



## **Annual Report 2010 - 2011**

### **How we fulfilled our mission this year...**

*“Enhancing the lives of individuals with Developmental Disabilities towards fulfillment of their life goals through choice and support in homes, employment and community activities.”*

#### **Fulfillment of Life Goals**

One individual who loves airplanes had a dream come true this year! With connections through Debi Kerr, the CLA Nurse, an airplane instructor was located and this individual got to *fly* a Cessna plane! He had a wonderful “co-pilot” who taught him everything he needed to know, from checking the entire airplane before a flight to flying! He even had a passenger! Our Executive Director (Barbara Kenyon-Mohrlang) rode in the back. Exciting!

Several individuals experienced vacations of a lifetime when they went with their providers or in a group to places like Maui, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Atlanta, Texas, New York, California, Hollywood, Florida, Disneyland, Disneyworld, Disney Cruise and a Caribbean Cruise!

#### **Choice and Support in Homes**

We served 49 individuals in residential host homes and 2 in independent apartment settings.

CLA has been around since 1979! Two service recipients reached their 30 year mark with CLA this year! Thirty years!!! Four service recipients reached 25 years and one who hit 20 years. Amazing! Two host home providers have been with CLA for over 20 years, and two have been with our agency 10 years.

We believe consistency is important for individuals in supporting them in their homes and in the community. Three of CLA’s employees hit their 10 year mark this year! Our staff is known for our longevity with only 2 staff members who have been here less than two years and everyone else has been here 5 or more years. Our Executive Director has been with CLA the longest, at 21 years!

Despite the rate cuts we received over the past few years we were still able to readjust our budget so that we did not have to pass any of those cuts to the host home provider rates or staff salaries!

#### **Choice and Support in Employment**

We provided services to 4 individuals in Vocational Rehabilitation, and 2 in community integrated employment. Two individuals were able to get jobs at one of the banks we work with. The positions they held were designed just for them! When the bank managers found out about the population we serve, they were excited to employ these two men, who also received raises during their employment with them!

#### **Choice and Support in Community Activities**

We supported 4 individuals in supported living services and 2 in comprehensive supported community connections.

#### ***CLA2 (Center for Learning and Activities)***

We developed a new program called The Center for Learning and Activities (CLA2). This program was developed to provide social opportunities for individuals while also providing a place to learn new skills in a friendly, safe, and attentive atmosphere. This program was held one Friday a month from 4pm-8pm and so far, we have done five CLA2 events. Twice we had a zookeeper from the Denver Zoo come in with some exotic animals, we saw Irish Dancers, we did a ladies night glamour photo shoot and developed acts for the summer talent show.

#### ***FAC (Friday Afternoon Club) activities***

Our FAC continues to be a big hit with attendees and staff alike! One Friday a month, we plan fun activities for the individuals in our program to do as a group. Over the past year, we have done many activities including dog sledding, a pontoon ride and fishing trip, a trip to Blackhawk, had tea at the English Tea House, created great paintings and did glass fusion, and so much more! We have so many more activities to fit into the next year that we will be doing these FACs twice a month starting in January 2012.

#### ***Other fun stuff***

Our Employment Consultant, Gregg Wilson, developed the Mobetta Photo Project. He gave interested individuals a disposable camera and sent them on their way. When they returned the camera, we saw some amazing pictures. This experience was a great way to see life through the lens of these talented photographers!

CLA had our first Talent show this summer. It was a huge success! We had singers, a rock band, some dancers, a comedian, and a guitar player. It was such a big hit, we will be doing it again next year.

#### ***Programs, Fundraisers and Donations***

We had four small fundraisers this year and were able to raise \$2710.00. We had our annual silent auction, and had fundraisers in partnership with King Soopers, Macy’s and Scentsy. We received \$2781.00 in donations. With this money we were able to purchase holiday gifts for our service recipients and offer 25 scholarships for the FAC!

