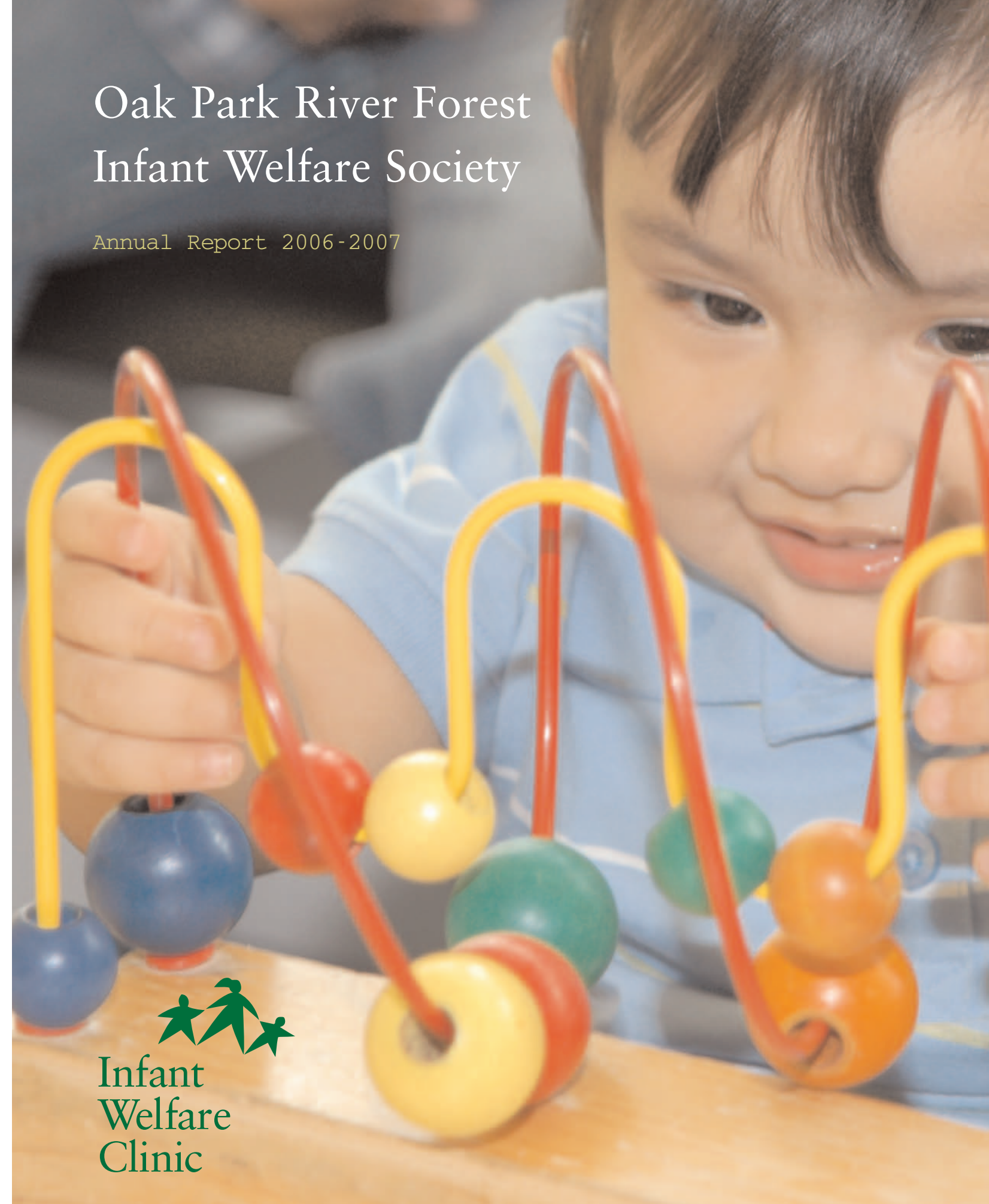


# Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society

Annual Report 2006-2007



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ABOUT THE INFANT WELFARE CLINIC

Since 1916, the Infant Welfare Clinic, sponsored by the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society, has provided medical, dental and social services to low income children from infancy to age 19. All the children treated at the clinic have family incomes that meet federal poverty income guidelines and are from 50 western Cook County suburbs and Chicago. The majority of patients are from the seven suburban communities of Oak Park, Berwyn, Cicero, Maywood, Elmwood Park, Forest Park and Melrose Park.

The total health care visits have doubled in the last five years and the dental visits have tripled. In the last year, to meet the increasing visit demand, the clinic expanded its dental and administrative physical space and increased service hours.

Each child and parent who enters the clinic is treated with respect and caring. Infant Welfare sees its ultimate role as empowering parents and patients to obtain needed medical, dental and social services so that positive health care change will occur that will be sustained through adulthood.

- In the last fiscal year the clinic provided care to 2,131 children.
- The clinic performed more than 6,673 medical and dental visits.
- Our services included an additional 1,545 social service visits last year.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

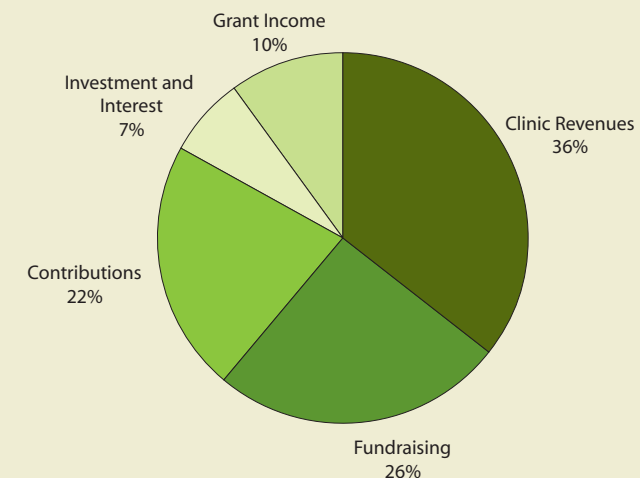
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total Income
Service revenue	\$348,722	\$0	\$348,722
Circle dues and donations	\$24,966	\$0	\$24,966
Grant revenue	\$251,623	(\$146,493)	\$105,130
United Way	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Donations	\$99,234	\$0	\$99,234
Special event income	\$308,353	(\$51,450)	\$256,903
Sub-lease income	\$41,305	\$0	\$41,305
Interest and dividends	\$22,824	\$0	\$22,824
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	\$56,550	\$0	\$56,550
Net assets released from restrictions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donated goods and services	\$136,926	\$0	\$136,926
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,293,003</b>	<b>(\$197,943)</b>	<b>\$1,095,060</b>

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

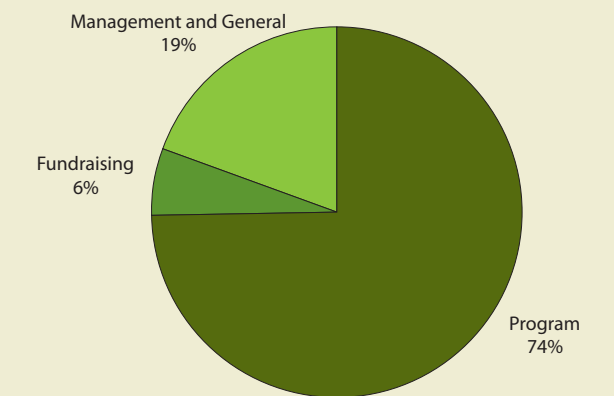
Program services	\$893,497	\$0	\$893,497
Management and general	\$76,922	\$0	\$76,922
Fundraising	\$231,154	\$0	\$231,154
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,201,573</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,201,573</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$91,430	(\$197,943)	(\$106,513)
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$1,138,456	\$197,943	\$1,336,399
NET ASSETS- END OF YEAR	\$1,229,886	\$0	\$1,229,886

INCOME



EXPENSES



Dear Friends,

Over ninety years ago, a small group of women gathered together to provide clean milk for impoverished babies and their mothers. Today, the volunteers and staff of the Infant Welfare Society continue to provide care for young families. In the last year, the clinic provided over 6,600 medical and dental visits and an additional 1,545 social service visits to low income children from Chicago and 50 area west suburban Cook County communities.



With 47 million Americans without health insurance, the clinic is a safety net for families who need high quality, financially accessible care. The clinic views the patient holistically trying to provide care for the physical as well as the emotional needs of the child.

The financial gap between the cost of the visit and the state reimbursement levels calls for innovative fundraising and grant procurement. We thank the many foundations that have awarded grants this year to support the expansion of services. We congratulate the Board of Directors and the Circle members whose prodigious fundraising has enabled us to meet our mission of never refusing a child care for inability to pay.

To all of our supporters, we thank you and invite you to read our annual report and celebrate with us the over 90 years of health care service to children.

Mary Anderson  
President

Elizabeth Lippitt, MHSA  
Executive Director



## Meet our Patients

A recent Chicago Tribune article stated that one in four working families in the United States is now considered low income. Clinic medical visits have risen 40% in the last five years. Low income, minority children have a greater incidence of obesity and diabetes. A 2004 Illinois Department of Public Health Survey of more than 6,000 third-grade students determined that 39% of the children had a body mass index in the 85th percentile or above. A lack of proper nutrition is evident at the clinic where approximately 35% of our patients are overweight.

### AARON

When 8-year-old Aaron came into the clinic, he could hardly breathe. John, a nurse practitioner, realized Aaron had asthma, and quickly got the child's breathing under control. After talking to Aaron's family, John learned he made frequent, frantic visits to the emergency room because he was not using asthma medications. To get Aaron through the night, John sent him home with an inhaler – but only after the family made a follow-up appointment for the next day. On their return visit, John talked to Aaron and his parents about the importance of establishing and following an asthma action plan to prevent the child's frightening and potentially life threatening asthma attacks. Today, thanks to the plan and the involvement of his parents, his school nurse, the clinic's practitioners – and Aaron's own commitment to protect his health – he is staying healthy and leading a normal, active life.

### SHEENA

Sheena made her first visit to the clinic when she was just a baby. By the age of 12, she had grown up into a responsible adolescent who took care of herself and made her own meals while her parents were at work. Unfortunately, those meals tended to reflect her teenage taste for high-fat snacks and sugary sweets. As a result, Sheena gained so much weight that she developed adult-onset diabetes – a disease once unknown in children, but now, sadly, on the rise due to the increase in childhood obesity. Her diabetes put Sheena at risk for blindness, kidney failure, heart disease and early death. To help Sheena get back on track, Sandy, the clinic social worker, talked to Sheena and her family about the importance of healthy eating habits. To help Sheena control her diabetes, Sandy referred her to a pediatric endocrinologist. Just as importantly, Sandy helped Sheena and her parents find a registered dietician who could help them come up with a healthy eating plan that fit the whole family's tastes, budget, and time constraints. Thanks to the clinic's timely intervention, Sheena is now down to a healthy weight, and her diabetes is under control.

Access to oral health care for low income children is very limited. It is not uncommon to have children enter the clinic with 50% of their teeth decayed.

Emotional and behavioral concerns arising in childhood can affect a child's ability to succeed in the school and playground. The clinic social worker sees every patient at their well-child visit. The importance of fostering good mental health in early childhood is increasingly important as families struggle to raise children in a very complex world.

### KYLE

Kyle, a high school freshman, is an excellent student. Both Kyle and his brother, who live with their great-grandmother, study hard, help around the house, and do odd jobs around the neighborhood to bring in a little extra income. When Kyle told clinic dental director Jill that he was in terrible pain, she knew he was serious. After an examination, she found that Kyle needed a root canal. The procedure was a success -- but when Jill told Kyle he needed antibiotics to prevent infection, he didn't know how or where to get a prescription filled. With help from Jill and the clinic staff, Kyle was able to get the antibiotics he needed. He also has learned the importance of daily tooth brushing and regular dental checkups, and continues to be a patient at the dental clinic.

\* Our stories are based on patients using pseudonyms to protect their identities.



## Administrative Team



Seated (left to right): Dr. Karen Walker, Medical Director; Executive Director Elizabeth Lippitt, MHA; Dr. Jill Baskin, Dental Director Standing (left to right): Judy Bradeen, Business Manager; Marcy Rubic, Development Director; Sheila Rock, Head Nurse; Betty Alanis, Office Manager; Sandy St. Pierre, Social Worker

## Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society Governance Board



(Left to right) Mary Deziel, Patricia McDonald, Pam Johnson, Peggy Diamond, Carole Sullivan, Karen Brown, Mary Pellegrini, Mary Anderson, President. Not pictured: Diane Menza

## staff profile: Sheila Rock



When nurse Sheila Rock retired as a University of Chicago nurse educator, she looked forward to more leisure time and community volunteering. A friend encouraged her to learn about the Infant Welfare Clinic. Little did Sheila know then she would soon become an intimate member of the organization's family as a nurse volunteer, then an Infant Welfare Society member and finally as a staff nurse. More than a decade later, Sheila reflects: "I just fell in love with the place. I love the kids, the families and the people I work with."

Sheila notes she is quite proud to be working with an organization with more than 90 years of experience in serving people who might otherwise go without quality care. "The thing that really makes this clinic unique is the way people are treated. This is a place where family members are cared for with respect, kindness and genuine concern they're not likely to see in other places."

Sheila believes this respectful treatment – along with the clinic's patient follow-up calls and regular communication with public and private schools – contributes to the clinic's significant rise in patients. "The staff here is truly concerned about the patients, and not just the physical side, but also the family's emotional and financial health. Working here is just a very rewarding experience," says Sheila. "Watching how the clinic's medical and dental hours have expanded is a real bonus."

## Elected and Appointed Committee Chairs



(Left to right) Peggy Diamond, Nancy Wohlford, Dianne Zimmerman, Pat McNally, Candice Buchbinder, Penny Egarter. Not pictured: Carol Wootton, Janet Rouse, Sheryl Grant, Julie McKune



Angel Harvey with husband, radio legend Paul Harvey at the 90th Anniversary Gala.



Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society's 90th Anniversary Gala

## honoring: **Angel Harvey**

Angel Harvey is a champion for children's health and for the Infant Welfare Society for more than 60 years. She produces husband Paul Harvey's radio programs and is the first producer to be inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame. Last year, she received from the American Women in Radio and Television their top "Gracie Award." In recent years, a new circle group decided to honor Mrs. Harvey and the original Circle 7 by resurrecting the circle name. Mrs. Harvey has been a loyal supporter of the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society as well as President of the Chicago Infant Welfare Society. Her generous support at the Oak Park clinic has assisted in the expansion of the dental facilities. Her financial support of the Showcase House Preview Parties and the 90th Anniversary Gala were instrumental in providing funds for the general operation of the clinic. Mrs. Harvey's support and leadership continue today and we are privileged by her service as Honorary Chairwoman of our 90th Anniversary celebrations. This year, the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society awarded Mrs. Harvey its Community Service Award.



September 16, 2006, "It's All About the Kids!"



Senator and Mrs. Harmon

Executive Director Elizabeth Lippitt with Senator and Mrs. Rock

90th Anniversary Gala Steering Committee



The Infant Welfare Society gratefully acknowledges the following for their contributions made between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

# Infant Welfare Society

Hundreds of Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society members and volunteers dedicate their time, expertise, and compassion to help improve the lives of underserved families in our community. Members raise funds for clinic operations equaling more than 30 percent of the agency's annual budget. Infant Welfare volunteers quickly become ambassadors of the agency, sharing Infant Welfare's success stories while inspiring others to support our mission.

Membership in the Infant Welfare Society also gives volunteers an excellent way to meet others in the Oak Park River Forest community and develop lasting friendships. Currently nearly 250 members are affiliated with one of 10 Infant Welfare Circles. The common bond among circle groups is that they actively participate in fundraising initiatives to support the clinic's operations. Each fall,

Infant Welfare Society members join forces to present the organization's signature event, the Annual Showcase House and Preview Party.

Year-round fundraisers hosted by the circles include: the Annual Holiday Housewalk hosted by Circle 2 and 4; Circle 41's Bunko Night, the Circle 80 Car Wash, Chico Shopping Day and Wrapping paper sales hosted by Circle 31. Mum sales and nut sales hosted by Circle 14/26, Jewel Shop and Share and many more.

The Infant Welfare Clinic is the sole recipient of the fundraising proceeds generated by the Infant Welfare Society and each of its circles. Providing services would not be possible without for the Infant Welfare Society's loyal support. We are deeply grateful for their service.



**Ginny Holland Award**  
The Ginny Holland Award was named in remembrance of Ginny Holland, president of Infant Welfare from 1975-1977. The award is given to a longtime Infant Welfare member who has held a number of positions within the organization, has shown great leadership, and has given extraordinary service. This year's award is presented to Kathy Haney.



**Clinic Service Award**  
The clinic service award is presented to a volunteer or staff member who exemplifies longevity of service, a personal commitment to the clinic, and dedication to the mission of Infant Welfare. This year's award is presented to Dental Director Dr. Jill Baskin, DDS.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - JUNE 30 2007

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$358,676	Accounts Payable	\$13,492
Grants and accounts receivable	\$100,605	Deferred revenue	\$184,780
Prepaid expenses	\$41,875	Payroll Liabilities	\$16,309
Interest Receivable	\$861		
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$502,017</b>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$214,581</b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Property and equipment	\$600,317	Net assets - Unrestricted	\$1,229,886
Less: Accumulated depreciation	\$192,251	Net assets - Temporarily restricted	\$0
<b>Total Property and Equipment-Net</b>	<b>\$408,066</b>	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,229,886</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	
Marketable equity securities	\$528,034		\$1,444,467
Deposits	\$6,350		
Total Other Assets	\$534,384		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,444,467</b>		

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