

## Community Report 2010

### 10 Years of Progress and Promise!

The Mentoring Center's big story this year is that, despite the very difficult economy, we are continuing to provide services that make real differences for kids in need! Yet 5 out of 6 kids who need a mentor don't have one!

For the Mentoring Center, progress during our first 10 years is visible in these ways:

- **From services to 14 mentoring programs in 2000 to 100 programs this year**
- **From a central Ohio focus to expanded outreach, focusing on northern Ohio**
- **From a time of logical practices to new research and evidence-based practices and training**
- **From an aspiration of quality to today's clear expectations: mentors need to be trained, background checked and supported throughout their match—true QUALITY mentoring**

#### These are important gains!

Yet, most of this growth is built on modest budgets and grants that may or may not continue. Some of our partners struggle with the need for more mentors or added revenue. Notably, other states have taken strong action to help their children: Indiana's Youth Institute trains all their youth



workers; Washington State Mentors, a partnership like ours, receives state dollars to competitively support mentoring programs.

The growth of Ohio's greatest natural resource—its young people—depends on our efforts.

Won't you help us use mentoring to expand opportunity for kids whose lives are full of hurdles?

*Together, our efforts can change the future for kids!*

**Many Thanks!**



Marilyn Pritchett  
Director



Arthur Flesch  
Board Chair

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**\$200,000**

Value of free services to partner agencies

**20,000**

Number of mentors trained since founding in 2000

**7,000**

Number of vulnerable central Ohio children aided annually by the Mentoring Center partnership

**100**

Total number of programs served this year (40 locally+ 60 northern Ohio)

**8.96/10**

New mentors scoring of "readiness to mentor" following Mentoring Center training

**4+/5**

Mentor skill level assessed by agencies' staffs after mentor training



"The deep relationship The Ohio State University enjoys with the Mentoring Center of Central Ohio speaks volumes about the exceptional impact this partnership has on the participating mentors from the university and the young people in our community whom we can help to discover their true potential. The Mentoring Center sets a high standard for success, and it is a critical partner in realizing the promise of our collective tomorrow."

**Joyce Beatty**

Sr. Vice President, Outreach & Engagement,  
The Ohio State University

"We provide support to the Mentoring Center because it helps increase the quantity and quality of mentors. Mentoring exposes children to different possibilities— a way out of their current circumstance to a different future. It creates dreams for them that they may not have known. Mentoring works!!!"

**Eric Fenner**

Executive Director, Franklin County  
Children Services

## WHAT WE DO

### Provide crucial services

- Criminal background checks
- 140 mentor trainings
- Coaching of staffs in best practices
- MentorLine (614-233-MENT) for recruitment and support
- Expanded website (mentoringcenterco.org)

**Train for better mentoring**—Key skills for relationship building

**Provide expertise in multiple mentoring formats**—1:1, peer, group and adult-to-adult

**Accelerate and collaborate with dozens of partners** to help mentoring reach more kids!

**Help agencies retain mentors** by helping anticipate and prepare for challenges

**Develop multiple curricula** helping mentors and staffs address key needs of mentors, agencies and kids

**Promote mentoring and recognize mentors through events**—Mentoring Celebration and FunDay

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Through a Stimulus grant, expanded outreach and services in northern Ohio, providing limited services to 60 additional programs.

Ongoing leadership for the Buckeye Mentoring Hub PLUS for Capital, Ohio Dominican and Ohio State Universities—Nine years of a 6-way partnership recruiting, training and organizing 350 1:1 matches at OSU and doubling to 40 Capital University mentors at Columbus Recreation after-school programs.

Major collaborator for Project Mentor— Have trained over 3000 mentors for Big Brothers Big Sisters' program in nearly every Columbus City Schools middle and high schools, now in year 4.

Took life prep modules to an expanded group of youth development programs and created six months of follow-up activities' guides to reinforce and extend concepts taught.



Customized training and services provided for projects with Communities In Schools/Whitehall Schools, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Women's Fund, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, New Albany Schools, Battelle, Scotts Miracle-Gro Kids, Denison University, Fifth Third Bank and programs in Crawford County, Fremont, Toledo, Mansfield, and Cleveland, among others.

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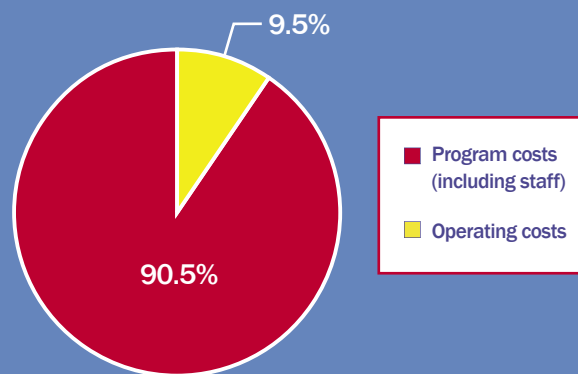
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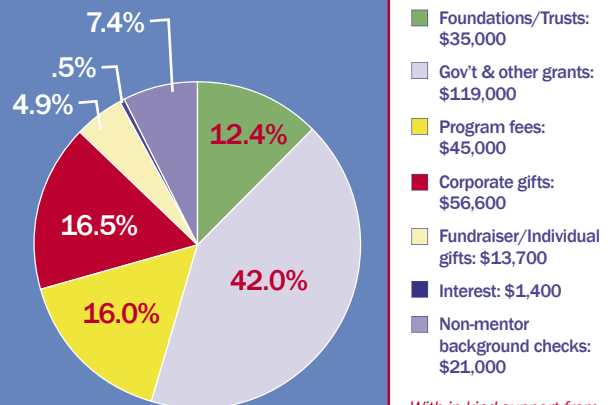
Marilyn Pritchett  
Executive Director

## AT A GLANCE

Expenses: \$281,500  
(rounded)



Revenue: 2010-2011



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