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Achievement Centers for Children
2010 Annual Report

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Dear Friends,

At the Achievement Centers for Children, we believe we deliver the highest level of service by combining both our “head and heart.” We are committed to our mission and to providing superior programs and services, while working diligently to ensure long-term financial health. The Achievement Centers cannot live on “easier today” at the expense of children who will be born with disabilities tomorrow. We must also make wise decisions and hard choices that positively impact the future of children who need our assistance right now.

Balancing head and heart can be very challenging, but because of many people, such as our donors, Board of Directors, volunteers, and our staff, we continue to forge ahead with our head and heart. Lighting the path in equal measure.

In the next pages, we’ll share some facts and figures, but also share some of the joy and hard-earned successes... in a parent’s eyes, a child’s laugh, a first step, a word, a life. The things that make all the difference to our children and our families... the things that distinguish the Achievement Centers from anything else... and from anywhere else...

Patricia W. Nobili
President & CEO

David Dunstan
Chairman, Board of Directors

This year, the Achievement Centers for Children proudly celebrates 70 years of serving children with disabilities and their families. It all began when a group of community-minded members of the Rotary Club of Cleveland formed the Society for Crippled Children to serve the needs of children with polio and heart disorders. Today, we serve families dealing with a spectrum of disabilities, including an increasing number of children with autism. And we remain uniquely qualified to provide a circle of care to families through therapy, recreation, education and family support.

This page photo: Highland Hills location

Cover photo: Child Development Center celebrating “luau day”
Our social workers provided in-home services to more than 1,000 children up to age 3 and their families.

**FAMILY SUPPORT**

Our family support professionals provide resources, emotional support, coordination of services, advocacy, support groups and behavioral health counseling to help families navigate their challenges.

For one family, social workers may provide mental health counseling. For another, they may visit the home, offering parenting education and child development information, support, and access to community resources. Our ultimate goal is to provide the support families need to help their children be all they can be.

**SARAH**, who receives multiple services, will soon become an equestrian in our Therapeutic Riding program thanks to her social worker, Cindy, who linked her family to a community resource to help with the cost of the lessons.
**Achieve Consulting** partners with schools by offering services, training and consultation services to assist school districts in providing exemplary education for students with autism and behavioral challenges. This year, we provided training to 240 teachers and therapists in 36 school districts.

**Our Child Development Center** is a 3-Star Step Up to Quality childcare site for 3- to 5-year-olds, the highest rating given. Children with disabilities and typically developing children learn together and benefit from individualized programs created by specially trained dedicated teachers.

**The Technical Assistance Program (TAP)** provides consultation, training, adaptive equipment and support to teachers and childcare workers to help successfully integrate children with special needs into childcare programs.

**Autism Preschool and K-4 Classrooms** offer the opportunity for children to focus on learning skills in their own unique way, preparing them to be transitioned to their home school district as appropriate.

**Daniel’s** aggressive behavior threatened his ability to succeed in his daycare this year. But, understanding the challenges of a child with PDD/NOS, TAP staff members were able to help Daniel’s parents and teachers turn the situation around.

**Naila**, a typically developing child, has been part of a special play group with two children in the autism preschool each week. She is able to help model appropriate behavior and encourage positive interaction through example.

**Clode** has become much more aware of her social surroundings and improved her interaction skills with other classmates and staff. She now asks to play, takes turns, and says thank you.
THERAPY SERVICES

Our skilled and dedicated therapists help children stretch their abilities often above what they or their families thought possible. Physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists work collaboratively to achieve the best possible outcomes. Two-way viewing rooms allow parents to watch their child in therapy, so they are able to provide continuity at home.

When CHANNA first came into our preschool autism program, he also needed an assistant to help him take steps with his walker. After much hard work and physical therapy, plus guidance from his teachers, he now walks independently. He is proudly transitioning to his school district classroom.

JOE, age 8, has been working very hard all year. He is very excited he can now climb a set of stairs all by himself.

BLAIR, age 13, walked for the first time in a walker during her session in the Intensive Therapy Clinic, something her parents had not considered an option. She also negotiated a set of stairs on a ship while on vacation. To Blair and her parents, a whole new world seems to have opened up for her.

Our nationally recognized INTENSIVE THERAPY CLINIC provides state-of-the-art equipment and techniques to accelerated therapy sessions to achieve specific goals. When timed to coincide with developmental growth spurts or coupled with other ongoing therapy programs, such as adapted aquatics, children in the Intensive Therapy Clinic have experienced remarkable results.

Photo: Physical Therapist, Josh Palcic, and Intensive Therapy Clinic client, Carolina Bell
After experiencing a near drowning accident, Michael’s mother enrolled him in Adapted Aquatics to overcome his fear of water. After one year, Michael now safely enjoys swimming (and sliding) with family and friends.

RECREATION

CAMP CHEERFUL activities are accessible to children and adults of all abilities, from canoeing to therapeutic horseback riding to fishing and a high ropes course. From games and crafts, to sitting around the campfire singing, recreation activities not only provide fun, but also opportunities for social interaction, use of new skills learned in therapy sessions, and much needed respite for families of children with disabilities.

Through his daily routine at camp, XANDER learned how to read a schedule and now excitedly looks to see what new activity is next.

Camp Cheerful was one of only four camps nationwide that was named a BLUE RIBBON CAMP by the National Association of Special Education Teachers.

Our qualified and experienced instructors teach children with physical, neurological, developmental and cognitive challenges how to swim. Children find a sense of freedom in the water, while building strength, achieving goals, and most importantly, having fun!
2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Achievement Centers was named a WORLD CLASS Customer Service Award Honoree by Smart Business Network.

Our INTENSIVE THERAPY CLINIC was featured on the front cover of the international magazine, “Cerebral Palsy.”

The AUTISM K-4 classrooms reached capacity this year. We will be adding another classroom at our Highland Hills site this coming year.

The 2nd Annual FAMILY FUN DAY was held at our Westlake location for children with autism and their families.

The HELP ME GROW program served 94 children/families and met 100 percent of the quality areas measured by the Ohio Department of Health, ensuring timely and effective service to families.

Our digital presence was vastly enhanced, thanks to a grant from the WILLIAM J. AND DOROTHY K. O’NEILL FOUNDATION.

Blue chip Blue tee proved a fun challenge for golfers and brought in over $86,000 and Fall Festival, held every October, literally rocked Camp Cheerful.

A MOST EXCELLENT RACE celebrated its 20th anniversary with more than 400 walkers and runners. Special thanks to Channel 5 and Brokaw, Inc. for their support.

All our fundraising events and appeals were enthusiastically supported by our community, raising over $1.3 MILLION:

SPARKLE, SHIMMER AND SHINE, which honored Michael B. Petras Jr., president and CEO of GE Lighting and Industrial, grossed over $250,000 and was a truly magical evening for everyone in attendance. BLUE CHIP BLUE TEE provided a fun challenge for golfers and brought in over $16,000.}

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**2009-2010 FINANCIALS**

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**2009-2010 STRATEGIC OUTCOMES**

- Provided a total of 180,155 service hours to children, adults and their families
- Provided approximately 5,000 hours of service to school districts and educators
- Provided approximately $1.1 million in subsidized services
- Received a client satisfaction rate of 97 percent through family surveys
- Raised $1,370,000 in charitable support from the community
- Initiated new programs including Residential Weekends at Camp Cheerful for Individuals with Autism and Intensive Therapy Clinics

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