

KETCH

Annual
Report
2009



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A Word from the President



Dear Friends of KETCH:

Last year, KETCH was successful in being awarded tax credits under the Low Income Housing rental program which resulted in the development of Richmond Place. In 2009, KETCH was awarded a second Low Income Housing project. Our new project will rehabilitate our existing apartment complex at Country Acres and add another 10 apartments on the existing site. This project is the next step toward our long range goal to expand our Community Living program by developing new housing that is affordable for the persons we serve. In addition to meeting the housing needs of persons we currently serve, over the coming years, expansion in housing will be needed as there are currently 434 persons with developmental disabilities on the waiting list for residential services in Sedgwick County.

2009 was also a year of challenge, a year in which state funding for our services was cut due to the continuing decline of state revenues. The cuts have posed challenges to us to figure out how to still meet the needs of those we serve with reduced levels of funding. A partial solution has been to redouble our efforts to help persons served to be as independent as possible. We anticipate the potential for cuts in funding over the next several years, as the revenue picture for Kansas is predicted to be bleak.

I hope you enjoy our report. As an important stakeholder, your support is crucial to helping us accomplish our mission.

Sincerely,

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A place to work... Employment Services

John spent many years at various service providers before coming to KETCH. However, no organization quite met his needs the way he wanted. John needed help finding a job in the community that suited him, and assistance at home, but wished to maintain a level of independence.

John has a physical disability that forces him to use a wheelchair or walker, and a developmental disability that makes it somewhat difficult for him to communicate effectively on his own. However, John is a strong advocate for people with disabilities, and has flourished with a little support from KETCH staff. John is able to follow instructions well and ask questions when necessary. He shows initiative and does good quality work.

John used to live in an apartment without assistance, but faced eviction due to unsanitary living conditions. Since living in a KETCH apartment with staff assisting him with cleaning, hygiene, shopping and cooking, John's quality of life at home and work has greatly improved.

Since entering KETCH Supported Employment, John has held many jobs that KETCH helped him obtain. He has currently held employment at Center Industries for four years, due to his strong work ethic and ability to learn quickly.

Because of KETCH, John gained and maintained his employment, and has been successful at home.

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John is one of 190 people who benefit from KETCH Community Employment services, which provides job placement for people with disabilities.



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Roger is one of 155 people who benefit from KETCH's Community Living services, which provides in-home supports for people with disabilities.



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Residential Services

A place to call home...

Roger came to KETCH at a low point in his life. Not only was he on the verge of going back to jail, but his home situation was no longer working. He was living on the streets and had a difficult time even finding a meal. Something had to change in order for Roger to survive.

Roger grew up in Oklahoma on an Indian reservation. He was introduced to drugs at a young age and continued to abuse them. His mother died after they moved to Kansas. Roger stayed in her home for several months until a relative moved in with people who were abusive to Roger. He then lived a dangerous life on the streets.

Roger never had options like he does today at KETCH. He has a developmental disability and cerebral palsy, but did not receive any services to help him until he met a KETCH employee named Jake, who convinced a judge to let Roger come to KETCH where he would receive Community Living services instead of being sent to jail in Oklahoma.

Then everything changed for Roger. At KETCH he had a home, clean clothing, and hot meals every single day. He was also given a job in manufacturing at KETCH where he continues to work making air filters. He now lives in his own KETCH apartment and is doing very well.

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A place to learn and grow... **Day Services**

Shirley spent her first 38 years of life in the Winfield State Hospital. Shirley's birth date is unknown and she has no birth certificate. It's known that she was taken to the Winfield State Hospital at 10 months of age with a "mental condition." A nurse estimated her birth date by counting back 10 months and the date March 17 was given to Shirley. By Shirley's teenage years, she had still not developed language skills, and was never taught how to read, write or count. However, she listened very closely to people speak, and gained an understanding of language. She also created her own type of sign language.

In 1975, Shirley left Winfield State Hospital and began receiving services at KETCH. Shirley was placed into Adult Life Skills, so she could gain more skills. Shirley expressed interest in working and earning a paycheck so she was placed into KETCH Work Services where she worked in the mailroom. She worked hard and proved that she was capable of doing more. She then entered Employment Services and got a job working at Pizza Hut in 1999. Shirley loved her job and worked there for five years. She started attending the Encore retirement program at KETCH part-time while she was still working, and today attends full-time.

Shirley has overcome so much and improved her quality of life since coming to KETCH. She is now more independent, despite the opinions of the professionals who said she would never be able to function at this level.

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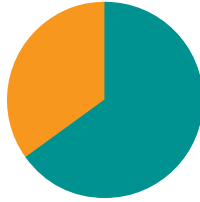
Shirley is one of 275 people who benefit from KETCH day services, which includes Adult Life Skills, Encore, PACE, ABLE, Community Connections and Work Services.



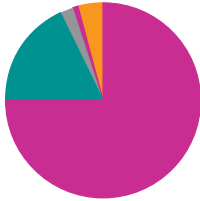
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Demographics

Gender
62% Male
38% Female



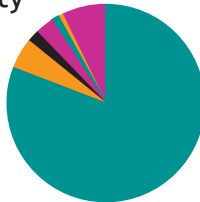
Race
72% White
20% Black
4% Hispanic
3% American Indian
1% Asian



Age
7% Below 21
28% 21-29
24% 30-39
13% 40-49
15% 50-59
13% 60 & Over



Primary Disability
80% MR/DD
6% Emotional
2% Neurological
3% Orthopedic
1% Hearing
2% Vision
6% Other



The Year In Review

- After several years of research and planning, the Information Technology department implemented the redesigned infrastructure and built a computer network to help improve efficiency, provide capacity for growth, enhance security of data, and allow for easier management.
- KETCH won the Dream Server Sweepstakes and received new software from Microsoft, called Windows Essential Business Server 2008. KETCH was awarded the fully upgraded version of the software including 300 premium licenses with a retail value of nearly \$65,000.
- KETCH was awarded a grant from the Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization for \$12,451 to fund a new residential program called Choices. The new facility houses people with challenging behaviors in a secure and safe environment.
- The ABLE program (Alternative Behavioral Learning Environment) changed its program structure and will now give the people that it serves work opportunities in addition to community integration. ABLE moved to a new location to better meet the program needs.
- The Sixth Annual KETCH Champions' Golf Tournament, held May 18, raised nearly \$18,000.
- A new subcontract from the Hayes Company provided work for 25 persons served to remove adhesives from shelves for Wal-Mart Stores west of the Mississippi. The job would take a year to complete.
- The Annual KETCH Carnival and Talent show raised more than \$2,000 for the KETCH Cares fund.
- KETCH participated in the InterHab "Invisible Kansans" campaign to catch the attention of the Kansas legislature, urging them not to ignore the funding needs of individuals with disabilities.
- On March 16, 2009 an "Invisible Kansans" luncheon was held at the Wichita Hyatt with community leaders to bring awareness of funding needs to the Wichita community. KETCH participated and invited guests to attend.
- The PACE program received a grant from the CJ Memorial Golf Committee in the amount of \$3,000 to pay for the remodeling of the program's restroom facilities.
- The Country Acres apartment complex in West Wichita received approval for renovation as a Low Income Housing Tax Credit project. This is the first remodeling of the property since its inception in 1985.

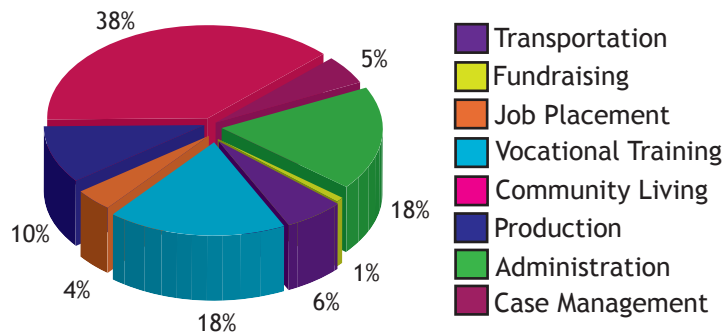
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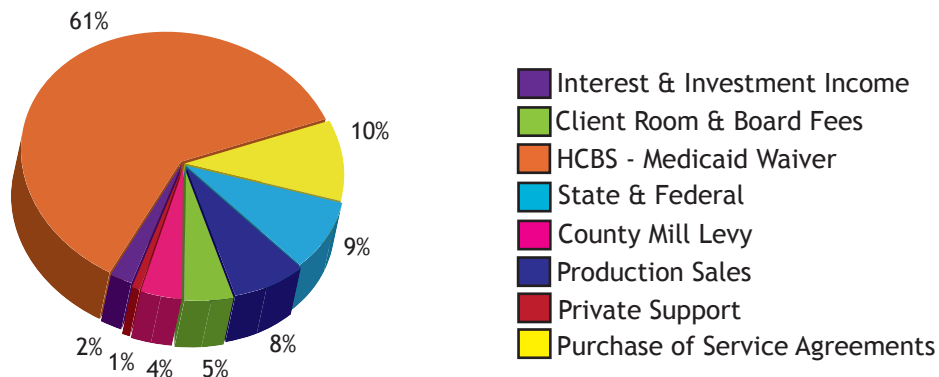
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| Total Persons Served | 544 |
| Targeted Case Management | 218 |
| Adult Life Skills | 57 |
| PACE | 16 |
| ABLE | 8 |
| Community Connections | 26 |
| Encore | 18 |
| Work Services | 184 |
| Community Living | 155 |
| Community Employment | 190 |

**Some individuals are served in multiple programs.*

Operational Expenses



Total Revenue





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