

# Center for Independent Living Options 2016 Annual Report



Empowering people with permanent disabilities to lead independent and inclusive lives  
in the community since 1977

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## From the Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Center for Independent Living Options, Inc., I am pleased to present our 2016 Annual Report. Our work this year has led to many successful projects, programs and services. As with many other non-profits, we also encountered some challenges with funding constraints and changes in funding streams that created opportunities for innovative solutions. Through it all, we continued to offer programs and services that create options and promote change by engaging consumers, colleagues, and the community.

We introduced our Life Series of one hour classes that provided ideas, solutions and information on a variety of topics that boost independence for people with disabilities. In May, CILO hosted a well-attended Brown Bag Lunch to bring agencies and advocates together to discover ways to work in unison to benefit the people we serve. We assisted consumers in the presidential election year by advocating for equal access to voting for all people with disabilities and assisting them in voter registration when needed.

In September, we hosted our second sold out *Jazzed About Art* fundraiser that raised awareness and revenue for Art Beyond Boundaries our arts program and gallery. We concluded the year with our largest ever *Hope for the Holidays Project* providing holiday joy with gifts delivered to 22 adults and 52 children.

We are anticipating that 2017 will be a banner year as we celebrate our 40th year of supporting people who might not otherwise have a chance to become independent. We hope you will join us in marking this milestone and we continue to be grateful for a community that realizes the importance of our mission. Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for their ongoing support which is vital to this important work.

Sincerely,



Lin Laing  
Executive Director

Center for Independent Living Options, Inc. is one of 400 independent living centers across the United States; CILO is the oldest center in Ohio.

CILO is governed, managed and staffed by a majority of people with disabilities who are in the best position to understand what services are needed, and how to assist and advocate for all people with disabilities in the independent living process.

Our Core Services:

Advocacy · Independent Living Skills · Peer Support ·  
Information & Referral · Transition Services



## 2016 Highlights

Our **Hope for the Holidays Project** delivered gifts to a record number of families in 2016. Through our many generous donors and sponsors, CILO was able to provide Hope for the Holidays to 22 adults and 52 children. An additional 25 people received baskets filled with household products.



In 2016 our **Youth Photography Project** was introduced to the students in our **Youth Overcoming Life Obstacles**



(YOLO) **Summer Program**. This introduction to the visual arts provided a chance for each student to have a new cultural experience that can impact their transition into adulthood.

CILO's **Peer Support Services** celebrated three **Writer's Express** participants who published their own books on Amazon—from designing the cover to editing content. They each took great pride not only in their own writing, but encouraged and supported one another.



We celebrated our second sold out **Jazzed About Art** fundraiser to benefit our inclusive arts program for artists with disabilities, **Art Beyond Boundaries**.



CILO's **Transition Services** through the Ohio Medicaid HOME Choice Program took 962 referrals by the end of 2016. CILO stands second in Ohio for the number of people successfully transitioning from long term care back into the community through HOME Choice.



**Art Beyond Boundaries** celebrated the creativity, diversity and talent of over 250 artists with disabilities through six gallery exhibitions and several off-site exhibitions.



CILO assisted nearly 200 households through our **Permanent Housing Program**. Benefits coordination, targeted support services and case management ended homelessness for these families and helped them to become stabilized.



**CILO** volunteers raised money through events in the community including Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon and Bunbury Music Festival.



**CILO** launched a new website with a focus on the Independent Living Philosophy and an overview of services for both Ohio and Kentucky consumers. CILO also introduced a newly designed brochure.



**CILO** strategized with community partners to assure that all people with disabilities have full access to voting.



# 2016 Donor Recognition

Details Salon & Spa  
Kathleen O’Connell  
Jim Shapiro  
Summertime Kids Grant of the GCF

*In memory of Bruce Hatcher:*  
Mr. and Mrs. Hank Schneider

## Concert for Campers

DeanHouston Inc.  
Bill & Elise Donabedian  
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## Hope for the Holidays

Anonymous  
Cincinnati Health Dept.: CMH Team  
Paula Cordes  
Kyle Dixon  
Bill Donabedian  
Kathy Fagin  
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## Jazzed About Art

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Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP  
PsychPros Staffing & Executive Search  
Jim & Patricia King  
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Jean Sepate & Peter Djuric  
Barbara Smith & Joe Gelwicks

## Art Beyond Boundaries

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ArtsWave  
Otto M. Budig Family Foundation  
Schlachter Family Fund of GCF  
Summerfair of Cincinnati  
Ohio Arts Council

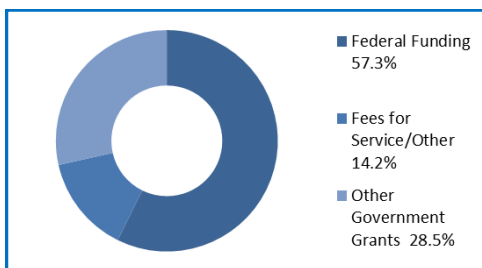
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Brian & Valerie Combs  
Marlene Fahlbusch  
Monica & Tom Kennard  
William & Donna McAvoy  
Patricia Rohrer  
Steven & Lori Rohrer  
Charmaine Sullivan  
Donna Vitucci  
Richard & Carolyn Witte  
Robert & Sandra Wubbolding

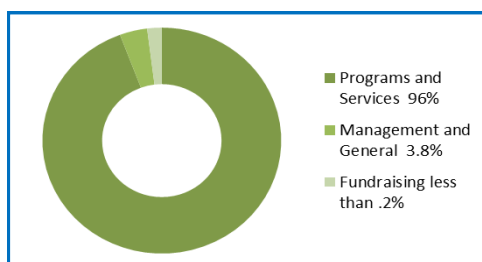
## Art Beyond Boundaries Membership

Arthur Cobbins  
Mike & Lynn Conaway  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cordes  
Jean Sepate & Peter Djuric  
Randy Dieter  
Saad Ghosn  
Barbard Gould  
Melvin & Brenda Grier  
Rabbi Abie Ingber  
Lorraine & Barbara Kellar  
Sandy & Jim Kessner  
Betsy & David Mann  
J. Steven Massie  
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## 2016 Income



## 2016 Expenses



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