

RAY GRAHAM ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO BE A LEADER IN PROVIDING FLEXIBLE, CUSTOMIZED SERVICES TO NEARLY 2,000 PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT WAS A BUSY AND EXCITING YEAR AS WE CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON OUR MISSION OF EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO REACH, GROW, AND ACHIEVE.



THEY DESERVE MORE

Ray Graham Association creates opportunities that empower people with disabilities to reach, grow, and achieve. [DONATE TODAY!](#)

- Residential Services:** People deserve that essential independence, secure personal care and safety, and an average neighborhood.
- Life Skills Services:** Customized services so people can develop skills and enjoy a life that is meaningful to them.
- Employment Services:** Partnering with employers and providing supports to people with disabilities can lead the right job.
- Recreational Services:** Therapeutic, fun and exciting activities, classes and special occasions programs for youth and adults.
- Family Support Services:** Unique insight, expertise and full range of available resources to help each family's needs in a meaningful way.

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Wage Campaign

The past couple of years have been a whirlwind for our campaign to increase wages for our Direct Support Professionals. While Illinois finally passed a budget with a small win of a 75-cent wage increase, we are not yet finished with this battle and will continue to advocate for further wage increases.

New Website

A new, interactive and mobile-friendly website was launched to better engage families and donors. Newly designed marketing materials were also created and made available in print and electronic versions on the new site.

Health Fair

In order to support people to have the best possible health, the first annual Health Fair was held at the Elmhurst Community Center. People learned the best way to ask questions of doctors and better advocate for their own health. Smoothies and yoga classes were also an added bonus.



Life is an Adventure

Affordable weekend getaways and specialty trips were scheduled for camping, caving, a trip to Branson, an overnight in a WW II submarine, and so much more. Because of their popularity, the people we support helped create a "bucket list" of destinations to visit in the future.

Employment

RGA partners with over 250 companies and employment sites, 30 of which were secured this past year. As such, people are finding their job of choice resulting in a 90% job retention rate. Employment Services are currently partnering with employers in DuPage, Will, Kane, Grundy and Cook Counties.

The Beautification Fund

Thanks to donations to our Beautification Fund, some of our community-based homes and Community Learning Centers were able to get new furniture, paint and home décor. New appliances were also purchased as part of The Appliance Project, a special fundraising campaign kicked off at the annual Butterfly Ball by a grant from BMO Harris Bank.

Young Professional Committee

The Young Professionals Committee, with members ranging in age from 21-40 years old, was created in order to better connect with siblings of people we support, increase awareness of the needs at RGA and coordinate fundraising efforts to meet those needs.



Partnerships

Corporate Champions, such as Wintrust, Henricksen, Merrill Lynch and Schamberger Bros. supported RGA throughout the year. OptumRx and Baxter Credit Union partnered to host a fun-filled hot chocolate bar to raise awareness and funds, and Pipework's Brewery hosted an exciting fundraising event in Chicago for our Young Professionals Committee.

Giving Back

Over 500 volunteers helped with indoor and outdoor maintenance projects, fundraising events, social activities like spa days and movie nights, and animal care at the Hanson Center. Those we support also volunteer nearly 200 hours a month for local non-profits and charities to give back.

Family Fun

In order to offer support and a bit of fun, family members pitched in by providing pasta dinners, game nights, painting parties, and much more. As a result, relationships blossomed, new friendships were formed and staff members really appreciated the helping hand.

Ray Graham Association Council

The RGA Council, comprised of people we support who tirelessly advocate for rights and positive change, hosted a Voter Information Day to promote rights education and learn about presidential candidates.

Financials

88% of the funding Ray Graham Association receives goes directly to programs. Administrative costs are only 12%.

	Year Ending June 30th	Year Ending June 30th
	2017	2016
Revenue		
Fees + Purchase of Service:		
Department of Human Services	\$ 10,161,370	\$ 9,769,934
Department of Healthcare and Family Services	6,118,649	6,516,250
Client/Family Pgm Fees (incl. SSI,SSA, pensions, etc.)	3,262,427	2,963,454
Total Fees + Purchase of Services	\$ 19,542,446	\$ 19,249,638
Grant Revenue Operations		
Department of Human Services	1,047,811	1,065,482
Local Government Awards - Recreation	950,115	575,506
Total Grant Revenue Operations	\$ 1,997,926	\$ 1,640,988
Grant Revenue - Capital Improvements		
Federal Government Awards- Capital Improvements		
Corporations and Foundations - Capital Improvements	145,049	503,589
Total Grant Revenue Capital Improvements	\$145,049	\$503,589
Contributions & Other		
United Way	47,387	48,349
Restricted	258,467	253,519
Unrestricted	1,475,869	1,310,292
Contributions - Goods and Services	121,216	137,901
Management Fees	339,697	349,811
Production Income	7,737	18,814
Training Income	200	1,500
Total Contributions & Other	\$ 2,250,573	\$ 2,120,186
Investment Income		
Interest	23,279	87,436
Dividends	45,802	45,820
Net gain on investments	39,935	(20,582)
Net income on disposal of equipment	3,609	19,050
Total Investment Income	\$ 112,625	\$ 131,724
Total Revenue	\$ 24,048,619	\$ 23,646,125
Expenses		
Program Services	20,591,517	19,836,090
Management and General	2,431,722	2,737,147
Fundraising	463,631	469,188
Total Expenses	\$ 23,486,870	\$ 23,042,425
Change in net assets	\$ 561,749	\$ 603,700
Ending net assets	\$ 14,532,397	\$ 13,970,648

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