



# The CCP Foundation

## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Mission / Vision

Our mission: we seek to instigate action that leads to better opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. We provide funding to organizations to create new possibilities for people with developmental disabilities so they can prosper in their communities.

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## Letter from Executive Director

We have always believed that there is a lot to be gained just by giving things a try. Toward this end The Foundation has lent its support to over two dozen endeavors during our first two years. We sought to bring to the forefront a variety of ideas hoping to unlock the creativity that we were sure existed among the people with developmental disabilities and those who support them. And the breadth of ideas that poured forward validated this belief. As we move into year three it is time to take a different tack. It is time that we move from the broad to the narrow.

While we intend to continue to support certain bright ideas, especially those that relate to figuring out ways for people with developmental disabilities to earn a decent living, we intend to focus our efforts in a single geographic area. Essentially we will seek to meld the spirit of the Vietnam-era counterculture to the principles of community organizing to help spur the creation of opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to thrive in the Stillwater community

As our guiding values we have adopted John O'Brien and Connie Lyle's Five Valued Experiences. The first of these experiences is the sharing of ordinary places. Unlocking the door to the sharing of ordinary places has been a tough nut to crack. It seems to defy big solutions. We propose working with our community partners to craft smaller, almost person-by-person, approaches. As with all our projects we are hoping to get the ball rolling off top-dead-center. Ours is not to be seen as a grand project but rather a series of small steps that we hope will gather a momentum of its own.

We invite your continued support.

~ Gerald

## About The CCP Foundation

The CCP Foundation continually invites risk takers and bold thinkers to step outside of the ordinary to create new possibilities for people with developmental disabilities so they can prosper in their communities. We have rolling deadlines so please call or visit our website to apply.

The CCP Foundation is a Stillwater-based foundation whose mission is to instigate action that leads to better opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. For the past three years The Foundation has invited risk takers and bold thinkers to step outside of the ordinary to create new possibilities for people with developmental disabilities so they can prosper in their communities. In 2009 Grant programs will also support the areas of Earning A Living and a Stillwater community building program called Two Steps Forward. For contact or Foundation information, please visit our website at [www.ccpfoundation.org](http://www.ccpfoundation.org) or call 651-356-1013.

## 2008 Funding Results

### Highlights:

- Distributed 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report, held meetings with a variety of constituents to determine focus for 2008 and developed the following initiatives: leveraging Consumer Directed Supports through Flexible Case Managers, Bright Ideas and Earning A Living.
- Tried an initiative to partner with several agencies to promote Bright Ideas.
- Partnered with STAR Services and Dakota Communities to support the business development for one applicant (ongoing project).
- Spent latter part of 2008 hosting focus group meetings to develop strategies and plans for 2009.
- 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?
  - No funding was distributed as part of this initiative
- 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!
  - Dakota Communities – funded a Wii and Wii fit board for each of their group homes.
  - Friendship Ventures - funded a communications board for campers with Autism
  - National Child Research Center - grant for autism needs
  - Ali's Boundless Playground – installation grant

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Balance Sheet	
Open Budget	\$215,119
Income	
Grant income	\$ 62,000
Income from investments	\$ 1,979
In-kind contributions	\$ 23,875
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 87,854
Expenses	
Contracted staff	\$ 32,376
Office rent and related	\$ 1,882
Supplies and equipment	\$ 3,339
Insurance	\$ 1,260
Program expenses:	
Education services	\$ 7,277
Grants distribution	\$ 9,599
Tech. Assistance	\$ 5,078
Stipend	
Other expenses	\$ 1,820
Marketing	\$ 449
In-kind expenses	\$ 23,875
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 86,955
NET INCOME	\$ 899
Cash On Hand	\$ 216,018

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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?
  - Dakota Communities – serving a client in the development of a photography business.
- Educational / Sponsorship requests
  - Creative Options – sponsored Keynote Speaker
  - MN Association of Children’s Mental Health - sponsored presentation of Fidgety Fairy Tales at the Special Olympics focusing on education about mental health disorders for those with disabilities. They also hand out resource sheets and do outreach at the event regarding mental health.
  - Autism Society - NOLAR Conference Sponsorship
  - Stepping Out - Run Sponsorship
  - The Arc of Minnesota - Conference Speaker

## 2009 INITIATIVES

In fiscal year 2009, we will only consider proposals that offer a practical solution for actual change.

To qualify for funding, a request must primarily serve persons with developmental disabilities.

Proposals funded need to be:

- New, innovative, or advance the field of service delivery
  - Sustainable without reliance on ongoing funding from The CCP Foundation
  - Likely to generate significant long-term impact, or have the ability to be replicated
1. Bright Ideas where we will provide \$1,000 grants that will allow people to try SIMPLE IDEAS that might bring about positive changes in the support available to people with developmental disabilities.
  2. Earning A Living where we will support ENTREPRENEURS and CAREER DEVELOPMENT opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.
  3. Two Steps Forward Stillwater Community Building Project where we will work in partnership with community agencies to bring about POSITIVE CHANGE to support people with developmental disabilities to thrive in greater Stillwater community.
  4. Foundation Partnerships where we will continue to support certain existing PARTNER-SHIPS.

### How to decide if you are a fit for The Foundation in 2009:

1. Consider if you fit into our What would you do with \$1,000 opportunity. If so, Fill out post card and mail in (deadline June 1).
2. Consider if you have an idea for entrepreneurship or a career development opportunity for people with developmental disabilities. If that is you, fill out our Earning A Living Grant Application or Earning A Living Technical Assistance Application.
3. Consider if you have some thoughts about how we can support people with developmental disabilities to thrive in the greater Stillwater community. If so, please share with us. More than likely we will be contacting you – but to make sure you will be considered please call or contact the Foundation Administrator at 651-356-1013 or [jammihb@ccpfoundation.org](mailto:jammihb@ccpfoundation.org).
4. We are continuing to support certain existing projects related to past Foundation grants. If you have been funded by The Foundation in the past and have a next step for a past grant please contact us.

# Save The Date!

Please join us for an evening event with  
John O'Brien, Tuesday, September 22, 2009.  
7 pm, Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater, MN  
6:30 social / networking  
Childcare provided on-site.  
RSVP: 651-356-1013 or [jammihb@ccpfoundation.org](mailto:jammihb@ccpfoundation.org)

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