

## FEAT OF LOUISVILLE, INC. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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### **Mission Statement**

*FEAT of Louisville, Inc. is dedicated to easing the autism journey, through a network created for families by families, by providing ongoing support, education, programs, and resources.*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2011 marked another very productive year for FEAT in terms of ongoing support for its core programs and expanding its role in coordinating efforts with other groups to increase awareness of autism and the growing need to expand services in this area. As a relatively small non-profit made up of primarily volunteers, FEAT relies on its collaborative efforts with other agencies in the community to design and deliver many of its programs. This was highlighted by FEAT's role to help launch the Autism Friendly Community working group which looks to integrate activities from over 10 local agencies to provide a more comprehensive autism program in the community. In addition, FEAT successfully expanded its Board membership to include greater representation from all geographic parts of Louisville and adding nationally recognized autism experts to help raise FEAT's profile and capabilities in making real change happen in our community.

FEAT truly exemplifies a collaborative spirit within the community and as a result, many of our families are receiving much needed support and programming for themselves and their children, including:

- ◆ ***Endeavor Program*** – This collaborative program with Carriage House Educational Services provides a specialized method for developing the verbal, social, emotional, and self-help skills required for younger children with autism to become successful when placed in a typical preschool or elementary school classroom. Many children in the program have limited or no communication skills and behaviors which have the potential to cause disruptions in typical school settings. The Endeavor Program is based on Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) which the Surgeon General recommends as the most successful teaching method for children with autism. The skills learned in the Endeavor Program increase school readiness for young children with autism.
- ◆ ***Dreams in Motion*** – This therapeutic and recreational summer camp for ages 9-21 for children with autism is a collaborative effort with FEAT and Dreams with Wings. The program offers onsite and community-based life skill activities as well as enjoyable summer outings.
- ◆ ***Getting Our FEAT Wet*** – In collaboration with All About Kids, children with autism learn to swim with one-on-one instruction. The program improves the health of the

children by teaching them the lifelong skill of swimming, which will provide them not only with enjoyment, but also with the means for physical exercise.

- ◆ **Monthly Support Meetings** – In addition to offering informative speakers, these meetings provide an opportunity to meet others on the autism journey. Speaker topics include community services, treatment and therapy options, educational rights, transitioning into teenage years and adulthood, legislative issues, etc. Meetings support our membership which includes approximately 300 families.
- ◆ **Conferences and workshops**– FEAT hosts conferences and family workshops to provide in-depth help for families dealing with autism.
- ◆ **Social Outings** – FEAT hosts social outings for children with autism and their families. Outings are designed to be non-stressful and fun and to provide opportunities for social interaction. Outings include exclusive movie viewings, gym play times, bowling, swimming and holiday parties.

FEAT remains active in its fundraising efforts to be able to provide the above programs and services to its members. The two major events held this past year include the following:

- ◆ **“Speakeasy About Autism”** Casino Night Dinner Gala - held last July to raise funds for our programs. Event included a Texas Hold’Em poker tournament hosted by Denny Crum as well as funbucks gaming, dancing, buffet dinner, live and silent auction.
- ◆ **“Outrunning Autism - FEAT on the Street”** 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk – held last September at Westport Village. The event received the highest participation and largest fundraising totals since FEAT launched the race in 2005. Over 700 participants and volunteers supported us on that chilly, drizzly Saturday morning!

FEAT would like to thank all its supporters and donors this past year who make it possible for us to help the many families affected by an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Our mission is all about helping the entire family – the child(ren) affected by autism, siblings, parents, grandparents, and other loved ones.

As FEAT looks forward to 2012, it is important to recognize that the rates of autism remain at extremely high levels with current estimates at 1 in 110 children with the rate for boys at the rate of 1 in 70. Given the pronounced increase in autism over the past few years and the significant financial and emotional costs that autism has on families, FEAT strives to provide a strong network for family support and help coordinate with other organizations to offer programs that for the most part are not offered elsewhere in our community.

FEAT recognizes that its current programs are doing a wonderful job in serving the children that can participate. However, FEAT recognizes that the level of unmet needs continues to grow and FEAT is committed to working closely with other groups to better serve this growing population with more programs and more capacity to meet these needs. FEAT is hopeful that the continued passion of its committed group of volunteers, the growing community awareness of the impact of autism in our community, and the greatly appreciated support of our donors will help FEAT continue to be a leading force for change and source of hope for the families that so desperately need these services.

The following is an overview of FEAT of Louisville's income and expenses for the year ended on December 31, 2011 which is the most recent financial information:

<b>Total revenue and support (net):</b>	\$189,541
<b>Program service expenses:</b>	\$99,869
<b>Management and general expenses:</b>	\$14,609
<b>Fundraising expenses:</b>	\$13,923
<b>End of year accumulated net balance:</b>	\$61,140

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