







# A Message from Our CEO

**Dear Friends,**

**As I reflect back on 2014, one word keeps repeating in my mind - perseverance.**

**After surviving an extremely difficult 4 years under a national economic downturn and an unfriendly Corbett Administration that undermined PA's network of human service organizations, LRI was able to continue serving all our Consumers, and launched our new homecare agency, Liberty Resources Home Choices. In addition, we invested in our own future by selling off our building at 714 Market Street while still guaranteeing ourselves the space and financial ability to grow and expand our Center.**

**As we persevere, we will continue to live the mission that got us here. That mission starts here. Liberty Resources is an organization with tremendous determination. From our dedicated staff to our tireless advocates and loyal Consumers, Liberty is blessed with individuals dedicated to empowering people with disabilities to live full independent lives outside of nursing homes.**

**Sincerely,**

**Thomas H. Earle, CEO**



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# 2014 Financial Statement

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$504
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$67,821	\$2,238,076
Loans receivable -nonrelated party	\$64,422
Prepaid expenses	<u>\$68,324</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$2,371,326</u>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	<u>\$1,181,209</u>
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#### OTHER ASSETS

Investment in captive insurance plan	\$952,868
Loan receivable - nonrelated party, net of current portion	\$2,357,115
Advances to nonrelated parties and other	<u>\$154</u>
	<u>\$3,310,137</u>
	<u>\$6,862,672</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$3,201,412
Current portion of long-term debt	\$143,153
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,344,565

#### OTHER LIABILITIES

Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$121,130
Advances from nonrelated parties	<u>\$1,616,847</u>
	<u>\$1,737,977</u>
	\$5,082,542

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>\$1,780,130</u>
	<u>\$6,862,672</u>

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

#### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contract revenues	\$14,833,181
Contributions and other	\$87,541
Rental income	\$107,273
Sales and Fees	\$3,827,394
Investment Income	\$27,547
Other Revenue	\$53,598
Net Assets Released from restrictions	<u>\$14,047</u>

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	<u>\$18,950,581</u>
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#### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$10,029,648
Support Services	
Management and general	\$9,096,139
Fundraising	\$5,950
	<u>\$19,131,737</u>

#### OTHER INCOME

CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$(71,103)
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#### DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Rental operations & building sale	\$(4,592,427)
Retail operation	\$(64,639)

CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	\$(4,657,066)
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#### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Net assets released from restrictions	\$(14,047)
	\$(14,047)

(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$(4,742,216)
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NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>\$6,522,346</u>
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NET ASSETS-END OF YEAR	<u>\$1,780,130</u>
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# Our Mission

Liberty Resources,  
the Philadelphia Center for  
Independent Living, advocates  
with disabled people,  
individually and collectively, to  
ensure our civil rights and  
equal access to all aspects of life  
in the community.

In accordance with the Independent Living philosophy, all Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are Consumer-controlled; the majority of the governing Board and staff are persons with disabilities. Centers provide assistance to all people, regardless of disability type. Like all Centers for Independent Living, Liberty Resources enables persons with disabilities to live in a manner of their own choosing by providing individuals with an array of services. The following pages describe the services and programs Liberty offers.



# Our Consumers

The true essence of Independent Living for disabled people lies in accessing the every day, mundane activities of life. Some of the most ordinary things become extraordinary pleasures to someone who has been separated or marginalized, and then suddenly becomes free to participate.

Barriers can be physical (like the inaccessibility of a taxi) or attitudinal (for example, when people unnecessarily speak loudly to a wheelchair user). Barriers can also be self imposed. Some of the profiles shown here demonstrate that if disabled people do not feel confident in their skills, they may not seek opportunities to work, fearing that they will experience failure. Liberty Resources' menu of services addresses the real needs of Consumers, providing them with the opportunity to enhance their skills and participate in all aspects of the community on a more level playing field.

## Charles

Charles suffered a stroke, has multiple other health complications and was out of work for a period of time. During his recovery he became depressed because he was no longer able to do many things for himself. Taking care of his home was difficult and before Charles knew it, things spiraled out of control. Large holes in the ceiling allowed rain to leak into his living room. He couldn't get to his bedroom because floorboards were unsafe due to water damage. He had no hot water in the bathroom so he was heating up pots of water and carrying them to the bathroom to bathe. Charles went through the grueling process of filling out multiple applications for assistance with a few of the Philadelphia's home repair programs, only to be informed that he was not eligible for funds.

Feeling discouraged, he contacted Liberty Resources. With help from the staff at Liberty Resources, Mr. Jones received an award from the Ellis Fund which allowed him to make the necessary repairs and keep his home. He is able live in the community independently and most importantly he is safe.





## Yvonne

Yvonne is legally blind. In May of 2009, Yvonne was hit by a car. The resulting injuries impaired her mobility, and changed her level of independence. Yvonne had been living with her sister who was also a consumer of LRI following a significant stroke. The two sisters were sharing a home and receiving attendant services from LRI.

During 2010, their rented home became rodent infested and uninhabitable. After multiple calls to the landlord, the sisters discovered that the property had been sold and were to move immediately. With no options available, the two disabled sisters were forced to move into a hotel which used up most of their available financial resources. When the staff at LRI learned of their plight, the Housing Advocacy department reached out to the Ellis Fund for help.

Thanks to the Ellis Fund, the two sisters found a new home and were able to purchase household goods and furnishings.



## Chris

Chris lives with his grandmother and uncle. Chris's deafness and the obstacles he faces due to his disability have given him a unique perspective on life.

After graduating from Lincoln High School, Chris tried his hand at several different jobs, including construction and factory work. To his dismay, both of those jobs ended in layoffs. Persevering, Chris took a position cleaning offices, but once again met with frustration when he was terminated from that job. Chris was having difficulty finding employment.

Last Fall, Chris got involved with Liberty Resources after attending a presentation by LRI's Deaf Advocacy and Outreach team. Liberty staff then connected Chris with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), which is currently assisting him with his employment goals.

Chris says what he likes about LRI is that we help people solve problems. Since coming to LRI, Chris feels more motivated and his outlook on life is more positive.





# Ancillary Services

## Home Care

Liberty Home Choices provides Consumer-directed Independent Living Attendant Care Services which supports a person's ability to work, live, and attend school independently in the community. Its focus is on providing the Consumer with assistance and maintenance of daily activities.

## Mortgage Foreclosure

Liberty Resources' works with individuals with disabilities to avoid mortgage foreclosure. LRI staff also remains active in community efforts to direct city officials and resources to address the housing crisis in Philadelphia and to increase the number of affordable, accessible, integrated housing units.

## Liberty Wheels

Liberty Wheels provides mobility solutions, home modifications, and personal emergency relief devices to Consumers so they can remain in the community and in their homes. Repairs to wheelchairs and scooters are also provided.



# Core Services

## Skills Training

Training services offer individuals the opportunity to learn and practice those skills needed to live independently in the community. Training is provided both individually and in small groups and emphasizes Independent Living skills including home and financial management, personal assistant management, nutrition and meals, rights and responsibilities, community mobility, socialization, and communication.

## Peer Support Services

Peer support services offer a Consumer the opportunity to work with another disabled person, exploring options, making informed decisions, and gaining individually defined control over his or her life.

## Advocacy

The roots of all Independent Living Centers lie within the Disability Rights Movement of the 1970s—a movement initiated to enable individuals with disabilities to have the

same life choices as non-disabled persons. “Nothing about us without us,” is our mantra. Liberty Resources remains committed to advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

## Information & Referral

This service provides our Consumers, their families, and professionals with information about disability-related issues and programs, facilitating linkage through referrals to services.

## Nursing Home Transition (NHT)

Nursing Home Transition provides people with the help they need to move back to the community. NHT then provides services to them in the community so that they can live comfortably and safely.

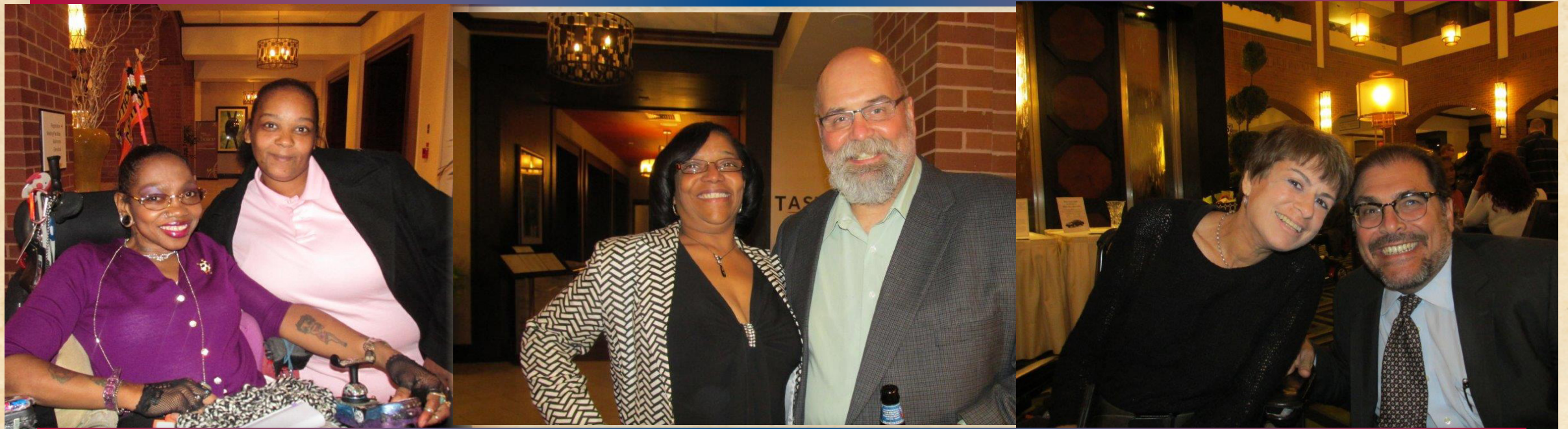




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