

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

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,



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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



Celebrating
40
YEARS

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
ESK Presents, LLC
Lin Laing & Jymi Bolden
Michael & Laconia Smith
AGAR, LLC
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Wendy Lea
Betsy & David Mann
Winston Investment Management Inc.
Zimmerman & Co. CPA’s Inc.
Brothers Bar & Grill
Debbie Moorehous
PNC Bank
Promowest
Revolution Rotisserie
Showties by Shirley
The CARA Group
US Bank Arena
Bakersfield
Kroger
The Eagle

Hope for the Holidays

Anonymous
Cincinnati Health Dept.: CMH Team
Paula Cordes
Kyle Dixon
Bill Donabedian
Kathy Fagin
Brian Frazier
Jan Hatcher
Holly & Hayden Hill
Kat Lyons
Betsy & David Mann
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First Financial Bank—Springdale
Larry Pytlinski & Jane Hopson
Howard Family Foundation
Joiner Family Fund of the GCF
Lin Laing
Mullaney’s
Right Now Mobility
Kirk & Paula Smith & Family, Pat Reichle
Henry Stephens
The CARA Group

Jazzed About Art

PNC Bank
Donnellon McCarthy Enterprises
ESK Presents, LLC
Jan Hatcher
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First Financial Bank
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP
PsychPros Staffing & Executive Search
Jim & Patricia King
Ann Segal & Jerry Malsh
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

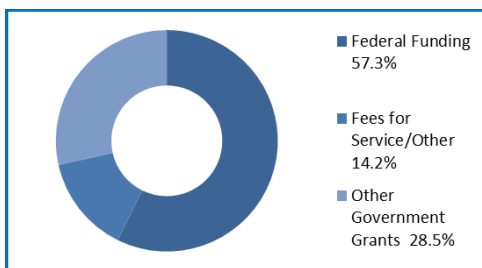
In memory of Joan Rohrer:

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

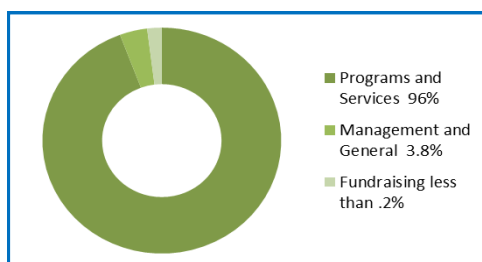
Art Beyond Boundaries Membership

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
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Paul & Donna Miles
Ann Segal
Janet Stanton
Anne Straus

2016 Income



2016 Expenses



2016 Board of Directors

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