



(Clockwise from above): • Robert Kwiatkowski shows off early spring vegetables • Deborah's House residents enjoy a quiet moment • Deborah's House Executive Director Kate Campbell with Board Chair Kathleen Laborde • Afton May thrives in the CHI environment



Our Stories

Horticulture Training a New Facet to Providence Place

With the formalization of Ectropia last year, Providence Place has focused attention on partnerships that bring exciting new vitality to campus. The Horticulture Training Center, long a dream that rapidly became a reality with the recruitment of Robert Kwiatkowski in 2012 as Horticulture Training Manager.

With a degree from Texas A&M University in horticulture and married to a Methodist minister now preaching contemporary worship at University Methodist Church in San Antonio, Robert is an especially good fit for Providence Place. He spent the previous six years as greenhouse and growth facilities manager at Texas A&M and 17 years in the pecan business and is excited about their move and the opportunity at Providence Place.

"I have a soft spot for people with troubles, people who don't get things easily," he said recently. "I hope to teach them a skill set to enable them to find employment or open them up to a great hobby. He sees the joy his students have from sharing a few squash and is convinced he'll produce a few lifelong gardeners.

The lush vegetable garden and baskets of early summer vegetables his students are already harvesting and learning to cook speak to his ability to design a brand new program and get results quickly.

His first eight students are enthusiastic about their horticulture training, and the curriculum he is developing and testing.

"It has to be a mix between the basics of botany — and understanding how plants work — and real hands-on activity, digging in the dirt and planting," he said.

He's also intrigued by the concept of horticulture therapy, with which he is charged with developing for campus residents and possibly others.

"It's a brand-new field that offers a lot of opportunity," he said. "Think about it — there are cardio benefits, strength-building, balance, in addition to psychological benefits. Sustainability is another objective and he's hoping to create a recurring revenue stream, using his experience in the pecan business to come up with ideas.

Clearly highest on his mind are his students in this pilot and developing and fine-tuning a three-month curriculum that will appeal to varying levels of interest, ability to concentrate and desire to work in the field. Besides the fundamentals, his program addresses water usage and availability, and also explores career possibilities at golf courses, nurseries, wineries and landscape maintenance companies.

He's proud there is no shortage of volunteers willing to work in the new garden, help install irrigation systems, plant and spread compost to improve the soil. "Sometimes, when I'm leaving in the evening, I see students out working in the garden," he said. "It makes me proud to see them taking ownership."

For Jennifer Sample, Providence Place CEO, both the Horticulture Training Center and Ectropia are the realization of a longtime goal.

"Defining Ectropia as a real Providence Place entity really made sense to us. We see it ultimately embracing many of the activities on our campus," she said. "For example, longer-term plans for our Horticulture Training Center call for including campus residents from LIGHT, Deborah's House, and eventually people from the San Antonio community. She added that the chefs and nutritionist from the San Antonio Food Bank, another effort that falls under the Ectropia umbrella, will provide training in healthy food preparation.

Afton May Overcomes Health Problems to Gain Independence

A study of grateful relief, 27-year old CHI student, Afton May, spoke about her tumors that would be a part of the rest of her life.

"When I told my momma this the other day, she looked at me like I was crazy, but I told her it was okay because the Lord would be with me every step of the way. He has so far," she chuckled.

When Afton was three, doctors found the first of many tumors in her brain. The first, the only cancerous one, affected her height, keeping her noticeably shorter than her peers. Growing up in the tiny town of Anahuac, Texas, she was often asked why she was so little.

"I would say, 'I was sick when I was a baby and if it wasn't for God, I wouldn't be here and that's all you need to know,'" she laughed.

During her sophomore year in high school, doctors found another tumor in her ovaries, and a few years after graduating high school

she had two more in her head. The constant MRI screenings and doctors' appointments increased her dependence on family and took a toll on her spirit. Then she heard about Providence Place.

"It was just what I was looking for — somewhere I could stand on my own two feet, despite my health issues," she said with an infectious smile.

"Living in the dorms has really helped me get a sense of what living independently would be like," she said. "We have to cook for ourselves, wash our own laundry — everything people have to do when they live on their own."

She's learning skills she'll put to good use after her September graduation — bus training, money management, culinary training, and job search and interview skills. She credits the Providence Place team for what she considers the two most important aspects of life.

"I've learned how to be responsible for my actions and never to stop believing in myself," she smiled.

Deborah's House is Equipping Women for a Better Life

For decades, the Maternity Center served as a refuge for pregnant teens and young women considering adoption. Today freshly painted and refurbished, these apartments are Providence Place's Women's Center.

Through Ectropia's growing outreach to community partners who focus on women, children and people with disabilities, Providence Place has welcomed Deborah's House to its campus. A ministry of Travis Park United Methodist Church, Deborah's House has occupied one of the larger apartments since last July, providing a peaceful environment for homeless women veterans and other women in recovery from substance abuse.

The first resident moved in last September. Estranged from her family, she needed a stable environment to get back on her feet. She now has a well-paying job and will soon move to her own apartment.

"We're excited about this pilot program," said Jennifer Sample, President and CEO of Providence Place. "Our own ministry was initiated through Travis Park Methodist Church, and it is gratifying to partner with Travis Park in its new mission."

"Women veterans who have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or MST, Military Sexual Trauma, often gravitate to addiction," explained Kate Campbell, Executive Director of Deborah's House, who offices on campus. "When we work with them, they must already be in a recovery program and our spiritual mentors help them with relapse prevention."

Kathleen Laborde, Chair of the Board of the ministry, explained that "mental trauma and addiction are the battle for your life, and women can fall through the cracks."

The ministry stresses four essential components — sobriety, safety, spirituality and solvency. It helps that Providence Place has a zero tolerance policy for alcohol on campus, which one resident learned the hard way, having to complete a recovery program before being allowed back on campus. Providence Place encourages interaction between the partners and residents on campus, and its counselors are available for one-on-one counseling if needed.

"We want to do everything we can to make sure our women can be fully independent again and equipped to renew their chance at a good life," Kate said.



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YEAR IN REVIEW: MOMENTOUS DECISIONS



The past year was a year of working to open doors for new opportunities. Looking back, I also see it having set a renewed foundation for our future through the adoption of our new name, Providence Place, which reflects our broader mission.

In actual fact, we are simply expanding the number of people we serve in new and different ways, while staying true to our core mission of serving women and children, and young adults with disabilities.

Name Changes Reflect Our Mission Today

As we prepared to launch our new name in the first quarter of 2013, we also turned our attention to our existing programs, adjusting their names slightly to Action Adoption and Center for Higher Independence (CHI) to make them more contemporary and reflect their energy and broader outlook.

We have logos for each, which will be used individually when appropriate, but overall, our cheerful Providence Place logo will take precedence, and begin to create a brand identity for our organization. Our Spring 2013 newsletter shared what we hoped would be — and was indeed — a very thoughtful process involving our leadership team, board and outside brand consultants as they searched for a new name that would truly reflect the organization we are today.

I am proud to say we had a unanimous vote when the board met in June last year to consider our recommendation at the conclusion of about 12 months of work.

Ectropia Emphasizes Creativity, Collaboration and Community

In 2012, we also formalized our growing Genesis Cooperative effort into Ectropia. The name is a combination of the words Ectropy, which denotes energy and order, and Utopia, a perfect community.

Ectropia has enabled us to grow our community partnerships, expanding the San Antonio Food Bank's culinary training as well as the Volunteers of America's LIGHT, which helps women recovering from substance abuse. Our goal of becoming a vibrant community, where those who have lived on the fringes are warmly welcomed, is becoming a reality.

There is synergy generated by these programs working together in collaboration, and it is a joy to see this dream come true. Our new advisory board, which we started developing as the year drew to a close, will play a vital role in helping us raise awareness and establish new partnerships.

Our Women's Center: An Integrated Approach

We also changed the name of our Maternity Center. Now known as our Women's Center, it's more than just a temporary home for our birth moms.

Today, our Women's Center boasts Deborah's House, a Travis Park United Methodist Church initiative (see the story that follows) offering housing for homeless women veterans and support for them until they find jobs and get back on their feet. Others who stay at our Women's Center include Northside Independent School District high school students with disabilities and birth moms transitioning to achieve their personal best.

A New Strategy for Adoption of Babies

We were pleased to serve 134 pregnant teens and young women exploring adoption. Of these, 37 enrolled as birth moms, nine lived in our Women's Center and 39 percent placed babies with loving adoptive families. In all, we placed 19 babies and children with families in 2012.

Our outreach and education provided adoption information to almost 2,200 at-risk youth, health care professionals, teens and young women. We also provided post-adoption services to 451 adult adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents and other relatives, making for a very busy year for our adoption team.

The expansion of the services we offer to birth mothers is an important extension of our adoption services. Over the years, we have seen that young mothers, very often still in their teens, find parenting much, much harder than they anticipated. We put them in contact with agencies providing the services they need to succeed, and we also stay in touch with their case managers to provide a safety net.

The services are designed to enable teen birth moms to create a life plan and increase their potential for reaching a better quality of life for themselves and their child. If they cannot manage, and Child Protective Services becomes involved, the child may be removed, which sometimes severs all contact. Permanently.

Since Providence Place is licensed to adopt place babies up to age two with adoptive parents, we can give overwhelmed birth mothers the chance to make an open adoption plan, and maintain contact with their babies. It's a wonderful option and already four toddlers are living in new, happy homes with loving families.

Generations of Promise is Changing the Look and Feel of Our Campus

We began Phase 2 of our Generations of Promise capital campaign, and by the end of the year had raised just over \$2 million toward continuing campus improvements and almost \$400,000 toward our endowment fund. We have completed our cafeteria dining hall and kitchen renovations and are delighted with these new, natural light-filled areas and much more contemporary furnishings. They are already a popular gathering place on campus.

By the end of the year, work had begun on the large dormitory housing the Volunteers of America LIGHT program. It is very exciting to see what were concepts on paper come to life in front of our



CHI students help spread compost for the spring vegetable garden.



A bright, sunny apartment in the refurbished Women's Center.



Natural light now fills the entrance to the modernized cafeteria.

eyes. Other plans for Phase 2 include our campus master plan, Horticulture Training Center, front entry, renovations to our admin building, parking lots and driveways, expansion of our Working Training Center and a new medical clinic.

Career Track Options Will Broaden at CHI

In 2012, we provided vocational and life skills training to help transition 125 young adults with disabilities toward achieving their personal level of independence. We also made serious inroads on our plan to introduce curriculum-driven career tracks at our Center for Higher Independence. As we completed the first quarter of 2013, some of these are already in place as pilot programs, creating new and exciting opportunity for our students.

Students who have completed an initial assessment move on to a core curriculum of life and work skills in a classroom and work training center environment. While we will ultimately develop several tracks for our students to consider, we currently offer Clerical and Office Skills, Housekeeping, Horticulture Training and Culinary Training. In the future, we will offer animal care classes and others based on students' abilities and job availability.

One of the most important aspects of the new career track is the opportunity students have to explore jobs some could not imagine trying and, at the same time, discover whether a vocation suits their real interests and abilities.

We anticipate career-track education will make the time students stay with us closer to the average of 18 months, and ensure the last

three months of program will focus on their move into the workplace. This schedule will enable us to be at their sides as guides and coaches, helping assure they gain the confidence and self-esteem to succeed.

As we look forward to 2013 and the years ahead, we are pleased to be expanding the number of people we serve, looking for new partners and formalizing our programs so they are more structured and results-oriented.

We are delighted with the cross-pollination that is occurring on our campus, where our classes are open not just to our CHI students, but other campus residents like the women at Deborah's House and in LIGHT as they work to normalize their lives. That is what Ectropia is all about — finding and developing partners who can help us continue to reach out to women and children and young adults with disabilities.

In all of this progress and good news, I recognize that it has come only with the strong backing of our board and the enduring support of so many friends and families who have unfailingly contributed their hearts, minds and financial giving to make this a better place. As always, I deeply appreciate your confidence and commitment and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sample, President & CEO

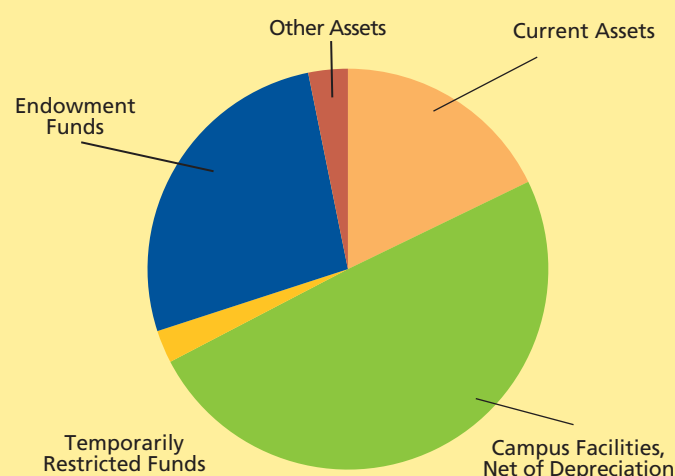


Summary of Operations for Year Ended December 31, 2012

	2012	2011
Operating Revenues	\$4,313,880	\$4,238,737
Operating Expenses	3,775,104	3,482,989
Non-operating Income (Expenses)	846,082	1,364,580
Interest and Depreciation	348,035	384,553
Change in Net Assets	\$1,036,823	\$1,735,775
Current Assets	\$2,097,605	\$1,637,838
Campus Facilities, Net of Depreciation	5,827,532	5,197,338
Temporarily Restricted Funds	311,480	873,844
Endowment Funds	3,155,909	2,677,023
Other Assets ¹	374,832	374,832
Total Assets	\$11,767,358	\$10,760,875
Current Liabilities	\$477,268	\$454,059
Long-Term Debt	507,672	561,221
Net Assets	\$10,782,418	\$9,745,595

(1) Includes Medicaid contract rights

2011 Asset Composition



2012 Donations² Church Donations by Conference

Texas	\$54,374
Southwest	82,356
Northwest Texas	27,182
North Texas	28,477
Central Texas	17,692
New Mexico	10,562
Rio Grande	1,526
Church Total³	\$222,169
Individual Gifts/Board	841,581
Foundations/Corporations	46,120
Bequests	0
Total Donations	\$1,109,870

Sources of Revenues

Contributions	\$1,063,750	24.7%
Fees for Services	2,872,675	66.6%
Grants and Corporations	46,120	1.1%
Investments and Royalties	219,157	5.1%
Other Income	112,178	2.6%
Total Revenues⁴	\$4,313,880	100.0%

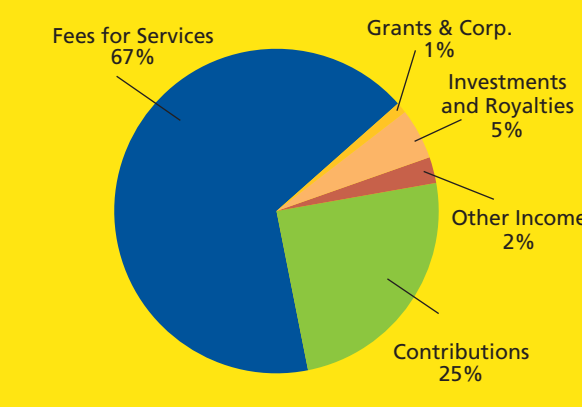
Expenses

Program Services	\$2,692,566	71.7%
Management and General	527,787	14.1%
Fundraising	533,314	14.2%
Total Expenses⁴	\$3,753,667	100.0%

(2) MMH does not receive apportionments (3) Church donations by Conference (4) Includes \$161,032 Revenues & Expenses for Capital Campaign

Sources of Revenues and Expenses

Revenues



Expenses

