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“Love is like a tree, it grows of its own accord, it puts down deep roots into our whole being.”

- Victor Hugo

The Sinnissippi Foundation Annual Report for 2008

A Message from the Board



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

The last year has been a tough one for many here in northwest Illinois and across the nation. Families have faced the loss of employment, while others remain concerned about their retirement funds during fluctuations in the stock market.

With this very real back drop, the Sinnissippi Foundation is greatly appreciative of your support during 2008. Take a few minutes to see the impact that your support had on individuals and families.

HISTORIC. The Foundation established a first during the past year as it distributed more funding than any year since its inception in 1979. \$32,367 was provided to clients, families, supervised living apartments, organizations, schools and other worthy causes. The journey of giving is detailed on the inside of this report.

CHANGE. During 2008, the Foundation's logo was transformed. A new tree now shows developing roots as the Foundation expands its reach and impact.

PRICELESS. The impact of the assistance provided by the Foundation is not always known until one reads the comments from those helped.

“I think I speak for all of us as we end our 9th year at the Awakenings retreat - we could not have done it without you. We are humbled by your endless generosity and support. Many women in this community have had - and will have - hope for REAL CHANGE thanks to your good hearts.”

“I'm honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the Foundation's Nursing Scholarship here at Sauk Valley Community College. The scholarship will help me in my studies over the next school year. I'm grateful for your organization's generosity.”

“Thank you for helping us with our project to help send items to the troops in Afghanistan. We appreciate your time and efforts. The Foundation's support all year long means a lot to us.”

NEW YEAR. As 2009 begins, the roots of the Foundation take a greater hold, increasing efforts to improve the behavioral health and well-being of the residents of northwest Illinois.

THANKS. We appreciate your support of the Foundation; whether it is through a financial gift, support of one of our fundraisers, or by spreading the word of our work to family and friends.

Sincerely,

The Sinnissippi Foundation Board of Directors

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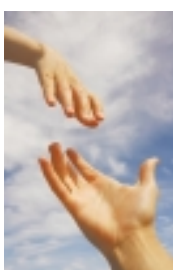
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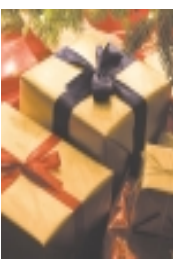
A helping hand in time of need. That is goal of the CARES Fund, which was developed in 2002 to provide financial intervention to individual clients and families who were struggling with maintaining a roof over their head or had another basic need that we take for granted. During 2008, the CARES Fund provided \$3,237.24 in emergency assistance.



Client Holiday Celebration Fund

A time of sharing

Every year Christmas comes early at Sinnissippi Centers, as the agency, with support from the Foundation, is fortunate to celebrate with nearly 100 clients during the Client Holiday Celebration. This is a special day for clients, but the magic of giving to others is not lost on staff. More than the gifts handed out at the end of the day, staff provide priceless gifts to clients during moments of laughter, song and a common meal.



Holiday Food Basket Fund

Spreading holiday cheer

Sitting down for a holiday meal together should be something every family does during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. This is the aim of the Holiday Food Basket Fund which seeks to provide a traditional meal to client families of Sinnissippi Centers during those three holidays. This program reached 73 families (with 313 individuals) in 2008.



Nurses Education Assistance Fund

Investing in tomorrow

For the past six years, the Sinnissippi Foundation has invested in the nurses of tomorrow by providing students in the nursing program at Sauk Valley Community College with \$1,000 scholarships. **Terra Jade Thomas** and **LeAnn Shipman** were chosen as the recipients of the 2008-2009 Foundation Nursing Scholarships, which recognize the vital role nurses play in providing behavioral healthcare.



The Recovery Celebration Fund

Journey to recovery

Each milestone on the road that is recovery deserves to be celebrated. Every September, the Sinnissippi Foundation and Sinnissippi Centers host The Recovery Celebration. The annual event focuses on individuals recovering from a mental illness, alcohol or substance use disorder or other behavioral health condition. The important role that family and friends play in that recovery journey is also recognized.



General Fund

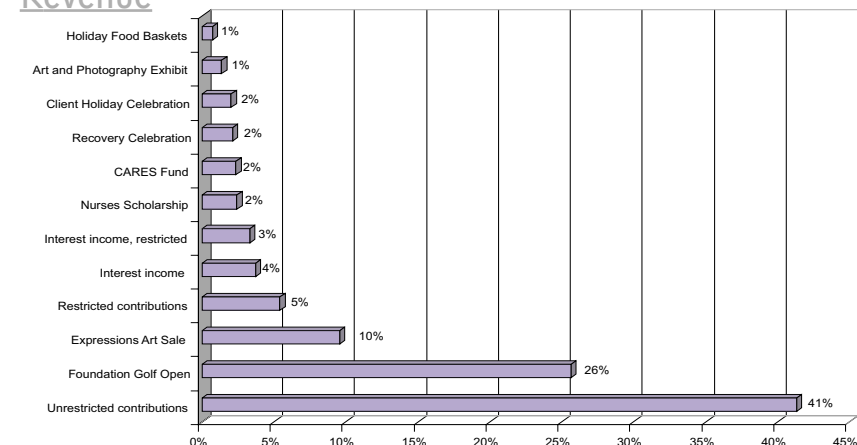
Assistance to all

As the largest fund of The Sinnissippi Foundation, the General Fund is able to support all programs and activities, including community grants.

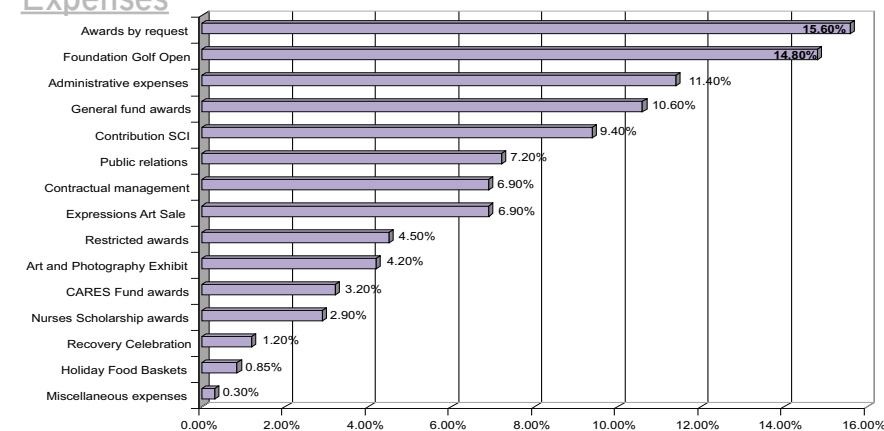


Financial summary

Revenue



Expenses



2009 Event Calendar

- April 24, 2009**
 Expressions Art Sale and Reception
 The Next Picture Show, Dixon
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- May 15-16, 2009**
 Art and Photography Exhibit
 Northland Mall, Sterling
 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (May 15th)
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (May 16th)
- August 13, 2009**
 Sinnissippi Foundation Golf Open
 Timber Creek Golf Club, Dixon
 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Foundation fundraising events The journey during 2008

Expressions of help for others (April 25, 2008)

Thanks in large part to the generosity of more than 40 individual artists, the Expressions Art Sale and Reception continued to grow as a main fundraiser for the Foundation and as an event that many look forward to. With live music serving as a backdrop, more than 200 persons milled through The Next Picture Show fine art gallery purchasing donated art and bidding on silent auction items. The sale of those items directly benefits the various funds and programs of the Foundation. **The 2009 Expressions Art Sale and Reception will be held the evening of April 24, 2009 at The Next Picture Show from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Photos of a limited number of pieces from this year's Expressions event are featured throughout this report. Sauk Valley Bank is co-sponsoring this year's event.**



Art Exhibit: "Coloring Our World" (May 16-17, 2008)

For some individuals with a mental health, addiction or other behavioral health issue, there is a significant link between recovery and creative expression. For the past seven years, the Foundation and Sinnissippi Centers have hosted an annual Art and Photography Exhibit during May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month. The theme of the 2008 exhibit was "Coloring Our World," and featured art work from Sinnissippi clients, family members, staff and board members. Other features included a live art demonstration by artist Stasha Hayes (pictured right) and a screening of the movie, "Canvas" which depicts a family's struggle with schizophrenia. **The 2009 Exhibit will be held May 15-16, 2009 at Northland Mall in Sterling.**



16th Annual Foundation Golf Open (August 14, 2008)

A beautiful afternoon of weather greeted 140 golfers as the Foundation and co-sponsor **Ken Nelson Auto Group** hosted the 16th Annual Golf Open at Timber Creek Golf Club in Dixon. With the support of a full course of golfers, and more than 90 sponsors, including 40 corporate sponsors, the 2008 event was the largest in the history of this fundraiser. **The 17th Annual Golf Open will be held August 13, 2009 with a scheduled return to Timber Creek Golf Club in Dixon.**



Foundation grants and supported activities The journey during 2008

It was only through generosity that the Foundation was able to make a difference in the lives of children, adolescents, adults and families throughout Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties. 50 projects received financial support during 2008. Here is a snapshot of some of those awards.

Camp opportunities for youth

Thanks to the generosity of two donors, the Foundation and Sinnissippi Centers were able to send at-risk youth to the Junior Counselor and other camp programs of local YMCA programs.

Celebrating the journey of recovery

With family and friends by their side, individuals recovering from a mental health or substance use disorder celebrated their accomplishment during Recovery Celebration on September 4, 2008.



Challenge to deal with stress

The Foundation and donors, Sinnissippi Centers, Home of Hope and Ronald McDonald House Charities are collaborating on the construction of a Stress Challenge Course. Construction at the Dixon office will begin in Spring 2009.

Helping to save a life

In response to heightened public concerns about suicide, the Foundation provided funding to Sterling Public Schools to train additional key community resources on the ASIST Suicide Prevention training and provide education via safeTALK and suicide TALK.

Living better and helping peers

As the old adage goes, "there is strength in numbers." The growing client group - Better Living Focus Group (BLFG) - has received funding from the Foundation during the past three years, with those dollars going to support efforts to educate the public about recovery from a behavioral health condition. The Foundation also provides annual grant funding to the group and matches monies raised from BLFG fundraisers.

Retreat for women in recovery

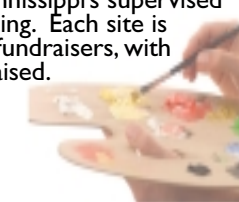
Annually the Awakenings Group hosts a spring retreat for women who are in a 12 step program and in recovery. The weekend retreat encourages attendees to continue their growth in recovery. As in previous years, the Foundation provided scholarships for this retreat in May.

Supervised apartment activity grants

Annually, the Foundation provides "activity grants" to Sinnissippi's supervised apartment sites in Dixon, Mt. Carroll, Rochelle and Sterling. Each site is challenged to raise additional dollars through client led fundraisers, with the Foundation providing matching dollars for monies raised.

Youth Art Project

An initiative of Lee County Probation, the Foundation provided financial assistance to complete this mural art project which involved at risk youth.



How to help the Foundation Help the Foundation - help others

The activities and funds of the Foundation would not be possible without the generous support of caring individuals, businesses and organizations here in northwest Illinois. This support of the Foundation can be provided in several different ways:

Contributions - many supporters of the Foundation provide regular donations in support of the different funds. This can be done either on a monthly basis or through arrangements with Foundation staff. Donations can be made via a donation page at www.sinnissippi.com/donate/donate.html.

Sponsorships - the Foundation hosts several public events including the Expressions Art Sale, Art and Photography Exhibit and the Golf Open. The Foundation welcomes collaboration from sponsors to assist with these annual fundraising and public awareness events.

Volunteering - periodically the Foundation needs assistance with different projects or events. This will include assistance with mailings, staffing or organizing an event.

Persons interested in donating a financial gift or volunteering their time may contact the Foundation at 815-284-9380.

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Leaving your legacy

A simple, but powerful way of making a difference in the lives of individuals and families facing challenges of either a mental illness, alcohol or drug problem, or family crisis is by including the Sinnissippi Foundation in your estate plan.

When you create or revise a will, it is best to obtain the assistance of an attorney. The following is an example of language that is often used to make charitable bequests:

"I give (the sum of money or a stated percentage of estate) to The Sinnissippi Foundation, an Illinois non-profit organization, to be used at the direction of the Board of Directors."

Your generosity will enable the Foundation to continue its work. Gifts to The Sinnissippi Foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable by the Internal Revenue Services.



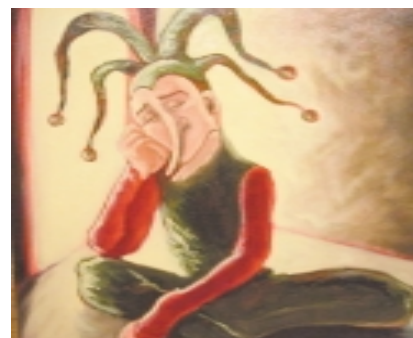
Evening on the Rock River...
by Willard Clay (photograph)



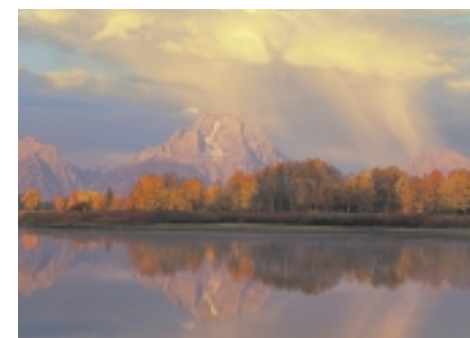
Waiting for a fourth
by Judith Dixon (water color)



Peach Cymbidium
by Joy Meyer (silk painting)



After the laughter
by Todd Lorenc (oil)



September Showers
by Thomas Mangelsen (limited print)



Fantasy Petunia
by Ann Marie Potts (watercolor)



Snow Tiger
by Jaccilyn Beard (charcoal, pencil)



Harvest Twilight
by Lisa Higby LeFevre (pastel)