



Reach
Unlimited



2014 – 2015 Annual Report

Did you know?

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Reach contracts with 36 providers in Harris County to provide services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

A message from our Executive Director

Over 35 years ago, families of adult children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) were desperate to find an alternative to institutional living for their children. At that time, very little was available in the Houston area so these families stepped out with courage and faith to start Reach Unlimited in 1983. Their vision was to create a safe, loving environment in the community where people with IDD could live and continue to learn and earn.

That same faith, courage and vision has been the driving force for 32 years. In 2014-2015, Reach added three more group homes; bringing the total to 22 now serving 93 individuals residentially. For most, group home living has become a life-long destination; many of our residents have lived at Reach for 20 to 30 years.

The opening of the Learning Activity Center (LAC) in 2005 was the biggest leap of faith for Reach. Initially serving just the Reach residential clients, the LAC now serves over 300 individuals with IDD, ages 12-75. The goal of the LAC is to provide continued learning and training for vocational opportunities. The employment program trains our clients for community jobs while the Enterprise program provides opportunities in-house to earn a paycheck.

New opportunities for additional training and employment are on the horizon! Through the generosity of some significant donors and Harris County Community Services Department, Reach Unlimited will be constructing Phase II of the LAC. Unfortunately,

ground-breaking was delayed in 2014-2015 due to some unforeseen technical road blocks. Those issues have been resolved with the help of HUD and Harris County. Thus, construction will commence in 2015-2016. The initial construction will include a teaching greenhouse and a sports field for our Special Olympians. The second phase, a 49,000 square foot addition to the LAC, will be constructed when the Capital Campaign is completed.

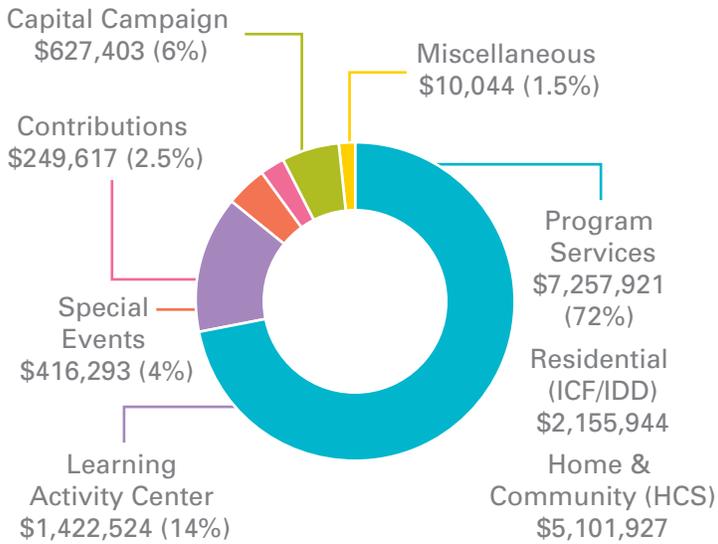
Reach Unlimited has remained a dynamic agency since its inception in 1983. The need for quality programs for people with IDD continues to grow and Reach has grown to meet the needs of many. The support of our community has helped to make this possible. I am most grateful to our families, donors, volunteers and staff who have contributed to the success of Reach.

I have been honored to be a part of this amazing organization for 32 years and 23 of those as Executive Director. I announced my retirement for February, 2016 and Lauren Black has been named the new President of Reach. Lauren has led the Learning Activity Center since its beginning and will lead Reach into the next season of providing quality services to people with IDD.

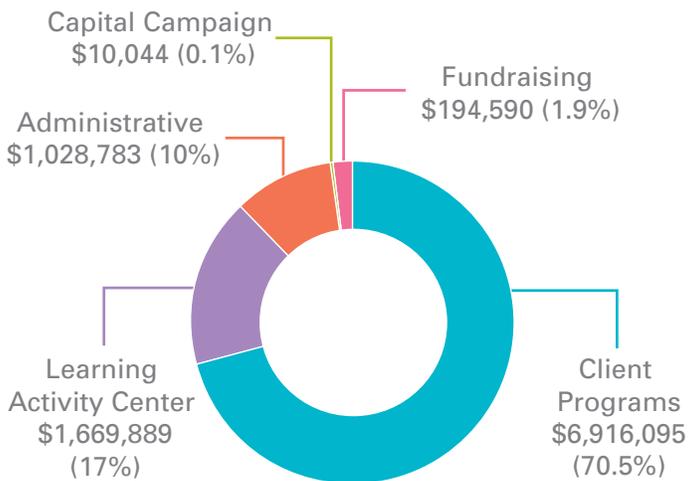
My heartfelt thanks to all who have supported my efforts in delivering the mission and vision of Reach Unlimited.

Sincerely,
Kathi Schmidt

By the numbers



Income
\$10,126,536



Expenses
\$9,819,401

Volunteers

Over 500 volunteers contributed more than 7,000 hours of volunteer service this last year. There are over 50 individuals who volunteer on a weekly basis in our classrooms or our administrative office, and several volunteer groups who provide special events and activities for our clients throughout the year. Activities include games, fitness, music, self-care, and recreation. Reach prides itself on having a volunteer program that is predominantly relationship-oriented, where volunteers have the opportunity to create positive and lasting friendships with the people we serve.



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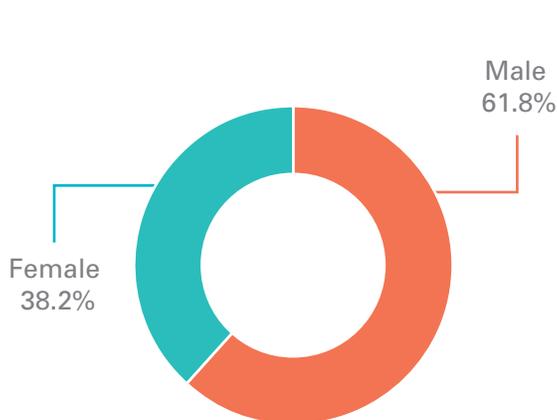
Reach holds 24 special events for clients annually with the support of the community.

Our Mission & Vision

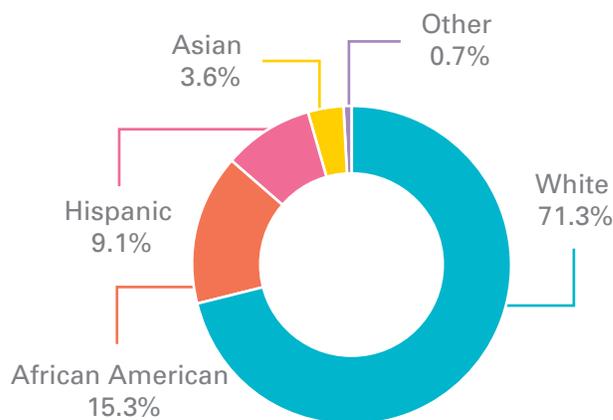
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Reach Unlimited, Inc. will create a sustainable, secure environment where people with developmental disabilities can become all they are created to be.

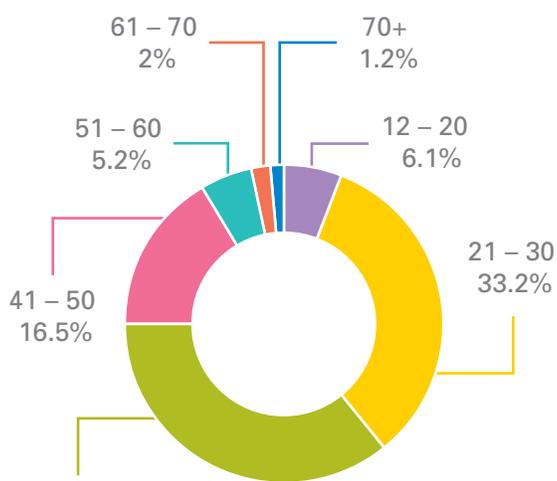
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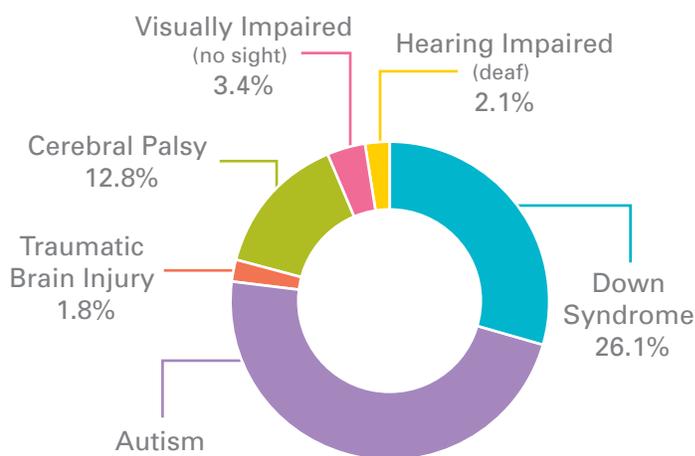
Gender



Ethnicity



Age



Challenge

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In 2014, Reach was rated #45 of the Top 100 Charitable Organizations in the Houston area by the Better Business Bureau.

Live

Chrystal loves interacting with others and having a great time. With three roommates, Chrystal resides in a community group home and participates in a wide variety of fun activities. Volunteers love to come in and plan recreational activities for Chrystal and her housemates. Laughing, singing, and lots of discussions about fashion can be found anytime you visit with Chrystal at home. Residential services are provided by Reach to permit individuals the opportunity to develop independence and take pride in their home.

Learn

Dylan loves coming to the Learning Activity Center day program to learn, hang out with his friends, and develop skills. He is very outgoing and quick to join in any type of social activity. While he loves to have fun, Dylan also works hard to develop skills critical to independence and safety like counting money, work related social skills, communication skills, and seeking assistance.

Earn

Earning money to cover his expenses and finding ways to spoil his girlfriend motivates James to be a hard worker. James has worked for On Our Own Services on roadside beautification contracts for several years and took a job with Liberty Tax Services in January of 2016. James loves the opportunity to be outside and interact with all sorts of people who come to Liberty Tax Services. He proudly shares, "Earning a paycheck lets me have my own place" and "I can make choices about what I buy." Supported Employment services at Reach helps James and others find and maintain successful competitive employment.



Did you know?

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Reach has 93 clients calling Reach "home" in one of 22 group homes.

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Administrative staff

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Live. Learn. Earn.

Reach Unlimited, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not for profit agency. Our philosophy is that every individual should be given the opportunity to be all they were created to be. Clients come to Reach to live, learn, earn – and laugh. Reach has the privilege of serving its clients throughout their adult lives. Programs and services include:

- Community Service
- Computer Technology
- Creative Development
- Day Habilitation Services
- Enterprise
- Functional Academics
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living
- Home and Community Services
- Life Skills
- Recreation
- Performance Art
- Arts and Crafts
- Pre-Vocational and Vocational Training

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