

The CCP Foundation

participation in community programs and services, increased opportunities for individuals, increased public support to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities are valued, contributing members of their communities.

The Mission

In 2007, The CCP Foundation supported three Funding areas, hoping to be a catalyst for making positive changes in the field of service for those with developmental disabilities.

With a mission of seeking to instigate action that leads to better opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, The Foundation supported efforts to:

- Help innovative thinking about how to get more service, better service, even free service for people with developmental disabilities.
- Stimulate thinking about actual change through education and sharing of ideas.
- Provide technical assistance to those wanting to advance useful ideas.
- Provide a limited amount of grant money to support promising endeavors

The CCP Foundation was created with a founding grant from Community Connections Partnership and with significant support from The Cooperating Community Programs.



Our Funding Categories

1. Grant supported-efforts to provide more or better services
2. Technical assistance to advance ideas (through in-kind services) or stipends for assistance, project planning, or micro-enterprise
3. Educational, conference, or symposium sponsorships

What We Fund

Programs or projects that focus on providing more, better or unpaid services or natural supports for persons with developmental disabilities, including:

- Seed money or start up funds
- Micro-enterprise creation
- Equipment, housing and employment programs
- Transportation
- Direct support services and staff training
- Children, youth, school, outdoor adventure or recreational programs
- Programs that may take longer than one calendar year

Particularly interested in:

- Simple, creative ideas
- Innovative ideas, proposals, and service delivery models
- Community alliances with non-traditional systems of support
- Projects with community interest: the ability to combine our efforts with other types of community support

2007 Overview:

Sponsorship requests

Total Distributed: \$20,500

- A Good Life Conference, \$8,500
To build upon the success of the 2006 conference. Topics include income generation and the issues facing people with developmental disabilities and earning a livable income, regardless of the supports or program services one receives. 200+ attendees.
- Lead. Change. Empower. Conference ACT \$1,000
To support the 2007 Self-Advocacy Conference. 600 attendees.
- Creative Options Conference \$1,000
To support Daniel Wilkens, the Nth Degree in his keynote address and three break-out sessions. Creative Options is an annual conference that focuses on inclusion and developing leadership skills for both self advocates and direct support professionals. 250 attendees.
- Autism Society Self-Advocacy Conference \$2,000
To support a self-advocacy retreat. Opportunity for adults with autism spectrum diagnoses to share information and to learn from their experiences. Featuring speakers with ASD, this retreat encompassed interviews, maintaining employment, developing relationships, eating healthy diets, and accommodating sensory needs. 30 group participants.
- Arc Greater Twin Cities, Generating Income Conference \$5,000
Conference to take place in May of 2008. Conference will focus on training and support for individuals with developmental disabilities to develop and begin a business plan to generate income for themselves.
Goal: to provide for at least 30 participants.
- The Arc of Minnesota Annual Conference \$3,000
Support of three speakers: Kathie Snow, owner of BraveHeart Press and the website www.disabilityisnatural.com. Karen Finck, President of Health Counseling Services and Wendy Selnes, Partner and Senior Behavior Analyst for Brih Design. Kathie encourages new ways of thinking about disability and helps create a society in which all people are valued and included. Also supported scholarships to three families. 400 people attended the conference that included workshops on current concerns for people with developmental disabilities, their families, and their staff; entertainment provided by persons with developmental disabilities; and ceremonies recognizing outstanding accomplishments by Minnesota individuals and organizations.

Technical Assistance requests

Total Distributed: \$1,630.86

- So Washington County Schools \$630.86
To support training to use the Intellikeys program (two ½ day workshops) and to create child-specific overlays to use the computer program.
- ACT, \$1,000 for filming and editing of video "Offense Taken"

Stipend request

Total Distributed: \$1,000

- Rosemount United Methodist Church, \$1,000 for Friday evening childcare for children with developmental disabilities

Grants Total Distributed: \$25,006

- Kaposia, Latino Service Initiative \$7,500
To support a culturally competent employment service designed to empower Latino adults with developmental disabilities through customized employment, and, thus, economic participation in their community. Grant will provide Kaposia with the capacity to meet the employment needs of people within the Latino community, and positions Kaposia to respond effectively to a growing need in other immigrant communities.
- Fraser, Multimedia Social Skills Curriculum, \$7,506
To provide funding for the purchase of hardware and software for Fraser's teen Asperger's syndrome social skills class. Plans will help students develop a new, multimedia social skills curriculum for themselves and other teens. Using tools like digital cameras and iPods, they will create practical and individualized supports that they can use in the community.
- Opportunity Partners, Supported Self-employment Initiative, \$10,000
To develop the first supported self-employment initiative for people with disabilities in the Twin Cities area. The program will offer skill modules, feasibility studies, business planning services and mentorship for individuals with disabilities who want to start their own sustainable micro-enterprise. Grant will provide funds to adapt and design a curriculum for people with developmental disabilities and provide a 78-hour course on self-employment exploration to identify potential entrepreneurs.

2007 Total Funds Distributed: \$47,506



Balance Sheet

The CCP Foundation Operating Budget

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| Income | Actual |
| Open Balance | \$236,118 |
| contribution | \$63,000 |
| Income from Investments | \$5,231 |
| In-kind contributions | \$23,875 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$328,224 |
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| Expenses | |
| Contracted staff | \$31,362 |
| Office rent and related | \$4,952 |
| Supplies and equipment | \$1,511 |
| Insurance | \$1,285 |
| Program expenses: | |
| Education services | \$18,500 |
| Grants Distrib. | \$27,106 |
| Tech. Assistance | \$1,931 |
| Stipend | \$1,000 |
| Other expenses | \$950 |
| Marketing | \$632 |
| In-kind contributions | \$23,875 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$113,105 |
| NET INCOME | \$215,119 |



Our 2008 Initiatives:

Provide support to leverage Consumer Directed Services

We believe that people have ideas that would improve the value of their government provided support. We want to engage flexible case managers in a discussion that could bring some of these ideas forward. We don't know – with a little funding what can CDCS dollars do? What could we do that would make ongoing services better? Is there a need that could be filled with a little support?

Simple Bright Ideas to provide more, better, or free services to people with developmental disabilities. Get us your bright idea – it can be a sentence, a paragraph, an email, a postcard, or a phone call! We will review ideas periodically and select a few to work on. (Ongoing deadlines throughout the year.) We'll choose a few great ideas to develop...By offering money to hire help to flush out your idea or by offering money to reimburse staff time for those helping to build a bright idea. And lastly, we can provide financial assistance to see if the idea will work!

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Earning A Living We want to support potential entrepreneurs, those with an idea about how to advance their career – or how to advance the creation of careers for those with disabilities. What can we do to help folks with developmental disabilities generate income? Can we eliminate a barrier, buy tools / equipment, pay for training? What would help?



2008 Guidelines

In continuing our work to instigate action that leads to better opportunities for people with developmental disabilities we are continuing our giving programs through grants, technical assistance, stipends, and grants but have a three special initiatives for 2008.

BRIGHT IDEAS

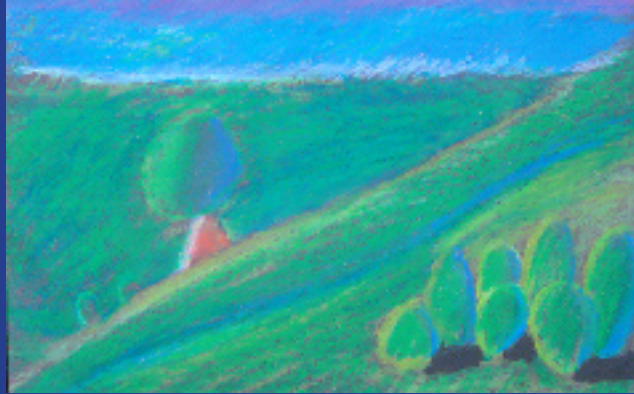
Our outreach to date has yielded responses primarily from provider organizations. We would like to mine the ideas from individuals, rather than organizations, who are close to people with disabilities. It is possible that people with ideas are not even aware of what they have. Or they may not see how their idea might be useful or fit into the bigger picture. They might not know how to flesh out an idea so that it would yield a practical result. Finally, many people with ideas simply don't have the time, energy or savvy to pursue support or grants.

We believe that people with disabilities, family members, direct support staff and others have small ideas about how to make things better. Some of these ideas will fit into the framework of what the foundation is trying to support.

We want to find these people, support them in developing their ideas and provide assistance to bring these ideas to fruition.

We want to support potential entrepreneurs and those with an idea about how to advance their career or the careers of those with developmental disabilities.

Information on how to apply for any or all of these programs can be found online at www.ccpfoundation.org, or we can send it to you by calling 651-356-1013.



SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORTS

Many people receive government support through that they direct themselves rather than relying on the traditional service system. These people receive a lesser amount of money in exchange for greater flexibility in how these dollars may be spent. These people may receive the support of a flexible case manager who helps them and their families plan for the use of these dollars. While people may spend these dollars in less rigid ways than through there remain significant restrictions.

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EARNING A LIVING

One of the unfortunate truths about being an adult with a developmental disability in Minnesota today is that you are almost certainly poor. In spite of great efforts to support people to pursue careers, opportunities remain limited and those opportunities rarely allow people to earn a living wage.

We believe that there isn't a single approach on the near horizon that will support large numbers of people in a way that closes the income gap. We do believe, however, that movement in this direction can be made for at least some on a person-by-person basis. These small initiatives tend not to interest conventional providers and funders because their near-term effect will be limited. The focus of the foundation specifically allows support in the pursuit of small solutions that, one would hope, would at least provide some success stories.