

# In Harmony

*people, programs, events*

Harmony Hill School, Inc.

January 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and commitment to our mission in serving children, adolescents and families in need. Through your continued efforts, we have been able to further develop essential programs and services to provide care and treatment for the youth in our care.

Just this month, Board Member Terry Corsair was able to rally over \$3,000 in donations for the “keep our children warm campaign.” We deeply appreciate his reaching out and your contributions. This is just one example of the generous contributions of time, efforts and monies for our school.

May you all enjoy a peaceful, joyous season. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Janice DeFrances, President and CEO



This year work study students and staff created a working greenhouse funded by a Rhode Island Foundation grant. Future plans include a living educational farmland with fruit trees, rose & flower gardens and opportunities for partnerships with local nurseries.

## Wellness Initiatives & Outdoor Fitness Trail

This past year saw the beginning of numerous wellness initiatives, including the formation of a HHS Wellness Committee. Several healthy eating options have been put into practice for our students. Staff has participated in a walking challenge, and seminars on natural energy boosters and stress management. The agency has also begun to accept several youth with medically complicated issues such as severe allergies and diabetes. We are proud to now be a nut-free campus!

Expanding on the wellness initiatives, the HHS Fitness Trail is now ready to enjoy! Dorms, classrooms, families and staff members are all encouraged to take advantage of this campus feature. The trail begins behind the Lion dorm where you can journey through a wooded trail with outdoor metal equipment stations situated along the way.



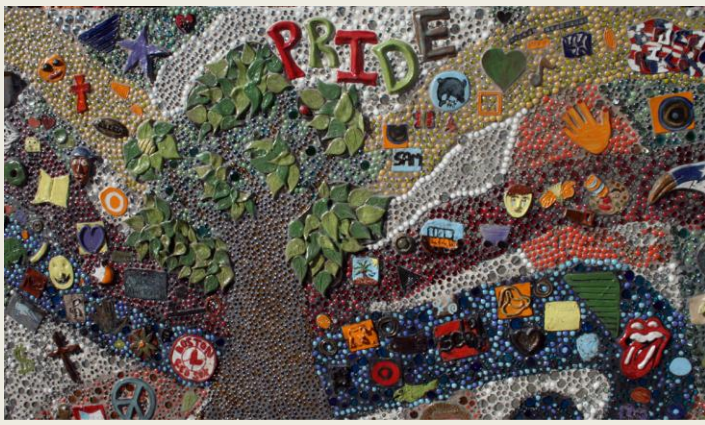
## 2010 Updated Mission & Vision Statements

After careful consideration HHS felt it was time to make some updates to the mission and vision statements in order to better reflect the evolving programmatic initiatives as well as the strong commitment to youth that Harmony Hill has always embodied.

**Mission** - Harmony Hill School provides clinically informed specialized programming and services to individuals with social, emotional, behavioral and learning needs in safe campus and community environments. Professional staff builds on identified strengths, offering individuals and families the opportunity to realize their potential by validating experiences and facilitating healing.

**Vision** - The entire community supports and upholds the agency's mission statement while striving to meet the individual needs of our clients and communities, to follow evidence-based practices in the field, and to address the changing political and social challenges of the future.





Ceramic mural project created by Harmony Hill visual arts students and staff, made possible through a grant provided by VSA Arts of RI.

## 2009/2010 Financial Review

	2010	2009
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Tuition Income</b>	\$7,748,326	\$8,443,471
<b>Grants &amp; Subsidies</b>	\$196,103	\$422,967
<b>Fundraisers and Contributions</b>	\$35,649	\$48,968
<b>Other Income</b>	\$45,718	\$119,139
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$8,025,796	\$9,034,545
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Youth Care</b>	\$3,230,441	\$3,233,901
<b>Education</b>	\$1,331,268	\$1,394,554
<b>Psychological &amp; Social Services</b>	\$690,151	\$717,561
<b>Medical Care</b>	\$395,314	\$419,764
<b>Dietary &amp; Housekeeping</b>	\$489,092	\$594,167
<b>Plant Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$442,741	\$530,217
<b>Management &amp; General</b>	\$1,486,861	\$1,632,284
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$8,065,868	\$8,522,448

## ISAT Intensive Stabilization, Assessment, and Treatment Unit Opened Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

We are very excited to officially announce the opening of our new Intensive Stabilization, Assessment, and Treatment Unit. The new residential unit will provide intense support and counseling for boys who have just recently left a hospital setting, but are not quite ready to be mainstreamed into a less restrictive environment. We were very lucky to work so closely with RI DCYF throughout the initial planning phases in order to truly meet the needs of this population in Rhode Island. Through additional psychiatric and psychological consultants and a small staff to youth ratio (two staff per three youth), we are confident our program will provide the services necessary to empower these young men to take control of their personal safety.

Our Paul V. Sherlock building has undergone a complete renovation in order to safely house and educate our new residents. We look forward to working closely with families and funders to better serve this population.

## Summer Program

We had another successful year in the summer program. The boys participated in various on campus activities such as ROPES, softball, ultimate Frisbee, and bingo. They also enjoyed off campus field trips to mini-golf, beaches, and of course the big Six Flags trip at the end! Mustangs and Lions participated in on-campus summer jobs, which incorporated working with Youth Care Staff and the Facilities Department on the greenhouse and outside garden, as well as reestablishing the new fitness trail.

## New Website Coming Soon...

The Harmony Hill School Website is in the process of undergoing a complete reconstruction. Be sure to check out [www.harmonyhillschool.org](http://www.harmonyhillschool.org) soon for the newest information about all of the HHS programming! While you are there look for the link to our new updated agency brochure!

## COA Accreditation

We are happy to report that once again HHS received it's accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA) valid through December, 31, 2013. In addition, Harmony Hill School, Inc. was expedited through the Pre-Commission Review Report (PCR) process as a result of not receiving any out of compliance ratings in any of the fundamental practice or core standards. This is truly a great accomplishment due in great part to our staff's continued implementation of COA, State, Federal and our own Harmony Hill School standards of excellence providing services to children, youth and families.

## Annual Golf Tournament

This year's Golf Tournament was a great success! 93 players, including 7 employees and 3 students, enjoyed the beautiful weather and company on the course. The Agawam Hunt Club staff members were all truly helpful and friendly. Many thanks to all Committee members and volunteers, and especially to the students who created the amazing donor thank you board, pictured below.

