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A Letter from the Executive Director and Board President



Friends and Partners,

We're delighted to provide you with a passport to a breakthrough year of adventure, exploration and progress at Little City. We've traveled far and wide, returned home and continue to pioneer—pushing forward and making advancements in the field of disability care.

We have made the most of the opportunities given to us. With those opportunities, we deliver premier services for our children and adults. And it is only because of friends like you that we have these opportunities to venture forward.

Throughout this Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report, we will deliver a summary of incredible achievements, inspiring

stories and show you where our children and adults have traveled. You'll discover how we are fully integrated into our surrounding neighborhoods, how we make the most of community offerings and how we arrive at our destinations at home and abroad!

For example, in 2013 we celebrated 20 successful years of delivering foster care and adoption services—finding “forever families” for foster children with special needs. Our campaign was entitled, “15,000 Reasons” because there are 15,000 children in the Illinois Foster Care System.

The Little City Golf Invitational—the longest running charity golf event in Illinois—celebrated its 50th anniversary by breaking revenue records. The event, which honored Kent P. Dauten, far surpassed our expectations. We also received the largest individual living gift in our 54-year history totaling \$1 million dollars from John M. and Becky Duffey for which the Duffey Family Children's Village will be named.

The achievements and the life journeys of the people of Little City are incredible.

Come along and ride with us,

Shawn E. Jeffers
Executive Director, Little City

Edward J. Hockfield
President, Little City Board of Directors



Welcome aboard! Join us
as we share our stories.
Let's explore together.



FIRST STOP: ChildBridge Center for Education

that provides personalized therapies and intervention services to address each individual's unique educational needs.

From unforgettable field trips to the Brookfield Zoo to small adventures, this year students at the **ChildBridge Center for Education** have ventured numerous places to explore and learn.

The ChildBridge Center for Education, Little City's therapeutic day school, provides progressive services for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as students with severe and profound needs on the autism spectrum.

Students are placed within one of four classrooms. Currently, the school has two high school and two elementary classes that are then divided by student support needs. All classes have a teacher with paraprofessionals to provide support throughout the day.

Led by a National Board Certified Teacher, the day school creates an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for each student

While taking advantage of available community resources, the ChildBridge Center for Education makes full use of recreational, therapeutic and support service options stationed across Little City's campus.

The Center for Education provides integrated life skills, academic, clinical and transitional services to help children reach their full potential. Students enjoy art therapy, physical education, assistive and adapted technology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, adaptive aquatics and much more.

Little City is currently in the process of expanding the Center for Education in order to provide first-rate education programming to more students. The expansion will allow students to transition or travel to and from different classrooms that will focus on specific subject areas.

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Little City Student Sean with Paraprofessional Daniel Kolajo while on a field trip at the Brookfield Zoo. Sean is in 7th grade and has made great progress since attending the Center for Education.



FIRST STOP



FIRST-CLASS EMPLOYEES: Center for Employment

Little City's **Center for Employment & Business Development** provides opportunities for individuals to take charge of their lives and learn the importance of working and interacting with others. Commuting to and from work is not typically considered enjoyable travel but the adults at Little City look forward to it because it means they have a place to work.

Whether it is from their group home in the suburbs to Little City's campus or from their home on campus to their employment location in the community, the *opportunity* to work gives our residents an added dimension to life.

Providing gainful employment to the adults of Little City is just one of the many first-class service offerings Little City provides.

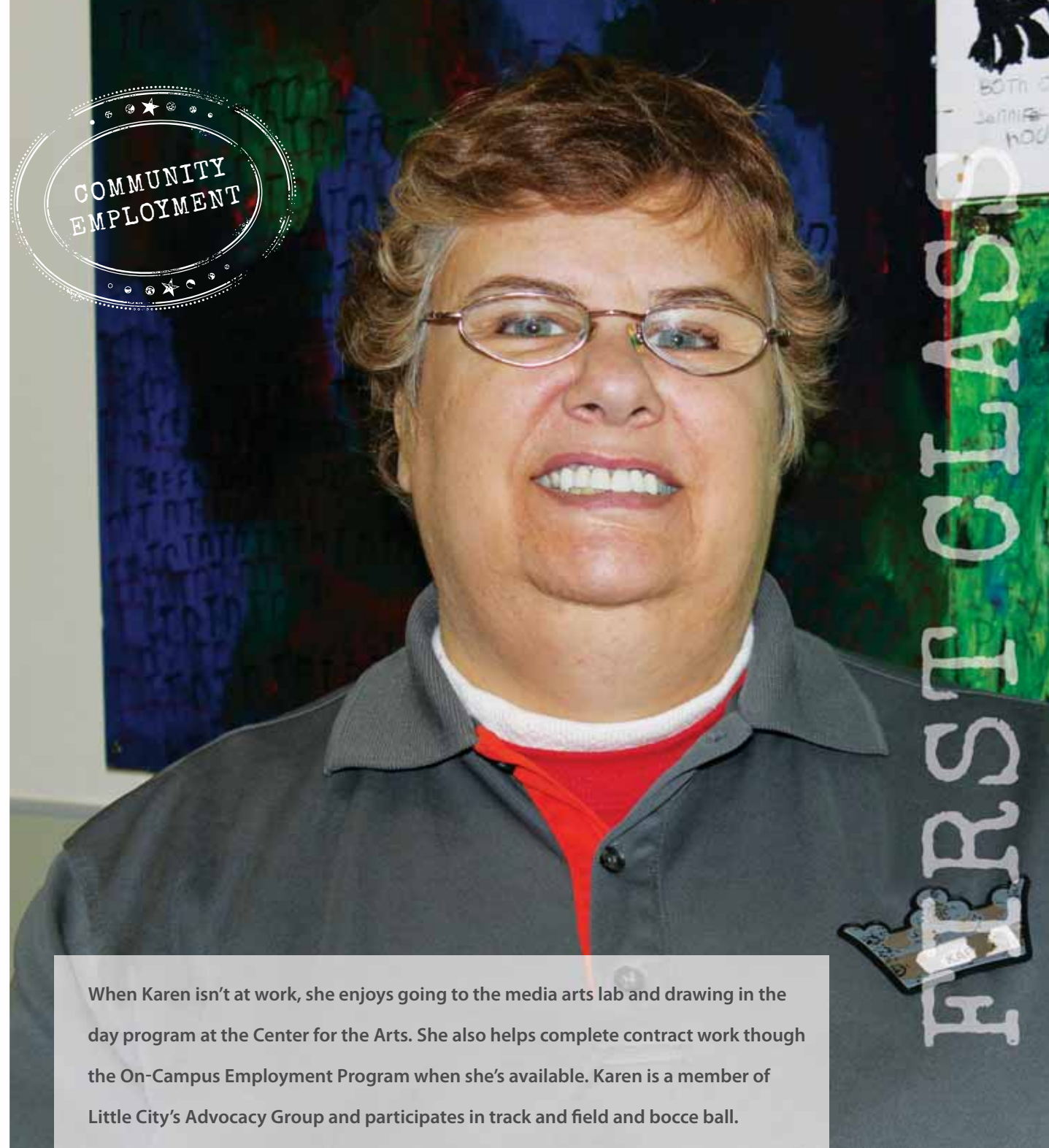
This program partners with more than 70 companies throughout the greater Chicago region that have employed more than 250 full- and part-time workers.

For example, Karen Quandt has worked in the food service industry for nearly 13 years, working two to five days a week at a restaurant in Buffalo Grove. At work, Karen enjoys cleaning the tables, doing the dishes and socializing with her co-workers.

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The Center for Employment & Business Development includes the Community Employment Program that provides job assessments, on-site supports, job training, transportation to work and assistance to available entitlements.

Little City's On-Campus Employment Program assists individuals with optimizing their work skills, work habits and maximizes productivity and quality performance through: long-term training and paid work opportunities; supported work environment; assessment of job preferences; linkage to additional services; and assistance to maintain and enhance daily living and social skills.



When Karen isn't at work, she enjoys going to the media arts lab and drawing in the day program at the Center for the Arts. She also helps complete contract work through the On-Campus Employment Program when she's available. Karen is a member of Little City's Advocacy Group and participates in track and field and bocce ball.

ON THE ROAD TO ADOPTION: Center for Family & Community-Based Services

The journey for foster children with disabilities may not be the same for each individual but their destination is similar: a loving and supportive family.

Leneva and Ira Milton have adopted and welcomed home two young men that were in Little City's Foster Care & Adoption Program. The Miltons are well acquainted with generosity as they have also opened their home and fostered an additional five children.

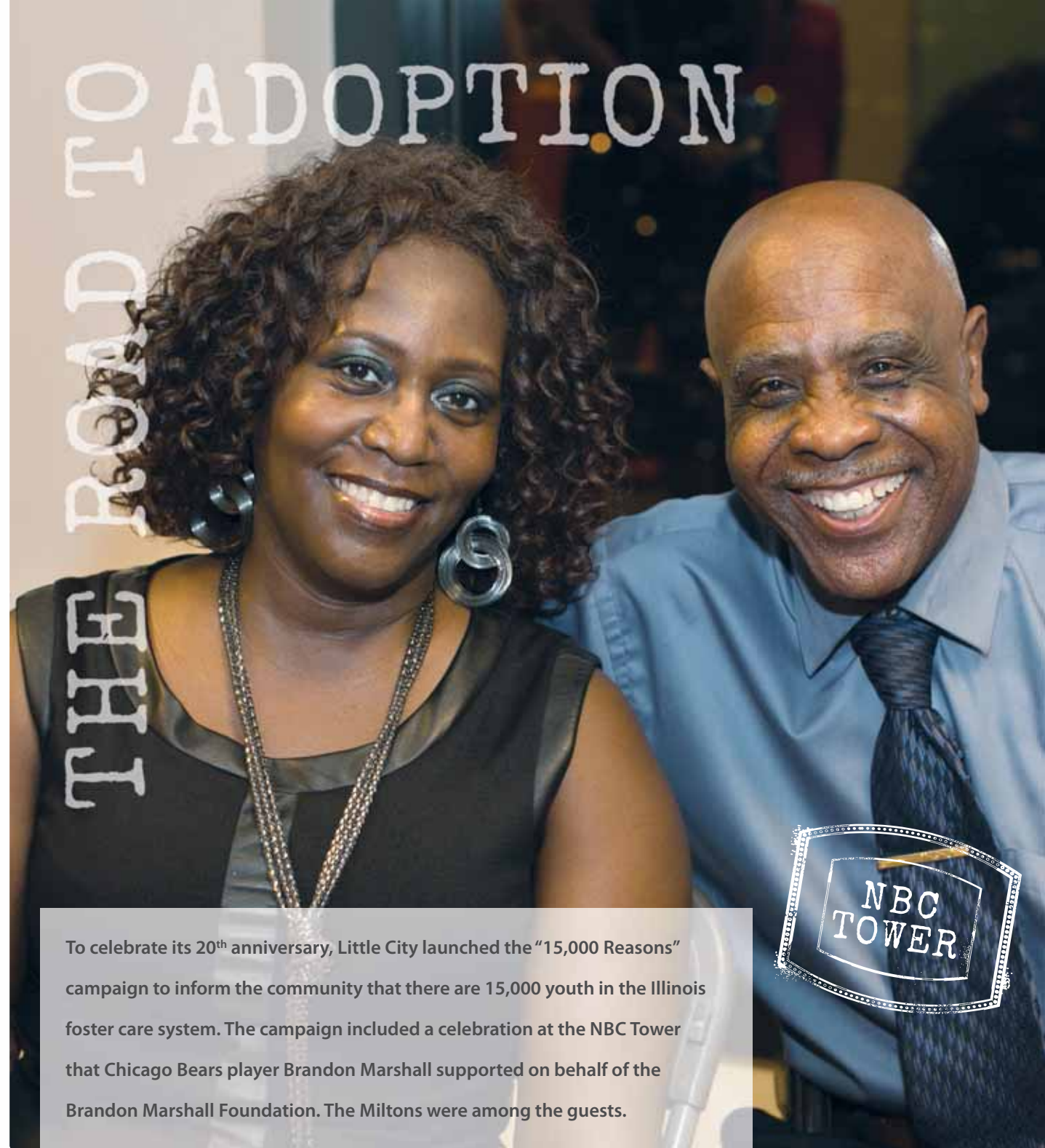
Little City's **Center for Family & Community-Based Services** provides services to children in Illinois' foster care system. As part of our mission, Little City is committed to recruiting and supporting foster/adoptive families to provide loving homes for children with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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This year marked the 20th anniversary of Little City's Foster Care Program successfully matching foster youth with loving and supportive families. Little City has helped nearly 200 children find families and has successfully returned 27 children to their previous homes. Over 90 percent of children living in Little City foster or adoptive homes remain in the same home.

We are searching for welcoming homes and loving parents regardless of age, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender-identification, income or education level.

The Miltons have been part of the Little City family since 2000. Ira Jermaine and Antonio Milton were eight and 10 years old when they were adopted. They are now 22 and 24 and living fulfilling lives.



CREATIVITY TRAVELS AROUND THE GLOBE: Center for the Arts

Artwork made in Little City's **Center for the Arts** has traveled from Chicago to London and most recently to Belgium. This incredible journey of art helps increase awareness surrounding self-taught artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Numerous pieces of artwork were purchased by the MADmusee in Liège, Belgium, one of the largest and most prestigious museums devoted to Outsider Art in the world, which will become part of their permanent collection. Artwork from Tarik Echols, Jeff Burke and Wayne Mazurek will live on in Belgium.

Additionally, artists from Little City exhibited at Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art in Chicago. This museum is dedicated to only showcasing self-taught and outsider artists. More than 50 paintings, drawings and computer-generated images created by 11 artists were featured in the exhibit.

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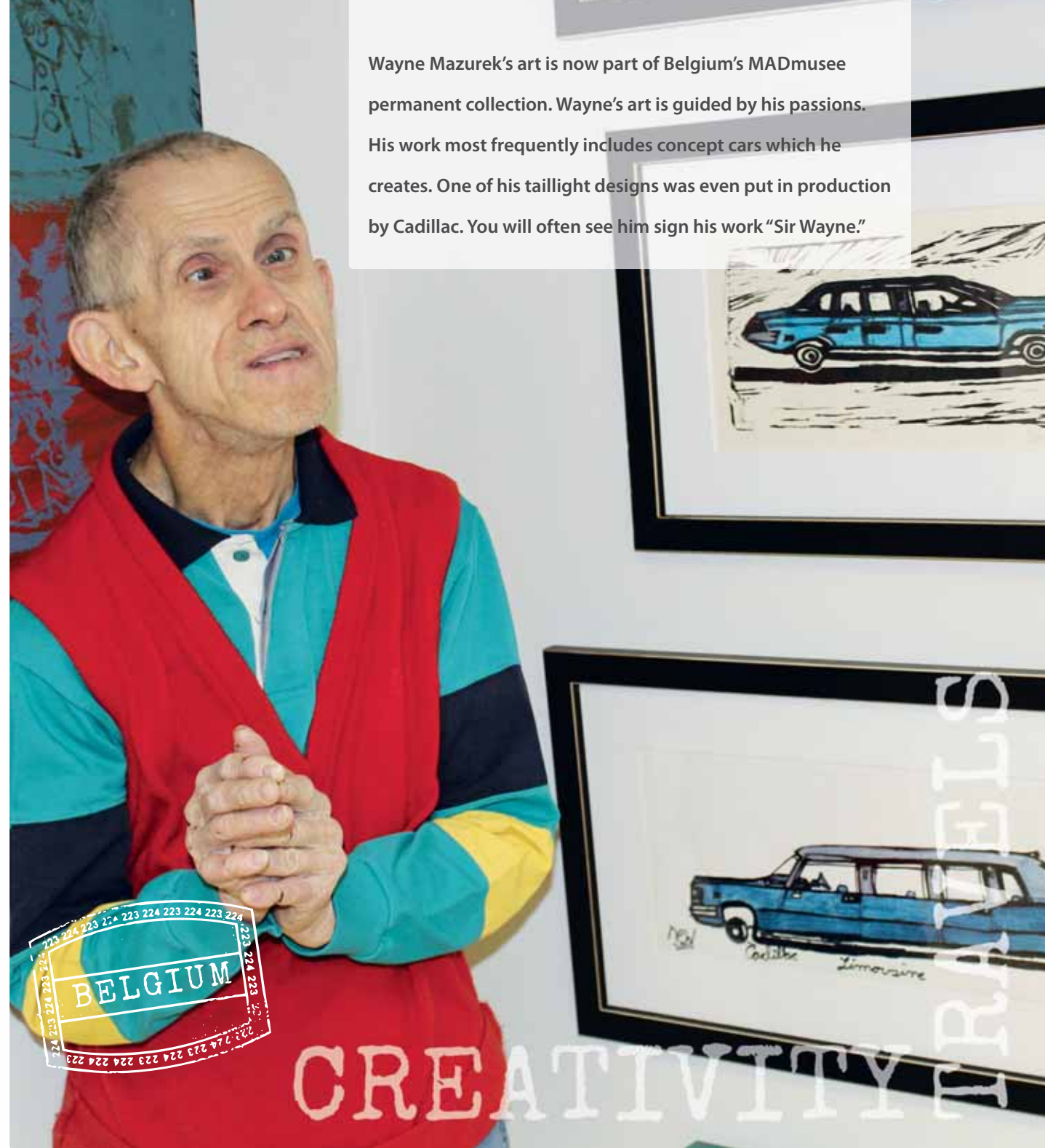
For more than 20 years, Little City's Center for the Arts has illustrated how creativity truly has no disability.

This award-winning program provides the opportunity for individuals with disabilities to explore and expand unique and

creative talents, promoting a sense of accomplishment and empowerment through the arts.

Each day, professional artists acting as facilitators encourage artists to expand their reach and skills, resulting in art that transcends the disability of the artists who created it. Artists who cannot see, artists who do not speak and even artists who do not recognize the presence of others around them, are the painters, sculptors and designers at Little City who exhibit and

sell their work competitively with others who do not face the same challenges.



Wayne Mazurek's art is now part of Belgium's MADmusee permanent collection. Wayne's art is guided by his passions. His work most frequently includes concept cars which he creates. One of his taillight designs was even put in production by Cadillac. You will often see him sign his work "Sir Wayne."



CREATIVITY

THE COMFORT OF RETURNING HOME: Residential Services

Little City offers a variety of residential options to more than 200 children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Little City's **ChildBridge Center for Group-Home Living** is a therapeutic community that fosters independence, growth and learning and is home to more than 50 children between the ages of seven and 22. Based on client-centered assessment and planning, each child receives 24/7 residential and clinical care. Individuals are provided with a full range of options empowering development in all facets of their life as they bridge to adulthood.

Providing adults with opportunities to make their own choices, the **Center for Adult Living** offers various living options both at Little City and in neighboring communities where individuals can develop independence, integrate within the community and live life to their fullest. More than 150 adults call Little City their home.

Although travels are exciting and worthwhile there is no better feeling than returning home after a noteworthy adventure.

Adults can choose to live on Little City's therapeutic, 56-acre campus where residential options include 24/7 support in semi-private and private apartments or 24/7 support in residential communities throughout Chicago. Little City operates 14 homes as Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) within the northwest suburbs.

Our CILAs provide individuals with the opportunity to live in residential communities supported by Little City staff 24 hours per day. Here, residents learn to live as independently as possible in a home environment.

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Nancy Edwalds lives in Little City's Cedar Senior CILA home located in Palatine. She moved to Little City in 1970 when she was a teenager. Nancy attends different fitness activities during the day while she is at day programs. She enjoys collecting key chains and going shopping.

THE FRIENDS WE'VE MET ALONG THE WAY: Community Volunteers

Volunteering is a great way to boost morale and camaraderie while simultaneously helping the community.

Little City owes much gratitude to our friends who have lent a helping hand in beautifying our campus, interacting with participants and supporting social and recreational activities.

This year, 750 corporate volunteers and an additional 50 individuals volunteered their time and skills to help support children and adults served at Little City. These groups helped garden and refresh the Palatine campus, beautified 14 community-integrated homes, cleaned and organized group homes and volunteered at social events and holiday parties.

Efforts from Little City volunteers are memorable for the individuals we serve and do not go unnoticed.

Special thanks to all our new friends and volunteers who helped guide our travels:

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Zurich North America, located in Schaumburg, brought three different volunteer groups to Little City to help improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities. Groups worked to beautify two CILA homes and provided gardening and landscaping to Little City's Palatine campus.

NEXT STOP: The Duffey Family Children's Village

Thanks to a recent \$1 million gift from John and Becky Duffey, major support from Vincent and Patricia Foglia and the family of late Little City resident Larry Rudis, as well as countless other donors, Little City broke ground on the first two homes in the Duffey Family Children's Village in 2013.

Little City's original children's homes, built in 1959, were designed for children with Down syndrome. Today, 80 percent of children at Little City are on the autism spectrum and the outdated group homes do not meet their needs.

Since its founding, Little City's journey has been toward a higher quality of life for children and adults with disabilities.

Once completed, the Duffey Family Children's Village will feature six state-of-the-art homes designed for children with autism. New features include sensory rooms to meet the needs of each child. Sensory rooms can serve high stimulus functions such as art, music, crafts and psychomotor activities, while at other times accommodate low stimulus activities like speech therapy and one-on-one instruction.

The new homes will also feature a visiting room to provide a quiet place for parents to visit with their children. When the homes open, children at Little City will enjoy private bedrooms and will no longer need to share rooms.

Since its founding, Little City's journey has been toward a higher quality of life for children and adults with disabilities. The Duffey Family Children's Village is the next stop on that ongoing journey.



Little City received the largest capital gift in its 54-year history from John M. and Becky Duffey, for which the Duffey Family Children's Village will be named.

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with the people
you meet on them.”

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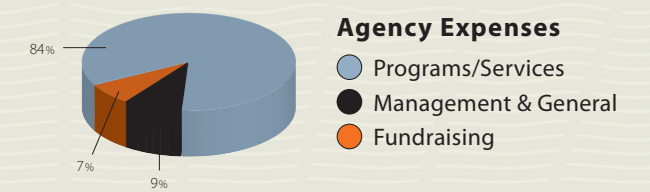
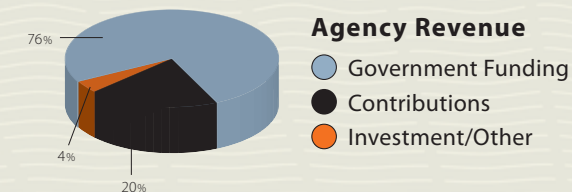
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*The shortfall is due primarily to less than full reimbursement from the State of Illinois for services rendered, but also due to Little City's commitment to a quality of life.

The pie charts provide a breakdown of Little City Foundation's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013 dating July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

\$25.1MM Operating Budget



Total Agency (LCF & LCCD**)

REVENUE	FY13	TOTAL	FY12	TOTAL
Contributions	5,295,873	20%	3,183,651	14%
Government Funding	19,939,994	76%	19,144,162	83.9%
Investment and Other	999,702	4%	486,361	2.1%
Total Revenue	26,235,569	100.0%	22,814,174	100%

EXPENSES	FY13	TOTAL	FY12	TOTAL
Program Services	20,513,928	84%	20,111,642	85%
Management & General	2,254,049	9%	2,291,887	9.7%
Fundraising	1,756,543	7%	1,250,768	5.3%
Total Expense	24,524,520	100%	23,654,297	100%
Net	1,711,049		(840,123)	

**Little City for Community Development (LCCD), which includes Little City HUD properties.

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