



2010 Annual Report

Families do better when they stay together

Savio Child Protection Families Thankful for ABC Quilts

Savio believes that families do better when they stay together, and the gift of quilts is helping this important process in Savio's Child Protection programs. "Quilts symbolize a parent's love, and represent security and protection, as well as warmth, for children," states Julia Roguski, Savio's Director of Child Protection Services.

"Many, if not most, of these children have experienced traumatizing loss in their families. We know that all children need love and protection, but for these children it literally means the opportunity to live and thrive. We and the moms and dads of our children are so thankful for the work of ABC Quilts."

ABC Quilts was founded in 1993 by Bonnie Rogerson. The formal relationship with Savio,

now starting its twelfth year, is managed by Glenna Kellogg. Originally a small, informal group of quilters, ABC Quilts has grown to two groups with 60 women actively participating in Boulder and Wheat Ridge. As of June, 2011 ABC Quilts will have donated 1,400 painstakingly designed and lovingly made quilts to needy children. These quilts are exceptionally beautiful, each unique and designed with different colors, patterns, and themes for different age groups. Mary Justice, Savio's Child Protection liaison with the quilt program states, "The families and children who receive the quilts feel the love and support of the community. It is comforting for our families to know there are people who care about them. A new cheerful gift made with loving care helps the children hope for a brighter life."

Savio Stories - Selected Highlights of 2010

Foster Care

Two teenage girls with terrible histories turned their lives around after being placed in a wonderful Savio foster home. Alicia had never attended school regularly nor successfully. During her foster home stay she became the first in her family ever to earn a high school diploma.

A very loving Savio foster home with parents in their 60s has been caring for extremely high needs twin infants. After many hard but successful months they made the decision to adopt these children whose care will not only be challenging but also expensive. Then they recently found there was a needy six-year-old sister to the twins, whom they have now adopted as well!

In-Home Intervention Programs

Before entering Savio's program, twin teenage boys had been notoriously bad and expelled from school. This year the school wrote:

"I wanted you to know how the brothers' year ended. They both did wonderfully. Jose received a fairly large award-- Most Improved. Both were caught reading books everywhere. They both received excellent grades and were role models for other students."

- Principal,
Jefferson
County
Schools



Child Protection

Quote from a formerly tough teenage mom's school paper:

"I used to think that all caseworkers' intentions were to make my life difficult. I have met one who is nice, down-to-earth, and easy-going. She treats my family and me with respect and helps us out any way she can, also teaching me better ways to care for my son. She treats me as an equal and talks to me like an adult. She is easy to deal with and I rely on her for emotional support."

During her challenging, up and down treatment period with Savio and El Paso County's Family Treatment Drug Court, a client used to say that she really should write a book about her life. Her story of growing up in a religious sect, subsequent years on the streets, and ending with a turnaround after Savio, is now selling on Amazon.com!

Functional Classification of Expenses

Fundraising and Administration Expenses
5.5%



Program Expenses **94.5%**

CoBiz Financial Biz Bash Benefits Savio

In 2010, Savio was the beneficiary of the CoBiz Financial's Biz Bash, an annual fundraiser. The date was April 22nd, 2010 and the location was the Fillmore Auditorium and featured the music of REO Speedwagon. A significant dollar amount was raised and will be used to help build a much needed foster home near Savio's main campus in Denver. Thank you to all who participated!



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Savio wishes to yet again thank Lee Schlessman, an early, long, and current supporter of Savio. He began his interest and work in the 1970s, during the time the Lions Club of Denver became involved with Savio. Lee and other Lions helped make major changes in operations and complete renovation work in the program at that time. Named as a Savio Patron in 1989, and further receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008, he continues to contribute his time and expertise in Board Committees. Lee and his family have a long history of supporting community human service organizations, and this tradition has continued to the great benefit of the Denver area. Thanks so much for all you have given to keep children safe and their families together!

Savio Applies Evidence-Based Services in 2010, and Publishes Outcomes

Savio programs served 1,527 families in 2010, touching the lives of 5,345 individuals, and working to keep families together.

Savio set a high standard for its work, using “evidence-based” programs and practice in its services, and tracking and publishing service outcome information. This approach makes Savio services unique in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region.

What are “evidence-based” services? Evidence-based means that Savio services replicate well-researched and proven service models and apply both national and local research findings in delivering the services we use to keep families together. Evidence-based programs are continuously monitored for quality and performance by national organizations. Families, the courts, and public agencies know that Savio uses the highest standards of quality, and constantly receives feedback on how families and individuals do both during and after Savio services are received. Outcome reports are shared with referral agencies in order to constantly review and improve program performance.

2010 Program Outcomes Each program tracks how clients have progressed both at the point of program discharge and one year after program discharge. “Successful” outcomes are when children and youth are not placed outside the home or placed in higher levels of care.

- Adolescent program outcomes included some with 84% success rates, and had an overall success rate of 73%
- Child Protection basic programs had a success rate of 87%
- Savio’s agency-wide success rate was 76%

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