

TALBOT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, INC. FY 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

Raise and distribute funds to answer unmet needs that are fundamental to the safety, security, health and well-being of Talbot County's children and adults.

FUNDS RAISED

Talbot Community Connections (TCC) was formed to raise funds to enhance the Talbot County Department of Social Services' capacity to respond directly to problems of safety and well-being of county citizens. The funds raised provide help for abused children, families in crisis, the unemployed, and disabled and frail elderly.

The funds raised in FY 2004 were awarded to the foster care, family investment, child welfare and family and adults in crisis programs. Funds were also added to a reserve account for the Child Advocacy Center. The awards provided resources for 121 children, families and adults to be able to experience a more safe and secure circumstance.

In the FY 2005, TCC conducted two fundraisers, and received two grants, raising a total of \$30,996.00. Eighty-eight donors contributed to the fundraisers. Eighty-eight percent of these were individuals. Businesses (5%), service clubs (5%) and churches (2%) also provided support for our mission. Grants received came from Town Creek Foundation and Mid Shore Community Foundation, for general operations and respite care, respectively. The board was successful in utilizing in-kind contributions that allowed TCC to hold expenses to less than 10 percent of funds raised.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Each year TCC plans to utilize the spring fundraising event to raise funds and provide community education to professionals and/or community residents about important child welfare issues. This year, the Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Spring Open House was attended by 200 professional and interested citizens from Talbot County and around the mid-shore region. Visitors toured the center and were introduced to the services provided to children that may have been abused. The TCC Open House raised funds for new equipment for the center.

TCC AWARDS MADE IN FY 2005

Respite Care Grant	\$4,987.50
CAC Camera Grant	\$14,000.00
Child Welfare Grant	\$3,000.00
Families and Adults in Crisis Grant	\$3,000.00
Adult Services Grant	\$3,000.00

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Total-\$27,987.50

