



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY | 2014-2015

Building a *Vibrant* Community

Mission

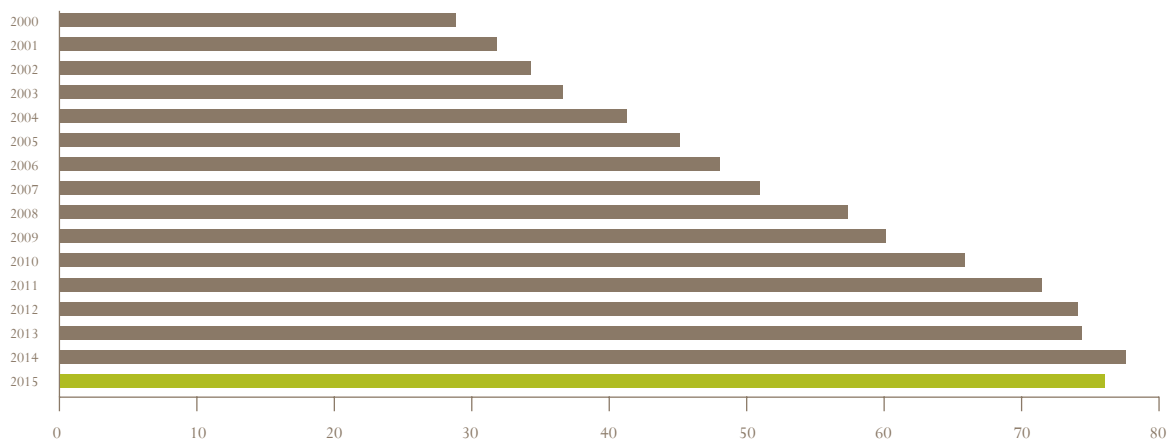
Horizon House, in partnership with individuals with disabilities and their families, advocates and provides comprehensive, community-based services.

We create opportunities for those served to manage their lives through environments that emphasize individual strength and choice.

Vision

Horizon House will be a leading advocate and provider of comprehensive, person-centered services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Total Revenue by Year



Dear Friends,

We at Horizon House often marvel at the growth and expansion we see within the organization when we sit down to compose our Annual Report. In this report, you will read the incredible success stories of Keith, Chris, and Robert. Their stories are compelling and demonstrate the differences we are making in peoples' lives. As you look at their faces and read of their journeys, it is clear that the support received from the Horizon House community changes futures, brings optimism back where it was lost, and fosters independence and self worth.

More and more we find that the men and women we assist are so deeply affected by the services they are receiving that they, in turn, give back and strengthen the community. Whether cleaning neighborhoods as part of the Newbold Community Project, working in local restaurants, becoming peer counselors, or participating in a Mummer's organization, the individuals we serve provide valuable services to the broader community. What a truly virtuous circle not only to receive support but to give it back as well. We know these newly productive individuals can help build and re-build the community at large. Therefore, we have chosen the theme for our report this year to be "Building a Vibrant Community."

Our role in the community energizes us to reach out even more to help those who are not currently in our programs and who are struggling. However, we can't do this work without the support and generosity of the larger community. This year's annual report shows us that every person counts, including you. Your support to the individuals we serve and the community we have built together has been working and has built a strong foundation for the future. We know that if we continue to offer and expand our services, Chris, Keith, and Robert and many others will improve their lives; our community will flourish; and our positive impact will multiply.

**We thank you for being part of our community and for all you do
to support the men and women we serve.**



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Jeffrey W.J. Wilush
President and CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Hunt".

John F. Hunt, Esquire
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Off the Sidelines and Into the Parade



“People are happy to see us. Kids’ eyes light up. I like everything about it,” says Chris, who marches as a Mummer with his friends and relatives in the Goodtimers brigade. Chris and the Goodtimers entertain crowds at parades and festivals throughout the year.

Chris is a happy man and pleased he can make others happy, but that wasn’t always the case in his life.

Chris suffered through many difficult years alternating between living with his mother and unwanted stints at a psychiatric hospital and a group home that used restraints and security cameras in most rooms. “I didn’t feel like I was getting the care I needed,” recalls Chris. “The doctors didn’t give me the right medicine and didn’t listen to me much.”

Chris was referred to Horizon House for intellectual disability and behavioral health needs in his mid-20s. During his first two years with Horizon House, he lived in a home with two other residents where staff helped him stabilize behaviors and attain skills needed to live independently. Chris describes the change Horizon House has made for him: “Doctors with Horizon House listen to me and respect my input. I’m on the right medication. That keeps my moods more steady. I feel better and can keep a steady job. I get along better with my mom, too.”



Chris



“Through it all, my biggest goal was to live on my own,” Chris says. With support from Horizon House Developmental Services, he has now lived in his own apartment for more than two years, also works at a restaurant, manages his medications and medical appointments, and interacts with his care team.

“Our job is to support each person the best we can so they can direct how their life is supposed to be,” says

Renee McNeill, director of Residential Services for Horizon House Developmental Services. “That’s what we do: help people with disabilities thrive and enjoy their everyday lives.”

Chris, now 31, says “It’s good to be part of Good-timers, having fun.” Strutting with the Mummers is a highlight in the full life he leads today.

Building Independence

Living, Working, Thriving in the Community

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Stepping Out and Living Life

Keith was done with feeling trapped by fear and confusion. Done with the inability to distinguish fantasy from reality. Done with being too frightened to answer the phone or step outside his front door.

“I wanted to grow up and mature, to know what it was to be a 40-year-old adult. I knew I couldn't do it by myself,” says Keith, who has post-traumatic stress disorder from witnessing terrifying situations in dangerous environments. “I needed an organization that could help me get rerouted. At Horizon House, I found people I could trust to help me advance.”

“Keith asked for the help of our whole team,” says Pamela Nabried-Abdullah, senior employment

coordinator, Horizon Employment Service. Pamela remembers, “He told us, ‘I want to envision my life as a working black man who has embraced my sobriety, my mental health, and my sexuality.’” He was ready to leave the grim years behind. Keith had struggled to get and keep jobs after prior years of homelessness and addiction. He had to work hard to learn to manage his mental health and medications.

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Building Neighborhoods
**Contributing and Creating
Pride in the Community**



Keithn

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In October 2015, Keith started a job helping to clean the Newbold neighborhood, where he grew up in South Philadelphia. As he, his co-workers, and Horizon House supervisors pick up trash, sweep streets, and clean storefronts, neighbors and business owners greet them warmly, offering thanks and often refreshments, too.

“Their work has led to huge quality of life improvements that attract new investments and new businesses,” says Tim Lidiak, Newbold Community Development Corporation president, describing the grant- and business-supported cleaning partnership with Horizon House that began in 2014. “We’re giving jobs to people who have challenges finding secure employment, and they are doing phenomenal work. I absolutely recommend these cleaning partnerships for other communities.”

Feeling valued has inspired Keith. “Giving back to where I came from, being near family, has built my endurance with life,” he says.

The journey for Keith, from behind a locked door to a working man in control of his life, has allowed Keith to see a new future for himself. A vision that includes overcoming the gaps in his education. And opening more doors.

Says Keith, “I can do that now. And that’s a great relief.”



Financials

Years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Revenue		
Current assets:		
Program Revenue	\$ 72,127,430	\$ 74,006,648
Grants and Contributions	2,894,446	3,063,886
Other	590,788	705,979
Total Revenue	\$ 75,612,664	\$ 77,776,513
Expenses		
Program Services		
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol	\$ 46,153,799	\$ 47,740,374
Intellectual Disabilities	21,417,994	20,945,040
Administration	8,753,844	8,402,442
Total Expenses	\$ 76,325,637	\$ 77,087,856
Net Assets		
Net Assets beginning of year	\$ 3,802,082	\$ 3,116,288
Changes in unrestricted net assets	(380,399)	605,794
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets	(60,000)	80,000
Total changes in net assets	(440,399)	685,794
Net Assets Year End	\$ 3,361,683	\$ 3,802,082

Building Our Future

The Power of a Peer

Robert woke before dawn one morning in July, walked in the cool darkness to his living room, and wept with relief. “That I could finally get some sleep and peace felt so good,” says Robert, recalling his first weeks in 2015 in his own apartment after overcoming a decade of alcohol and drug addiction.



Building Leaders

Recovering, Helping, Giving Back to the Community

Two years earlier Robert had no reason to weep for joy.

In 2013, when he arrived at the Horizon House Susquehanna Park residential in-patient treatment program, Robert suffered a grand mal seizure, his back gave out, and his blood sugars plummeted. “He was so fragile health-wise, we were afraid for him,” says Reggie Trice, Horizon House Manager.

Robert was exhausted from years of sleeping in vacant houses and keeping his steady restaurant job by washing his clothes in a sink. And, unfortunately, prior treatment programs had discharged Robert before his full recovery.

Horizon House was committed to help Robert and he was ready. “I came to Horizon House because I wanted to live,” says Robert, “I took time out to let somebody help me.” Reggie Trice saw Robert’s commitment, “Robert never gave up, and he was very motivated. So we never gave up on him.”

Robert, now 47, is working to become a nationally certified peer recovery support specialist. From his reservoir of difficult memories, Robert draws power to help others. “I always talk about recovery everywhere I go,” says Robert. “I have rapport with people. They

call me their brother, cousin, uncle, reverend, pastor, deacon.” Robert has helped nearly 25 people overcome addiction. He currently sponsors someone working toward sobriety and informally helps about 50 others.

“You never know who you can help when you share your story,” says Robert, who has stabilized his health and maintained sobriety for two and half years with Horizon House support. Robert hopes someday to run a treatment center for youth. “I want them to know there’s someone who cares. I never thought I could find the happiness and freedom I have today. Now, I’m ready to help others.”

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