



In April 2013 PBHC contracted with RESPECT of Florida and Palm Beach County to provide refuse container collection services along the beaches from Jupiter to Boca Raton. This crew begins at 5 am four days a week. Warren and Harold both work on this crew and have commented that the scenery makes up for the early mornings.



Jason came to PBHC from High School with a dream to be trained so he could work at Lowes. It was not long before a position became available at Lowes in Royal Palm Beach where he was employed as a part time Cart Attendant in 2005. He currently works as a full time Customer Service Construction Associate. PBHC continues to provide assistance to Jason as he continues his advancement at Lowes.

Becky was placed at the Palm Beach Kennel Club by PBHC's Supported Employment staff in 1997. Since Bridge was her passion, she was hired as a Card Inspector and continues to work in that position. She also is a greeter and welcomes customers in the poker room. In 2007 she represented the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in awarding the Kennel Club with the Exceptional Employer Award. Becky lives in her own apartment with a roommate and receives services from PBHC's Supported Living Program.

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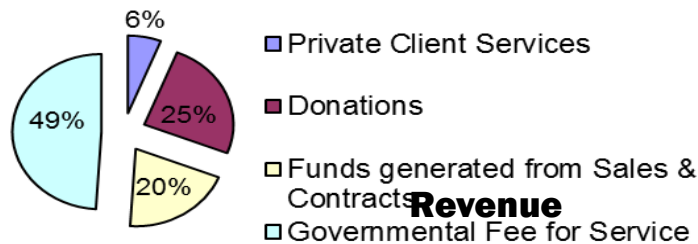
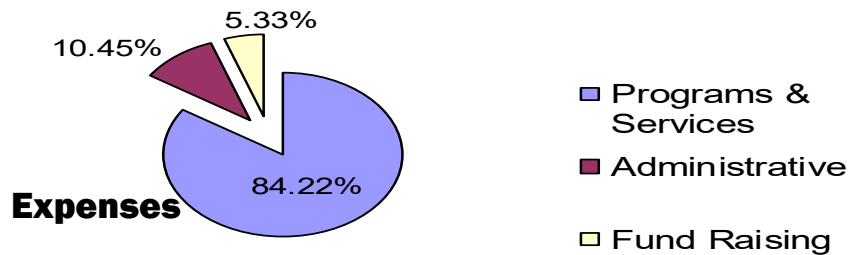
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## **2016 FUNDING AND PROGRAM STATISTICS**

### **FUNDING PROFILE:**

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center is able to carry out its mission due to the generosity of a supportive community of donors including United Ways, many foundations and local businesses. Total revenues received from all sources for fiscal year 2016/2017 was \$5,788,694.

### **CLIENT PROFILE:**

Of the 583 people with disabilities that were served this fiscal year the following is a breakdown by disability category:

Developmental Disabilities..	354
Mental Illness.....	154
Physical Disability.....	58
Hearing/Visual Disability.....	17

29 people were placed in the community job market and maintained a 92% job retention rate. 163 men and women also received assistance through the Center's Supported Employment Program to maintain their job in the community. The men and women being assisted to maintain their jobs and/or placed on the job during this fiscal period earned over \$1,358,700.

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center's commitment to its Mission is evidenced by the successes that our men and women have made this year by learning new skills, by making significant advances on their jobs, and by increasing their personal independence in this community. We are pleased to continue to report that a 92% retention rate is still being held by our clients in the community work force and that those employed earned \$1,358,700.

A strategic planning effort has begun this year that will take the Center forward into the next five years. The Program Design portion of our planning has been completed. This phase projects the needs of all clients that we have in our caseload for the next five years, which would include medical, training, programming and residential needs. The second phase of the strategic planning process will be for the Board and Executive Staff to work with a consultant to put together a Five Year Strategic Plan using all of the data that is available to make long range assumptions. We look forward to presenting the conclusions of this effort in our 2017 Report of Activities.

This year much of our effort has been to seek assistance from our Legislative Delegation and other friends in the Florida Legislature to assist with two capital projects that would bring portable water and sewer to JB's Ranch Group Home. Getting these two projects funded would mean that the men living at JB's Ranch would have city water and would no longer be dependent on a septic system. Concurrent with this effort will be to ask for reinstatement of the \$225,000 Adults with Disabilities Funding lost during the past Legislative session. These funds had been used to train our clients for meaningful work in the community and to provide supported employment support to 41 men and women who were employed in community jobs. A generous Foundation came forward when those funds were lost and agreed to fund the staff positions for one year in order for individuals already employed not to lose their jobs. We are deeply grateful to that Foundation. However, we must work hard to gain favorable support of this reinstatement during the 2017 Session.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank this community for their support and encouragement so that people with disabilities can make valuable contributions to society.

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