I am pleased to present the 2016–2017 Sherwood Autism Center Annual Report.

This has been a year of exciting change and growth.

**Leadership change:** We celebrated the work of Sherwood founder and Executive Director, Debbie Wood. Because of Debbie’s vision, Sherwood was created in 1974 as the first organization to serve children and adults with autism in Kansas City. She retired in August 2016. Her vision continues under the leadership of new Executive Director, Laci Maltbie, MS. Laci brings great enthusiasm and a wealth of experience developing quality programs for individuals with autism.

**Leadership growth:** A Special Education Curriculum and Training Coordinator, Tracy Tormes, BS, BCaBA, was added to ensure that our programming reflects best practices in the field.

**Individuals served:** We provided Special Education Services for 91 students and Adult Day Services for 34 adults – a 12% increase over the number served in 2015 – 2016.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Sherwood Autism Center.

Sincerely,

Larry Hisle, President, Board of Directors

`AUTISM IN THE UNITED STATES`

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
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Boys are 4x as likely to have autism as girls.

Autism is treatable but not curable. Early diagnosis and intervention is the key.


154% from 2002
Thank you...

Jacob L. and Ella C. Loose Foundation
A gift of $7,888 provided 2,000 or three months of free lunches for our students. This is important for 82% of our students from low income families.

United Way
Provided $90,535 in funding to support Sherwood’s program operating costs.

MAJ-R Thrift
Provided $5,906 in funding to support Sherwood’s program operating costs.

Village Presbyterian Church
A $3,000 gift helped provide important modifications to one classroom.

Vintage Car Rally Association (VCRA)
A $12,000 grant from the VCRA, a national not-for-profit organization devoted to promoting vintage cars and supporting individuals with autism, funded The Calming Room. This critically important space provides a safe, calm room where students who are overwhelmed or upset can regroup before returning to class. This grant also funded a new ice machine in our kitchen.

Why do we Fundraise?
Although Sherwood receives public funding and fees for services, our lunch program is only partially funded. There is also no funding for capital expenditures such as classroom modifications and The Calming Room. Without these grants and other fundraising we would not be able to serve individuals with autism as well as they deserve.

New Staff at Sherwood
Sherwood now has more than 90 years of experience in special education and adult services on its leadership team. We welcome:

Laci Maltbie
MS, Executive Director
16 years’ experience

Dr. Christine Hernandez
Special Education Program Director,
35 years’ experience

Tracy Tormes
BS, BCaBA,
Special Education Curriculum and Training Coordinator,
20 years’ experience

Tiffany Black
BS, Adult Day Services Director, 20+ years’ experience

Photo credit Jeremy Ruzich
The Calming Room

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FINANCIALS
2016 - 2017

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<td>Adult Day Services</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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<td>General and Admin</td>
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2016 - 2017 REVENUE

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<td>Adult Day Services</td>
<td>$860,953</td>
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<td>(Department of Mental Health)</td>
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<td>Community Supports</td>
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<td>(grants, fundraising)</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Mary Sargent
Mary Sargent has been a reliable and dedicated volunteer for almost 30 years. She has painted walls, pulled weeds, poured beer, organized books, adopted families, and sold bingo tickets.

She’s developed relationships not only with the staff at Sherwood but the students and families as well. “I’m excited to see families at Bingo night and catch up. I love being part of this community.”

Mary is passionate about helping individuals with autism and has always been a champion of our cause. “If you need anything, let me know. If I can’t help you, I’ll find someone who can.”

Pow! Volunteers in Action!
Last year 80 volunteers from Social Security Administration packed a major punch to our “to do” list when they worked an average of 3 hours each on a Saturday in June. That’s the equivalent of 30 days! Without these volunteers, it would have cost Sherwood an estimated $1,884 (based on minimum wage) to complete these projects. Although that was a small individual time commitment, it makes a big impact for Sherwood.

In 2016 – 2017, 473 volunteers provided 1699 service hours, adding up to 212 days of work including:

- The volunteer who folded letters and stuffed envelopes made sure 350 of our supporters were reminded of our mission and how we helped 125 people with autism in the last year.
- The volunteer who painted and helped with grounds work kept our buildings clean and safe.
- The volunteer who did the “Monster Mash” at the Halloween party encouraged our participants to play and have fun.

To volunteer at Sherwood contact Rachael Gordon, Community Relations Manager, rgordon@sherwoodcenter.org, 816-333-3344.

Volunteer Hall of Fame

Research College of Nursing • Bayer Animal Science • Social Security Administration • ServeKC • Department of Labor • Calvary Lutheran • Rockhurst High School • St. Teresa’s Academy • UMB

Wish List

Cleaning supplies/equipment: Lysol or Clorox wipes • Swiffer Wet mop with boxes of Swiffer Wet (pads) • BuyBrooms and dustpans (dustpan attaches to broom handle) • Larger Dust mops (Industrial) • New towels, dish towels and dish rags • Electronics: Flat screen smart television • DVD players that plug into TVs • Portable DVD player with screen • CD players/radio combos • Party Rocker™ entertainment system • Headphones (wired and wireless), especially noise cancelling • Wii games and controllers • iPads or old iPhones • Hygiene: Facial tissue • Toothpaste (travel size) and toothbrushes (individually wrapped) • Physical Education: Scooters • Plasma Car scooter (by PlaySmart) • Super Flying Turtle scooter • Playground balls • Other: Money boxes • Wood Inset puzzles • Kinetic sand • Water beads

Who did Sherwood Serve in 2016 – 2017?

Sherwood served 91 students from 12 School Districts.

- Blue Springs: 4
- Center: 1
- Grandview: 9
- Hickman Mills: 13
- Independence: 9
- KC, Kansas Public Schools: 1
- KC, Missouri Public Schools: 46
- Lee’s Summit: 1
- Liberty: 2
- Raymore/Peculiar: 1
- Raytown: 3
- Warrensburg: 1

Sherwood served 33 adults from Cass and Jackson Counties.

- Cass: 1
- Jackson: 32

How old are the individuals we serve?

- 6 – 12 years: 40
- 13 – 17 years: 30
- 18 – 24 years: 33
- 25 – 54 years: 23

Gender

- Male: 96
- Female: 30

Demographics (adults and students)

- Am. Ind/Alaskan: 1%
- Black/AA: 48%
- Asian/Pac Island: 4%
- Hispanic/Latino: 7%
- White/Caucasian: 39%
- Other: 1%
- Low income: 76%
Landon

Sherwood’s goal is to give students and families the resources and skills they need to successfully transition back to the public school system. Landon did just that in the Fall of 2016 when he returned to Blue Springs High School after seven years at Sherwood.

Landon is an enthusiastic young man whose smile brightens any room. He is quick with hugs and greets you with so much gusto he actually jumps in the air. But that was not always the case. When he started at Sherwood his mom remembers a “frustrated, confused, agitated child who was not sure of himself and what he could do.”

Now a Blue Springs Wildcat, Landon is receiving A’s and B’s in his classes which include fundamental math, English, American government, and science courses.

In many ways Landon is also a typical high schooler who doesn’t want to eat the school lunch and occasionally feigns sick to get out of school!

Landon, his family, and Sherwood are very proud of the man he has become.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP (CURRENT)

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