

August 6, 2009

Dear Women for Community:

I want to send you this end of year progress letter and to once again tell you how very much we appreciate the support we were given last fiscal year.

The funds you raised for us through the Hit and Giggle Golf Tournament were used to increase our counseling services for children and families who have a low income and no insurance. In the last fiscal year, we had a 28% increase in child clients and a 91% increase in families who have come to our agency for counseling help. Our 55 volunteer therapists provided over 6,000 professional hours to 812 individual, child, couple, and family clients during the year. We increased the number of volunteer therapists who specialize in work with children and we held a one day continuing education workshop, open to all members of the therapeutic community entitled, "Using Art in Therapy with Children and Adolescents." During the year, we embarked on a new collaboration with the Child Development Center and continue to do outreach to places where children and their parents might learn of our services.

During this time of economic stress, many of our clients are worried because of the loss of a job and the fear of losing their homes and being homeless. No one is turned away if they cannot afford our very low sliding scale fee. Your support money has enabled us to meet our overhead expenses while allowing those at the very lowest income levels to receive services.

I wish you and your newly chosen group a lot of fun and profit at the next Hit and Giggle Golf Tournament.

Sincerely,

Binah Polay
Executive Director