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Communities In Schools of Clark County

2008/2009 Annual Report

CIS of Clark County Mission Statement:

The mission of Communities In Schools of Clark County is to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life.

CIS of Clark County Vision Statement:

Communities In Schools of Clark County fosters school and community partnerships that provide the resources necessary for students to be successful.

CIS of Clark County believes that every student needs and deserves these "5 basics"

- *A personal, one-on-one relationship with a caring adult.
- *A safe place to learn and grow.
- *A healthy start and a healthy future.
- *A marketable skill to use upon graduation.
- *A chance to give back to peers and the community.



**Communities In Schools is the nation's leading
community based organization helping kids stay in
school and prepare for life.**

Communities In Schools of Clark County

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Not since the 1960's has education held such a prominent place in America's public discussion. As America strives to recover from the economic downturn, the population in general recognizes that education is key to the growth and prosperity of the local communities and of the entire nation.

But when a child's world is falling apart, education may be the last thing on his mind. The school may be the very place where help is available, especially in a Communities In Schools supported site. Last year, CIS of Clark County again increased the numbers and success of students served with community integrated services such as health screenings, food, clothing, and case management and targeted services such as therapy, in-school tutoring and mentoring. After assessing the needs, we added two more services, Camp Kindergarten for all seventeen elementary schools, and Service Learning Clubs for our original ten schools. Both have been well received and will be continued in 2009-2010 as we remain responsive to the concerns in the community.

Funding from the Lilly Endowment CAPE Grant will enable us to maintain our commitment to the three school districts until 2011. After which, you, the stakeholders, will be the key to CISCC's sustainment and growth. We are especially grateful for your continued support throughout this difficult economic period and look forward to a long-lasting partnership with you.

Sincerely,

Cathy

Cathy Graninger

Executive Director, Communities In Schools of Clark County



2008/2009 Highlights

~Service Clubs~ This year, through a grant from the Peyton Manning "Pey-Back" Foundation, Resource Coordinators collaborated with school officials to choose 10 -12 students with behavior issues to form "Service Clubs" in each school. Students were soon involved in projects including sending care packages to a soldier overseas; becoming pen pals with members of a local nursing home; collecting Christmas gifts for needy children; and developing a teacher-appreciation garden complete with picnic tables, fountains, and flowers planted by the service club students. The clubs quickly became a favorite with students, teachers, and the Resource Coordinators.



~Improvement in Grades~ During the 2008/2009 school year, Resource Coordinators served 123 students in Homework Club and 248 students through In-School Tutoring. Of those students, 107 of the Homework Club students either improved or maintained their report card grades over the course of the school year—that's 87%! Of the students receiving In-School Tutoring, 210 maintained or improved their report card grades, an impressive 85%. We are very proud to have played a part in the success of these students.

~TQS~ In February 2009, CISCC was one of only 17 of 200 CIS affiliates awarded a \$25,000 grant from the CIS National Office. The grant has been extremely helpful in our preparation to receive Total Quality System (TQS) accreditation. The funding allowed us to purchase new donor tracking software, update our website, and obtain a financial review; all of which will be beneficial in our quest for TQS accreditation. Arleen Peterson, from CIS National, was instrumental in helping attain this funding and remains a staunch ally in helping us to prepare for TQS accreditation.



~Fundraisers~ In December 2008, CISCC reached the half-way point of CAPE Grant funding. Because this grant will soon be ending, we have been working feverishly to seek funding so that we will be able to continue the programs and services provided by the grant. Trivia Night events held in November and March raised a total of \$10,000.



Two golf outings, held in July of 2008 and 2009 were both very successful and raised around \$15,000 each. A special thanks goes to our golf outing sponsors: Koetter Woodworking, Siemens Industry Inc., Edward Jones Investments, Clark Memorial Hospital, Huber's Orchard and Winery, S & R Tire, and Apex Trailer Sales and Service. We would also like to thank the Superintendents from each of the 3 Clark County school systems for their show of support by attending the golf outings.

2008/2009 Income

Individual /Business Contributions & Grants \$ 51,689.37

Schuler Bauer Real Estate Services/Warm Christmas Project
Target
3K Machinery
AML, Inc.
Clark Memorial Hospital
Huber Orchard and Winery
Indiana American Water
Kye's
Idemitsu
Koetter Woodworking
Koetter & Smith
Samtec
Siemens
Edward Jones Investments
S & R Truck
CISCC Fundraisers—Trivial Pursuit Nights, 2008 Golf Scramble
CISCC Board Members
Individual Donors

Foundation & Trust Grants \$ 16,429.81

Hazel and Walter Bales Foundation
Starlight Foundation
Community Foundation of Southern Indiana
Fuzzy's Charities for Kids
Pacers Foundation
Wood Carr

Lilly Endowment CAPE Grant \$254,299.00

Non-Profit Organization Grants \$ 27,825.06

Metro United Way
Alliance with Indiana
New Hope Services
Lyons Club
Altrusa Club

Total Grants and Contributions \$350,243.24

2008/2009 Expenditures

Grant & Grant Related Expenses \$(292,059.37)

3 ,2, 1 READ
Bare Necessities
Book Harvest
Camp Kindergarten
Warm Christmas Project
Clark County Mentoring Collaboration
Service Clubs
CIS National Impact Fund Grant
Borden Parent Nights
Prevent Child Abuse Grant
Indiana Cares—Suicide Prevention
CIS National Convening on Service Learning
Clark Kids Connect
CAPE Grant Programs

Fundraising Expenses \$ (11,609.41)

Trivial Pursuit Nights
Annual Golf Scramble

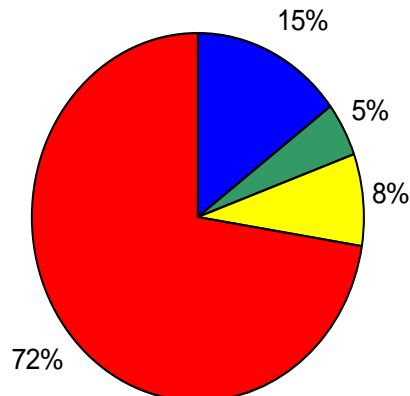
Administrative Expenses \$(33,942.12)

Total Expenses \$(337,610.90)

Revenues Exceeding Expenses \$12,632.34

Ending Net Assets \$ 104,120.92

CISCC Annual Donation Breakdown



- Individual/Business Contributions & Grants
- Foundation and Trust Grants
- Non-Profit Organization Grants
- Lilly CAPE Grant

2008/2009 By the Numbers

87% of students who attended a CISCC sponsored Homework Club maintained or improved their report card grades over the course of the school year.

150 students met individually each week with community volunteers to work on reading skills. The volunteers donated 2528 hours of service to the 3, 2, 1 READ program. The program expanded to two additional schools this year, bringing the total number of schools served to 12.

1,400 first grade students from all three Clark County School Systems received free vision screenings from volunteer optometrists provided by CISCC.

173 students received counseling from a licensed Centerstone therapist provided by CISCC.

110 families received wrap around services from a New Hope Services case manager provided by CISCC.

371 students received academic assistance through CISCC Homework Clubs and In-School tutoring.

5834 books were given away through CISCC's Story Time, Book Harvest, and 3,2,1 READ programs.



Look How We've Grown!

CISCC is incredibly proud of and *extremely* grateful for all of our wonderful community partners and dedicated volunteers.



	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
CISCC Partners	10	25	87	130	150
Volunteers	5	37	86	110	126
Volunteer Hours	378	682	1290	1943	2582

What People Had To Say About CISCC This Year:

"CISCC gives public schools in Clark County a lot of bang for their buck. The vision screenings provided by CISCC are extremely beneficial and have become even more valuable to our students during this time when the economy and adequate healthcare are such huge concerns for so many of our families. The CISCC school Resource Coordinators work with students in our elementary schools and provide them with additional academic and social support that will enable them to get their educational careers started on the right foot." ~ **Monty Schneider, Superintendent West Clark Schools**

"Communities In Schools of Clark County and its programs not only help students build their self confidence, but also takes that extra step in preparing them for success. One Southern Indiana is proud to be a partner with an organization that cares so much about the youth of our community. My participation in CISCC has been a very enlightening and worthwhile experience." ~ **Tonya Fischer, Director of Community Development & Government Relations, One Southern Indiana**

"Your support has helped tremendously. The Resource Coordinator has impacted so many of our students. She works with them to help meet academic, social and emotional needs, and is part of our school family. Our therapist is fantastic! She has worked so well with our families and students. She has a true passion for kids and we have seen wonderful turn-arounds with many of her cases. The CAPE Director and Executive Director of CISCC have been wonderful support to me as a new principal. They have consulted with me on numerous occasions about how to improve our services at JJ. I appreciate the continued concern and support for our school. I truly cannot imagine our building without the support of CIS." ~ **Principal, Jonathan Jennings Elementary**

"It helped me by knocking some sense in my head. And I didn't get in trouble with (my classroom teacher) anymore." ~ **Student, Wilson Elementary**