



Covenant to Care for Children

*Helping Connecticut's
Children in Need.*



Annual Report 2005 - 2006

From the Chairman of the Board:

Dear Friend of Covenant to Care for Children,

The year 2005-2006 has been a year of change for us. Therefore, I am especially thankful for the steadfast support that we and the children we serve have received from you this year.

Change started when Cindy Bartholomew, our valued Executive Director for the last 12 years, advised us that she would resign at the end of December to seek another career opportunity. We contacted an executive search organization that specializes in recruiting for nonprofit agencies and engaged a consultant to assist us with an exhaustive search process. Before actually seeking a new Executive Director, we examined ourselves, our mission, the needs of the children we serve, our programs and our resources. As a result we were better able to define the characteristics and professional training and experience we sought in a new Executive Director. Our search ended successfully at the end of this fiscal year, when we engaged Maryann Steele to become our Executive Director beginning 8/1/06. Maryann is a resident of Canton and was formerly the Executive Director of Gifts of Love in Avon.

Other changes of note are the departure from the Board of Directors of Vice-Chair Sandy Meyer and me as we have reached the ten year term limit established in CCC's Bylaws. We welcome Elaine Thomas Williams to the Board. For 2006-2007, the Board will be led by Jeannie Boehner, Chair; Martha Page, Vice-Chair; Jim Smith, Treasurer; and Elaine Thomas Williams, Secretary. Yovanna Wedderburn, who served as Interim Executive Director, will return to her position as Director of Agency Operations. Special thanks to her for the leadership, professionalism, and stability she provided during this period of change, which allowed CCC to continue to move forward. This year, we also said farewell to staff members: Ayat Agah, LaShawn Henderson, and Stacie Nicholas. We welcome Gerald Dillenbeck, Grant Writer, David Santis, Program Assistant, and Chastity Taylor, AASW Regional Coordinator.

What has not changed is the marvelous support that CCC continues to receive from individuals, faith communities, and businesses. With their help, during this past year, CCC provided approximately \$ 448, 000 worth of goods and services to Connecticut's neediest children. Beds are among the most important items we provide and again, we give special thanks to Reverend Brockett and the Bethany Covenant Church for raising approximately \$15,000.00 in their "Beds for Kids" fund raiser and to Bob Kaufman of Bob's Stores for gift certificates for beds. In November, thanks to the sponsorship of Milton Rosenberg, of Bernie's Appliances-Televisions-Bedding, and the donations of many friends of CCC, we hosted the First Annual Bernie's Bash, a silent and live auction with food donated and served by Maneeley's Banquet and Catering of South Windsor. This event, attended by 200, was a great success and raised over \$20,000.00 for CCC. We plan to hold the Second Annual Bernie's Bash in November 2006. We also thank the sponsors of other events benefiting CCC, including The Bloomfield Rotary Club Golf Tournament, the Tony Walton Memorial Concert, and the "Crop 'til Your Drop " event held by Cathi Nelson, Senior Director of Creative Memories at the Hartford Civic Center. As always, we are particularly indebted to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families for its financial support and the support of its workers.

As mentioned in last year's letter, CCC's Adopt a Social Worker program was recognized by The Mutual of America Foundation of the Mutual of America Insurance Company as one of two Honorable Mention Award recipients of the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award. Members of the Board and staff attended the awards dinner in New York City. Mutual of America also hosted a luncheon for CCC at Maneeley's and recognized the efforts of many CCC supporters.

As you can see, 2005-2006 was another exciting year for CCC, but our focus remains on the children we serve. They are the reason for our existence. Please continue to support them through CCC in the coming years.





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Annual Report July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Mission

Covenant to Care for Children mobilizes and channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, mentor and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children and youth who are neglected, abused or at-risk.

The Adopt A Social Worker Program

Covenant to Care for Children continued the tradition of service to children and families through the Adopt a Social Worker Program (AASW) this year. Reports from volunteers indicate 19,470 children were provided with concrete goods which met critical material needs that helped to stabilize their living situations. If unreported giving is included, we estimate that 25,000 children were served. The value of reported donations for this period totaled \$448, 371. Without the efforts of over 1,000 volunteers, this initiative would not be a success. Covenant to Care for Children coordinated the pairing of 230 congregations with 218 Social Workers from the Department of Children and Families, and other child service agencies. The support of the Katherine Matthies Foundation allowed AASW to continue intense recruiting efforts throughout the Lower Naugatuck Valley.

Reach One Youth Mentoring Program

Mentoring at-risk youth is a challenging, rewarding, and exciting experience. Reach One Youth (ROY) mentors learn to stay by the youth's side for as long as they want. Mentors remain despite rejection, boundary testing, or poor decisions on the part of the youth. That's when mentoring a youth really makes an impact, when the adult is consistent, patient, honest and available, even in difficult spots. We're proud of our effort which helped improve the living conditions and attitudes of 40 youth this year.

There were seventeen new matches this fiscal year, ten matches were inactive/terminated, and thirteen matches became alumni when they reached the maximum age for the program. Each active match had a consistent weekly contact of an average of 3 hours a week, totaling an average of 156 hours of mentee contact during the year. In addition, each of the sites in Bloomfield, Simsbury, Hartford, and Manchester held 2-hour monthly support groups in at least 10 out of the 12 months.

The Mom, Mentor and Me Program

The Mom, Mentor and Me Program (M3) was initiated in 2004 in collaboration with Families In Crisis, in response to the specific needs of children whose mothers are incarcerated. By pairing these children with a mentor, the M3 program addresses the challenges they face as part of a special at-risk group. At the end of this fiscal year, there were twenty-seven children matched with a mentor and the recruiting process had picked up momentum in the Bridgeport, New Haven, Waterbury and New Britain regions. We are able to provide this service thanks to the willing and caring people in the community and thanks in large part to a matching federal grant from the Family and Youth Services Bureau within The Federal Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families.

The Critical Goods Distribution Program

Serving social workers who are attempting to reunify and preserve families, the Critical Goods Distribution Program (CGDP) provided 413 children and their families with items including furniture, appliances, and clothing. In fiscal year 2006, despite being hampered by a harsh winter and poor weather, the program delivered \$118, 271 worth of usable goods in 152 deliveries. New procedures were implemented to streamline the intake of requests and offered donations. The procedures have helped to sharpen the focus of our collection and distribution to the most vital items needed for family preservation and reunification. This program is a critical support for all of our other programs.

The Children's Food Pantries and Crisis Food Support Collaboration

Covenant to Care for Children assisted in operating and supporting three emergency food pantries. Two pantries are housed in the DCF offices in Hartford and New Britain respectively. Social workers whose clients experienced a food crisis received a stop-gap three day supply of non-perishable food from the pantries. Through this collaboration, 609 children and 291 adults received emergency food assistance alleviating the serious threat of hunger. As a member of Foodshare, CCC also provided clients with fresh and non-perishable food for Thanksgiving and Holiday Dinners. The third food pantry is a collaboration with the Asylum Hill Congregational Church Crisis Food Support program and assists DCF clients in Hartford and West Hartford by home delivery of a two week supply of non-perishable foods from their pantry as well as client selected fresh foods purchased from local grocers with church funds.

Audited Financial Summary

Fiscal Year 2006 Fiscal Year 2005

Revenues

Government Grants	\$362,347	\$324,972
Faith Communities	\$22,930	\$24,896
Grants & Corporate Donors	\$164,303	\$98,012
Individuals	\$31,304	\$53,365
Events	\$43,286	\$23,355
Other	<u>\$99,337</u>	<u>\$129,090</u>
Total Cash Revenues	\$723,507	\$653,690
Donated Goods and Services	<u>\$324,452</u>	<u>\$509,234</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$1,047,959*</u>	<u>\$1,162,924</u>

Expenses

Program Services	\$937,851	\$1,061,375
Management & General	\$95,159	\$94,598
Fund Raising	<u>\$34,274</u>	<u>\$23,682</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,067,284</u>	<u>\$1,179,655</u>

*This amount includes \$24,421 in temporarily restricted funds and \$950 in permanently restricted funds.

In addition to our many corporate and individual donors, Covenant to Care for Children thanks the following for their grant support:

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All contributions are acknowledged and, unless requested to do otherwise, may be listed in Covenant to Care for Children (CCC) publications.

Please consider including CCC in your will. We encourage donations in honor or memory of individuals or to recognize special events or milestones. Please call CCC at (860) 243-1806 if you need additional information or if you would like to explore the possibilities.

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people who have donated items to
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businesses and from their homes. Space
does not permit the printing of
each of your names.

Your generosity is greatly
appreciated and is vital to CCC's
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Many thanks for the work
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