

# 2005 Annual Report

## Huckleberry House

*A Safe and Supportive Alternative to  
Life On the Streets for Teens.*



HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE

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## A Green Light To Safety for Teens

Huck House would like to say thank you to all of the wonderful people and corporations who helped our National Runaway Prevention Month, HELP KIDS FIND THEIR WAY campaign become a success. The Huck House distributed over 5,000 light bulbs to households, neighborhoods and community organizations to gain support for teens before they make dangerous choices to live on the streets.

By turning on the green light bulbs, we showed kids that we want Columbus youth to be safe and that our communities care about teens. In response to our campaign, we received lots of wonderful feedback not only from the adults but also the teens of Columbus.



*The Columbus State Upward Bound Program goes door to door in Mt. Vernon with green light bulbs*

## Huck House has a new counseling program

In January Huckleberry House started our new Counseling program. Our goal was to make sure that youth had a more comprehensive approach to resolution after a crisis. We now offer easily accessible counseling for youth or families who are working with any of our other programs or not. For youth and families, this means that they can start working on making long-term changes after a crisis has been resolved, with no long wait to be connected to a counselor at another agency. For staff, this means that they can be a big part of helping the youth or family get connected, even sitting in on initial sessions to help bridge the gap to a new worker.

In the Fiscal Year of 2005, the counseling program provided services for 77 youth.

## GAP Inc. Direct Awards Huckleberry House's Transitional Living Program with \$5000.00

In January, GAP Inc. Direct donated \$5,000.00 to support the Hucklebuck Incentive Program. "This is a great opportunity for GAP Inc. to make an impact in the local community by supporting organizations that share the values of our company," said Chris Black, Vice President of Operations, Gap Inc. Direct.

The Hucklebuck Incentive Program was designed by our Transitional Living Program to help clients reach their goals.

Youth can earn "hucklebucks" by regularly attending school, attending counseling appointments, involving themselves in positive peer social activities, etc. In return, these "hucklebucks" can be used to purchase items from our special store at Huckleberry House. Examples of items in the store are hygiene products, household supplies, small appliances and electronics. Youth can spend their bucks as needed or save them for larger ticket items.

We would like to give a special Thank You to GAP Inc. Direct for their gracious contribution.



*Chris Black, (VP of Gap Inc.), Melanie Glenn (Supervisor of TLP) and Kyra Crockett (Development Director)*

### Crisis Program:

24-hour, 365 days a year youth crisis intervention services and emergency housing.

- 637 youth crisis episodes
- 6240 support hours provided
- 2400 nights of shelter provided
- 88% of youth with crisis intervention plans made progress on the plan

### Aftercare Program:

Intensive community-based support services.

- 74 youth received services
- 51 new CSP clients
- 2192 hours of support provided

# Financials:

Financial statement – June 30, 2005

## Funding Sources:

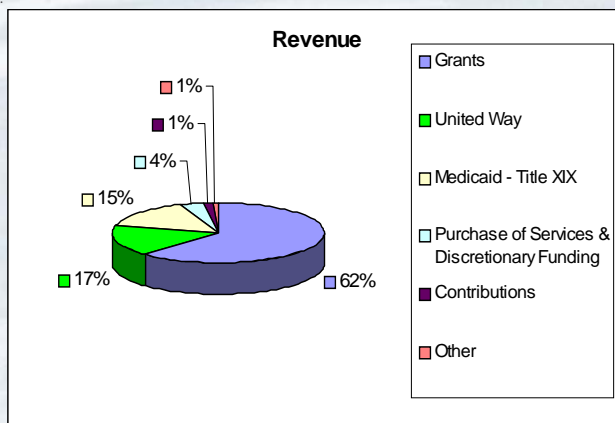
**Huckleberry House, Inc.** receives primary financial support from:

- Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board (ADAMH)
- United Way of Franklin County
- City of Columbus
- Franklin County Children Services (FCCS)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS)

## Revenue

Grants	\$1,818,450
United Way	\$511,096
Medicaid-Title XIX	\$439,442
Purchase of Services & Discretionary Funding	\$103,396
Contributions	\$42,297
Other	\$25,480

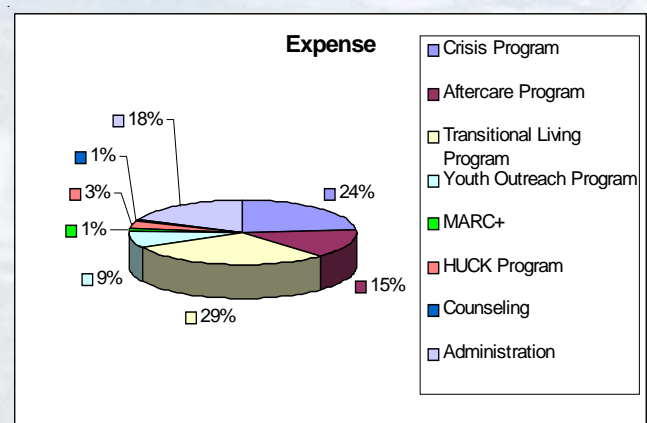
Total Revenue \$ 2,940,161



## Expenses

Crisis Program	\$665,976
Aftercare Program	408,534
HUCK Program	95,190
Transitional Living Program	809,564
Youth Outreach Program	249,393
MARC+	38,899
Counseling	32,132
Administration	513,793

Total Expenses \$2,813,481



### Transitional Living Program:

Community support services providing supportive housing and independent living skills instruction to homeless youth.

- 76 youth received housing services
- 14,346 hours of support provided
- 25 youth were discharged to permanent housing

### Youth Outreach Program:

Community outreach to identify and engage isolated street youth and link them to community support services.

- 8566 youth contacted through outreach
- 2,387 hours of general outreach
- 115 youth received case management services

### **Mission:**

Reconciling isolated youth with their families or a community alternative.

### **Agency Wide Statistics:**

Total # of youth served: **1,116**

#### **Gender:**

**56%** of youth served were girls

**44%** of youth served were boys

#### **Ethnicity:**

**64%** Black/African American

**29%** White

**2%** Native American

**1%** Hispanic

**1%** Asian

**3%** Unknown

#### **Identified Client Issues:**

**100%** Psychological

**89%** Household Dynamics

**54%** School/ Education

**31%** Socialization

**30%** Housing

**22%** Physical Abuse/ Assault

**22%** Alcohol/Drug Abuse

**18%** Trouble Getting Services

**17%** Justice System

**17%** Unemployment

**15%** Neglect

**9%** Sexual Abuse/Assault

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#### **MARC+ Program:**

Prevention program to reduce violence through conflict resolution and communication skill training.

- 118 youth participated in the conflict resolution & anger management training

#### **H.U.C.K. Program:**

24-hour mobile, community based and flexible crisis response services to youth and families in need. The purpose is to prevent unnecessary hospitalization and removal from home.

- 363 hours of support services provided
- 65 youth and families received services