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# 2015 Annual Report



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SLI persons served gather before heading off to summer camp!

## **Mission Statement**

SLI supports the efforts of individuals with intellectual disabilities to achieve independence and actively participate in the community.

## **Vision Statement**

To accomplish the mission of SLI, the organization will:

- Offer guidance to clients in determining and following their chosen path in life.
- Enhance clients' individual capabilities and skills by offering life-long learning opportunities.
- Engage clients, families, and guardians in developing plans and measuring accomplishments.
- Promote clients rights through education and advocacy.

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## Message from our President/CEO

After 44 years of service to people with intellectual disabilities in Shawnee County, Sheltered Living, Inc. became SLI. The board of directors and leadership team, with the help of numerous community leaders, decided on the name change in 2015. In an effort to promote our mission of developing independence, we wanted to remove the word “sheltered” from our name. However, we did not want to minimize, in anyway, the strong history of our organization. Thus, we decided to use our acronym rather than create an entirely new name. The following are among some of the many things that occurred in 2015:



- SLI was awarded another three-year accreditation from CARF International
- All 19 SLI homes had computers installed
- Festival of Trees added its first ladies night, Tinsel and Treasures
- Fire systems were added to eight homes resulting in \$20,000 worth of upgrades
- Grants from Capitol Federal® Foundation and Lewis Humphreys Charitable Trust covered the cost to install a keyless access control system in the front door of all 19 homes
- SLI homes benefited from volunteers from Advisors Excel, MARS, Prairie Band Casino, Target and Westar
- SLI hosted a legislative open house
- Washburn University became significantly involved in volunteer capacities through two interns and the baseball team
- Westar donated a van

As we approach our 45th year of service, we look back on the history of the organization, when a group of families and concerned community advocates studied the need for residential facilities for adults with intellectual disabilities. In 1971, these founders provided a choice to families for their adult children other than institutionalization or staying at home with family. Over the years, we have gone from one home serving 12 people to 19 homes serving 131 people, a community integration program serving 40 people, a job training and supported employment program serving 16 people and targeted case management serving over 212 people.

We have seen much progress in this service field over the years and are proud to have been strong and supported enough to withstand regulation changes and funding cuts. SLI has been a progressive organization, constantly searching for ways to provide higher quality services in the most effective and efficient ways while being a constant and strong voice for people with disabilities.

I would like to thank each of you, our clients, families, staff, volunteers, donors and community leaders, for your continued and generous support. We absolutely cannot do what we do without each and every one of you. As we move into 2016, we ask you to join us in celebrating 45 years of service to people with intellectual disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Jackson

# Program & Services

## Community Integration Program

The Community Integration Program (CIP) focuses on life-enhancing activities, active learning and community involvement. The program is designed to:

- keep people engaged in a variety of activities
- choose learning experiences
- volunteer in the community
- learn nutrition
- learn daily living skills
- teach responsibility

We offer services that reflect individual interest and support individual growth. All areas of life are valued and are part of the program agenda.



Earl picking tomatoes from the CIP garden.



Jeremy volunteering in the community.



CIP members visiting the library.

## Targeted Case Management

The Targeted Case Management (TCM) program is dedicated to making sure the children and adults we serve are achieving their goals. Case Managers assist individuals and their families to:

- develop a person centered support plan
- identify and maintain eligible state and federal funding
- locate service providers

SLI has access to professionals trained and educated for autism spectrum disorders, mental health and behavioral supports and planning. Our SLI Staff is trained in social work, psychology, human services, nursing and mental health. The Targeted Case Management program works with each person served to make them aware of service that assist with their needs.



TCM persons served receiving tickets to a Topeka RoadRunners hockey game.



TCM persons served and staff being recognized at the SLI Annual Awards.

## Community Living Program

The Community Living Program keeps individuals engaged in activities, volunteering in the community, learning daily living skills and teaching responsibility. We serve over 100 men and women living in 19 SLI homes and provide services for our person served 24/7/365 days a year.



Evening dinner in one of the SLI homes.

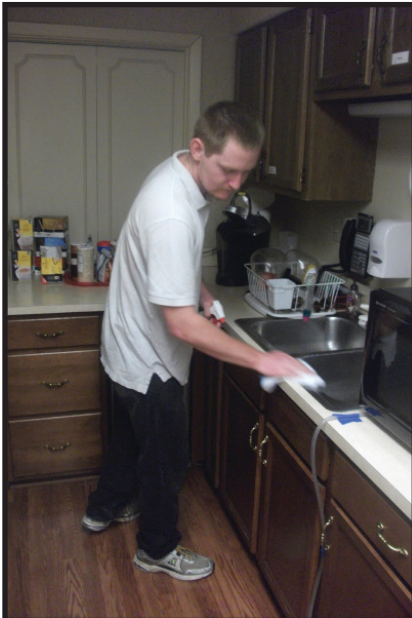
## Independent Living Program

In our Independent Living homes, we serve 38 men and women who have learned daily living skills and most have a part-time or full-time job. SLI provides services 15 hours a week to help with their needs.



SLI person served outside of her home

## Supported Employment Program



Alan working at the PARS office building.

When the SLI Supported Employment Program began, it consisted of one cleaning crew that worked at the SLI office. Since then, the program has seen tremendous growth and crews for janitorial, car detailing and landscaping have been established.

The janitorial crew has expanded out into the community with cleaning the Prevention and Recovery Services (PARS) office building twice a week.

Alan, a SLI person served, has been a part of the janitorial crew since it was formed in late 2013. Alan enjoys being able to work in the community and said, "It is different than working at the SLI office building because PARS doesn't know us as well, and I don't know them as well either. It is close to what would be like at a regular job." He has interviews for jobs in the community, but has yet to find the right job for long term. He continues to look for jobs outside of the Supported Employment Program and is thankful for the skills and knowledge he learned in the SLI employment program.

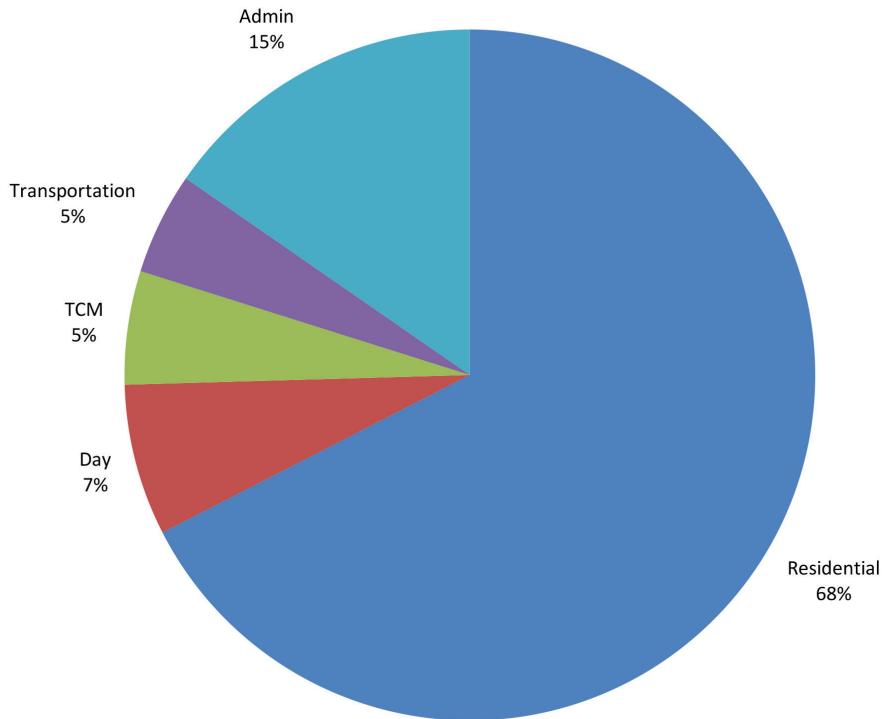
Max Wilson, Interim Executive Director of PARS said, "We are very pleased with Alan. He is courteous, efficient and thorough and often times we do not even know he is here. We take pride in our building due to a lot of people coming and going

because of workshops and other activities. Alan has greatly helped to improve that appearance. We are grateful for his hard work and for the opportunity to support SLI individuals in their learning."

The growth of the SLI Supported Employment Program has just started. "I hope that by working at PARS it helps improve the public view of SLI. All of the volunteering and different jobs show how hard of workers we can be," said Alan.

# Financial Report

## Expenditures by program



### Revenue:

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Federal | 49.86% |
| State   | 32.78% |
| Local   | 17.36% |

### Revenue by Source:

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Home & Community Based Services | 74.32% |
| Fees & Rents                    | 11.78% |
| Targeted Case Management        | 5.05%  |
| County Mill Levy                | 2.08%  |
| Other Revenue/Grants            | 1.71%  |
| Fundraising                     | 1.36%  |
| CDDO Grant                      | 1.30%  |
| Donations                       | 0.91%  |
| KDOT Grant                      | 0.84%  |
| US Dept of HUD                  | 0.65%  |

### Expenses:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Salaries & Benefits | 72.77% |
| Housing & Equip.    | 13.83% |
| Food & Supplies     | 5.48%  |
| Transportation      | 4.77%  |
| Other Program Costs | 3.15%  |

## Ways to Give

Your gifts bring hope and happiness to individuals with intellectual disabilities. You can make a difference with:

- Individual Support - Monthly Gifts
- Corporate Support
- Company Matching Gifts
- Tributes and Memorials
- Planned Giving
- Stock Donations
- Support special events -SLI Golf Classic and SLI Festival of Trees

### Other Ways To Give

- Appliances
- Bath towels and wash cloths
- Bed blankets and sheets
- Bed pillows
- Bedroom furniture
- Hygiene items
- Kitchen items
- Furniture

# Sources of Financial Support

## Grants Received

- *Kansas Department of Transportation* - SLI was approved for a new KDOT mini-bus with a lift. This ensures SLI can transport all persons served as needed.
- *Kansas Health Foundation* - SLI was awarded a grant that supports the Healthy Living project to provide proper scales to maintain accurate weight records for our persons served.
- *Walter & Lucy Roush Charitable Trust* - A grant was awarded provides funds to replace the lifts on two mini-bus vans and upgrade the lift pumps on seven other vehicles. These funds give SLI the ability to safely transport clients with wheelchairs and walkers.
- *Delta Dental of Kansas* - The grant request will give SLI the opportunity to engage clients and staff to be proactive and work toward healthier choices on dental education and prevention and understand the importance of dental care.
- *Target* - This funding will cover the Living Well program with a comprehensive series of skill development trainings. The trainings will support client needs such as being more independent, learning to make choices, bringing consistency to their lives and improving life skills.
- *Blue Cross & Blue Shield of KS* - Our request for Safeguarding and Advocacy for our clients needs was granted. SLI attendant care is essential for client advocacy and to assist in defusing potential combative situations. Most families don't have the funding resources to cover the cost.



Enjoying new toothbrushes from Detal Dental.



SLI persons served riding on SLI's mini bus.

## Special Events

The funds raised from SLI special events provides for unfunded services such as client transportation, medical safeguarding and advocacy, nursing, personal medical supplies and dental services to name a few on the list.



The SLI Golf Classic was established 16 years ago and has been an annual fundraiser for SLI programs and services.



The SLI Festival of Trees signature event for 38 years attracts over 5,000 people and has become a holiday tradition for families. Over 60 beautifully decorated trees and wreaths are on display for the communities enjoyment. Over the years \$1.4 million has been raised for SLI services.

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# Volunteer Program

## Community Volunteers

Thank you to the many businesses, groups and individuals who volunteered this year at SLI! Your hard work has helped improve the quality of life for all SLI persons served!

The year was full of house painting projects in our 19 homes. The work would not have been accomplished without help from Advisors Excel, Mars Chocolate, Payless Shoesource, Prairie Band Casino, Target and Westar Energy employees.



## Festival of Trees Volunteers

### Festival of Trees Committee

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
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