

**Encouraging, Educating and Celebrating Families**

# LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2009  
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009**



Established in 1976  
A United Way Community Partner

To the Board, Staff, and Friends of the Lamoille Family Center:

As we celebrate thirty four years of service to Lamoille Valley children and families, I am forever grateful for our wonderful staff, board of directors, community partners, and generous donors who make the Lamoille Family Center a place where all families are welcomed and nurtured. Everyone associated with the Family Center makes a valuable contribution, whether in time, talent, funding, collaboration, a listening ear, or a pat on the back. We could not do this work without you.

The Family Center continues to serve more than 1,500 hundred parents, caregivers and children annually. The need for our services has increased steadily over the years. As families continue to struggle to meet their basic needs, they turn to the Family Center for support, financial assistance, and education.

Our workspace continues to be very crowded but staff remain respectful of each other as they strive to find space for confidential and group meetings. Our staff size increased to 34 allowing us to continue to meet the varied and increased needs of the families we serve.

This fiscal year brought continued financial challenges due to level and decreased funding from State, federal and private foundations. The coming year looms large with the probability of serious continued funding decreases. We hired a Development Director in an effort to raise awareness and funding for the Family Center as we continue to weather this difficult economic climate.

We are thankful for the successes of this year and we look forward to providing continued high quality services to Lamoille Valley families in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Dave Connor  
Executive Director



### Lamoille Family Center Board of Directors

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## Highlights for Fiscal Year 2009

- The Outreach program served 132 families, reaching 296 adults and 367 children. This program provides emergency funding and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture to families in need.
- The Holiday project served 133 families, resulting in 277 children receiving holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, mittens, hats and books.
- The Supervised Child Access program served 52 families, resulting in 312 hours of monitored parent-child contact on site at the Lamoille Family Center.
- The Learning Together Program graduated 7 students. This program offers educational services to pregnant and parenting and at-risk youth, age twenty-one and under, who wish to earn their high school diploma or GED.
- The Lamoille Interagency Network for Kids (LINK) program served 225 youth through the shelter program, street outreach (including the Teen Center and the summer camp) and case management.
- Staff participated in a wide variety of planning, prevention and early intervention initiatives, including: Children's Integrated Services, Housing Coalition, Lamoille Interagency Networking Team, People in Partnership, Tobacco Task Force, Community Justice Team, Incarcerated Women's Initiative, Even Start Executive Board, and Building Bright Futures.
- Staff organized/participated in activities to support socialization, peer support and resource sharing including Pumpkin Art Night, Spring Fling, Dabble Days, a Baby Fair and parent education sessions.

*"I appreciate all that the Family Center has done for me over the past 14 years when I started taking my 4 month old (now 13) to weekly playgroup. We've taken helpful classes and always have found people at the Family Center so kind and willing to listen and guide my parenting. Thank you for the help as well as for being there all these years as I've learned to be a parent."*



### Lamoille Family Center Staff

Debbie Alexander  
Stephanie Beattie  
Kathy Beery  
DeAnne Blueter  
Kimberly Bruder  
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Carolyn Smiles  
Jackie Stanton  
Angie Tallman

Imelda Turner  
Paul Ulrich  
Lorin Warner  
Ifetayo White  
Leah Wilhjelm  
Ally Wise  
Crystal Young

**Financial Statement**  
**July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009**

**REVENUE:**

Town, State, Federal Funds	\$1,261,790
Fees	204,518
United Way	15,261
Foundations	22,196
Pass Thru	24,808
Donations/Other	56,084
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,585,060</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Personnel	\$1,086,458
Travel	36,178
Contracts	231,889
Space	43,106
Maintenance	6,008
Program Expenses	124,616
Audit	4,600
Office Expense	20,853
Professional Development	3,244
Other	13,473
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,570,425</b>

**EQUITY GAIN**

**\$14,635**

*"I am a single mom of four and have raised them by myself. If not for LFC helping, a bump in the road would have turned into a mountain for us."*

*"Home was a hard place to be at, but I knew I could always turn to one place for any kind of help I needed – the Family Center."*



*"I thought that I was stupid because I was not good at subjects like math, but here I get tutored and the information is explained to me in a way that I can learn. I don't feel like a dummy here. We can talk about what is bothering us and are given space when we need it. Without Learning Together I would have stopped going to school."*



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