Autism Housing Pathways, Inc.
2012 Annual Report

2012, our third full year of operations, saw Autism Housing Pathways make progress on its core goals, especially the incubation of family-driven housing, professional development of direct support staff, and research on the housing needs and resources of individuals and families affected by autism. AHP also received recognition for its expertise, both nationally and here in Massachusetts.

Two family-driven licensed group homes and one family-driven supported living arrangement involving AHP members were scheduled to open in late 2012. In two of these, families control the real estate, while in a third, an agency will be the property owner, but will operate with family input.

Production was completed on a short training video for direct care staff on the use of reinforcement, and field testing was scheduled to begin early in the new fiscal year. In addition, three AHP directors were trained to teach basic “Quality Behavioral Competencies”, a set of eight self-paced modules on reinforcement, to families and direct care staff.

AHP completed its survey of the housing needs and resources of Massachusetts autism families, and presented the results at the Building a Home conference sponsored by Mass. Families Organizing for Change in September. A revised version of the presentation was shared with members of the Massachusetts Autism Commission.

Recognition of AHP’s expertise came in several forms. AHP consulted to board members of the SAGE Crossing Foundation, a non-profit committed to creating the first farmstead model in Massachusetts. We were also privileged to present at the Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation’s workshop “Living with Autism in Adulthood”. On the national level, AHP contributed to the development of the Autistic Global Initiative’s “Daily Living/Residential Curriculum for Direct Support Providers”. Funding for the development of the curriculum was provided by Autism Speaks through a Targeted Family Services Grant.

In addition, AHP:

- Took its introductory talk, “Thinking about housing”, to a dozen family support groups around the state;
- Trained two AHP members to be facilitators in two person-centered planning techniques, “MAPS” and “PATH”;
- Launched a “Housing Opportunities Available” webpage;
- Continued to expand the geographic representation of our membership and leadership to better represent the central and western parts of the state.

This was also an exciting year for AHP on the fundraising front, as we held our first major fundraiser, “Dancing with the Celebrities”, which paired local celebrities with

members of the MIT Ballroom Dance Team, and grossed over $11,000. We also created an option for non-profit family support organizations to be institutional members of AHP, providing a more stable income stream.

Our goals for the coming year include:

- Holding day-long workshops around the state for families interested in creating housing;
- Developing a second staff training video, this one covering the characteristics of autism;
- Launching a public service announcement on the importance of applying for a Sec. 8 housing voucher, and creating a companion website;
- Offering person-centered planning services;
- Upgrading our website to allow for more timely postings of housing opportunities, a streamlined ability to find potential housemates, and an interactive function to allow individuals to determine benefits for which they might be eligible

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Financial Report

October 1, 2012

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash assets

Bank account	27,787.33
PayPal account	6,842.60
Pledges	25.00
Inventories and supplies	0.00
Total assets	$ 34,654.93

Liabilities

Debts	$ 2,656.24
Net Assets	$ 31,998.69

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Revenue

Contributions and fundraising	18,223.64
Membership and joining fees	1,750.00
Grants	12,250.00
Exempt purpose related income	500.00
Interest income	11.45
Adjustments	39.06
Total revenue	$32,774.15

Expenses

Supplies and copies	580.17
Fundraising	3,009.28
Booths and conference fees	159.24
Governmental filing fees	18.50
Webhosting and domain	128.35
Personnel	1,750.00
Training	700.00
Services	1,088.00
Bank fees	7.50
Adjustments	4.56
Total expenses	$7,445.60

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets as of Oct. 1, 2011	$6,695.14
Revenue less Expenses	$25,328.55
Change in Inventories and Supplies	(25.00)
Ending Net assets	$31,998.69

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