



**Annual Report
2009**

Change Starts When Someone Sees the Next Step

OUR MISSION

The mission of the PLB is to provide, within available funds, a planned program of Residential and Vocational Services for St. Louis County citizens with developmental disabilities that (a) promotes community participation and positive community relations, (b) does not duplicate the mandate of other public agencies, and (c) complies with the mandates for assistance to persons with developmental disabilities as set forth in Sections 205.968 through 205.972 RSMo.

AUTHORITY

PLB was established in 1979 when St. Louis County voters passed a property tax levy to develop services and supports for County citizens with developmental disabilities. The 2007 residential real estate tax is set at 7.0¢ per \$100 assessed value and including personal property and other taxes generates approximately \$18 million annually.

VALUES

The Productive Living Board recognizes that people with developmental disabilities have the same rights and privileges as all members of the community. The Mission of the PLB can best be accomplished through a systematic application of the following values, which constitute the PLB's basic operating philosophy:

- Assure that public funds are appropriately utilized
- Maintain the person with the developmental disability and his/her family as the focus of the PLB decisions
- Maintain a commitment to quality services and settings
- Respect individual/family choice and self direction
- Provide opportunities for integration and participation in the community
- Seek customer and public input

WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY?

The Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (PLB) uses the Missouri Legislature's definition of developmental disabilities. This includes people with:

- Mental Retardation
- Cerebral Palsy
- Autism
- Epilepsy
- Head Injury
- A learning disability related to brain dysfunction
- An individual who has substantial functional limitations in at least two of the following life areas:
 - Self care
 - Understanding and communicating language
 - Learning
 - Self direction
 - Living independently or being economically self-sufficient
 - Physical mobility

The disability must appear before the person is 22 years old and requires that he or she have individually planned and coordinated services throughout life or for an extended period.



To the Citizens of St. Louis County:

This year the Productive Living Board (PLB) celebrates its 30th anniversary and they have much to celebrate. Since the passage of their tax levy in 1979, through partnerships with provider agencies, the PLB currently funds critical services to over 4,300 St. Louis County residents with developmental disabilities. As St. Louis County Executive, I am proud to know we have a board with such passion and dedication to meeting the needs of our County's citizens with developmental disabilities.

Through their efforts individuals with developmental disabilities have opportunities to learn new skills and receive supports that allow them to live and work in our community and engage in activities that enrich their lives as well as ours. I am grateful for the many contributions these individuals make to our community.

During its 30 years the PLB has overcome many challenges in meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. I am confident that the PLB and the provider agencies will together continue to find creative solutions to provide the best services possible for our County's residents.

Thank you to the members of the Productive Living Board, its staff and the provider agencies for their leadership and commitment to quality services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie A. Dooley".

Charlie A. Dooley
St. Louis County Executive



To the Community:

As the PLB celebrates its 30th anniversary, we reflect on the many challenges and successes of the past and look forward to the opportunities ahead of us.

With the recent economic downturn we have all been challenged to manage our resources to assure that we are operating effectively and maximizing the limited resources available. While our revenue has not increased, the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities continue to grow. In response to this challenge, the PLB has focused on *Responsibility and Accountability* for both our internal operations and our expectations of agencies that receive funds from the PLB. Through regular monitoring and training, in partnership with provider agencies, we continue to work to fulfill our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of St. Louis County and County residents with developmental disabilities.

One facet of our monitoring is an annual satisfaction survey of over 4,300 recipients of services funded by the PLB. The overwhelming response is that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are highly satisfied with the services they receive.

The PLB appreciates the opportunity to partner with the agencies in St. Louis County to continue to provide quality supports and services that meet the needs of St. Louis County residents with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha J. Bonds".

Marsha J. Bonds
PLB Chairperson

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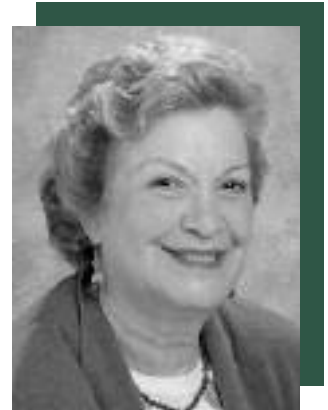


Cary Hammond

Board meetings of the Productive Living Board are usually held on the second Monday of each month and are open to the public. To confirm the time, date and place of each Board meeting call **314-726-2606 extension 2**. For information on PLB's committee meetings call **314-726-2606 extension 3**. Board meeting dates, agendas and minutes as well as other information can be found on PLB's website at www.plboard.com.

Thirty Years of Growth and Change

Sarijane M. Freiman
Treasurer



In 1961, shortly after I delivered my first child, an acquaintance of mine also delivered a baby boy. Her doctor told her that the baby was a “mongoloid” and his best advice was to put the baby in an institution, go home and make another baby. After she refused she was visited by a social worker with the same advice. Again, she refused, kept her baby at home, and did her best to raise him on her own. At the time, the only help that was available was a small program for “exceptional” children that had been started through the archdiocese by Father Behrman. He was one of the early promoters of services and recognition for people with developmental disabilities.

Some time later, my third child was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 5. When I enrolled her for school, they said they would have to refer her to the special school district. Thus began my first fight with authority. When I called the Epilepsy Federation to ask if they had parent support or any education programs I was told no, but that it was a good idea and why didn't I come and start it. I joined the Epilepsy Federation and started a few new programs. As I was the only one in the area talking publicly about epilepsy in 1971, the programs came to the attention of the Department of Mental Health and I was appointed to the State Planning Council. It was through my work at the State Capital that I became aware of the lack of programs for people with developmental disabilities. There were no early intervention programs, school integration, independent living, or socialization programs. Parents who kept their children at home were pretty much on their own. In those days there were only two diagnoses; Retarded and/or Disabled.

I toured the institutions and met the people that lived there. I saw tables that had grooves carved into the tops of the table where the food was placed for the patients to grab with their hands. I saw people who had been

placed in the institutions simply because they were an embarrassment to their families; born out of wedlock, had epilepsy, or didn't behave properly. Attempts to place them in society were mostly failures because they had been institutionalized since birth.

What excitement the first early intervention program brought. With the passage of the “Equal Education Opportunity Act” parents began taking control and demanding the rights that had been denied to their children. As a result, independent living, socialization and job training programs came into being.

In the late 1970's a movement began that took people out of the institutions and helped integrate them into society. Existing programs and schools had to quickly adapt to the needs of people with disabilities.

When I was very young, I remember the whispers when a young man and his nurse would take a walk. “He's not quite right” we kids were told. No one made an effort to say hi or communicate with him even though he tried to come and play with us. I shudder when I think of those days.

It is difficult to remember how far we have come in the past 50 years. Back then, parents kept their children at home and they were seldom seen in public. Children with physical disabilities had no access to the community and in fact were rarely even seen in the original sheltered workshops. Certainly, a job in the community was unthinkable.

Yesterday, I went to the grocery store and my groceries were packed by a young man with obvious disabilities after he carefully asked me if I wanted “paper or plastic”. How far we have come, and yet — how far we still have to go.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

The Productive Living Board has funded an array of residential services that support a person with a developmental disability to continue to live in the community in their own home or their natural family home and to support acquiring skills for independence, formation of social roles, relationships and self reliance.

INDEPENDENT SUPPORTED LIVING ASSISTANCE (ISLA)

Services for people to live in the community with a limited amount of support and training.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES MISSOURI, INC.	Independent Supported Living	\$78,155
LIFE SKILLS	Independent Supported Living	\$1,624,689
ST. LOUIS ARC	Independent Supported Living	\$124,470
SUNNY HILL, INC.	Independent Supported Living	\$1,096,585
UCP EASTER SEALS MISSOURI, INC.	Independent Supported Living	\$41,392
WILLOWS WAY, INC.	Independent Supported Living	\$427,320
	ISLA TOTAL:	\$3,392,611

RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTS

Services that support a person to live in the community in his or her own home or their natural family home and support acquiring skills for independence.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
ADAPT-ABILITY, INC.	Residential Supports Equipment	\$441,635 \$70,277
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY	Facility Based Residential	\$47,268
DELTA GAMMA CENTER	Residential Supports	\$17,040
EDGEWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTER	Facility Based Residential In-Home Residential	\$19,053 \$58,571
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$3,922
FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK	Residential Supports	\$44,655
JAMESTOWN NEW HORIZONS	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$31,946
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER	Community/Residential Skills Training Residential Supports	\$65,981 \$45,384
JUDEVINE CENTER FOR AUTISM	In-Home Residential Facility Based Residential Residential Supports	\$237,711 \$25,291 \$115,480
LIFE SKILLS	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$43,087
OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE	Residential Supports	\$154,534

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RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTS (continued)

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AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
PROVIDENT COUNSELING, INC.	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$43,493
RAINBOW VILLAGE	Down Payment Assistance Renovations	\$40,500 \$18,413
ST. LOUIS ARC	In-Home Residential Community/Residential Skills Training	\$1,892,119 \$191,363
ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY	Facility Based Residential	\$3,099
THE RECREATION COUNCIL	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$550,915
THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$18,052
UCP EASTER SEALS MISSOURI, INC.	Facility Based Residential In-Home Residential Community/Residential Skills Training	\$192,993 \$336,889 \$69,211
YMCA OF GREATER ST. LOUIS	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$315,770
YWCA OF METRO ST. LOUIS	Community/Residential Skills Training	\$56,304
	RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTS TOTAL:	\$5,150,956

RESIDENTIAL TRANSPORTATION

Services that focus on safe and reliable transportation to community activities.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE	Residential Transportation	\$2,203
YWCA OF METRO ST. LOUIS	Residential Transportation	\$12,308
	RESIDENTIAL TRANSPORTATION TOTAL:	\$14,511

VOCATIONAL SERVICES

The Productive Living Board has funded an array of vocational services that support a person with a developmental disability to obtain and maintain meaningful work and to support acquiring vocational skills, formation of relationships at their jobs and using transportation systems.

PRE/POST EMPLOYMENT

Services/Supports that train individuals to develop skills needed to get and keep a job or to plan for retirement.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
ASSOCIATION ON AGING WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	Post Employment	\$77,963
CENTER FOR HEAD INJURY SERVICES	Vocational Skills Training	\$86,561
ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Vocational Skills Training	\$23,769
JUDEVINE CENTER FOR AUTISM	Vocational Skills Training	\$36,039
LIFE SKILLS	Vocational Skills Training	\$478,095
OASIS ST. LOUIS	Post Employment	\$26,433
PARAQUAD, INC.	Vocational Skills Training	\$117,592
PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE	Vocational Skills Training	\$95,221
ST. LOUIS ARC	Vocational Skills Training	\$249,444
ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Vocational Skills Training	\$106,156
ST. LOUIS SOCIETY	Vocational Skills Training	\$286,645
PRE/POST EMPLOYMENT TOTAL:		\$1,583,918

EMPLOYMENT

Services that support individuals to obtain and maintain meaningful work.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
CANTERBURY ENTERPRISES, INC.	On The Job Training	\$120,882
	Personal Care Assistant	\$49,568
	Sheltered Workshop	\$114,845
CENTER FOR HEAD INJURY SERVICES	Job Placement/Retention	\$70,736
JESS	Job Placement/Retention	\$124,731
	Summer Work Experience	\$535,404
JUDEVINE CENTER FOR AUTISM	Job Placement/Retention	\$304,960
LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES NORTH, INC.	Facility Acquisition	\$259,425
	On The Job Training	\$191,580
	Personal Care Assistant	\$25,252
	Sheltered Workshop	\$134,607
	Building/Equipment Funds	\$17,114
LAFAYETTE WORK CENTER, INC.	On The Job Training	\$142,454
	Personal Care Assistant	\$25,655
	Sheltered Workshop	\$175,047
	Building/Equipment Funds	\$90,926
LIFE SKILLS	Job Placement/Retention	\$284,175

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EMPLOYMENT (continued)

Services that support individuals to obtain and maintain meaningful work.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
MERS/MISSOURI GOODWILL INDUSTRIES	Job Placement/Retention	\$311,975
PARAQUAD, INC.	Job Placement/Retention	\$78,989
PROJECT, INC.	On The Job Training	\$82,644
ST. JOHN'S MERCY MEDICAL CENTER	Job Placement/Retention	\$67,657
ST. LOUIS ARC	Job Placement/Retention	\$93,916
ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL	Job Placement/Retention	\$34,942
UCP EASTER SEALS MISSOURI, INC.	Job Placement/Retention	\$104,407
VALLEY INDUSTRIES	On The Job Training	\$167,900
	Personal Care Assistant	\$59,234
	Sheltered Workshop	\$220,478
	Building/Equipment Funds	\$41,634
W.A.C. INDUSTRIES, INC.	Facility Acquisition	\$2,908,806
	On The Job Training	\$72,939
	Personal Care Assistant	\$28,563
	Sheltered Workshop	\$137,497
	Building/Equipment Funds	\$35,593
EMPLOYMENT TOTAL:		\$7,114,534

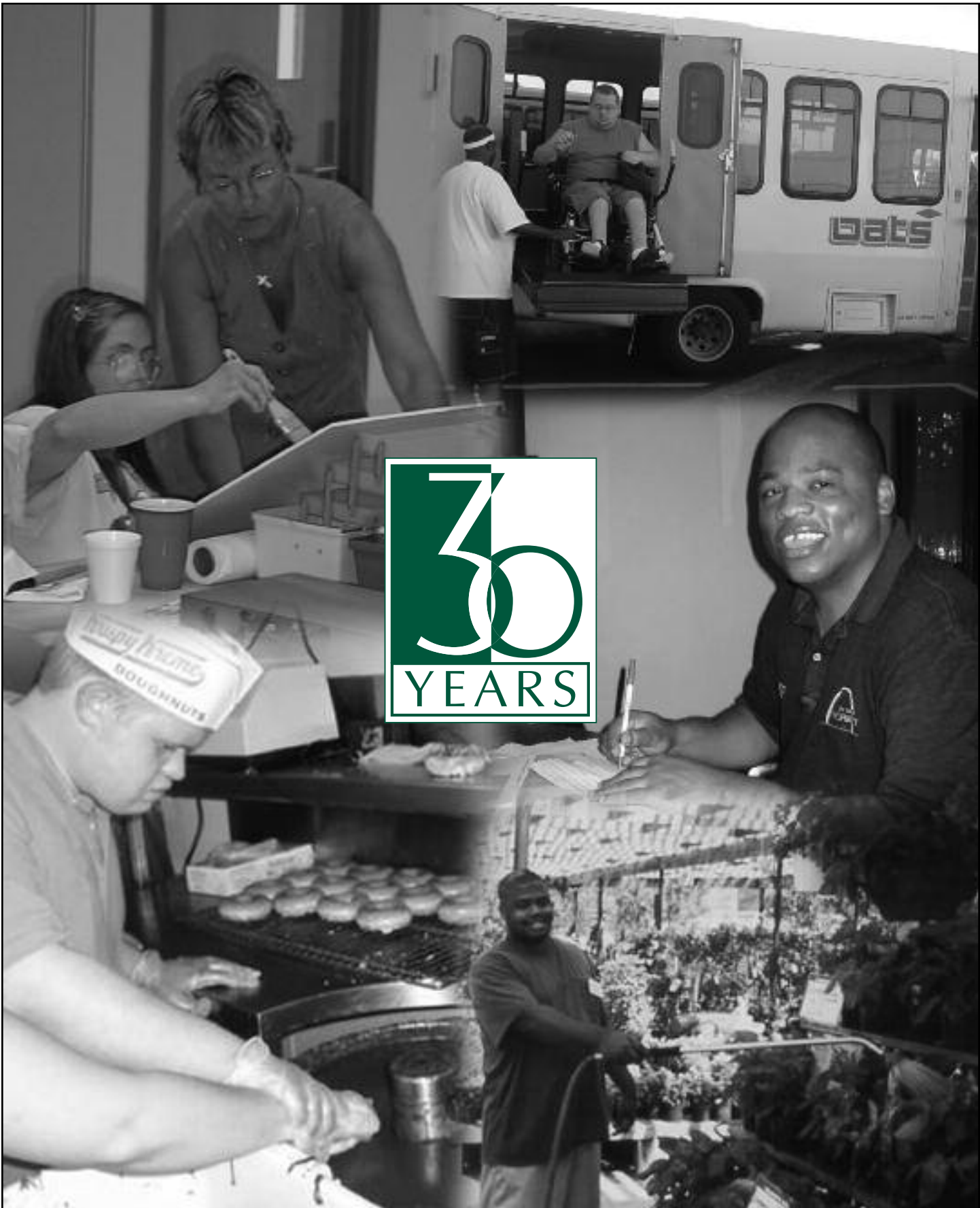
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION

Service/Supports that focus on safe and reliable transportation to work.

AGENCY	PROJECT(S)	EXPENDED
OATS, INC.	Vocational Transportation	\$1,560,861
OATS, INC.	Vehicle Acquisition	\$96,710
PARAQUAD, INC.	Vocational Transportation	\$22,173
ST. LOUIS SOCIETY	Vocational Transportation	\$93,096
VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION TOTAL:		\$1,772,840

2009 EXPENDITURES

CONSUMER SERVICES AND SUPPORTS	\$19,029,369
PLB OPERATIONS	\$1,360,188
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$242,090



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YEARS

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 400,628
Cash Investments	38,811,592
Notes Receivable	4,593,501
Accounts Receivable	983,202
Prepaid Expenses	25,274
Security Deposits	4,794
Furniture & Equipment	112,238
Total Assets	<u>\$ 44,931,229</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 1,873,759
Accrued liabilities	530,096
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,403,855</u>

FUND EQUITY

Investment In Notes	\$ 4,593,501
Investments in Fixed Assets	112,238
Appropriated for Projects	17,981,816
Appropriated for Administration	2,003,278
Board Designated:	
Working Capital Reserve	2,093,071
Set Asides	3,904,076
Sheltered Workshop Capital Fund	2,122,834
Discretionary Reserve	
Ongoing Services	873,586
Non-Recurring Projects	8,842,974
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$ 42,527,374</u>

Total Liability and Fund Equity

\$ 44,931,229

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY

For The Year Ended

June 30, 2009

OPERATING REVENUES:

Property taxes	\$ 18,616,424
S.B.3 transportation tax	790,000
Government contracts	10,200
Interest income	1,278,413
Other	47,769
Total Operating Revenues	<u>\$ 20,742,806</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Project services	\$ 15,071,166
S.B.3 transportation	790,873
Forgiveness of loans	16,408
Special projects	242,090
Administration	1,360,188
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 17,480,725</u>

Excess of Operating Revenues Over Expenses

\$ 3,262,081

NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):

Loss on disposal of capital assets	\$ (7,475)
Unrealized gain on investments	187,905
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>\$ 180,430</u>

Excess of Revenues Over Expenses

\$ 3,442,511

Fund Equity, Beginning of year

39,084,863

Fund Equity, End of year

\$ 42,527,374

CONSUMER RESOURCE GUIDE

Now with Keyword Search

This guide contains information about each of the agencies and programs that receive funding from the Productive Living Board. Using this guide, consumers and their families can obtain information about every PLB funded project. This guide may also be of use by service coordinators, agencies, and others to refer eligible consumers to appropriate programs.

Services can be found by searching any or all of the following categories:

- (1) ages served
- (2) developmental disabilities
- (3) geographic location of services
- (4) where the services are provided
- (5) keyword or phrase

Listed under each agency is information about the program or programs the agency provides with PLB funds. Please keep in mind that some agencies provide both residential and vocational services, so they will be listed in both sections, whereas other agencies only provide services in one area and will only be listed in one section.

For an online directory of services and supports funded by the
Productive Living Board

**Go to www.plboard.com
Click on “Consumer Resource Guide”**

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