

The background is a light beige color with scattered white and gold stars. A network of dashed blue lines connects several circular nodes. The nodes include a large blue circle at the top left, a blue circle with a white and gold ring in the middle left, a gold circle in the middle right, a blue circle with a white and gold ring in the bottom right, and a large blue circle at the bottom right. A red ribbon is positioned in the lower center of the page.

Connecting

the Dots



2010 Annual Report  
Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition



*“A wonderful harmony  
arises from joining  
together the seemingly  
unconnected.” -Heraclitus*

## A message from the Executive Director and Board President

Consumers

We connect the dots, here at CARC. We link our member agencies that are AIDS housing providers with each other. We link our member agencies that are AIDS service providers with each other, and we link those two groups together. By inviting AIDS service agencies to join forces we help ensure that the needs of persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, our field’s “consumers”, are being met. In doing so, we strive to enhance the quality of life for those whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

We also connect the dots between AIDS and other challenges that confront those living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS. We connect AIDS to homelessness; we connect AIDS to domestic violence and sexual assault; we connect AIDS to behavioral health and substance use challenges. We connect AIDS to poverty, racism, sexual inequality and homophobia.

Quality  
of Life

In the center of all these seemingly unconnected dots are individuals. Ben who is HIV+ and also homeless, bi-polar and dependent on alcohol. Pedro who, at 16, was kicked out of his home for being gay and now “hustles” for a bed to share and a few dollars for food. Constance who tries to maintain her white-picket-fence façade while dealing with the aftermath of rape and repeated HIV testing. These folks know that all these dots are connected and conspire to form a web that entraps them. But we make the connection between all these issues so that we can help them find their way out of the maze.

In this 2010 annual report, we connect the dots between what we have accomplished through the efforts of our board, staff and members with the outcomes that are a result of those efforts. Nothing we do stands alone and everything we do has an impact on the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut. As someone receiving this report, you are one of the many important pieces of the puzzle. Thank you for your part in helping us connect the dots over the past 12 months.

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Agencies

John Merz  
Executive Director

Yvonne Deal Chandler  
Board President

Public Policy

Networks & Coalitions

# Advocacy

CARC acts as the conduit for our members and their consumers to the state and federal legislative arena. Countless e-mails and alerts go out encouraging everyone within our network to make phone calls, send e-mails and host face-to-face visits with their legislators in order to educate and advocate. Throughout the year, from our springtime *AIDS Awareness Day* (held April 22, 2010) to testimonies at numerous hearings, to legislative site visits at member agencies, we connected the dots between sound public policy and adequate funding to the positive outcomes of less HIV infections, healthier individuals and more stable communities.

On the federal level, our work has been recognized by the White House when CARC's Public Policy Director, Shawn M. Lang, was invited to a reception for AIDS activists and shook the hand of President Obama. This was not happenstance – this was the culmination of years of connecting the dots while serving on the National AIDS Housing Coalition, National Working Positive Coalition (furthering employment options) and the CAEAR Coalition, which pushes for adequate funding of the Ryan White CARE Act. A particularly proud achievement that will continue to assist our most desperate consumers - we participated in a successful national push-back that lifted an ill-conceived 24 month life-time cap on housing by Ryan White CARE Act funds.

On the state level, CARC continued to connect the dot of HIV/AIDS to the broader dots on the agendas of the Nonprofit Human Services Cabinet, Better Choices for CT, Balance of State Continuum of Care, and numerous other collaborative networks. We applauded Shawn Lang when she was recognized for her tireless advocacy efforts with the Alvin Novick Leadership Award at AIDS Project New Haven's annual gala and remembered all our fallen heroes during *World AIDS Day* commemorations around the state that we coordinated or participated in.

Funding

United Voices

Awareness

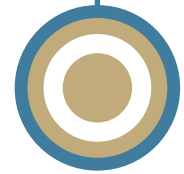


# Programs

The focus of our programming in 2010 is best illustrated by our annual meeting on October 7, 2010, that took the shape of a day-long conference titled, *No Wrong Door*. The entire event was focused entirely on connecting the dots between homelessness, mental health issues, substance use issues, homelessness, interpersonal violence and harm reduction practices and was co-sponsored by agencies whose missions focus on these topics. Connecting the dots occurred through countless trainings held on topics from HIV & Heart Disease to Federal Treatment Guidelines to Blood-borne Pathogens. Quality AIDS supportive housing was strengthened by our Quality Assurance Review Process, the updating of our *Good Works, Better Practices, Great Homes* training guide as well as the update of our *Red Ribbon Housing Guide*. Connecting research to reality began as we crafted new research projects with Yale's Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS. The connection between HIV/AIDS and employment was made at our *Positive Futures* conference led by members of the National Working Positive Coalition. Hundreds of individuals and families were aided with financial assistance to meet medical, pharmaceutical, housing, and basic living needs. Last but surely not least, we continued throughout the year to connect persons living with HIV/AIDS to leadership skills through our *AIDS Consumer Empowerment Series (ACES)*.

Research

Leadership



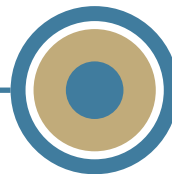
Financial Assistance



**Our Vision** - CARC envisions a future in which all people living with HIV/AIDS can live in dignity, and the AIDS epidemic has ended.

**Our Mission** - CARC, through its member agencies, strives to ensure quality housing and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut and to promote effective HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention education.

Information

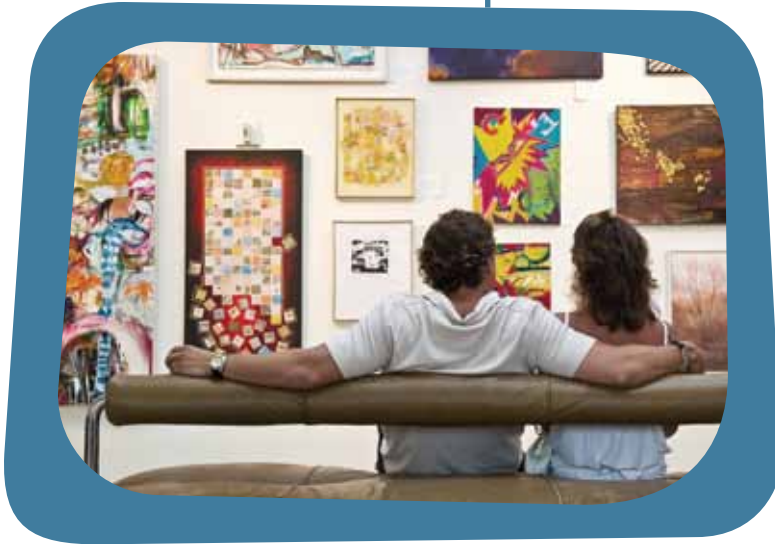


Quality Services

Events

Funding

Appeal  
Letters



## Development

Connecting the dots between money and our mission is the fun part of our work! Our signature party, *Oscar Night® Hartford*, at DISH Bar and Grill is always the highlight on our list of events. This year we welcomed Moët Chandon as a national sponsor and we continued our new tradition of having a signature drink, *The Peter Shapiro*, named after our event's co-founder. In June we introduced a new event, *Art for AIDS* featuring an "art grab" that also highlighted the "spirits" of Hotel California tequila. The profits from this event went to build our endowment, *The Richard B. Fried Fund for CARC at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving*. We headed back to Sully's outdoor tiki bar for *Summer Camp 2010*, our casual end-of-summer event, and were graced by the presence of Barbra Joan "Streetsand" and Roger Catlin who MC'd the Glee-themed entertainment with help from members of the Imperial Sovereign Court of All CT. AIDS Project Hartford invited us to help run and benefit from their annual *AIDS Walk* at the MDC Reservoir. Four-legged friends were invited under the slogan, "No one with HIV/AIDS walks alone." Rounding out the year was *WE CAN (Women End the Course of AIDS Now)* at the Pond House in Elizabeth Park featuring Sarah Schulman, an original NY ACT-UP member. Special music was provided again by Hartford-based jazz singer, Nicki Mathis who set an elegant tone to the evening. Throughout the year we provided our supporters several opportunities to connect the dots between their support and our activities through newsletters and our annual appeal letters.



# Statement of Activities 1/1/2010 - 12/31/10

## REVENUE & OTHER SUPPORT:

Government grants .....	\$1,113,838
Contract revenue .....	769,169
Fundraising events, net of expenses of \$21,477 .....	39,021
Contributions and grants .....	47,523
Other revenue .....	7,458
Dues and fees .....	7,900
Interest and dividend income .....	3,364
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments .....	20,612
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>2,008,885</b>

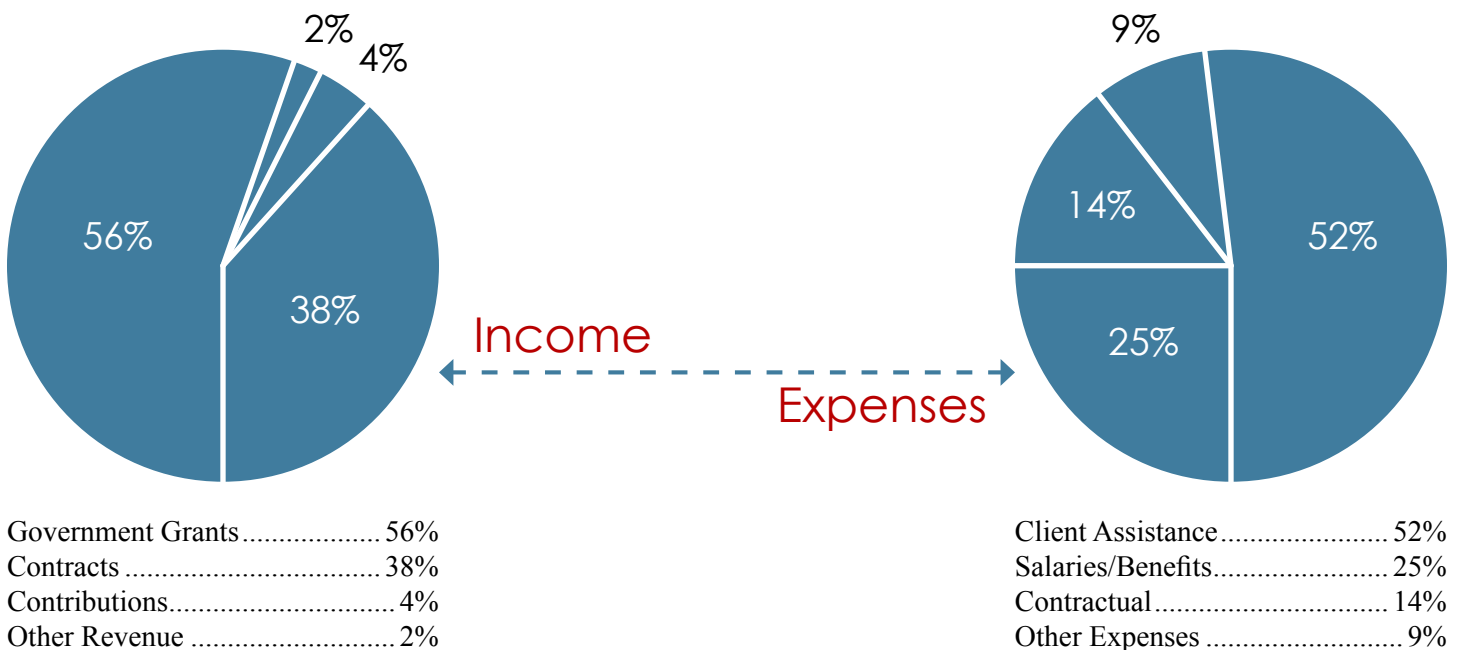
## EXPENSES:

Client assistance payments .....	569,703
Emergency housing payments .....	457,296
Salaries .....	395,533
Contractual expense .....	280,043
Fringe benefits .....	103,324
General office expense .....	86,541
Rent .....	26,533
Quality assurance .....	20,000
Professional .....	15,600
Insurance .....	7,288
Conferences .....	8,408
Depreciation .....	6,162
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>1,976,431</b>

Change in net assets ..... 32,454

**NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR..... 492,376**

**NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR..... \$524,830**



Grants

Foundations

# Thank you...

As always, we extend heartfelt thanks to all those who have made it possible for us to continue to improve the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut: individual donors, corporate sponsors, in-kind donors, community agencies, state and federal government, volunteers, our dedicated board members, and all those who support our many fundraising events throughout the year.

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