



Caring For Our Community With Care And Respect *Cuidado • Cariño • Comunidad*

2011 Newsletter

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Message from the CEO

Happy Summer To One and All!

As we continue into 2011 there are many financial challenges ahead due to the economy, however we are still growing leaps and bounds as the only agency in the South Valley that is so fortunate to serve in an inclusive setting of both adults with Intellectual Delays and Seniors with Dementia and Alzheimer's.

Cornucopia Adult Day Services is proud to announce that starting July 1st it will become a Family Living Provider. We know there are many families in our area who need this service in their community. As we have become a trusted cornerstone we feel the time is now to expand our expertise even further!

Also, our "first ever" Matanza Cook off was a huge success. I want to thank all of the sponsors, teams,

staff, and volunteers for their commitment, time and effort in making sure it will be a signature event for Cornucopia on an annual basis. Mark your Calendars for the 2nd Annual Matanza Cook Off:

October 29, 2011
11:30 – 2:00 p.m.

I look forward to another year of service on behalf of the participants and families, for which I have grown to know, respect, and value!

Thank you for all you do!

Michelle Bishop-Couch
MPA | CEO
michelle@cornucopia-ads.org

Message from the Board President

This past year has been both challenging and rewarding to Cornucopia, its staff and the community it serves. The funding by state agencies has been challenging, requiring continuing “rolling with the punches” responses by our executive director and staff. Cornucopia has been successful in remaining fiscally sound in spite of many cuts in funding. We are expecting even more challenging funding issues in the next year. A new program of community inclusion is in the pilot stage. With this new program and changes in how we manage constantly changing existing programs, we are working to prepare for the inevitable changes expected next year.

The Cornucopia Civitan club is in its third year. It is composed of our clients and is assisted by our program department. It is contributing to the improvement in the

quality of life for many of our clients. Our clients have the opportunity to belong to a group that they themselves run, have opportunities to serve others (rather than always being the ones served), and gain experience in working with others. This year most of the new officers and board members are serving for the first time. Many of the members have started to speak in front of a group on a regular basis and now offer opinions and suggestions to the club.

Cornucopia is well positioned to meet the new challenges. This is so important to our clients and the community we serve. I congratulate our CEO and her staff on the successful response to difficult funding challenges and improving the overall service to our clients.

Curt Schuyler

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If you are interested in serving as a member of our board, please contact Michelle Bishop-Couch at 877-1310 or michelle@cornucopia-ads.org.

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Message from the Program Director

The year keeps getting better and better here at Cornucopia Adult Day Services. We continue to have growth with our participants, staff, and the services we provide.

Cornucopia will be adding Family Living Provider Services to the list of the other great services we currently provide.

Recently, we hired Eddie DeCristofaro as our new Service Coordinator. He will also be the Service Coordinator for our Family Living Provider Services. Eddie has been serving our population for over 30 years now. He also has a history of working with different organizations to help end homelessness. Eddie has a BA in Sociology. We couldn't be more excited to have him be a part of our family here at Cornucopia Adult Day Services.

Because Cornucopia strongly advocates for community inclusion, we received an award from DDSD commending us on having 100% of community inclusion. Also, one of our participants, Dawn B, got an award for the "Developmental Disabilities Supports Division 2010

Director's Community Inclusion Awards: Award Nomination Success Story Community Based Adult Habilitation."

Cornucopia recently received its three-year CARF accreditation thanks to all the hard work from our CEO Michelle Bishop-Couch and the rest of the Cornucopia staff.

Cornucopia Adult Day Services continues to grow and become a vital part of our community and the people we serve. We do this from great support and help from our staff and board members, the participants and their families, all supportive IDT members, the guardians, and members of the state. For all that you do, I just wanted to say thank you and I am looking forward to seeing and working with all of you.

Thank you,

Eric McCollon

FAMILY LIVING PROVIDER PROGRAM Description Of Family Living Services

Family living services provides a natural environment with a family/home for the support and nurturing of an individual, which emphasizes activities within our community. These supports are provided while integrating with other family members and when appropriate, involvement in a work and/or educational plan during the day. This service may be in one's own home or that of another family approved by the Medicaid Waiver and Cornucopia, Inc.

Family Living Providers are responsible for implementing an Individualized Service Plan for the individual served. There are mandatory state and agency trainings required to assist in the implementation of the person's specific Goals and Objectives.

Please contact us with questions or for more information on the Family Living Provider Program.

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Check out our newly updated website. Log on for all the latest news and happenings at Cornucopia Adult Day Services.

www.cornucopia-ads.org

Cornucopia Civitan Club **Helping Our Clients Reach Their Potential**

The weekly Civitan meeting has become an integral part of our program and supports the Cornucopia mission. The members choose their own service and fundraising projects. The club has completed several projects, including work at the Ronald McDonald House and the Road Runner Food Bank. Each meeting features a new section where the members are encouraged to get up and speak to the group on any subject. Many of the members who first appeared shy have taken advantage of this opportunity to stand up and speak, including those with diminished verbal capability. A major goal for this year's group is to raise funds to become self sufficient with their membership dues.



The club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at Cornucopia. The first week of the month is dedicated to crafts in support of the club's projects. These include coloring books for Cuidando Los Ninos - a day care facility for disadvantaged children - and greeting cards for the children's hospital. A guest speaker is scheduled on the second week of the month. The third week's meeting is a "fun" day; a business meeting, where the club discusses its' projects. And our new Community/Client Advocacy Meetings are the topic of the fourth week.



The Cornucopia Civitan Club is one of two special needs clubs in the Great Southwest District. The club was chartered in March of 2008.

Matanza Cook Off

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Cornucopia's first annual Matanza Cook Off. A special thanks to all of the committed judges, volunteers and staff who showed up to make our first ever fundraiser a huge success! Over 300 people attended the event, raising over \$5,000 for Cornucopia.



The festivities included a face painting tent, civitan tent, horse shoes, and a Halloween Costume contest for all of the many children that showed up from ages 5-12 years of age! Plus, local teams competed in a cook off of traditional Matanza foods, such as roasted pigs, chicharones, chili, and tortillas. Three teams competed in the cook off competition. The Fire Fighters Local Union 244 was awarded as the winner for best presentation and taste.



Finally, a big thank you to the 2010 sponsors: Bank of the West, First Community Bank, New Mexico Mutual, Precision Accounting, Mullen/

Heller Architect, Road Runner Civitan Club, Fire Fighters Local Union 244, Juanita Sanchez, Dan Shapiro, Nelsons Meats, Gloria Orona, Diane Ward, Carol Kline-Watson, and Curt Schyler.



If we missed your name, please forgive us and let us make it right. Call today and we will make sure we acknowledge you in our upcoming Annual Report!



Mark Your Calendars

The 2nd Annual Matanza Cook Off
will be

October 29, 2011.

We hope to see you there!

**Please contact us today for more information
on how you can help sponsor the event.**

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A Greenhouse For Cornucopia Benefiting Our Community

Cornucopia is excited to announce that it will be opening a greenhouse in the South Valley within the next year. The greenhouse will benefit the community. The greenhouse program will benefit Cornucopia's clients by helping them experience self-sufficiency and the importance of community. Cornucopia anticipates selling the produce to benefit its clients.



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The greenhouse has been a long term goal of Cornucopia and its board and we are glad to see that it is coming to fruition. In the early 90's, cornucopia received a small donation for "Tina's Greenhouse". Cornucopia set aside those monies until we were able to obtain the full cost of building the green house. It has been a long time coming but Cornucopia recently obtained funding from the Albuquerque Community Foundation and a grant for \$37,000 from the C.O.E . Foundation to build the greenhouse. With the original donation and monies set aside by Cornucopia, we are able to begin construction.

At Cornucopia, community participation is of the utmost importance and that is why over the last few years cornucopia has undertaken initiatives to get our clientele out into the community. Not only do they go on community outings but our clients have felt the satisfaction of giving back to their community by volunteering at Ronald McDonald House, the Roadrunner food bank, Los Cuando de los Niño's, the Holocaust Museum and other nonprofit organizations. The sense of satisfaction felt by clients is unsurpassed as now they are not the reason for the donations but rather an active part of giving back to their community. These concepts were inconceivable only a few years ago but Cornucopia has learned that the limitations placed on individuals with disabilities are societal and that when given the opportunity those individuals will prove society wrong. They are capable of much more than society gives them credit for as Cornucopia is discovering.

Cornucopia *Friend Raising Corner*

Can You Help?

We are looking for the following items for Cornucopia and our clients. If you can donate an item from the Wish List, please contact us at 877-1310.

Wish List

- ➔ Men's Clothing (extra large and long)
- ➔ Office Supplies
- ➔ Art Supplies
- ➔ Board Games/Cards
- ➔ Gas Cards (for our vehicles for field trips)
- ➔ Games for our Computers
- ➔ Word Searches

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2010 Donors

1st Community Bank	Nelsons Meats	Joel Sedillo
Albuquerque Community Foundation	Mullen & Heller Architecture	Linda Sedillo
Bank of the West	New Mexico Mutual	Solomon & Erlinda Sedillo
Michelle Bishop-Couch	NM State Employee Campaign	Dan Shapiro
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Make A Difference Day Committee		
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Cornucopia thanks each of you for your support. We appreciate your generosity. If we missed your name or donation, please accept our regrets and let us know for future reference.



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Our Purpose - We are the only Community Inclusion Agency in the Albuquerque South Valley, providing family-oriented, daytime services to the elderly, frail, and adults with disabilities.

Our Vision - To be the cornerstone of the community and to prlong the independence of our clients and prevent their institutionalization.

Our Mission - to offer a safe, reputable and growth-oriented environment, where our clients may maximize their potential in a community-based setting.

Our Goals - To be the first choice by caregivers for outreach, protection, advocacy and service and to maximize any and all resources entrusted to us to deliver care to our clients.

Our Values - Advocacy, Safety, Compassion and Community.



"Trust the care of your loved ones to the caring and compassionate people at *Cornucopia*."