



Bridge Disability Ministries 2009 Annual Report

Sharing Good News and Abundance

by Jack Staudt, Executive Director

We began the year knowing that we would need to do more with less, due to the economy and its impact on all our supporters, churches, donors. Trusting in God, our Board challenged us to, "Hold the line on expenses but do not cut staff or programs". And so we did... and we did more of everything and did it with the same staff and less expense. Our staff and their "we can do it" attitude made 2009 an exceptional opportunity for all of us.



Guardianship accomplished their goal to take on Rep Payee functions for our Guardian clients, with direct deposit of Social Security income for 39 of our 40 Clients by year-end. We have realized improvements in financial control thanks to Lynn Shomber, with help from Alison Erickson, our accountant, and Randy Sanders, our bank reconciler, by moving to on-line banking and streamlining our financial processes. Thanks to this team effort, our Guardians filed 14 timely and accurate reports to the Superior Court. Under the direction of Patty Croteau and Gordon Ellison-Oslin, we passed the first audit processes overseen by the Guardianship Board. We are indebted to the 10 Attorneys who donated their time and skills to file reports for our clients.

Our Mobility team set a goal to clean, repair and offer to the community – free of charge - 48 power wheelchairs & scooters (average retail cost of about \$5000). Our all-volunteer crew surpassed this goal: giving 51 individuals recycled mobility devices. These folks now have access to their community, churches, and family gatherings! Since opening, our new Mobility Center has increased the number of durable medical goods offered locally by 40%. In that same 2-year period, clients served increased by 54%. Bridge shared the donated equipment brought to us with eight other charities that helped in this recycling effort and took equipment to disadvantaged countries around the world. The total 2009 volume processed through Mobility would be over \$1,000,000 in retail value.

In our key ministry of Spiritual Care, Reverend Dave Emery provided the leadership necessary to connect our clients with local churches and community resources. By coming alongside people in need and responding to crisis calls, he brought comfort and reassurance of God's love and presence to their lives. As our Chaplain, he provided staff direction for programs such Circle of Friends, Friend-to-Friend, small group ministries, Family Transitions and our very popular Sunday Evening Celebrations. Despite challenging times for some of our supporting churches, Dave's efforts filled the calendar with Celebrations including several new churches to continue our tradition of shared meals, music, and a spirit-filled experience for all. The year concluded with a "sellout" crowd of over 125 guests and hosts at St John Vianney Catholic Church.

We thank our many generous donors and community partners for a wonderful year of abundance and good news to share!

P.S. Please e-mail questions & comments to Jstaudt@BridgeMin.org

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Our Mission

Because Bridge Disability Ministries honors the God-given dignity of persons with disabilities, we build relationships to alleviate isolation and enrich our churches and communities.

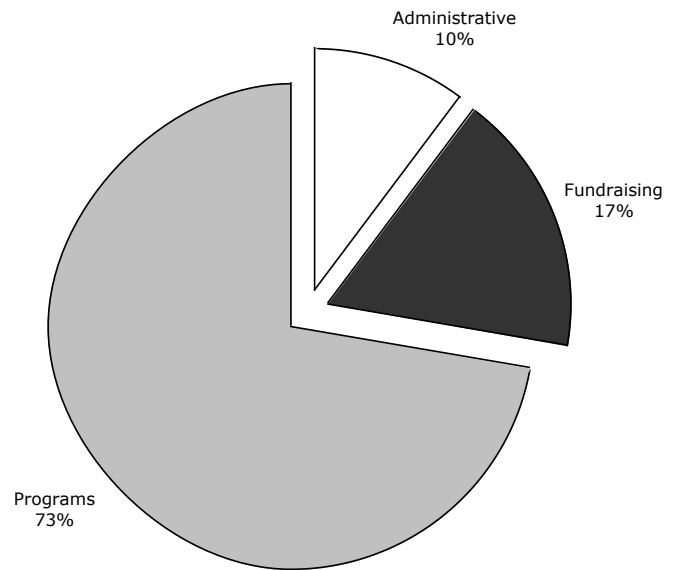
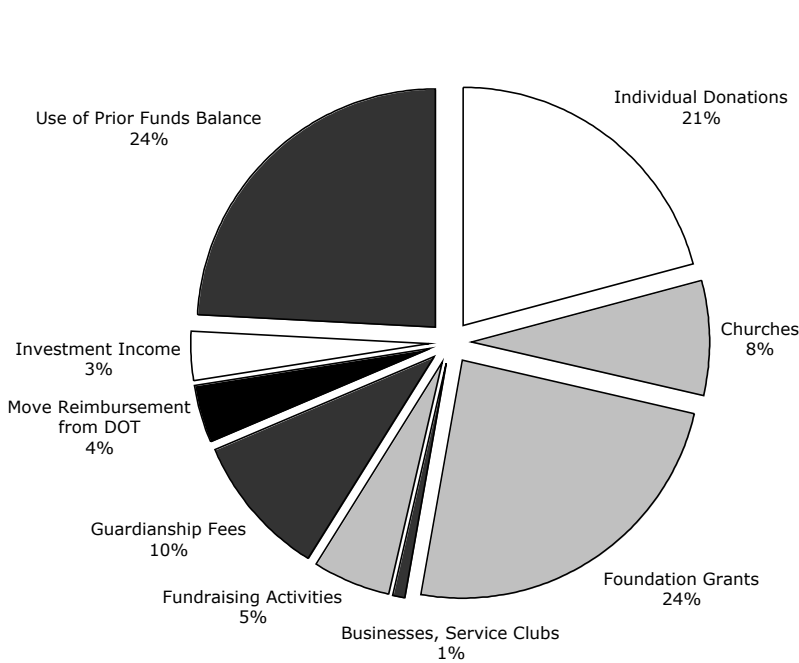
2009 Financial Summary

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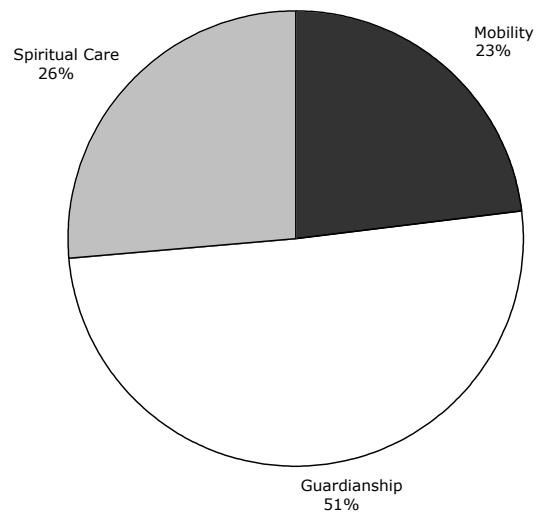
Individual Donations	\$113,170
Churches	\$42,768
Foundation Grants	\$132,145
Businesses/Service Clubs	\$4,176
Fundraising Activities	\$28,458
Guardianship Fees	\$53,930
Move Reimbursement from DOT	\$20,706
Investment Income	\$17,355
Use of Prior Funds Balance	\$132,271
Total Operating Income	\$544,979

2009 EXPENSES

Administrative	\$55,369
Fundraising	\$95,337
Programs	
Mobility	\$91,125
Guardianship	\$199,386
Spiritual Care	\$103,762
Total Programs Expense	\$394,273
Total Operating Expenses	\$544,979



2009 PROGRAM EXPENSES



Volunteer Hours for 2009

9,979 x \$20/hour =
(# of hours volunteered)

\$199,580

value of 2009 volunteer hours

Each dollar you invest in the ministries of Bridge provides a wide range of services by our staff and is multiplied and enriched by the efforts of our many Bridge volunteers.

Bridge Disability Ministries 2009 Donor Family

*Thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers, we can make a difference, together in the community to meet the needs of people living with disabilities. With local and national statistics reporting one in five or 20% of the population in the US now lives with a disability, we know that the needs are very real and with your continued support, we can do more and reach more to transform lives, build more relationships and bridges.

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Ministry Messages:

Spiritual Care: Relationship building; small group gatherings; worship experiences; chaplaincy; and other opportunities for personal enrichment and growth are important aspects of who we are as we include those with disabilities in our lives. We had more than ten NEW churches involved in direct care participation with folks with disabilities. Regular church events throughout the Greater Seattle Area; focus on families with young people transitioning out of the public school arena; and individual care for folks is what our spiritual ministry is all about.

The Mobility Center: 2009 provided many blessings through the many dedicated volunteers and the generous support of our donors. The center increased its outreach to the community and achieved goals that only God could conceive possible. Community needs for improved mobility only continues to grow. Our vision for greater inclusion is expanding more each year as we connect with more individuals, PT and OT therapists, churches, schools, hospitals, adult living centers, and other local, regional and international organizations serving the disabled. We are thankful to all of our donors and partners who provided donations needed to meet the demands. It was a blessing too, to work with other agencies to find end users for each item donated that we don't normally inventory. We are all but a piece of the puzzle in God's plan for His ministry through the Mobility Center and we are grateful for His continued guidance.

Guardianship Services: Because Bridge has advocated and cared for the developmentally disabled for 18 years without charging fees, thanks to our guardianship professionals and those donors and organizations supporting their efforts, we have learned how services to people with developmental disabilities work, and how to improve lives in ways other than spending money: with caring concern, advocacy and knowledge of service systems. By finding innovative, effective ways of planning for a future that includes persons with disabilities in the life of our community, sharing their gifts and increasing public awareness, we can end the isolation they experience, replacing discrimination with enriched communities of acceptance and diversity. Through donor sponsorships and community support, social justice and inclusion can be realized in the 21st Century for the disabled ...currently the largest and most diverse minority in the US today.