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FY'10 is now over and what a whirlwind of a year this has been.

With FY'11 showing ongoing uncertainty - our most critical challenges are ahead of us.

**Now, even more than ever - friends and supporters of RRAF -
PLEASE know how much each of you is appreciated - AND NEEDED!**

A Brief Summary of our Agency's Results for FY'10

Our biggest challenge this past fiscal year was the dramatic slowdown in payments that began in February and March. This necessitated, for the first time in our history, the need to request Expedited Hardship Payments from the State. To-date the State's approval of this process has kept us open and alive, without cancelling program for even a single program day. How things will play out ongoing is at best anyone's guess in the absence of a firm resolve from our legislature to create a more secure financial picture for Illinois overall. Additional highlights of this fiscal year - both good and bad:

- We were forced to sell our stock that had been at a peak level at December 31, 2007 at \$10,114. We sold it at April 30th for \$4,354.
- This year was our best since FY'07 in terms of full funding for individuals - 16 of the 28 people we serve. However, this still meant a loss of over \$14,000 in total funding that we could have received.
- Cash on hand levels at year end were at a nice \$51,000 level. And, when you look at the fact that at March 31st of this year we were only at a level of \$18,200, you can see how hard everyone worked to keep this agency alive. The increase comes from approximately \$13,000 in waived salary by the Executive Director, from living leaner staff-wise than we would like, and from an influx of contributions from family and community partners. We have basically built ourselves back up to an almost two month cash reserve level.
- Our Accounts Receivable number from the State of Illinois continues to be very high. Where at June 30, 2008 we were at a "normal" level of \$20,641, this year's ending number of \$120,883 is still in line with last year's ending level of \$113,583. To put that bluntly - in the past two years we have had to live without over \$100,000 in current payments.
- In order to handle the level of payment slowdowns that led to these high Accounts Receivable levels we have had to drastically slash expenses for a second year in a row. This year's high Net Income level comes from the waived salary by our Executive Director, by an elimination of a SEP-IRA distribution to employees for the second year in a row, and working almost half the fiscal year with one employee slot left unfilled.
- Contribution levels from our community partners and our net fundraising proceeds remained about the same as last fiscal year. It is clearly family generated contributions that have kept us alive. In fact, between April 1st and June 30th over 43% of the years contributions were raised - the total amount raised for the year being almost \$58,000 (up from a \$41,000 level last year.)
- We did make \$16,000 in principal prepayments on our mortgage this fiscal year. This helped in our ability to refinance our current loan amount without the need for an updated appraisal. Our loan to value amount at the time of refinancing was just over 61%. Although, financially strong, the amount of Accounts Receivables owed us by the State kept us from being able to pull any additional cash out upon refinance or to obtain any lines of credit, even though many financial institutions were approached.

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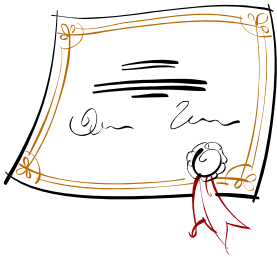
Our Developmental Training program received another 100% compliance rating when it was surveyed by the State of Illinois in June, 2010! This makes the 13th time in 14 years that we have received a perfect 100% rating for this program! The surveyors' comments were:

“The agency has a wonderful program that provides opportunities for individuals to increase their level of independence that is individualized for everyone. The agency is very compassionate about the services they offer to the individuals. The Developmental Training program involves activities and programming geared towards the interest of both individuals and guardian’s input.

**The staff is very knowledgeable about their job duties.
Staff was observed treating the individuals with dignity and respect.
The staff provides a positive learning environment for the individuals.**

**The guardians were very satisfied with the program.
The agency received outstanding praise about the interest and patience staff displays towards the individuals.**

I concur with everyone that you have a great Developmental Training program.”



Pictures of our volunteers from the recent Lombard Lions Club “White Candy Days” held April 29 through May 1. Thank you to all who helped!

(Below) Paul and Cindy Habura have grown very comfortable with their corner at St. Charles and Main as they have volunteered for years on behalf of the Lombard Lions Club that support RRAF on behalf of their daughter, Bonnie, and so many others. Our families thank the Lombard Lions Club for all their generous support over the past nine years.



(Above) Do RRAF staff, Zach Slaughter and Mona Elery, seem to be really enjoying themselves? Could this be more fun than their regular job? NO!! They also have this much fun (and satisfaction) taking outings with peers to the parks and other nearby fun places, picnicking in our back yard, or just out shopping. Many thanks to them and other staff for pitching in to help!!



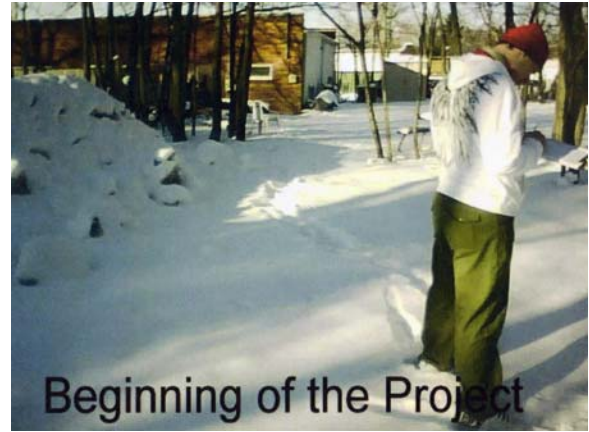
Roy Fisher (Right) and Ray Urick (Right Top) seem right at home outside the Jewel at Roosevelt and Main St.. Ray’s daughter, Mary, has been a part of RRAF since 1991 and Ray has been volunteering for events such as this since before that time. Where would we be without groups like the Lombard Lions Club?



Many, many thanks to Scout, Michael T. Weinberg, for blessing RRAF with his Eagle Scout Leadership Project. We now have a beautiful pavilion where peers can spend their time out of the sun or rain, yet enjoying our big back yard. What once was a bare unused corner, is now a beautiful work of art. Check out these pictures of before and after!



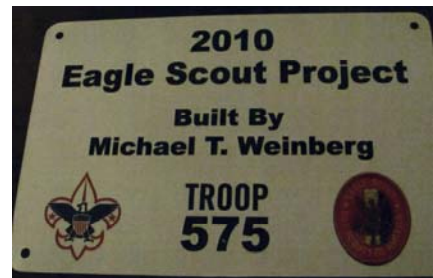
Our Executive Director always pictured this space being used for a gazebo type creation. She mentioned it as a future dream to Mike and he took it from there.



Even in the dead of winter, with snow covering everything, Mike could see the possibilities. The planning stage had officially begun in earnest.



When Mike delivered the formal permit the end of April - we all knew the excitement and anticipation was in action. But, now the bigger question. Where would the donations come from to make this a true reality? Scout partners and RRAF partners went into overdrive - ultimately raising over \$1,600.00! Over \$500 above estimates and enough to add a built-in bench, too! Way beyond our dreams.



This sign that now hangs on the finished pavilion says it all. Congratulations to Mike, his family, his friends, and Troop 575. Please know how very much we appreciate - and will appreciate for years to come - your efforts on our behalf. Staff, peers, and families could not be happier.



THE FINISHED PRODUCT!

This beautiful pavilion, made possible by Eagle Scout, Michael T. Weinberg, will soon have another sign to proudly display.

Board, families, and staff all agree that this should be dedicated in memory of our late Board Member, Dennis Lake.

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Programmatically we also saw strengths and needs.

- We did achieve a 100% compliance rating for our Developmental Training program when surveyed by the Department of Human Services.
- We also received another three-year accreditation award from CARF in October, 2009, which included a review of the application of CAR governance standards to our Board of Directors.
- We were able to maintain attendance levels at a quite high 89%.
- We maintained an average of one staff per 5.5 individuals. Better than last year's 5.95 level, but still not the 1:5 ratio we prefer to have.
- Peers showed skill development growth of .36% , but decreased in communication skill improvement by .21%. However, goal maintenance and goal growth levels were seen at a nice level of 60%.
- Case coordination and program supervision needs are our greatest concerns as we look to future employee hires. At this time our Executive Director is handling all the case coordination needs and senior level abilities need to be added in order to prepare us for further agency growth.

Below are some financial numbers at our most recent three fiscal year ends to put these areas into perspective:

	<u>06/30/08</u>	<u>06/30/09</u>	<u>06/30/10 (Draft)</u>
Cash on hand	\$43,109.57	\$14,969.45	\$50,981.90
Accounts Receivables	\$20,641.10	\$113,583.86	\$120,882.91
Total Current Assets	\$75,359.62	\$137,243.40	\$178,881.72
Income	\$423,532.73	\$450,346.54	\$439,950.94
Expenses	\$423,350.74	\$386,198.01	\$393,328.01
Net Income	\$181.99	\$64,148.53	\$46,622.93
Family Contributions	\$41,277.56	\$40,925.00	\$57,674.64 (*) (*) \$25,540 Ap-Jn period

Our process of organizational planning will continue to be a fluid one, and this next fiscal year looks to be a challenge before it even begins. Stay tuned ... we will keep you posted of our needs, our successes, and our hopeful future for a long time to come. We are all committed to making the best possible decisions we can so that quality and financial strength can remain and so that RRAF can continue and even flourish.

These will be tough things to do ... but there is no other alternative. Those we serve deserve this at minimum.

WISH LIST

Copy Paper in White and Pastel Colors
 Disposable Plastic Silverware and Cups
 Black Pens / 5" x 8" Pads of Paper
 C-Fold Paper Towels / Rag Mop
 1-1/2" and 3" Binders in White

Sturdy Conference Room / Office Chairs
 Paper Towels, Napkins, and Toilet Paper
 409, Clorox Bleach, Pine-Sol, and Pledge Refills
 Paper Shredder / Coloring and Activity Books
 Draw String Kitchen Garbage Bags

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS: (May and June, 2010)

IN MEMORY

Marilyn Hilliard
Berliant Builders
Daniel and Rosa Ciciora
David and June Hollen
The Raciti and Schooley
Families
Maureen Restivo

Ruby Howat
Roger and Sandy Davis

Chester "Chet" Kochanek
Steve and Diane Bense
Eileen Cashin
Sharis Castellano-Habura
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Connor
Casey and Nancy Dulemba
Thomas and Patricia Galla
Paul and Cindy Habura
Steve and Anita Habura
Chuck and Adeline Hennessey
Bernard Hurley
Bruce and Nancy Johnston
Noel Johnston
Cyrilla Kowalski and Family
Lois Krupica
Evelyn Osmanski
Marge Pickarz
Steve, Cheryl and Kira
Savegnago

Judy (nee Klotz)
Penny Anderson

Jeff Kottmeier
Penny Anderson

William Menconi
Ray, Genie and Mary Urick

Lisa Vetter
Rita Vrona



IN KIND

Costume and Antique Jewelry
Judy and Holly Boyer
Sharis Castellano-Habura
Candice Erickson

IN HONOR

Kara Altman
Louis and Rosemarie Canonaco
The Manning Family Trust

Michael and Patricia Assaf
Roger and Sandy Davis

Jack Buckingham
Anonymous "Causes" Donor
Kathy McGinnis

Beth Carpenter
Julie Jilek
Michael and Sally Schmidt

John Conroy
John and Carol Conroy

Brooke Davis
Michael and Patricia Assaf
Richard and Mary Ellen Kelly
George and Dolores Lasota
Eric and Aniela Levin
John and Dee Mulkerin

Bonnie Habura
Mark and Carol Bartels
Sharis Castellano
Gerry Habura
Holly Habura
Rich and Ann Lund
Jack and Sue Raida

Carol Jacobsen
Pat Kreibich
Nancy Menconi
Rosa Perez
Marge Pomykala
and other Friends of RRAF

Melody Zdeb

Dick and Mary Ellen Kelly
Roger and Sandy Davis

George and Dolores Lasota
Roger and Sandy Davis

Eric and Aniela Levin
Roger and Sandy Davis

Dan Marley
Jerry and Carolyn Marley

John and Dee Mulkerin
Roger and Sandy Davis

Carol Setecka
Lorraine Morrall
Thomas Setecka

Colleen Schwartz
Roger and Sandy Davis

Steve Stojanovic
Al and Judi Stojanovic

Mary Urick
Don and Patricia Kreibich
Eleanor Petrick
Ray and Genie Urick

Elizabeth Vrona
Barb Sturz

GENERAL

Friend (\$10 - \$49)
Tim and Janice Fior
Don and Ann Yruik

Sponsor (\$50 - \$99)

Centurian (\$100 - \$499)
Margaret Bennett,
Bennett Law Firm, LLC
Patrick Gillespie
Ron and Susan Metty
Peter Zakos

Benefactor (\$500 and above)
619 Jewelry Sale Participants
Lombard Chamber
of Commerce

PAVILION PROJECT DONORS

Cash and Gift Cards
Ken and Kathy Altman
Rafael and Maria Barajas
Art and Diane Borchers
David and Diane Carpenter
Roger and Sandy Davis
Anne Fairbairn
Paul and Cindy Habura
Joe and Kathy Jalowiec
The Lombard Lions Club
Dave and Sally Mullan
Rosa Perez
Charlie and Bobbie Robison
Andres and Connie Santos
Al and Judi Stojanovic
Ray and Genie Urick

Lunch Volunteers
Diane Carpenter
Kathy McGinnis
Bobbie Robison



Can you give a couple hours of your time?

- The Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll" Days are coming up in September. Volunteers are needed to help support the Christ the King, Council #11027 in Lombard and the St. Matthew, Council #9893 in Glendale Heights.

- The Lombard Lions Club "Candy Days" are also right around the corner in early September.

Street and store locations are always available.
Call us!!

Our "Jewelry Cartel" will have it's usual grand display of refurbished costume, retro and antique jewelry available for sale:

- July 11th, beginning at 10am at the Elmhurst Garden Walk to be held in Wilder Park.

- November 6th, during the Annual Craft Show to be held at the American Legion Hall, THB Unit No. 187 in Elmhurst.

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Please accept my donation in the amount of:

_____ Benefactor, \$500 _____ Centurian, \$100 _____ Sponsor, \$50
_____ Friend, \$10 _____ Other

This donation is in memory of: _____
honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please make checks payable to RRAF and mail to 613 South Main Street, Lombard, IL 60148-3341. RRAF is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. All donations not exchanged for goods or services are tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS regulations. Should you wish a copy of our certified financial audit, please request it in writing to address above.

Newsletter, July, 2010

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REHABILITATION
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COMMISSION (CARF)
THROUGH OCTOBER 2012

PLEASE JOIN US OCTOBER 3, 2010 FOR OUR ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT!

Where: Empress Banquets
200 East Lake Street
Addison, IL 60101
(630) 279-5900

When: Sunday, October 3, 2010
11:30 am to 3:30 pm
Dinner served at 12:30 pm

Raffle:

1st Prize: “A Shopping Extravaganza” (Approx. Value \$1,000)
Includes: Overnight / Dinner / Shopping / Spending Money
2nd Prize: “A Spa Special” (Approx. Value \$500)
Includes: Overnight / Dinner/ Spa Certificate / Spending Money
3rd Prize: “Theatre Package” (Approx. Value \$250)
Includes: Overnight / Dinner / Theatre Tickets / Spending Money



Tickets will go on sale soon! Thank you to the Lombard Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this event and raffle in the amount of \$675.