

# Successes



## WHERE WE'VE BEEN

During CHI's first ten years of operation, a two-fold budget increase generated:

- ◆ a nearly three-fold rise in graduation rate (from 31% to over 86%);
- ◆ a four-fold rise in residential capacity (from 60 to 241 bedrooms); and
- ◆ an eight-fold rise in the number of persons served annually (from 60 to over 450).

In that decade, two dozen alumni turned their personal nightmare into the American Dream by moving from homelessness to home ownership.

Program participants generate over 10,000 hours of voluntary service at each project site, with hundreds of additional hours donated to off-site community projects.

Among participants exiting in 2009, dependence on public assistance lowered by nearly 40% and employment rose by 170%; only half of those eligible were receiving disability benefits.

Every \$1 donated by individuals, businesses and civic groups leverages nearly \$35 in services through matching support from foundation grants, government contracts and in-kind contributions; 85¢ of every dollar is spent on program services.

### CHANGE in EXITING PARTICIPANTS' INCOME SOURCES

*170% rise in employment - 93% increase in disability eligibility  
nearly 40% drop in welfare dependence*

