
-Matthew 25:40

## With Thanksgiving...



We are grateful to God for his continual provision of the home and see His hand often in this work. We would like to share just a few of His many blessings on our behalf:

- **Safety** - Our residents and staff travel many miles each year to physician and other appointments, leisure outings including day trips to places like Chicago and Springfield, to and from day program and places of work, etc.
- **Quality staff** - We feel God calls and people answer His prompting.
- **Volunteers** - What would we do without them? The assistance they offer is invaluable and the services they provide are too numerous to list.
- **Financial provision** - God continues to touch the hearts of people to share not only their time, but their resources. For this we are grateful and can maintain a quality level of services we pray that God will be pleased with and honored by.
- **Comfortable homes** - Our residents live in homes that reflect dignity and provide opportunities for independence while seeking to exemplify a Christ-centered, safe harbor.



## Learn More About ACHH...

### Web Site:

Our web site is at [www.achh.org](http://www.achh.org). It has information about our services, funding, needs, job opportunities and current news. It has been well received by parents, job applicants, donors and others. We invite you to take a look at the information on the site. It is regularly updated with information about current events, board meetings and resident activities.

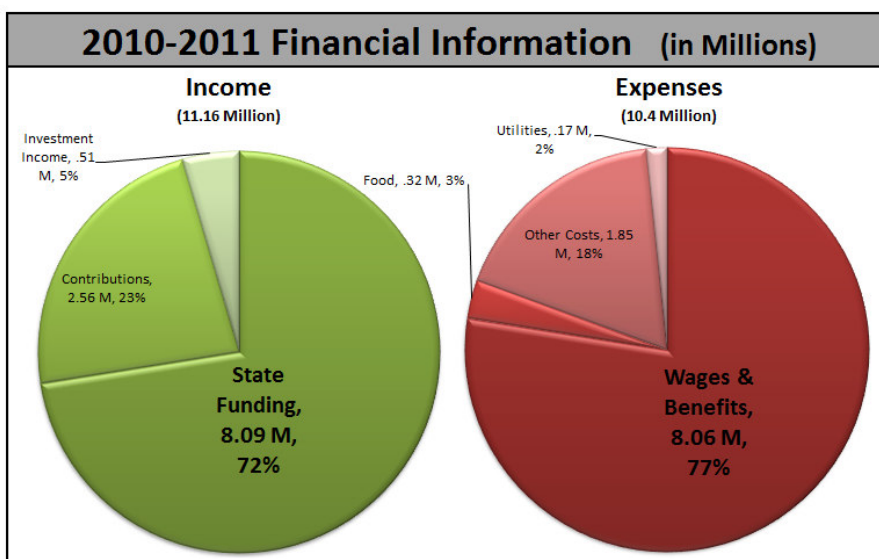
### Newsletter:

Our newsletter, *The Times*, is available to anyone who requests it. The newsletter is also available in each Apostolic Christian Church. In addition, we have an online version. If you would like to receive our e-newsletter, please e-mail- [inforequest@achh.org](mailto:inforequest@achh.org) to sign up.



## Financial Details...

- The projected operating loss for next year, which will need to be covered by donations, is **\$2,500,000**. We recognize our dependence on God and His moving the hearts of the brotherhood.
- The services at each facility are funded by Illinois Medicaid funds, currently about **72% of our costs**.



- Because of the financial difficulties of the State of Illinois, the payment we do receive is sometimes delayed, resulting in no operating income for several months at a time. This year we had to borrow temporarily for working capital purposes against our investments in the amount of \$3,000,000. We also anticipate a cut up to 6.5% in our state reimbursement. Our need to remain a core mission of the church will continue to grow
- We **thank you** for sharing, and we **thank God** for moving the hearts of His people.

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