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# Community Mediation Center

2006-2007  
ANNUAL REPORT

HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND  
ORGANIZATIONS RESOLVE CONFLICT,  
IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AND  
STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY.



Statement of Activities  
Year Ending June 30, 2007

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>Public Support and Revenue</b>           |                        |
| Contributions                               | \$12,108               |
| City of Columbia                            | 6,500                  |
| Richland County                             | 12,000                 |
| South Carolina Bar Foundation               | 42,500                 |
| United Way of the Midlands                  | 49,999                 |
| Special events, less expenses<br>of \$6,640 | 3,259                  |
| Interest Income                             | 192                    |
| Program Service Fees                        | <u>47,528</u>          |
| <b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>     | <b><u>174,086</u></b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                        |
| Program                                     | 141,663                |
| Supporting Services                         | 12,235                 |
| Fund-Raising                                | <u>4,791</u>           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <b><u>158,689</u></b>  |
| <b>Change in Net Assets</b>                 | <b>15,397</b>          |
| <b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>        | <b><u>20,001</u></b>   |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>              | <b><u>\$35,398</u></b> |

Statement of Financial Position  
Year Ending June 30, 2007

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| ASSETS   |                        |
| <b>Assets</b>  |                        |
| Cash   | \$27,281               |
| Accounts and Grants Receivable   | 11,616                 |
| Prepaid Expenses   | 542                    |
| Furniture and Equipment, Net<br>of Accumulated Depreciation of \$1,221 | <u>3,915</u>           |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b><u>\$43,354</u></b> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS   |                        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                        |
| Accounts Payable   | \$ 5,591               |
| Accrued Compensated Absences   | <u>2,365</u>           |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   | <b><u>7,956</u></b>    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |                        |
| Unrestricted   | <u>35,398</u>          |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>                              | <b><u>\$43,354</u></b> |

2006-2007 Year in Review

**COMMUNITY MEDIATION**

- Provided free mediation services to members of the community. Referrals received from crisis hotlines, social services organizations, churches, and police and sheriff departments.
- Handled over 110 mediations with referrals from over 15 organizations.

**COURT-ORDERED MEDIATION**

- Provided mediation services for Lexington and Richland Magistrate cases slated for jury trial based on the order signed by the SC Chief Justice Jean Toal.
- Pilot program running from March 2007-2008. Since March 1, 2007, CMC has mediated well over 40 of these cases and maintained a roster of over 35 volunteer mediators for this program.

**TRAINING and EDUCATION**

- Provided Conflict Resolution skill building & mediation training to over 270 youth and adults during 25 different sessions.
- Held sessions for the Department of Juvenile Justice, SC Center for Heirs' Property Preservation, SC Department of Parks and Recreation, Lexington/Richland School District Five, Girl Scouts, and the University of South Carolina.
- Held monthly Conflict Coaching workshops for individuals participating in the Solicitor's Pre-trial Intervention Program.

**FAMILY MEDIATION**

- Provided mediation services for individuals engaged in the separation and/or divorce process, addressing issues such as custody arrangements, property division and handling debt.
- Received referrals from the SC Legal Aid, Family Court system, private attorneys, and self-referrals.
- Handled 17 mediation cases with an additional 15 information calls. Maintained a roster of 7 mediators trained in divorce mediation.

**ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENT MEDIATION**

- Reduced the number of unlawful absences by identifying and addressing the root issues affecting attendance in Richland II and Lexington/Richland V school districts.
- Worked to build communication and strengthen relationships between families and schools
- Continued to identify systemic issues that negatively affect attendance in order to address them on a community-wide level.
- Handled over 380 cases during the 2006-2007 school year with an 83% improvement in attendance post-mediation. Maintained a roster of over 30 volunteer AIM mediators.

**CONTRACTED PROGRAMS**

- Handled 11 cases involving employment disputes, real estate contracts, and foreclosures
- Handled 2 large group facilitations

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Over 180 individuals attended the Building Bridges Celebration Event at The State Museum
- Presented the 2007 McKay Brabham Building Bridges Award to Rhett Jackson and Eben Taylor.
- Co-sponsored the SC ADR Conference held at Columbia College
- Presented at the 2007 SCANPO Conference
- Site for an Americorps VISTA member

