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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you our Annual Report 2010. In the 12 years that the Children's Coalition has existed, we have seen and been a part of important changes to benefit children and families.

While the statistics continue to tell us a grim story about the well-being of our children, we are making progress on system changes that result in better services being more readily available in our communities. We have worked to bring evidence-based, highly effective programs to this region and advocated for needed changes on the local and state levels. We can say with confidence that we have seen positive changes and progress being made in significant areas affecting our children.

However, our work is far from done. For those of us in the non-profit world, this has been a challenging year to keep the focus on children and families in the wake of a slow economy, dramatic budget cuts and a devastating oil spill. Louisiana will be decades recovering from what has happened in just the past few months. No doubt, the need continues to collaborate, to build relationships, to form coalitions and to strengthen partnerships. Indeed, the answer to many of our problems is to work better together to seek and find solutions.

I hope you will enjoy reading about the many efforts of the Children's Coalition in our various focus areas. Your membership is the foundation for our efforts in northeast Louisiana. We believe that the success of our communities depends upon how we focus our efforts on assuring that our children and families thrive in this challenging world. We hope you will join us in "creating communities where children and families thrive . . ."

Sincerely,

Lynda Gavioli
Executive Director

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The Children's Coalition At Work In The Community

A Pre-K 4 Classroom at Sallie Humble is one of the 66 classes implementing AI's Pals within Ouachita Parish and Monroe City Schools

Efforts to reach out to children and families include events like AlphaFest

Coalition partners from the 4th JDC District Attorney's Office and ULM work with the MacArthur Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice efforts

Lynda Gavioli & 2009/2010 Board President Kristi Jones

Advocacy

As the Coalition has evolved over the past 12 years, so too has its role as the voice for children and families. Through various committees, boards and statewide organizations, Coalition staff members work tirelessly to assure that what is needed in this area is known and understood by state and national leadership.

Coalition leadership is actively engaged with the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, where Lynda Gavioli serves on the Advisory Council and the Board of Directors. The Coalition is also actively engaged with the Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations, the State and National Covering Kids and Families Coalitions, the Louisiana and National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, the Maternal and Child Health Coalition, Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana, the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, the Governor's Children's Cabinet Advisory Council and MacArthur Models for Change In Juvenile Justice.
Early Care and Education

The Child Care Connections program seeks to improve the quality of child care in the region by providing training and technical assistance for child care providers, and resource and referral services for parents. Children who receive high quality early childhood services are more prepared for success when they enter kindergarten.

- 4,542 child care providers were trained & over 600 child care centers and family child care providers were supported through technical assistance.

- 1,132 Pre-K children participated in the AI’s Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices program within 66 Monroe City, Ouachita Parish, and child care center classrooms.

- 46% of the child care centers in our region are participating in the voluntary Quality Start rating System.

- Funds raised through School Readiness Tax Credits were used to provide $30,900 in mini-grants to 9 Quality Start child care centers.

- Through an Administrative Practices grant funded by JPMorgan Chase/United Way $23,264 was issued to Quality Start child care centers rated 2-5 stars.

- Children were connected to resources and early intervention services in Monroe City Schools through their Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.

- The social/emotional development of children has improved in Quality Start child care centers by providing mental health consultation to a rotating group of 11 centers.

Community Solutions for Economic Success is a collaborative initiative focused on the linkage between early childhood development, workforce development and economic success.

- Reducing barriers to employment by expanding quality child care options is the focus of a Business Leader’s Task Force. Efforts to support parents as well as child care providers are being explored.

- Initiatives are being developed at a neighborhood level that specifically address development of children ages 0-18 and family support systems. A Community Advisory Team is working to establish partnerships with community leaders, schools, other agencies and volunteer programs that will result in services being more available and accessible.
Parent Education

One of the Coalition’s core values is that “families are the first and best teachers.” The Coalition supports parents by offering a variety of evidence-based parenting workshops, seminars, and training sessions throughout the community.

- Pregnant/parenting teens in Monroe City Schools received Parenting Education throughout the school year.
- 1,690 individuals received parenting education services; presentations were made within 13 community-based agencies.
- The Children’s Coalition was selected for funding by the MacArthur Foundation to help parents learn to advocate for their children within the mental health and juvenile justice systems by piloting the “Parent Empowerment” program.

Youth Development

The vision for Youth Development is to support youth in making positive choices in order to ensure that they have healthy and successful futures.

- During the 2009/2010 school year, 1,200 middle school students participated in TeenScreen, a model program developed by Columbia University. Youth screening “at risk” of a mental health issue are connected with resources.
- The 4th Judicial District became a MacArthur Foundation “Models for Change: Systems Reform in Juvenile Justice” community. The Children’s Coalition is a lead partner on that grant working to expand the number of programs for youth that are evidence-based and to pilot a parenting program for the parents of juvenile justice involved youth.
Health Care

The healthcare focus area seeks to ensure that all children in Region 8 have health insurance and access to preventive medicine in order to be as healthy as possible.

- The high infant and fetal mortality rates in this region are being addressed through the Fetal-Infant Mortality Community Action Team. With a second year of funding from the Living Well Foundation, strategies are being developed to address the issues raised from gathering information from all birthing hospitals in the northeast region by nurse abstractors.

- Improving preventative care and medicine management for children with asthma in this region has become a focus with a new three-year grant.

- Childhood obesity, active play and nutrition will be highlighted as issues for children’s health in our region with funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana.

- Efforts to assure that all children have access to health insurance continue through the LaCHIP Coalition, including new outreach efforts to the Hispanic Community.
The Children’s Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, Inc.  

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**Change in Net Assets**

|                  | 141,856    | (7,875)    | 97,136     |

**NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR**

|                  | $119,216   | $127,091   | $29,956    |

**NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR**

|                  | $261,072   | $119,216   | $127,091   |
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