

2008 Annual Program Report

Helping Children and Families

- ◆ 706 adolescents served in residential treatment programs.
- ◆ 439 adolescents served in interim education programs.
- ◆ 909 children and families served in Iowa Safety and Permanency programs.
- ◆ 1,254 children and families served in Safety and In-Home Services Program in western, central and northern Nebraska from July 1st through December 31st.
- ◆ Approximately 4900 individuals received services or referral through the Siouxland Family Center Community Center/Food Pantry program.
- ◆ 900 food baskets distributed through Food Pantry program through the Siouxland Family Center.
- ◆ Early Head Start program provided prenatal and early education services to 90 women and children.
- ◆ Child care and preschool programming supported 132 working families.

Mission Driven Work

- ◆ Active member of the Coalition for Children and Family Services in Iowa, Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska and the National Association for Children's Behavioral Health.
- ◆ Advocated for provision of child and family services throughout Iowa and Nebraska.
- ◆ Briar Cliff University selected BGHFS President and CEO Bob Sheehan to receive their Distinguished Alumni Service Award.
- ◆ United Way volunteers from the 185th Air National Guard helped out in the Early Head Start classrooms at the Siouxland Family Center in October 2008.
- ◆ Secret Angel program carried out by board members providing holiday gifts for adolescent clients.

Investing in Employees

- ◆ President and CEO, Bob Sheehan, celebrated his 35th year with the agency in August.
- ◆ 100 staff, agency wide, received specialized training lead by the Boston-based Center for Trauma. Training was conducted by Dr. Macy in Classroom/Community Based Interventions (CBI), providing best practice therapies for children and youth who have been severely traumatized.
- ◆ Management team members completed Stephen Covey's the 8th Habit. This curriculum will be implemented agency-wide in 2009.
- ◆ Dr. Mike McTaggart, Educational Director, was awarded the Zeigler Award from the Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa.
- ◆ Corporate culture survey administered agency-wide to employees.
- ◆ Awarded 20 educational grants to employees furthering their education.
- ◆ 24 employees' exemplary work recognized through regional "Employee of the Month" awards.
- ◆ BGHFS Annual Meeting and Recognition event held, at which Ron Ryan Employee of the Year awards presented to Pat Somsky, Iowa recipient and Arlene Kratzer, Nebraska recipient. The Jeff Dible Volunteer of the Year award presented to Jackie and Darrel Baker.
- ◆ Held sixth annual employee appreciation picnic with over 120 employees and family members attending.
- ◆ Turnover rate for the agency was 51%, with total number of employees at year-end at 543.

Alaska Facility

- ◆ Completed construction of the Fairbanks five-building campus and hosted dedication/open house on August 8th with over 275 dignitaries, community leaders and guests in attendance. The first client arrived on August 19th. At the end of December, 39 clients received services with six graduates.
- ◆ RES-PECT (Restraint Elimination System-Practical Effective Control Techniques) pilot project implemented at Fairbanks facility.

Community Activities

- ◆ The first Annual, Middle School Leadership Conference was held with 135 children participating in the one day event to learn how to become a great leader.
- ◆ An intense program using a low ropes course for children ages 16-21 was provided to 23 Youth Build participants.
- ◆ Supported United Way of Siouxland 2008 campaign participating in speaking engagements and agency tours.

Dollars Raised for Children and Families in 2008

- ◆ Raised \$544,000 in total.
 - Fall Event, All You Need Is Love, generated \$170,000.
 - 10th annual Face Off for Charity held with the Sioux City Musketeers raising \$40,000.
 - Kearney facility was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the General Mills Foundation for a client bike safety program.
 - 1st Annual Kirk Hinrich Golf benefit was held on June 30th, sponsored by professional Chicago Bulls basketball player Kirk Hinrich. Boys and Girls Home received \$24,000 from this event, and have been invited back as a recipient again in 2009.
 - Received a \$150,000 donation from the Gilchrist Foundation to be used for website updates, new computers and hardware.
 - The downtown Rotary Club presented BGHFS with a check in the amount of \$18,000 on July 14th for trail, dugout and field improvements at the campus. It will be named the Rotary Field at Boys and Girls Home.
 - The 23rd Annual Terra Charity Golf Classic was held Monday, June 9th 2008. This was the second year BGHFS has been named one of three charitable organizations to receive funds raised from the event. The agency received \$35,000 from this fundraiser.
 - John Morrell presented to the agency with a check in the amount of \$13,000 from their annual golf tournament.
 - \$84,000 raised in generous cash donations, agency wide.
- ◆ Approximately 525 holiday client gifts and supplies were provided by employees from CNOS, Tyson, Great West Casualty, Oral Surgery Associates, Family Christian Stores, The GAP, Old Navy, Boys and Girls Home Finance Department and HR Department, and Boys and Girls Home and Family Services board and staff members in all areas.
- ◆ Christmas Day Bowling Party, led by Dan and Judy Paquin and Steve and Deb Lawrey, gave 40 adolescents the chance to experience the true meaning of the holidays. With assistance from Harmony Lanes, Wells Dairy, American Pop Corn, Jameley and Jim Levich, the children had a very special Christmas Day.