COUNCIL FOR RELATIONSHIPS
Annual Report
FY 2015
Dear Supporters,

As we approach our 85th anniversary in 2017, it is hard to imagine a more pivotal moment in the history of Council for Relationships. A great deal was accomplished in Fiscal Year 2015. Our therapists and psychiatrists provided services to more than 5,500 people in the Greater Philadelphia area, while migrating to a new electronic practice management system to better serve our clients. Our Master of Couple and Family Therapy Program, offered in partnership with Thomas Jefferson University, recruited the largest incoming class in its eight-year history. The Community Partnership Initiative – which provides cost-free counseling for challenged families in conjunction with partner organizations including Project HOME, Families Forward and Southwark School -- held more individual therapy sessions and more group workshops for adults and children than ever before.

As the fiscal year closed at the end of June 2015, Council for Relationships was undergoing significant change. We thanked Amy Friedlander for her service as Chief Executive Officer since 2013 and welcomed Deb D’Arcangelo to the position. After some analysis, Deb identified the need for comprehensive strategic planning, which the Board financially supported and voted to embark upon in September. As this letter is being written, a Strategic Planning Committee, consisting of both Board and senior staff members, is working with Philadelphia-based Fairmount Ventures to develop a plan that will enable the organization to meet its mission as effectively and efficiently as possible for many years to come.

As a result, we are excited for the future of Council for Relationships. We know that we can build on the organization’s past and current accomplishments – including the provision of unsurpassed clinical care, clinician education and training, and behavioral health research – and leverage opportunities identified through the strategic planning process that will help us best serve the community through our 100-year anniversary and beyond.

We know readers of this Annual Report include clients, donors, members of the Board of Directors, staff, partner organizations and members of the community from near and far. We thank all of you who have contributed to Council for Relationships in so many ways over the past year and the organization’s many years.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of our strategic planning process and our continued partnerships to help people understand, respect and improve the quality of the important relationships in their lives.

Sincerely,

Reid Blynn          Deb D’Arcangelo
Board Chair         Chief Executive Officer
Our Work

Counseling Services: Council for Relationships offers counseling for individuals, couples, and families, as well as psychoeducational workshops and classes.

Professional Education: Council offers a range of educational opportunities including our Post Graduate Certificate Program in Marriage and Family Therapy, Master’s Program (a partnership with Thomas Jefferson University), and continuing education courses for clinical professionals.

Research: Part of Council’s mission is to provide research. The Transcending Trauma Project applies the studies of hundreds of Holocaust survivors and families to counseling techniques, guiding treatment of individuals and families with complex trauma histories.

2015 Fiscal Year Highlights

• Serving more than 5,500 people in the greater Philadelphia area.
• Completing specialized training of our staff so that our Operation Home and Healing program meet VA and Department of Defense criteria as culturally competent with military personnel and their family members.
• Our Master’s Program, offered in partnership with Thomas Jefferson University, teaching the largest group of students in its eight-year history.
• Launching a new website for our Transcending Trauma Project which studies the lives of Holocaust survivors and their families.
• Beginning a significant strategic planning process which will enable us to ensure that we are best-serving the community in consideration of our mission.
Financials
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Expenses
- Clinical: $132,014
- Education: $349,232
- Management: $778,202
- Fundraising: $7,104

Total Expenses: $3,814,552

Revenue
- Clinical: $3,931,407
- Education: $36,124
- Contributions: $279,915
- Other: $725,927

Total Revenue: $3,931,407
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We are committed to providing quality service to all those in need, regardless of background and ability to pay.