



SGA
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



**THE PROBLEMS
FACING YOUTH TODAY
ARE COMPLEX AND
TIGHTLY INTERWOVEN
WITH THE ISSUES
OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.**

2004 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of SGA Youth & Family Services. We are where we are today, 93 years in operation and vital as ever, thanks to your generosity and commitment.

We appreciate all of your wonderful feedback on our new agency name and logo. We are so glad to have arrived at a name that better reflects our work while retaining a link to our proud and important history. We retain much more than a tie to our name: we remain true to our founders' mission of supporting the healthy development of young people in family, school and community.

The problems facing youth today are complex and tightly interwoven with the issues of their communities. If we help an individual young person change his behaviors and attitudes but do nothing to improve negative family, peer and community dynamics, those individual changes are difficult to sustain. In the last five years, SGA has been proactive in forming partnerships with key stakeholders in the community to make systems such as juvenile justice, the schools, employment and housing more supportive of youth development. By participating in community dialogue and planning on issues such as disproportionate minority confinement, access to education for homeless students and increasing supports for youth on probation, we are making systems more responsive to the needs of adolescents. Tangible results of our work are more homeless youth enrolled in school; greater stability among families of youth on probation; and alternatives to detention for youth offenders.

This annual report highlights the many ways that SGA is working with partner agencies, government entities and funders to make change at the system level for the benefit of youth and their families.

Your support is more critical than ever and enables us to create innovative services and bring our expertise to community initiatives. You make all the difference for the youth and families who depend on us.

Sincerely,



Mary Kay Sullivan
Board President



Susana Marotta, Ph.D.
Executive Director

**“I GUESS
I AM ONE OF THE
LUCKY ONES.”**

SGA
+
**West Town Neighborhood
Health Center and
Norwegian Hospital**
**Northwestern University
Settlement House**
Reading is Fundamental



Services for Teen Parents

Stabilizing high-risk teen parents and children and promoting healthy families

Through our Healthy Families Illinois/Parents Too Soon (HFI/PTS) program in the West Town, Logan Square and Humboldt Park communities, SGA provides intensive support and parenting education to first-time teen mothers, ages 13-18, and their babies. Services begin during pregnancy and follow the mother and child until the child is five years old, guiding healthy development from pre-natal care to school readiness. In 2004, the program served 100 teens and their babies.

Our services enhance parent-child bonding and decrease child abuse. Teen mothers in our program learn to nurture their children's healthy development and set realistic expectations. We identify emotional and developmental problems in children early and address those needs immediately. Our services are home-based and incorporate physical surroundings, extended family and community factors in treatment.

HFI/PTS brings community resources together for teens and their babies. We partner with the West Town Neighborhood Health Center and Norwegian Hospital to recruit pregnant girls, blending our supportive and educational services with pre-natal and infant medical care. We partner with Northwestern University Settlement House and Wells High School to hold groups for the teen mothers and their babies, introducing teens to the many recreational and community activities offered at the Settlement. We participate in Reading is Fundamental to encourage mothers to start reading to their children early in life.

HFI/PTS impacts the community as a whole by stabilizing these high-risk parents and children. The program works to delay subsequent teen pregnancy and helps teen mothers set and achieve personal goals so that they are more likely to finish their education and less likely to repeat the inter-generational cycle of teen pregnancy.

**“ I WANNA
BE SOMETHING
MORE
THAN THIS.”**

SGA + Chicago Public Schools



School Based Services

SGA greatly increases school and community capacity to address mental health needs of youth

In 2004, SGA provided counseling and prevention education services to 1,350 students in 20 elementary and high schools, helping them overcome obstacles that interfere with their ability to succeed in school. As a result of our services, students are more attentive in class, show improvement in peer and family relationships, set and achieve goals, and most importantly, 90% move to the next grade level or graduate.

SGA's partnership with the Chicago Public Schools greatly increases school and community capacity to address mental health needs of youth. Most schools share one school social worker among multiple facilities, and focus on students with special needs, greatly decreasing clinical time for other students. Community-based mental health providers are scarce, especially those that specialize in adolescent development. SGA not only fills a service gap, but our school-based delivery ensures easy and safe access to service for youth.

SGA also helps youth build essential social and problem-solving skills. Through Aggression Replacement Training and Peer Mediation, we help

young people manage anger, resolve conflict peacefully and learn to stand by their convictions – even when faced with negative peer pressure.

We bring outside resources to schools. Grants from the Chicago Department of Human Services support a school drop-out prevention initiative in West Town, a counseling program in Brighton Park and after-school services in Belmont Cragin. A special grant from United Way allows us to help homeless and other high-risk students plan for and transition to college. Contributions from foundations and individuals support these services plus additional programming, such as art therapy and violence prevention. We also provide individual and family therapy and services in our South Loop office to students who need additional services outside of the school setting.

SGA's school-based services help the most vulnerable youth stay on track to high school graduation. Our work makes communities stronger by keeping kids off the streets and helping them find meaningful direction and purpose.

**“ I DON’T
WANNA BE IN
THAT
CROWD.”**

**SGA
+
The Cook County
State's Attorney and
Office of Probation**

**Lawndale Disproportionate
Minority Confinement
Forum on Youth**

Youthlink Collaboration

**Lawndale
Restorative Justice
Collaborative**



Services for Justice Involved Youth

Juvenile justice system change

SGA is part of the solution to reducing community crime. SGA works to decrease juvenile delinquency in some of Chicago's highest crime communities, including Englewood, New City, Grand Boulevard and North and South Lawndale. These areas have disproportionately high numbers of incarcerated residents, organized criminal subcultures and high rates of gang activity. Youth in these neighborhoods are faced every day with choices that could end any chance for a positive future.

SGA is strengthening our clients' decision-making skills, giving them options to delinquency and building hope for the future. In fiscal year 04, SGA provided delinquency prevention and intervention services to 439 youths. SGA screens youth in high-risk neighborhoods to find those most at risk of delinquency and provides services that address those risk factors. SGA helps those who already have committed a minor offense make amends for their actions, resolve problems that led

to delinquency, and get involved in productive activities. For youth who have had multiple offenses, SGA provides intensive services to the entire family to build support and structure for the youth. In all of our programs, we coordinate with schools to ensure that these young people stay focused on education.

Our work makes communities safer by reducing repeat offenses, helping kids understand choices and consequences and set personal goals so they are less likely to succumb to negative pressures. We participate in initiatives that hold young people accountable for their actions while also creating opportunities for them to reconcile with the community. SGA partners with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Office of Probation, accepting referrals directly from these groups. SGA is a member of the Lawndale Disproportionate Minority Confinement Forum on Youth, the Youthlink Collaboration and the Lawndale Restorative Justice Collaborative.

**“YOUTH
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PROBLEM,
BUT INVISIBLE.”**

SGA
+
**The Southside
Collaboration for
Homeless Youth**
Chicago Public Schools



Services for Homeless Youth

Implementation of outreach and counseling services for homeless youth

SGA has been instrumental in bringing the issue of youth homelessness to the forefront of community dialogue in the Greater Grand Boulevard area on Chicago's south side. For the past two years, SGA has spearheaded the Southside Collaboration for Homeless Youth, a multi-agency initiative that has brought together a diverse group of service providers and grass roots leaders to develop service strategies for homeless youth.

The Collaboration engaged the entire community in the planning process. We conducted eight community trainings, with 182 attendees from 58 agencies represented. As a result of our trainings, attendees increased knowledge about the needs of homeless youth and learned how to link homeless youth to existing services in the city. The Collaboration created and distributed a resource directory of homeless youth services for the Grand Boulevard area as a tool for providers. The collaborative process facilitated the creation of many new services for homeless youth in the area, including mobile care services by SGA partner Teen Living Programs.

The Collaboration includes a Youth Advisory Board comprised of youth who are or have been homeless. They advise the Collaboration on strategic issues and manage communication campaigns to advise youth of resources in the community. SGA and its Collaboration partners secured scholarships for several Youth Advisory Board members to attend local and national youth development conferences.

In addition to community building through the Collaboration, SGA also offers direct services for homeless youth. We discovered through our needs assessment that many homeless youth manage to attend school despite the instability in their lives, yet the schools do not have the resources to offer supportive services for these youth. SGA was the first outside provider to offer mental health services exclusively for homeless students in the schools. SGA implemented outreach and counseling services for homeless youth in two high schools and several homeless shelters. During 2004, 363 youth participated in awareness and education workshops and 40 homeless youth received individual counseling and other supportive services.

**TANGIBLE RESULTS.
LASTING CHANGE.**

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2003

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals 2004	Totals 2003
OPERATING REVENUES AND SUPPORT					
Public support:					
Contributions and bequests	\$ 727,341	\$ 19,588		\$ 746,929	\$ 634,037
Revenue from special events	178,411			178,411	127,698
Allocated by United Way of Chicago, Inc.	188,626			188,626	73,896
Total public support	1,094,378	19,588	-	1,113,966	835,631
Fees and grants from governmental agencies:					
Chicago Department of Human Services	154,619			154,619	120,907
Illinois Department of Human Services	102,000			102,000	107,900
Department of Health and Human Services	155,275			155,275	107,225
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services	7,544			7,544	29,988
Chicago Police Department - Diversion					
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	419,438	-	-	419,438	366,020
Other:					
Program and contract service fees	477,665			477,665	434,038
Investment return	423,903			423,903	217,466
Miscellaneous	716			716	
	902,284	-	-	902,284	651,504
Total operating revenues and support - forwarded	\$ 2,416,100	\$ 19,588	-	\$ 2,435,688	\$ 1,853,155
EXPENSES					
Counseling services:					
Teen Parenting	353,621			353,621	323,569
Juvenile Justice	450,813			450,813	216,339
School Based	341,183			341,183	336,135
Intensive Family	42,072			42,072	80,225
Office Services	46,914			46,914	42,169
SAMHSA	210,330	-		210,330	120,840
Supporting services:					
Management and general	345,352			345,352	351,577
Fundraising	256,727			256,727	223,099
Total operating expenses	2,047,012	-	-	2,047,012	1,693,953
Change in net assets	369,088	19,588	-	388,676	159,202
Net assets - beginning of year	3,478,610	141,766	462,208	4,082,584	3,923,382
Net assets - end of year	\$ 3,847,698	\$ 161,354	\$ 462,208	\$ 4,471,260	\$ 4,082,584

Statements of Financial Position

JUNE 30, 2004 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2003

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Totals 2004	Totals 2003
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 157,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,858	\$ 166,984
Investments	3,455,566		462,208	3,917,764	3,488,950
Accounts receivable	254,490			254,490	232,125
Contribution Receivable		205,678		205,678	195,883
Accrued Interest Receivable	11,865			11,865	17,023
Prepaid expenses	10,573			10,573	31,472
Security Deposit	12,300			12,300	12,300
Total current assets	\$ 3,902,642	\$ 205,678	\$ 462,208	\$ 4,570,528	\$ 4,144,737
OTHER ASSETS					
IDHS Reserve	2,784			2,784	
Total other assets	2,784			2,784	
NONCURRENT ASSETS					
Furniture and Equipment, Net Deprecia	61,302			61,302	74,348
Total noncurrent assets	61,302		-	61,302	74,348
Total assets	\$ 3,966,728	\$ 205,678	\$ 462,208	\$ 4,634,614	\$ 4,219,085
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Accounts payable	\$ 36,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,335	\$ 22,371
Deferred Revenue	11,667			11,667	
Accrued expenses	71,028			71,028	54,032
Reserve for self-insured unemployment					5,980
Annuity payable	44,324			44,324	54,118
Total current liabilities	163,354	-	-	163,354	136,501
NET ASSETS					
Unrestricted	3,847,698			3,847,698	3,478,610
Temporarily Restricted		161,354		161,354	141,766
Permanently Restricted			462,208	462,208	462,208
Total net assests	3,847,698	161,354	462,208	4,471,260	4,082,584
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,011,052	\$ 161,354	\$ 462,208	\$ 4,634,614	\$ 4,219,085

Complete audited financial statements are available for viewing upon request.

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In Memoriam

**Esteemed Staff Member
Hugh Fisher MA, ACSW
1922 – 2004**

SGA staff and board mourn the loss of Hugh Fisher, a retired SGA employee who spent more than 40 years of his distinguished social work career at SGA. Hugh touched the lives of countless young people during his career at SGA. He had an uncommon capacity to connect and to help his clients build hope about their futures. His commitment to the agency was extraordinary and he was admired and respected by all who knew him. He mentored employees and interns who were new to the social work field, easing the learning curve and helping them provide the best service to clients. His knowledge of the agency's history was a vital link between past and present. He also was very generous with his personal resources. He and his wife, Margaret, opened their home and farm annually for a summer party, allowing clients and staff to experience the tranquility of the country. He truly made a difference in the lives of his clients and all those fortunate enough to have known him. Hugh passed away in July, 2004. He will be greatly missed.

**Valued Donor and Advocate
Irving B. Harris
1910 – 2004**

He goes free of the earth.
The sun of his last day sets
clear in the sweetness of his liberty.

The earth recovers from his dying,
the hallow of his life remaining
in all his death leaves.

Radiances know him. Grown lighter
than breath, he is set free
in our remembering. Grown brighter

than vision, he goes dark
into the life of the hill
that holds his peace.

He's hidden among all that is,
and cannot be lost.

Wendell Berry

In death, the goodness of Irving Harris' life is all the more radiant. He was a great spirit who gave innovative and boundless support to those most vulnerable, including the youth and families of SGA. The seeds he sowed will bear fruit for generations to come.

*Yolanda Ridley Scheunemann
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