# EDWARDS CENTER

## ANNUAL REPORT

## 2017

# FROM OUR FOUNDER

As our staff work daily to form encouraging and meaningful relationships with our clients, they are often inspired by the tremendous traits of resiliency and determination they see in their residents and clients.

Our mission is just as relevant today as it was at our founding in 1972. Indeed, given the challenges we are facing with changes in Medicaid funding, our work is perhaps even more critical now. Thank you to all of our generous donors and supporters: corporate, foundation, and individual. Your gifts to the Edwards Center help our over 200 staff and volunteers grow and change the lives of more and more persons with developmental delays.

I am also grateful for the backing and generosity of our Board members, all of whom are deeply committed to our mission and reinforce my optimism for the future. They completed a national search for a new executive leader this past year, oversaw the completion of two new family homes, and provided leadership and development within the organization as we make community employment opportunities a priority.

Our job as Board members is made easier thanks to the talented group of professionals who hold leadership roles within our organization. Our Board is working hard to cultivate a culture of continuous improvement and tirelessly dedicates itself to maximizing positive outcomes. Our Board is also committed to its responsibility to be a good steward of the funds and resources entrusted to the organization. It is dedicated to transparency, best practices, good governance, and accountability.

**Finally, I want to thank our Direct Care Staff. Every day, you bring the mission of Edwards Center to life, changing lives for the better, making important connections that give our participants' lives joy, meaning and value. I want to express my attitude of gratitude for all you do. Our board/ staff partnership is stronger than ever.**

Warmest Wishes,

Jean Edwards

Jean Edwards
FOUNDER, PRESIDENT OF BOARD

# SPECIAL THANKS PAT!

Pat Maginnis has left Edwards' Board of Directors after five years of dedicated service. Pat has been an outstanding Board member, one who asks challenging questions, always showing enthusiasm for our mission and fully supporting Edwards' events.

Pat volunteered in our Meals on Wheels' kitchen, helping program participants learn kitchen skills. Later, Pat hired one of Edwards' clients to work in his locally owned franchise, Chuck E. Cheese's.

Pat and the entire Maginnis family support all of Edwards' events and programs, and have notably taken the annual Halloween party to a different level. Pat knows how to help our clients have fun! Pat joined the Board so that he could be more involved in his brother Kevin's life, at Edwards Center. He has promised to continue to support Edwards, even as he leaves the Board.

Best wishes, Pat! We salute you for your many contributions to Edwards Center and its' Board of Directors.

# TREASURER REPORT

With an eye on positively managing and evolving our services, Edwards Center has enjoyed a strong financial position this year. With that being said, there will always continue to be much work to do to stay on top of the ever changing funding rules.

We have many cost saving efforts in place. As treasurer working with the finance committee, and our program managers, we continue to educate and tighten our belt in all areas of the organization. In addition, we continue to transform and build our employment program to fit the requirements of the new funding model.

Despite many changes in Medicaid rules, our revenue has remained strong because of our staff's hard work, and continued help from our donors believing strongly in our mission!

Edwards Center continues to be very strong financially and is a sound organization worthy of your trust and investment.

Ken Karalus
BOARD TREASURER

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

# REVENUE & EXPENSES

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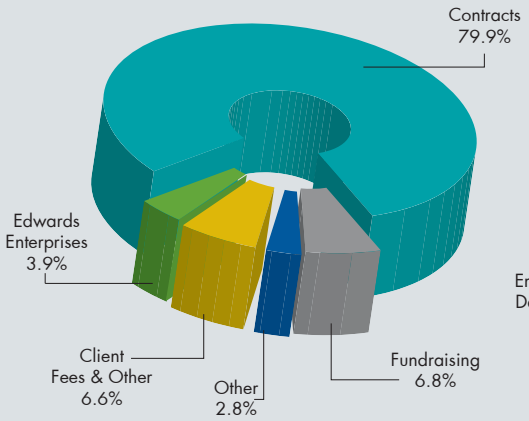
| **REVENUE:** | |
| DHS State of OR & Brokerage Contracts | $9,221,913 |
| Edwards Enterprises | $450,686 |
| Client Fees | $763,983 |
| Other Revenue | $319,675 |
| Fundraising | $785,509 |
| **Total Revenue** | $11,541,766 |
| **EXPENSES:** | |
| Residential | $6,061,010 |
| Employment & Day Programs | $3,060,392 |
| Transportation | $30,499 |
| Administrative | $1,247,951 |
| Fundraising | $208,924 |
| **Total Expenses** | $10,608,776 |

## REVENUE

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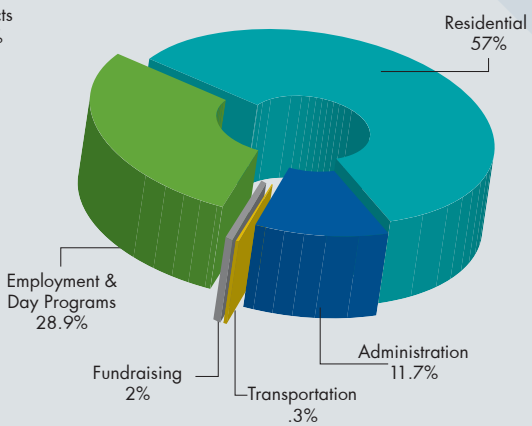


# OUR RESULTS

## *with gratitude!*

In 2017, Edwards Center served 321 adults with developmental disabilities providing day activities, housing, a pathway to jobs in the community, vocational training, stimulating classes, community experiences and the opportunity to be life-long learners.

### VALUES

Edwards Center believes that each person is an individual with potential. All individuals are entitled to be motivated, encouraged and supported in a compassionate manner as they learn and grow to their highest potential.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded our community employment opportunities adding discovery opportunities, job try-outs and community placements.
- Moved our Employment Services to new building on Arctic Drive.
- Hired a new Executive Leader!
- Made progress towards reaching the "Gold Standard" in a number of group homes by painting, decorating and replacing old furniture and enhancing staff development.
- We completed construction on two new homes at Edwards Place.
- Embarked on a remodel of our Milwaukie Facility to accommodate more clients and additional classes.
- Aloha Community Center grew by 40 new clients adding afternoon and additional evening and weekend activities.

## *We couldn't do it without you.*

Thanks to all our volunteers, who served over 2,000 hours. Whether we see you every week or if you pitched in with a day project, we sincerely thank you!

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If your name is missing from our list, please contact Shelly Edwards (sedwards@edwardscenter.org)

# THIS IS WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Roxanne Hibdon has been with Edwards Enterprises for a number of years, learning how to be in the job force. She started in Edwards packaging division on assembly and kit prep work subcontracted from long time customers, ZRT Laboratory and Vernier Software and Technology, and then moved to work in an enclave (small group employment) at SolarWorld.

Roxanne was perfectly poised to work independently in the community and job developers had been working to find Roxanne, and others, competitive employment opportunities. When Roxanne heard that she had secured an interview at The Racquet Club, a private club in Portland, she was excited to say the least. Roxanne and her job developer, Irene Dayton, met to figure out what Roxanne's next steps should be and decided that she needed to invest in an outfit appropriate for an interview. Irene prepared Roxanne for the questions that might be asked during the interview and provided Roxanne with some tips to market all the wonderful skills she had attained over the past few years at Edwards Enterprises. Roxanne got the job and she now works four days each week at the Racquet Club. Roxanne is thrilled with receiving her paychecks (at above minimum wage) from her bosses, Gregory St. Peter and Russell Ruscigno. Russell, Club Manager, has experience successfully working with adults with intellectual disabilities in the private sector, and contacted Edwards Enterprises, knowing he would get a dedicated and responsible worker.

Roxanne loves working in the kitchen at this family oriented Club. She operates a huge dishwasher, preps for food entries, and helps keep the kitchen clean. Roxanne said, "I got my first bonus ever at Thanksgiving and I love the wonderful pastries that Jody prepares for all of us". Roxanne not only enjoys a steady paycheck, but also bonuses, complimentary meals and the good friends she has met. Gregory, the Executive Chef for the club and Roxanne's boss said, "Roxanne is fantastic! She enjoys keeping busy and taking on extra tasks like polishing the silver. She likes to be part of the team and gets along with everyone." Roxanne's cheery disposition and can-do attitude make a day at The Racquet Club fun for everyone.

**If you have a job for one, or several of our workers, please contact us at Edwards Enterprises: 503-466-2171 or www.edwardscenter.org.**

# EDWARDS CENTER IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE ITS NEW EXECUTIVE LEADER: ALLEN C. CRESS

Giving and doing are central to Allen Cress' character, and coupled with his ability to immediately connect with our clients and families are some reasons he was chosen as Edwards' new Executive Leader. The recruitment team was also hoping for someone local; although it may seem that Allen is a long way from his previous home, he's really not. We believe Allen and his family are right where they are meant to be.

Allen comes to us from Southern Oregon Aspire as CEO. Aspire is a nonprofit organization that provides residential and vocational support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Southern Oregon Aspire has a special focus on vocational services which is so very timely in the era of "Employment First". This experience is clearly on target to serve Edwards Center's objective of meeting the needs associated with the Employment First mandate.

Southern Oregon Aspire is not where Allen's career began however. His journey started with an undergraduate degree at UCLA. Then, in 1995 he co-founded Westmed Ambulance Service in the San Francisco Bay Area. At start-up, Westmed offered ambulance transportation throughout California with just three ambulances and three staff, and grew to over 100 ambulances and 600 employees.

In early 2000, Allen handed over the day-to-day management of Westmed, and he and his wife moved to Southern Oregon. Allen then split his time between Westmed and a small veterinary practice that he co-owned in Josephine County. By 2010 Allen retired from Westmed and focused on his family and the veterinary practice. He then had more personal time for volunteer interests in Cruz Roja, a nonprofit organization in Central America that provides emergency medical equipment throughout rural communities near El Salvador. Allen has supported Cruz Roja's humanitarian efforts since 1995.

In addition to sharing a spirit of philanthropy, Allen and his family enjoy most things outdoors. The Cress Family have always had a big garden and enjoy camping and exploring, especially when their horses are involved. Allen and his wife, Stephanie, have ridden horses competitively in endurance races for more than twenty years. Keira, their ten-year-old daughter, shares her parents' love of horses and endurance racing, and she is determined not to let her Cystic Fibrosis get in the way. Colton, their five-year-old son, enjoys time with his pony, but so far does not share their interest in endurance racing.

In the process of introducing himself to Edwards Center, Allen reflected back to the beginning of his career, managing an emergency medical services program. He concluded that as much as he enjoyed Westmed, that role was just preparing him for the work he now does with the developmentally disabled. Allen strongly believes that a big part of his life's fulfillment is in serving other people. To say he's excited to be able to continue to serve others by working with the Edwards Center is an understatement. "Thrilled" is the word that Allen chose.

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