



**BEATRICE CAFFREY**  
Youth Service, Inc.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Beatrice Caffrey,

I would like to share with you the meaning of courage, hope and help. Courage is the capacity to recognize and face fears, hope is the entity that propels you forward against the strangest and seemingly insurmountable odds; we develop courage and maintain hope. But the gift of help is not developed nor maintained, it is received. Like a life jacket that keeps us above the waters when they are rough, Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc. has for the last 56 years kept youth and families buoyed and sustained.

Our programs of service have been the resource families have utilized to regain their footing and pull ashore. We are proud of our legacy of service, a constant in good economic times, and unremitting against the assault of even the financial storm the country currently faces.

We have been able to be there for the youth and families we serve because you have been there for us. Your commitment to making a difference is matched by your generosity, and we are eternally grateful.

Please continue to put Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc. in your budget this year. Though your donation this year may require significant negotiation, we are hopeful you will elect to keep us in your plans.

Remember, our united effort makes a difference everyday. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark N. Bouie, MSW  
Executive Director

# BEATRICE CAFFREY YOUTH SERVICE, INC.

## VISION AND MISSION



### Our Mission

To organize, develop and implement programs that improve the quality of life for urban youth and their families. We are committed to providing quality care and supportive services to move them toward independence and self-sufficiency.

### Our Vision

Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc. will continue to be a leader in providing services and programs for children and families. Our focus is on developing early intervention programs and services with the goal that children will have the opportunity to grow up in their own homes. We will continue to contribute to the empowerment of families and communities through programs, services and organizations that encourage self-reliance. Therefore, BCYS will provide the highest quality of programs and services for all children and their families.



## BCYS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY BASED YOUTH SERVICE

The Comprehensive Community Based Youth Service, (C.C.B.Y.S.), serves youth/families residing in LAN 80/ Grand Boulevard on the southeast side of Chicago.

The purpose of the program is to divert youth/families from involvement with either the child welfare and or juvenile justice systems because of neglect and or abuse. Services are provided twenty-four hours per day seven days per week and range from the provision of crisis intervention to short-term counseling and case management.

The programs' primary objective is the reduction if not elimination of out of home placements for youth because of their refusal to return home and/or their parent's refusal to allow them back into the home.

The program projects to serve fifty youth/families through crisis intervention annually with the goal of family reunification. Currently a total of thirty-five youth/families have been served through this service component with a total of thirty (85%) being reunified immediately as a result of the intervention. Seventy-eight youth/families have received services through the program's follow-up stabilization services component (short-term counseling, advocacy, referral linkage, etc.).

### TEEN REACH

The Teen Reach program provides services to youth between the ages of 10-17 years of age, and their families, on a daily basis.

The purpose of the program is to provide youth living in high need communities with critical support and services that will assist them in the



development of behaviors and expectations that will lead to current and future successes. These services are provided in a safe and structured learning environment during the time that Federal studies have shown these youth to be most vulnerable and at risk, (3pm-7pm).

Services are focused on academic improvement, the development of new skills and interests through sports/cultural and artistic activities, the promotion of social interests and talents through involvement with positive adult role models, promoting parental involvement, decreasing risk-taking behavior through the provision of life skills education, and promoting service learning activities which connects classroom learning with community services.

Participants are involved in activities such as dance; liturgical/modern, drama; acting/writing scripts,

sports; intramural/recreational, culinary arts; meal planning/preparing, tutoring, creative writing, arts/crafts, entrepreneurial endeavors, social grace/etiquette and field trips.

#### **SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS**

This agency's Supervised Independent Living program offers a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to service for eighteen youth at any given time between the ages of 18-21 years of age who are wards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

These youth are assisted to establish and maintain "real world" life skills necessary to maximize their ability to stabilize themselves in the communities where they reside in their individual apartments. Concurrently they are assisted with accessing



appropriate educational, vocational, medical, therapeutic, social and employment resources to enhance their ability to become self-sufficient/self-sustaining young adults.

The program serves males and females as well as pregnant/parenting and non-pregnant/parenting youth.

### **TRANSITIONAL LIVING**

The agency's Transitional Living program is committed to providing individualized services to twenty-four youth at any give time that are wards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services between the ages of 17-21.

These youth do not meet the criteria established by the IDCFS for placement in independent living; a

high school diploma or its equivalent and at least six months of continuous work experience and require more intensive services to assist them towards successful emancipation.

Services are individualized and based on a social case work model utilizing a strength based approach to enable the participants to adequately begin the process of addressing their needs in the areas of education/vocation, substance abuse/use, domestic violence, crime reduction/elimination, mental health services, medication maintenance, socialization and employment..

The program operates out of two sites one for female participants and the other one for male participants.



## FOSTER CARE

The foster care program is relating to the early engagement of biological parents whose children come into care. Beatrice Caffrey works diligently with families whose goal is reunification. The key is to make telephone contact with the parents within 24 hours after receiving the case and attempt to begin the visitation process with the parent and the children shortly thereafter. The



biological parents are assessed for services and referred accordingly. Moreover, building a rapport with the biological parents is paramount and essential

for the life changes that the biological parents much embrace in working on the issues/problems that brought their children to the attention of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (IDCFS).

Beatrice Caffrey treats our biological parents with dignity and respect. We want to give them every effort to work towards reunification with their children by showing them that we do care. When a case comes into foster care, the biological parents make their own case which is either accept or decline services. As an agency, this is where we step in with encouragement and helping them see that reunification is the goal but the decision to work towards this goal is ultimately theirs.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



To the Board of Directors of Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc., (an Illinois not-for-profit corporation) as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc., as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2009 on our consideration of Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreement and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc., taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

WASHINGTON, PITTMAN & McKEEVER, LLC  
Chicago, Illinois  
January 21, 2009

# FINANCIAL REPORT



## REVENUE

Government Support	3,634,115
Interest & Investment Income	2,984
Contributions	11,367
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,648,466</b>

## EXPENSES

Foster Care	1,319,427
Teen Reach	149,627
CCBYS	164,806
ILO	459,443
21st Century	69,807
Transitional Living	1,097,641
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$3,260,751</b>

## SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management & General	560,554
<b>Total Expenses Before Gains/Losses</b>	<b>\$3,821,304</b>
Unrealized (loss)/Gain on Investment	(39,387)
(Decrease) /Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	(212,225)
Unrestricted Net Deficit – Beginning of Year	142,321
<b>Unrestricted Net Deficit – End of Year</b>	<b>\$(69,904)</b>



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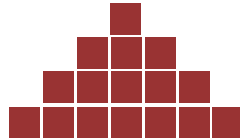
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