

Andover Hebron and Marlborough Youth and Family Services, Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT 2013



Why We Do What We Do!

*Joel Rosenberg
AHM's Executive Director
1984-Present*

The wisdom and vision of AHM's founders, a small group of local residents with a big dream were well ahead of the times thirty years ago this year. Since 1983, our organization, its staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to develop and maintain a multitude of programs and services that support the social and emotional well-being of children and teens. Our organization continues to be committed to helping improve the quality of community life for all citizens. We do so the old fashion way, not with words, but through actions. Those actions are all about the efforts of many community partners working as "one" to strengthen the critical role that families play in the lives of children and teens. The towns and schools we serve, the civic groups, individual, corporate and business donors, civic and faith groups and law enforcement are all our equal partners in a community effort that keeps this organization grounded and growing. We can all take great pride in this work together. To learn more about the services that AHM provides for the citizens of Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough please consider becoming a "Friend" on Facebook and visiting our website at www.ahmyouth.org.

6,082 visits

461

Intervention

Crisis Intervention	48
Individual and Family Therapy	70
Juvenile Review Board	34
Psychiatric Evaluations	9
School Based Group Counseling	91
School Based Individual Counseling	209

3,745

Prevention

FRC Play and Learn	94
FRC KinderRHAMa	30
FRC Home Visits	26
FRC Field Trips	235
FRC Family Events	105
FRC Mentoring	164
FRC Home Alone	81
Internet Safety Presentations	629
Mock Accident	572
Social Skills Classes	432
Suicide Prevention Presentation	572
Take Back Event	100
Underage Drinking	705

1,876

Positive Youth Development

CHORES and TASKS Work Programs	64
Elementary Leadership Programs	125
Freshman Orientation	273
Girl Power Camp	11
Peer Helpers	109
Power of Words	685
Project Graduation	192
7 th Grade Team Building Day	320
Summer Youth Theater	52
Teen Center	45

AHM: Your *Bridge* to the Community!

What We Did

Exceeded Fund Development Goals

- The impact of the recession in Connecticut did not make us weaker, it made us stronger and more focused on making the best use of our financial resources.
- Our financial stability is the direct result of a “rock solid” base of support from our partnerships with local municipalities, service to our local schools and the outstanding support of the local business, faith and civic communities combined with investments from private and corporate foundations, (our organization has never been stronger).
- The AHM staff and board always have maintained the highest ethical standards when it comes to financial resources, (spending and generating revenue).
- We take seriously the public’s trust and confidence in our ability to manage funds.
- It is that strong community partnership between the municipal and educational communities and AHM that directly impacts our success of service to local residents.
- Even with the economic challenges that continue to impact our State, AHM exceeded expectations in new and existing grants, fundraisers, private contributions and a number of new legacy contributions to the AHM Children’s Trust Fund endowment.

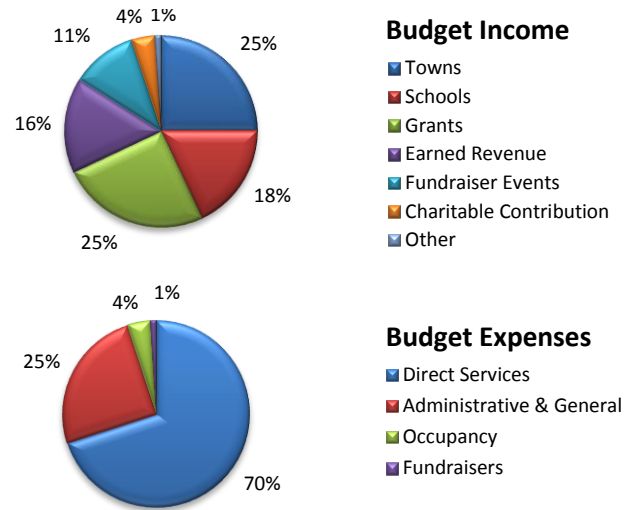
Developed New Programs and Events

- AHM staff and community partners introduced a number of new and innovative programs, from the Juvenile Justice Pilot court diversion program to an innovative Suicide Prevention project in partnership with the Jordan Porco Memorial Foundation to the new multi-town Power of Words Jr. venture shared by Andover, Columbia, Hebron and Marlborough.
- Our Drug Task Force in partnership with the DEA and Connecticut State Police broke a new record recently by collecting and incinerating over 1050 pounds of over the counter and prescription medications during a three year span as part of the Take Back event.

Improved Technical Infrastructure

Through the generosity of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, AHM was awarded a grant to incorporate new technology into daily work practices. Innovations included a new website, creation of a new financial accounting and fundraising system, integration of a new client billing and data tracking system.

2012-2013 Financial Income and Expense Budget
\$1,059,397



What We Do Best

- Our focus continues to be the “whole child” from birth through high school graduation, beginning with the Family Resource Center serving as a “service bridge” for families.
- Our service delivery follows families during the transition from Pre-Kindergarten to Elementary, Middle and High School.
- What worked thirty years ago still works today. AHM’s time tested mission that we have consistently followed focuses on the provision of mental health, juvenile justice, family development, positive teen and prevention programs/services.

Upgraded Our Facility

A government grant made it possible this past year for the AHM Community Center to incorporate “green energy” projects from retrofitting lighting to installing solar panels on roof, savings that can be redirected to the delivery of future services.

A Seasoned and Well Respected Staff

AHM staff members are among the most dedicated and highly skilled you will find anywhere. Foremost the AHM staff care about the welfare of local children. Our direct service staff are professionally trained with degrees in the fields of mental health, social work, and education.

What We Hear

“He’s sort of like a dad to me since my dad passed away...or a big brother. Everyone should know about this program...it’s great”

A mentee in the Lanterns Mentoring program.

“My wife and I would be lost without the Chores program as we both have very high needs, and some things we are just unable to do on our own.”

Seniors involved in the Chores program



“The Power of Words taught me to be considerate of others, because you have no idea what they might be going through.”
“I learned that the smallest thing you say can change a person’s day- positively or negatively”.

Students involved in the Power of Words program

“It has been a wonderful, nurturing experience and provided such a safe and loving environment that my daughter was able to grow and develop more than she would have otherwise”

Parent of a child in a Family Resource Center program



“There are many opportunities in our community for participation in athletics but this is the only opportunity for theater. It provides an artistic outlet and teaches many life skills. “

Member of the audience at Summer Youth Theatre

“I think coming here every week is the BEST part of the school year!”

Elementary student participant in a support group

“Being involved as Youth Directors on the Board of a non-profit is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The staff and volunteers work tirelessly to provide local residents with a safe and secure environment. AHM is proof that when people become active in society, great things can happen.”

Youth Directors, AHM Board of Directors



Support Us!

The majority of Youth Service Bureaus in Connecticut are structured as municipal departments. AHM on the other hand is a regional non-profit organization. There are advantages to both systems. For our communities, having a Youth Service Bureau and Family Resource Center as part of a regional non-profit organization allows for many opportunities to pay for programs and services without only relying upon tax dollars. In any given year, roughly 50% of AHM's budget comes from private donations, grants, and fundraisers.

The importance of local contributing support from individuals, businesses, civic and faith groups cannot be overstated!

Connect with Us

Connect with us and stay on top of all that we have to offer!

Like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/AHMYouth

Visit our *NEW* website and subscribe to receive information on our programs and events!
www.ahmyouth.org

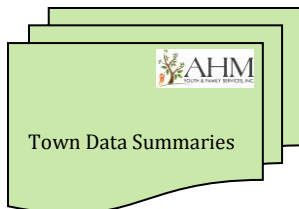
Give us a call!
(860) 228 – 9488

We are located at:
25 Pendleton Drive
Hebron, CT 06248



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Want to See More Information?

Individual Town Data Summaries are available upon request.

The mission of AHM is to: “provide mental health and positive youth development services that assist children, young people, and their families in creating a supportive and caring environment, for them to reach their maximum potential as members of society.”



Who We Are AHM has 21 staff members and more than 150 Volunteers!

AHM's Board of Directors

Executive Board of Directors

President Peter Yorio
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 Treasurer Robert McBrair
 Recording Secretary Erin Pace
 Corresponding..... Joleen Yorio

Directors

Erich Aust	Brenda Bula
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William Sudol	Nichole Sun
Jeanne Worthen	

Youth Directors

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Sean Petersen	Samuel Rudolph
Megan Whitesell	

AHM's Staff

Administration

Executive Director Joel I. Rosenberg
 Director of Finance & Operations Nella Stelzner
 Director of Programs Peggy Tunick

Administrative Support

Office Manager Sarah Ekvall
 Administrative Assistant..... Lisa Reeve
 Receptionist & Clinical Assistant..... Katherine Graham
 Fundraising Assistant Cindy Aissis

Clinical Program

Clinical Coordinator..... Sandra Plummer
 Psychiatrist Dr. Osman Qureshi
 Clinical Social Worker Lauren Morris

Family Resource Center

FRC Program Coordinator Rebecca Murray
 Parent Educator Laurie Larsen
 Mentoring Facilitator Laurie Larsen
 Play & Learn Assistant Leslie Capozza
 Preschool Teacher..... Cari Duigou
 Preschool Teacher..... Heather Holbrook

Student Support Services

Andover Elementary School..... Cheri Rivard-Lentz
 Elmer Thienes Elementary School Sabena Escott
 Elmer Thienes Elementary School Michele Thorn
 Gilead Hill Elementary School Sabena Escott
 Hebron Elementary School Sabena Escott
 Horace W. Porter School Cheri Rivard-Lentz
 RHAM Middle School Aquila Beach
 RHAM High School Bevin Perry

Teen Center

Coordinator Josselyn Salafia
 In Partnership w/Hebron Park & Rec

Other Programs

Summer Youth Theatre

Theatre Director..... Mary Rose Meade
 Associate Producer..... Michele Francoeur
 Assistant Director..... Jeffrey Jacques
 Musical Director..... Anthony Pandolfi
 Lighting & Sound Designer..... Matthew Troy

Project Graduation

Coordinator..... Geraldine Dineen
 Coordinator..... Brendan Burgess

Fundraising Committees

Auction Committee

Joel Rosenberg - Chairman	Cindy Assis	Sarah Ekvall
Paulette Adams	Carla Pomprowicz	Lisa Reeve
Gail Hughes		
Nella Stelzner		

Golf Tournament Committee

Joel Rosenberg - Chairman	David Armata	Jennifer Armata
Paulette Adams	Sue Catullo	Jim Celio
Todge Armata	William Garrison	William Gould
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Joel Rosenberg	John Soderberg	Nella Stelzner

Prevention Services

Juvenile Review Board

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Aquila Beach	Carri-Ann Bell	Francis Carino
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Drug Task Force

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Scott Nierendorf	Father Everett Perine	Bevin Perry
Cheri Rivard-Lentz	Laurie Rogers	Joel Rosenberg
Lisa Seethaler	Michael Seroussi	Robert Siminski

*In Loving Memory of our Dear Friend
 Erich Aust
 AHM Board Member 2004 - 2013*