

2021 Annual Report

Donald Little spent 23 years of his life as a member of our Choices extended family, leaving us in 2021 as the result of injuries from an automobile accident in Springfield at the age of 72. He was one of those individuals who had survived the darkest of times, living out of sight and out of mind behind the closed walls of the Columbus State Institute for 13 harrowing years.



He came back home to Clark County in 1971, along with so many others who emerged from behind those walls when the institutions at long last closed, back to find love and to find home. He fell in love and married his wife Margie in 1991. With Choices staff by their side to get them through all the paperwork and financing, the two of them saw their American dream come true when they bought their own home. He had found purpose in his work at TAC Industries, where he retired, as well his earlier work as a machine operator at RAWAC Plating Company. He found meaning in living a life of independence, with his own home, within a welcoming neighborhood, with longtime friends, and so many adventures in the community. He found joy in the love of his wife and in the support of those he considered his family, his Choices staff.

Heroes work here

Home Manager Taiwana Johnson brought statewide recognition to Choices in 2021 when the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) named her the Front-Line Supervisor for District 2 during their statewide conference and awards ceremonies. She serves at our Wendhaven and Mill Trace homes.



With the retirement of Executive Director Tom Weaver who had been a part of the Choices team when the organization was established, Program Director Danette Addison is the most tenured staff member, with 35 years of exceptional service.

More than 350 heroes put the quality in quality-of-life services in their professional roles providing direct care, management, and administrative support.

With continuity and consistency of care as the foundation to quality services, the following staff were recognized for service anniversaries in 2021:

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| 10 Years: Daniel DeAtley; Diane Hayslip; Marless Thompson; Nancy Viets | 20 Years: Tonya Brown; Chasity Cook; Alex Moreland; David Roustio |
| 15 Years: Tim Henderson; Danielle Jones; Patricia Medley; Robin Newsome | 25 Years: Teresa Moody |

Choices In Community Living (CICL) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization established in 1985 to provide community-based residential services (*homes*) for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities following mandates from the state of Ohio to spin off residential services provided by county boards of developmental disabilities, with CICL founded to support the three homes that had been operated by the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities.






A values-based organization, the CICIL mission is to assist people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to have opportunities to build safe, healthy, and meaningful lives in the community.

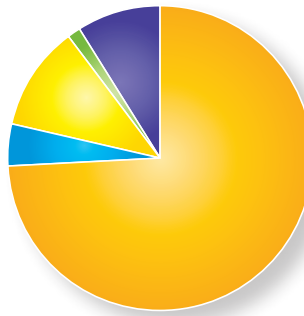
Choices is governed by a volunteer policy-making Board of Trustees representing families, clients, business, and civic organizations. It is a member of the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) and the CREST Network.

Board members (2021) included: Deborah Dulaney, Chair; Myron Rheume; Vice-Chair; Bill Kramer, Treasurer; Susan Seitz, Secretary; and Clinton Brown; Sharon Hairston; Larry Hansgen; and Steve McHugh.





2021 Finances in review

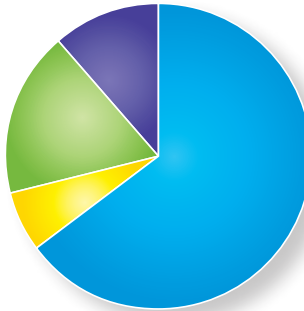
Revenues:

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|  | IO Waivers Homemaker/ Personal Care | \$12,611,245.09 |
|  | Day Services | \$756,094.12 |
|  | Client Benefit Resources | \$1,885,979.36 |
|  | Supported Living | \$242,560.03 |
|  | Grants/Donations/Other | \$1,492,747.72 |
| Total | | \$16,988,626.32 |



Operating Expenses

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|  | Support Staff Wages/Benefits | \$10,215,530.75 |
|  | Home General Services | \$994,107.14 |
|  | Administrative/ General Services | \$2,758,528.60 |
|  | Food & Daily Living Expenses | \$1,763,547.93 |
| Total | | \$15,731,714.42 |



Licensed and certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, 97% of CICL funding is from Medicaid, with support from the Montgomery County Human Services Levy and other state and local funding. Individual gifts and grants support needs that are not funded by other sources. During 2021, individual gifts and grants provided funding for the installation of whole-home generators for our Abraham, Blue Ash, Broadbush, Gardenside and Lavon homes in Montgomery County. Funding was also received for the purchase and maintenance of vans.

From our initial three homes providing residential services in Montgomery County, CICL's service base has expanded, with services provided in 2021 in Butler, Clark, Greene, Madison, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren counties. Services have expanded to provide a range of community-based individual options for Medicaid eligible individuals.

We serve individuals with a range of intellectual/developmental disabilities, with an age range in 2021 from 18 to 83 years, in coordination with county boards of developmental disabilities.

Residential Services

Residential Services are lifelong and provided around the clock by teams of professionally trained Direct Support Professionals and Home Managers. In 2021, CICL provided services for 164 individuals in 33 homes in Montgomery County; 13 homes in Clark County; 4 homes in Butler County (*Safe Haven*), and one home in Preble County. Fourteen (14) individuals were served in 13 locations in the CICL Semi-Independent Living program, providing drop-in staff support for individuals as needed. Seven individuals were served in our Monitored program, which included an apartment

for each individual to live independently in the community, with on-site staff to provide care and support as needed.

Adult Day Services

Adult Day Services are open to CICL clients and to Medicaid-eligible individuals in the community, providing a range of social, recreation and leisure-time options.

Adult Day Services in 2021 included the Fun-Fit community-based program and the new facility-based Choices Champions program. Fun-Fit served 64 individuals in sites in Englewood, Huber Heights, West Carrollton, Vandalia,

Springfield, and Butler County (*Safe Haven, Atrium, and Countryside YMCA*.) Choices Champions began programs at the Martin Center in October for 15 participants.

Transportation Services

CICL provides transportation to support and promote access to all aspects of community living, including vans for homes and our Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) service that provides door-to-door transportation to and from Adult Day Services programs and community jobs. NMT supports individuals in Montgomery county, averaging 26 trips daily, with three 12-passenger vans, one modified transit van, and two mini modified vans. NMT served 77 individuals in 2021. Adult Day Services operates five 12-passenger vans, two modified transit vans and one standard mini van, serving 64 individuals on an ongoing basis in 2021.

State regulations require a van to be available around the clock for homes. During 2021, CICL operated 20 mini vans for homes, two transit vans, and five modified vans. Grants and individual gifts support the purchase, maintenance and operation of vans.

Other service options

An HPC (*Homemaker Personal Care*) option, **FunOne** provides individuals options to select from a range of community experiences, such as attending sports, theater, movies, concerts, and other community activities as a one-on-one experience (*one individual paired with one staff member*), in lieu of large group experiences. FunOne experiences are funded by individual gifts and grants.

Committed to providing options that support the dreams of individuals with developmental disabilities and empowering them to be active decision-makers for their own lives, CICL provides staff support to the Partners Optimist Club and to the Voices of Greene County and Voices Matter/ Montgomery County. Partners Optimist is one of the first chartered Optimist Clubs in the nation for and by members with developmental disabilities. The award-winning Voices of Greene County and Voices Matter/Montgomery County are leaders in Ohio in promoting and supporting self-advocacy.