

A note from our CEO



"For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever!"

The words of the Psalmist in Psalms 117:2 are so encouraging, and have proven true for Echoing Hills for almost 50 years! A brief review of the enclosed timeline demonstrates the Lord's faithfulness to us for nearly half a century. As we look to our Mission of 'Revolutionizing Lives where people live, learn, connect, play and worship,' we know He will be faithful in the future.

As we close the chapter on 2014, we are so grateful for the many people who helped us impact the lives of the individuals we serve. It was a little over 2 years ago that we renewed our focus on our consolidated values by realigning our programs and direction with the emphasis on personal choices, dignity, fulfillment, and relationships. Again in 2014 we have had the opportunity to put those values into action!

One of the ways we were able to refocus those values happened in the Stark and Summit County region. Construction began on two new houses in a wonderful neighborhood. Each new house will be 'home' for 6 individuals who have spent most of their adult lives in a much larger facility. But the construction of the building was not as important as the impact on the lives of those who will be moving into those homes. At an event earlier this year I had the opportunity to talk with a family of one of the individuals that will move into that house. She told me her sister was so excited because since she was born, she had never had a room of her own. Her sister is almost 60 years old! Because of the work done last year, 36 people will be moving to homes in the community and many of them will experience the joy of having their own room for the first time in their lives!

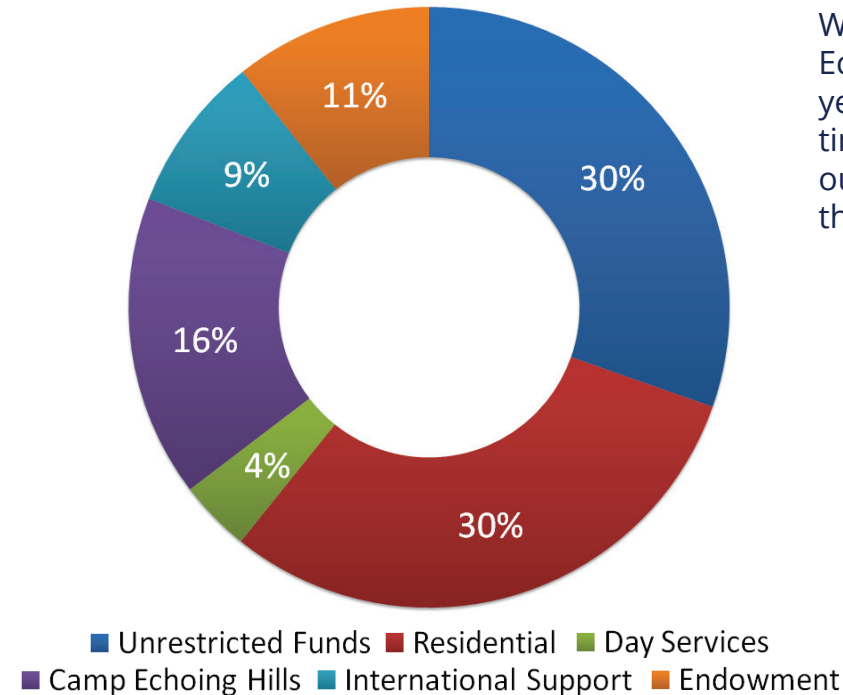
However, it is so important for us to remember that success in any ministry is not based on the construction of new buildings, the exciting new programs we start or even the number of people we serve. Success is related to the impact we have on people's lives, both for this life and for eternity.

As we prepare for another Camp season, we are reminded of where we started, the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ and the many people who have been a part of this ministry over the decades. We have seen almost 50 years of ministry, service and continual growth to meet the changing needs of the people we serve. It has been an awesome 'half century!' We know there is much more to do and look forward to taking Echoing Hills Village into the next half century, led by God, encouraged by His faithfulness and supported by all of you as we create opportunities for individuals with special needs to know and experience Jesus Christ.

Thank you and God bless!

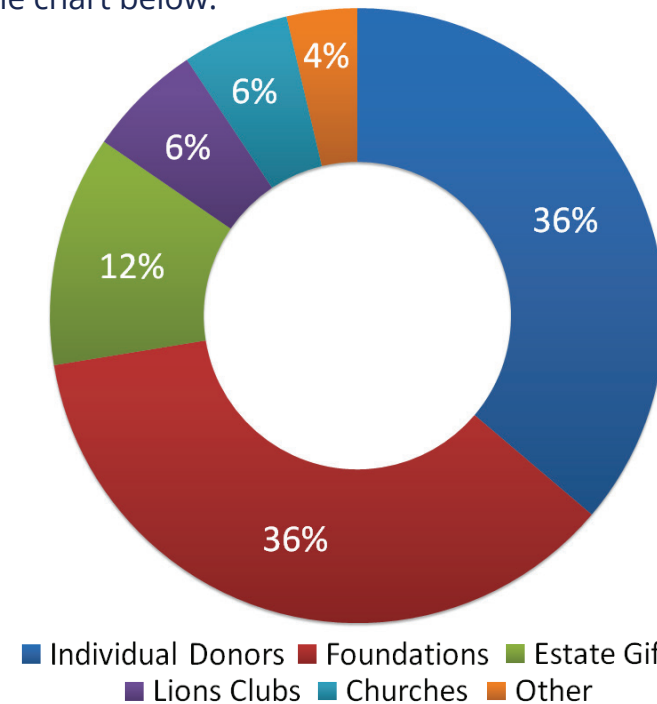
Buddy Busch

This year your gifts Revolutionized Lives!



The programs of Echoing Hills provide services where individuals with disabilities lives, learn, connect, play and worship. The chart above shows where your donations made a difference.

Without your help, much of the work done at Echoing Hills Village would be impossible. This year, our faithful donors gave nearly 3,000 times! For more information about the source of our charitable donations in 2014, take a look at the chart below.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the financial data listed above or anything discussed in this annual report, please contact us at our corporate office:

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NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

This year, we received some notes of encouragement. We'd like to share a few with you.

"I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to you and your entire team for everything you've done to help my brother Robin. You have all gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure a smooth transition from our former agency to yours. Please know that your efforts have made a difference. Robin is more alert, engaged and happier than I've seen him." **-Robin's Sister**

"It was scary and awesome at the same time when I moved from the large institution to a community home. This has given me the life I never dreamt I could live. I wake up each day and I go to work, come home, make dinner, do what I need to get done around the house and go to bed. Doesn't this sound like your lifestyle? We aren't too different after all." **-Patrick**

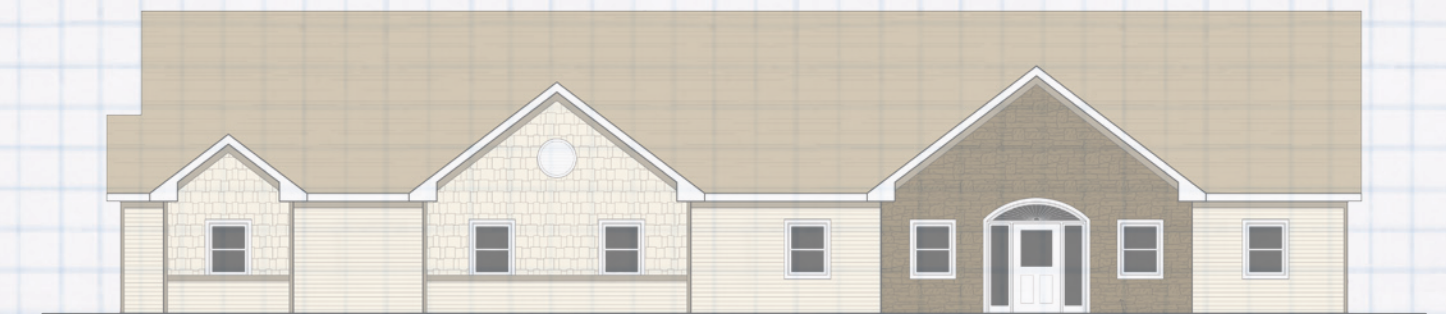
Conner has attended Camp Echoing Hills for the past three summers. Knowing that Conner will be well cared for in a safe environment, staffed by knowledgeable, well trained counselors gives us tremendous peace. We don't enjoy any other time as a couple during the year and count on Camp Echoing Hills for our week of connecting and rest. It is essential to our relationship with each other as well as to Conner's growth." **-Conner's Mother**

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*Honoring our heritage and
crafting our vision for the future.*



Revolutionizing Lives where individuals with special needs live, learn, connect, play and worship.

Echoing Hills Village

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE; GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND PRAISE HIS NAME. FOR THE LORD IS GOOD AND HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER; HIS FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS. P S A L M S 1 0 0 : 4 - 5

1967

In 1967, Rev. D Cordell and Jane Brown welcomed the first group of Campers to Camp Echoing Hills.



1972

By 1972, Camp Echoing Hills was serving more than 800 people with disabilities each year.



1997



In 1997, Echoing Hills Village began operations in Ghana, West Africa after Cordell visited the country and was touched by the special needs population there. Our international ministry currently serves over 1,200 a year through a residential center and special needs camps.

Community Connections of Stark County



Community Connections of Montgomery County



Community Connections of Coshocton County



Community Connections of Athens County



2005 In 2005, Community Connections of Stark County, an adult day program opened. By 2011, Community Connections programs operated in four Ohio counties.

2012

In 2012, Echoing Hills introduced echoingU, a transitional program in Dayton designed to change the lives of young people with big dreams for the future!



2013

In 2013, 45 years after the first pool, Camp Echoing Hills held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new swimming pool and splash pad. The new pool replaced the original pool, adding and updating features like a zero-depth entry ramp, pool lift, and fun splash pad.



2014

In 2014, the Ghana Bible project provided audio Bibles to over 200 Ghanaian campers who are blind or have visual impairment. Through our international ministry, they were able to hear the Bible in their own language.



Our Vision for the Future

Revolutionizing Lives Where people **Live**

- by providing homes in the community with private rooms

Where people **Learn**

- by teaching the skills to live successfully in the community

Where people **Connect**

- by helping discover talents and places to belong

Where people **Play**

- by developing networks of friends and social activities

Where people **Worship**

- by demonstrating God's love and by providing opportunities to know Him



1967

1968

1972

1973

Echoing Hills

1980

Echoing Meadows

1981

Echoing Woods and Valley

1983

Echoing Ridge

1993

Echoing Lake

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1999

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2014



1968

Campers enjoyed the new swimming pool for the first time this summer, emphasizing our dedication to providing a traditional summer camping experience for everyone!

Between 1973-1993, Cordell's vision expanded to include the rest of Ohio. Twelve homes were built throughout the state of Ohio to continue to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to know and experience Jesus Christ not just during the summer but all year round.



In 1999, the Brown Center for Education and Activity was formally dedicated. On the main Warsaw Campus, this building is currently home to Community Connections of Coshocton County.

1999

2013



In 2013, echoingU opened its second campus in Canton, Ohio. Young adults with special needs in the area now have the opportunity to continue their education, seek competitive employment and live independently.



In 2014, Echoing Hills made Community Integration a priority, as construction began on two new community homes in Summit County.

2014