



**EDWARDS**  
CENTER

# ANNUAL REPORT



2014

a lifetime of hope

# OUR SERVICES

At Edwards Center we believe in family. Our goal is to help each individual reach their highest potential through training, support and education. We believe everyone has the right to lead a full and productive life in their community. This can be achieved by promoting choice and independence in healthy environments.



► **Residential:** We offer a range of living options that includes independent living in the setting of your choice where supports are delivered to you as you need them, supervised semi-independent living in apartments and duplexes, 24 hour care in a traditional home setting, and 24 hour nursing services at our medical facility. Our newest service option, the Aloha Project, offers family living where adults with disabilities and their parents can live and age together in a supportive community.



► **Employment & ATE:** Our largest single program, Edwards Enterprises, employs 150 adults with disabilities who live at home with family or in group and foster homes across the metro area. We offer enclaves in the community, job coaching and placement for those seeking competitive employment, and structured work at our plant in Beaverton. For those who retire or are unable to work, we offer an Alternative to Work program that provides therapy, recreation and social opportunities during traditional work hours. These programs are delivered off site in Aloha and Milwaukie.



► **Aloha Community Center:** Our newest facility, the Aloha Community Center provides continuing education and training. Classes are offered 6 days a week and include skill building (such as cooking, sewing and literacy), exercise, and self expression (art, music and dance). We also offer socialization and recreational activities in the evening and on weekends. New and seasonal classes are offered quarterly. The center boasts partnerships with several other non profits including Meals on Wheels who provide a hot meal on site daily.



► **Vox:** Latin for voice our Vox organization advocates for everyone at Edwards Center. Comprised of the family members of those we serve, Vox acts as the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. Each location and program at the Edwards Center has an elected Vox representative who monitors the program, advocates for the program's needs, and alerts Edwards administration to issues or concerns. Vox leaders also serve as voting members on the Board of Directors. This unique group assures that families and individuals with disabilities remain at the center of our work.



# WELCOME TO EDWARDS PLACE

The first of its kind in the nation, Edwards Place will serve families with adult children with disabilities. Designed with flexible living options, parents and their adult children will live here together and have their needs met. In other cases, caregivers and single individuals will live in supported environments. The homes are built so physical needs can change without requiring families to move. Services will be brought to them.

It was while a graduate student studying abroad, that I was introduced to an emerging concept in Scandinavia. "Normalization" would become the fuel that would ignite my dreams and later be realized in the creation of the Edwards Center and its residential and vocational services. A life span of services was our dream.

Edwards Place represents the final piece of that Life Span Plan of services and some deeply felt values rooted from the beginning of Edwards Center, Inc.

Our commitment to Normalization is represented in these homes. We believe quality and wonderful design should not be sacrificed in order to create accessible and workable living environments for those with developmental disabilities and their aging parents.

Edwards Center is committed to creating family homes that are more alike than different from the mainstream of our community. Edwards' design team paid special attention to balancing the need for handicapped access without sacrificing the visual and "wow" factor that families want in a home today. While some "institutional" products could offer a life-time of no-maintenance, Edwards design team choose products of quality and endurance with a keen eye to design as well. We wanted our homes to feel like homes and not care facilities. I believe we have achieved that in a wonderful way.

At Edwards Center we value activation and movement in our clients lives. We hope that the close proximity to our Community Center and its many classes will extend lives through socialization and recreation.

Another value of Edwards Center represented in these homes is our commitment to allow Edwards Center residents to age in place with caregivers who know and love them. While many care facilities have strict limitations on the level of care they will provide, Edwards Center offers lifetime care to those we serve. This means that residents will not be uprooted and sent to other agencies when their care needs change. Edwards Place has been designed to allow our team to support care needs in home as they age.

Inclusion is another strong value of Edwards Center. While not possible or advantageous in every case, we always strive for the highest level of inclusion appropriate. Community support has been wonderful. Our neighbors have pitched in and helped; we feel our pocket neighborhood is a real asset to the community. This community inclusion means a great deal to my dream. Our first two homes are fully inclusive. The opening of our community center to be a Meals on Wheels meal site in 2015, will provide further community inclusion.

As the year ends, my heart is full of joy for all that has been accomplished through the financial, physical, and emotional support of families and friends.

Hundreds have made cash donations; others have given hours of donated labor, businesses have donated goods and services but most importantly, so many have believed in our mission.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

**Jean Edwards**  
FOUNDER





# HOW IT BEGAN

People with Developmental Disabilities have long known Mike and Jan Maginnis for their generosity.

Imagine my joy when Mike told me " we'll give you \$500,000 to jump-start your project and your vision. I believe in you, Jean, and your experience and would like to help you make this happen."

Because of Mike and Jan Maginnis and others who joined them in making initial pledges, we end calendar year 2014 with the first two homes completed. These homes will serve three families and several individuals for a total of 10. The Maginnis's son, Kevin, and his extended family will live in one of the Homes.

Mike Maginnis has always been a man of hard work and vision. He has built two McDonald's franchisees, a Beef and Brew, a Chevy's, an Artic Circle, two Chuck-E-Cheese establishments and the B-Bops restaurant. Mike has provided jobs for thousands of people in his establishments over the years and people come back to thank him for his high standards which made them good employees.

After a windfall in 1991, Mike and Jan built the Progress Home in the Scholls area providing housing for their son Kevin and 9 other adults with developmental disabilities. They eventually saw the need for an umbrella organization to provide life-long care for Kevin even after they are gone. Kevin's two brother's , Patrick and Brian, are active in Kevin's life and hope to help their parents feel more freedom now that Kevin will be in the Edwards Place Community.

Mike & Jan Maginnis,  
we **SALUTE** you!

## EDWARDS CENTER'S MISSION

It is our mission to enhance the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by helping them reach their highest potential through training, education, employment, housing and social opportunities in safe, healthy and stimulating environments.



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been an amazing year of growth and program development at Edwards Center and Edwards Enterprises. One of the important factors our stakeholders should know is that as we grow as an agency, Edwards Center invests in the infrastructure and development of our internal systems as well.

Over the last two years the managers at Edwards Center have received training in accountability, communication and conflict resolution. Some team members received individual coaching and all persons participated a 16 hour training called the Everyday Manager. Following that training the Board of Directors adopted new standards of performance for all managers and during 2014 those new standards have been added to all job descriptions.

The new standards include expectations of performance in the areas of professionalism, communication, role modeling, responsiveness and exercising good judgment. We also established standards for advocacy, mindfulness of our roles as a leaders in the organization, and standards for personnel management to ensure a supportive and diverse workforce.

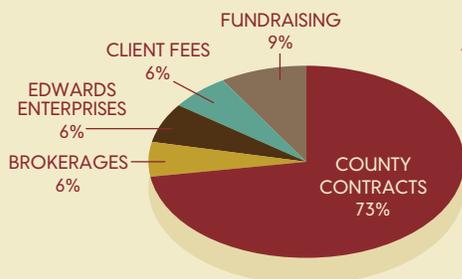
The Board was very aggressive in describing the skills and behaviors they believe are synonymous with the reputation of our agency, and that all supervisors should possess.

During 2015 we will continue to implement this important work. We are still engaged in a critical culture change as we adapt and grow to meet the demands of tomorrow's clients. This is a work in progress! So we hope you will remain supportive and patient as we continue to strive to not just meet, but exceed the standard of service and care that is Edwards Center.

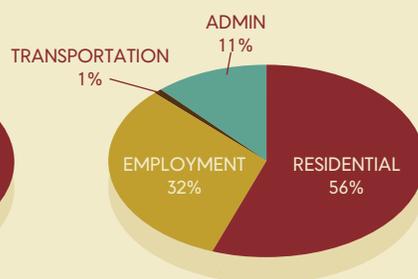
## Jessica Leitner

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TOTAL REVENUE BY FUNDING SOURCES**  
\$9,868,033



**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
\$9,352,400



AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

### ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	1,309,871
Accounts Receivable	279,655
Pre Paid Expenses	50,159
Total Current Assets:	1,639,685
Fixed Assets	8,667,391
Other Assets	52,194
Total Assets:	10,359,270

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:	841,687
Long Term Liabilities:	3,705,134
Total Liabilities	4,546,821
Net Assets:	5,812,449

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 10,359,270

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

### REVENUE

Government Contracts:	7,688,816
Production Sales	559,395
Client Fees	601,642
Grants and Donations	872,917
Other Revenue	73,642
Total Revenue	9,796,412

### EXPENSE

Employment Services	3,369,726
Residential Services	5,821,374
Transportation Services	89,679
Total Expenses	9,280,779

Change in Net Assets 515,633

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