



Annual Report 2008/2009

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through *partnerships*
of compassionate
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Providing **C**omprehensive **A**IDS **R**esources and **E**ducation

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLABORATORS,

Since 1990, the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium has been a well-known and well-respected organization that has provided a variety of programs to address HIV/AIDS issues in our multi-county service region. We are very grateful to our founders, the United Way of the Central Carolinas and the Foundation for the Carolinas, to our funders and supporters, to former and present volunteers and staff, and everyone who has helped to make us a success in our accomplishments over the twenty years since our founding.

We realized that as we entered into our 20th anniversary, we needed to make changes to better reflect who we are as an organization. One of our most notable adjustments has been with the transformation of our name to the Carolinas CARE Partnership – Providing Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education. Our other major change was developing a new website (www.carolinascare.org) that has numerous resources and information for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, for providers and for the general public. These changes reflect our continuing commitment to addressing HIV/AIDS issues in our community with the strength and dedication upon which we were founded.

The 2008-2009 Annual Report that follows contains information on our noteworthy achievements that include a newly awarded research grant that provides for the implementation of in-home mental health treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, we share with you the impact that our HIV prevention, housing support and education programs have had on people living with HIV and AIDS in our region.

As we look to the future, we ask you to join us in the fight against HIV/AIDS in our community and to assist us in meeting our mission statement which is: ***“to foster and to ensure a regional approach to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS, and to meet with compassion and dignity the needs of those affected by the diseases”.***

We remain committed to providing HIV prevention efforts; assuring that we sustain housing and supportive services to people living with HIV/AIDS; providing educational opportunities; and collaborating with others in order to maximize our impact in addressing HIV/AIDS issues in our area.

Again, we thank all of you who have supported us in our efforts and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the years to come.

Warmly,



Terry W. Ellington
Executive Director



Tangela M. Davis
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**COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY
ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION.**

**IN 2008/2009 OUR RELATIONSHIPS
WITH PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS
WERE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS IN MEETING
THE NEEDS OF 2,368 PEOPLE LIVING
IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE INFECTED
OR AFFECTED BY HIV AND AIDS.**

PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2008/2009 we were known as the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium and we were responsible for implementing several major programs that focused on HIV prevention, housing and supportive services, and education and training programs. Our program service area included many of our surrounding counties in both North and South Carolina, and our training programs have included HIV case management agencies throughout North Carolina.

In the 2008/2009 our major accomplishments included:

HOUSING ■

There were two housing programs implemented by the agency which were funded under the HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The first HOPWA program served our six-county metropolitan statistical area (MSA) that included Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Union counties in North Carolina and York county in South Carolina. We were able to partner with many agencies that provided essential housing and supportive services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

IMPACT:

In 2008/2009 the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium assisted 413 clients and their family members with a wide continuum of services that included emergency financial assistance, residential substance abuse treatment, end-of-life care, tenant-based rental

subsidies, operating expenses for HIV/AIDS specific facilities, and housing information services. These essential services prevented homelessness and allowed our clients to access other services that assisted with their housing stability and their improved healthcare.



The second housing service is the HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) program that provided tenant-based rental assistance and strong supportive services to people living in our rural counties. The support services offered included money management, and referrals to community resources that provided increased housing stability and the ability to access health care and other related services.

IMPACT:

In 2008/2009 the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium assisted 26 families that were formerly homeless or at-risk of homelessness with the SPNS program. These families were provided with decent, safe and affordable housing options that are vital to people living with HIV/AIDS.



As we move forward under the new name of the Carolinas CARE Partnership, we hold strongly to our original mission and to our belief that *Housing is Healthcare!*

PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

HIV PREVENTION—COUNSELING AND TESTING ■

The State of North Carolina's Communicable Disease Branch recognized the need to develop strategies to combat the HIV epidemic by implementing Non-Traditional Counseling and Testing and Referral Services (NTS) projects. These projects created an opportunity to overcome some of the traditional barriers to early diagnosis and treatment of HIV infections by implementing new models. Early knowledge of HIV infection is now recognized as a critical component in the spread of HIV/AIDS. We are very grateful to have been funded by the state to implement two counseling and testing programs.

The primary goal of our Holistic Harm Reduction Program is to provide HIV/STD counseling, testing and referral services for substance abusers at the locations where they are receiving their substance abuse treatment. The initiative is aimed at reducing barriers to early diagnosis of HIV infection and increasing access to quality medical care, treatment, and ongoing prevention services for those with a diagnosis of HIV infection.

IMPACT:

In 2008/2009 the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium provided testing and prevention education to 370 people. There were 10 positive results for syphilis and two for HIV and all were referred for follow-up intervention and/or care from community organizations.

In addition, the program collaborated with other organizations on 3 HIV/AIDS awareness days that included National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, and National HIV /AIDS Awareness Day.



Our Non-Traditional Site Counseling, Testing and Referral Program identified community-based venues which would increase access to testing for individuals at risk for HIV. These venues included college campuses, homeless shelters, the Lesbian Gay Community Center, the Charlotte Eagle, and a variety of church health fairs and symposia. The program was also able to collaborate with our local health department to conduct testing on several national HIV/AIDS awareness days.

IMPACT:

The program was able to almost double its goal by testing 993 people for HIV that resulted in identifying 2 new syphilis cases and one new HIV case. All were referred to medical care and case management as needed. Each person tested received one-on-one risk reduction and prevention information. In addition, over 1500 people were educated in the classroom and/or group settings about HIV, prevention, testing, and risk reduction.



We also received a grant from the Office of Women's Health for the "Something to Talk About -- The ABC's of Living Healthy" program (STTA).

PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

STTA is a fantastic program that provides HIV prevention education for African-American women in our 12 rural counties service area. STTA educates women living in these counties not just about HIV, but strategies for living healthy. STTA provides opportunities for them to talk about HIV and other health-related issues in a safe, comfortable environment of their peers. The goal of STTA is to reduce the frequency of risky, unhealthy behaviors and we have developed evidence-based, gender-specific education and prevention activities that have been well received by program participants. These sessions have been held at rural churches, the Lancaster Housing Authority, battered women's shelters, and substance abuse facilities.

IMPACT:

The STTA Program provides information about HIV Prevention and Risk Reduction, Gender and Ethnic Pride, Self-Empowerment and Negotiation Skills to 150 women in Cleveland, Lincoln and Iredell counties in North Carolina and York, Chesterfield and Lancaster counties in South Carolina. 80% of participants graduated from the program, and 75% committed to share the knowledge they gained with a friend, sister, cousin, or daughter.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING ■

In 2007 there were 1,943 new HIV cases reported in North Carolina. One-fourth to one-third of those new cases represent both HIV and AIDS; these cases correspond to late diagnosis—a consequently greater indication for linkage to medical care.

The Division of Public Health and Division of Medical Assistance share in the management of the HIV Case Management Program and the AIDS Care Unit has the responsibility for certifying agencies to provide HIV case management. Our organization was responsible for providing ongoing training to the case management agencies. The trainings were intended to provide participants with the basic skills for providing proficient HIV case management services.

IMPACT:

The trainings resulted in 293 Case Managers and Supervisors being more fully equipped to comply with Medicaid standards and best practices for the provision of HIV Case Management in North Carolina.

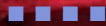


We also have a Training Institute that supports the goals of the agency and contributes to the success of our community partners by offering high-quality, cost-effective training programs that facilitate personal and professional excellence, enhance organizational effectiveness, and contribute to a holistic approach to prevention, care and services in our community. The Training Institute provides regular professional development training to providers from across the state. Classes were primarily offered at our office, but have also been conducted statewide. Topics of training range from clinical aspects of HIV to advanced topics in Substance Abuse & Mental Health.

PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

IMPACT:

The Training Institute served 123 providers in disciplines including HIV Case Management, Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Treatment. Our evaluation tools consistently showed that participants increased their knowledge and skills at our trainings and found them organized, clear and applicable to their work.



CONCLUSION ■

We thank our numerous funders and supporters who have made our efforts possible. We are also very pleased to make such a significant contribution to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in our community and to assist with meeting the needs of people impacted by HIV/AIDS in the Charlotte, NC metro area and our surrounding counties.

We are committed to doing even more in the coming years to increase our comprehensive efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Thank you all for your support!

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We as a staff, board and volunteers could not have made the impact that we accomplished without the great support of our community partners. Through your funding, in-kind support, volunteer hours, technical assistance and collaboration we have been extremely successful in meeting our program goals. We are fortunate and honored to have received your generous support and we thank you so very much! If we have missed listing you, then please let us know as it would have been an honest error. Again with enormous gratitude...we thank you for making our community better!

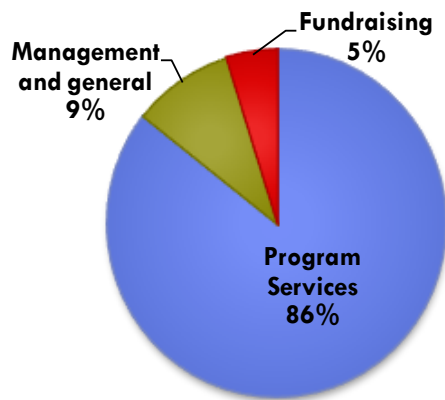
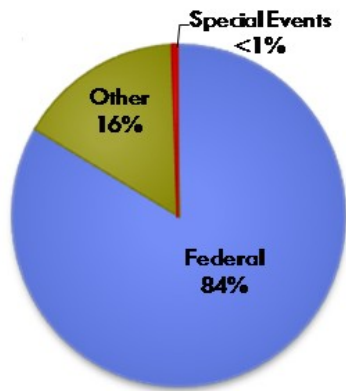
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COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING *INNOVATIVE*
AND *EMPOWERING* PROGRAMS TO INDIVIDUALS
AT-RISK OR AFFECTED BY HIV AND AIDS.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008



SUPPORT

Contributions and grants:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	TOTALS	
			2009	2008
Federal	\$ 1,050,561	\$ 54,447	\$ 1,105,008	\$ 1,688,096
Other	201,886	-	201,886	86,387
Special Events	5,760	-	5,760	7,235
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	-	-	-	(1,803)
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Satisfied by payments	84,149	(84,149)	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$ 1,342,356	(29,702)	1,312,654	1,779,915

EXPENSES

Program Services	1,075,505	-	1,705,505	1,605,310
Management and general	119,975	-	119,975	169,988
Fundraising	60,065	-	60,065	53,539
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,255,545	-	1,255,545	1,828,837
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	86,811	(29,702)	57,109	(48,922)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	(58,211)	84,148	25,937	74,859
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 28,600	\$ 54,466	\$ 83,046	\$ 25,937



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