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Directors Report

2014 was the last year that Mike Kenitz was the Executive Director for Center for Families. Sadly, Mike contracted lung cancer in May 2013 and passed in July of 2015. But in 2014, he was still in charge; and it was a good year for Center for Families. As Mike put it in a letter to his friends and family:

"From November 2013 through October 2014 I enjoyed a reprieve filled with some recovery of body, spirit and joy of life. Now in a reduced state, a somewhat broken form of my former vibrant self, I'd say I was at about 70% of my former self. I was glad to be able to do many things like grill out, work with the flowers, and mow the lawn on my tractor. For the most part, life was good. I am so thankful for the prayers and support I received from so many during my darkest days, surely that is what pulled me through. Janet, Emily, and Colin were nothing but outstanding in their love, acceptance, patience and help through the nightmare."

To acknowledge Mike and his importance to Center for Families, the Board of Directors made the following dedication:

The Executive Board for the Center for Families (CFF) recognizes and honors executive director, Mike Kenitz for his Center for Families work over the past 10 years; particularly his visionary contribution to the development of the 'CFF hub' - a nerve center of programs, home visiting resources, and community use rooms to facilitate our goal to support and strengthen families. Mike realized that our building is a resource that can be used to both engage in and broaden the reach of CFF. He is responsible for the guiding vision that embraces the intent, programmatic structure and community role of the "hub".

Because the 'hub' is the essential ingredient that provides the nimble, responsive and programmatic approach to meeting our mission, the Center for Families Board of Directors is delighted to recognize Mike's intellectual, practical and programmatic innovation by dedicating the 'hub' concept as the "**Kenitz Community Hub**". Unlike a dedication to a specific program or physical space to honor Mike's contributions to CFF, the 'hub' concept was chosen because it is the core of what Center for Families envisions its future to be.

Thanks for everything, Mike. You are missed dearly.

In loving memory,
Center for Families staff and Board of Directors

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2014 Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue	
Grants/Contracts	670,259
Contributions	1,232,176
Program Fees	16,032
Interest	2,728
Other	4,061
Total Revenue	1,925,256
Expenses	
Personnel	1,763,871
Operating	396,697
Total Expenses	2,160,568
Surplus/Defecit	(235,312)
Net Asssets - Beginning of Year	2,717,283
Net Assets as of 12/31/2013	2,481,971

The information presented is a summary of the audited financial statements, with an unqualified opinion.

2014 Honorariums and Memorials

Honorariums and Memorials to recognize individuals, couples or groups are special tributes to the important people in your life. In addition, Legacy gifts through planned giving can provide the financial cornerstone for building our future. Thank you to our honorariums and memorial supporters.

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2014 Programs



Respite Center

Provides respite and crisis child care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to families experiencing high levels of stress. Call: 608.244.5700.

Respite = Relief

Respite Center: 457 families with 832 children. 199 first time users. 26,064 hours of crisis and emergency child care in 2014.

- The Respite Center provides licensed and accredited care for children from birth through age 14 in our home-like facility. Parents are given relief and the knowledge that the community cares. Children are safe and cherished in a beautiful setting.
- 4,973 support contacts were made and 2,707 service hours were logged by the Respite Center social workers. Service hours include new intakes, phone contacts, and face-to-face support regarding safety, housing & income distress, medical & legal issues, and relief support to help stabilize the family.



Parent Support Groups

You are your child's first teacher. Be the best teacher you can be.

Strong Parents = Strong Families

Parents' Place: 99 individuals served in 2014.

Court Ordered Parent Education (CORE): 23 families served in 2014.

- Parents Place provides weekly opportunities for parents to come together and learn parenting skills and share their parenting experiences. 98% of parents reported that the group is helpful to them as parents, that they experienced a reduction in isolation, and that their knowledge of child development was increased. Offered in English and Spanish.
- 100% of participants in the Court Ordered Parent Education Program reported increased knowledge about their core protective capacities including child development and alternatives to physical discipline.



Home Visiting

Teach them well. You help shape your child's future through the kinds of experiences you provide.

Bringing Help Home

Welcome Baby: 168 families. Parents and Children Together (PACT): 14 families. Neighborhood Parent Aide (NPA): 37 families

- The Welcome Baby Program, using the Parents as Teachers curriculum, enriches the parent-child interaction and well-being by using a development-centered approach. 97% of parents report an increase in their understanding of their child's development and learning needs
- Parents and Children Together works with parents who have cognitive disabilities, providing them support and education in their homes until their children reach adulthood.
- Neighborhood Parent Aide provides weekly in-home parenting education, using the Love and Logic curriculum to address protective capacities identified by Dane County Protective Services



Early Childhood Education

When your children play and read with you they learn important social emotional skills.

Help children get a headstart!

Play & Learn: 600 families with children between the ages of 0-5 served in 2014.

Parent-Child Home Program: 150 children served in 2014.

- 91% of parents/caregivers reported an increase in understanding of their child's learning through play due to their participation in one of the 7 Play and Learn sessions held weekly throughout Dane County.
- The Parent-Child Home Program is an evidence-based, research validated early childhood literacy, parent support, and school readiness program. 91% of the participating children show an increase in positive behavior traits as measured with the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy evaluation.