

2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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WORK & PLAY





ESW

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EDISON SHELTERED WORKSHOP



**LOCATED IN THE
STELTON COMMUNITY CENTER**



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Our Mission

To promote social independence and maximum vocational potential for people with disabilities through counseling, training and supports designed to assist individuals in achieving their goals.

Our Vision

To provide all individuals with the opportunities, skills and choices so they may reach their desired employment outcomes.

Our Values

Respect, Integrity, Accountability, Diversity and Excellence

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Reflections from the Executive Director

I am happy to report that in 2008 ESW provided extended employment and job placement services for almost 100 individuals. Over the last several years our population has grown significantly, demonstrating an increasing demand for our facility-based services. In response to this growth, we have hired another vocational rehabilitation counselor.

This past year we have focused on pursuing additional volunteer job-sampling opportunities at various businesses and organizations in the community. Our clients make pizza boxes at a local pizzeria, stock shelves at 7-Eleven, assemble mailings for the East Brunswick and Edison Recreation Departments, and participate in the "Clean Communities" program sponsored by the Edison Department of Health.

Our clients enjoy giving back to the community while benefiting in fulfilling some of their occupational and social needs. Ultimately these activities assist our clients with the opportunities, skills and choices so they may reach their desired employment outcomes.

The high demand for extended employment services has also brought into focus the future need for increased physical space for our growing population. Moving the agency to a larger facility or possibly, obtaining more space from Edison Township are two of the options being discussed. Our strategic planning will continue to address this need.

Last year was filled with many exciting changes and challenges, and 2009 promises to be more challenging. But with sound planning and continued dedication, we hope to lead more individuals with disabilities to satisfying and rewarding vocational outcomes.

Ronnie Velez

Our Programs

Community Rehabilitation (extended employment) provides supervised facility based and community integrated employment opportunities in a safe and pleasant environment.

Job Placement Services provides job development, job coaching and placement in the competitive job market.

Student Transitional Services provide real work experience to students with special needs who are over the age of 16 and referred by their school district.

Our Social & Training Activities

We address non-work needs, interests and desires expressed by our participants on a continual basis by providing various activities and trainings at our facility as well as in the community.

Community Living Skills
Self-Advocacy
Rights & Responsibilities
Voter Registration
Job Club Activities
Health & Safety
Hygiene & Grooming
Annual Picnic
Holiday Parties
Athletics

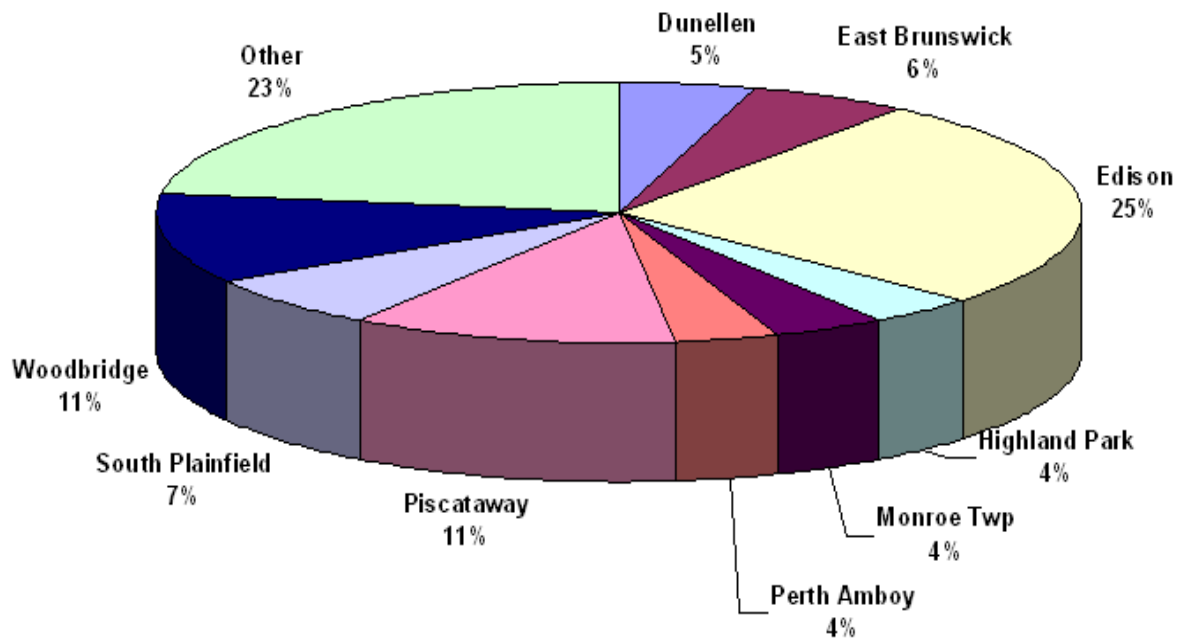
We also give back to the community by volunteering our services.

Edison Department of Recreation & Public Works
Clean Communities, Edison Department of Health
East Brunswick Department of Recreation
Local Businesses

PERSONS SERVED

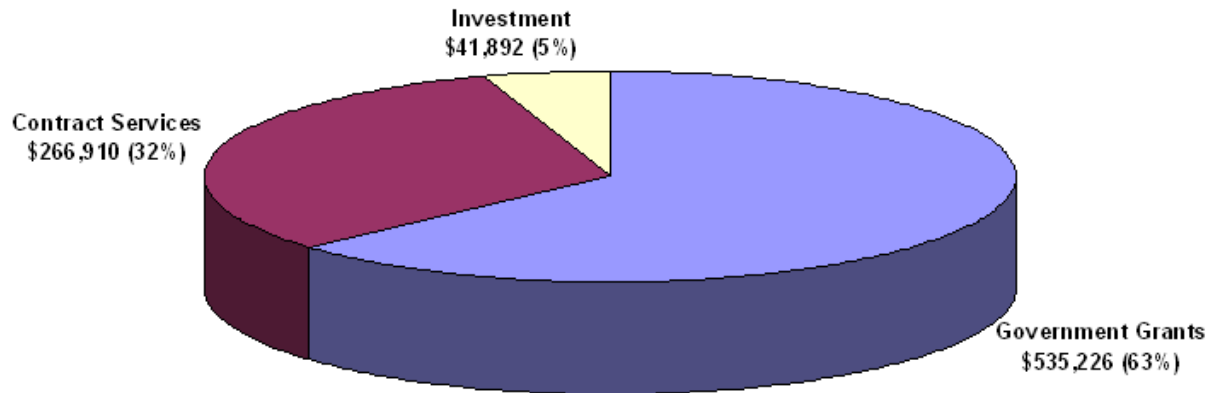
ESW provided services to 97 individuals in 2008. Fifteen percent of those served had a disability of mental health issues. The remaining 85% had a primary disability of a cognitive impairment with 23% of them having a secondary diagnosis including: acquired brain injury, autism, cerebral palsy, hearing impairment, learning disabled, neurological impairment, seizure disorder and speech impairment.

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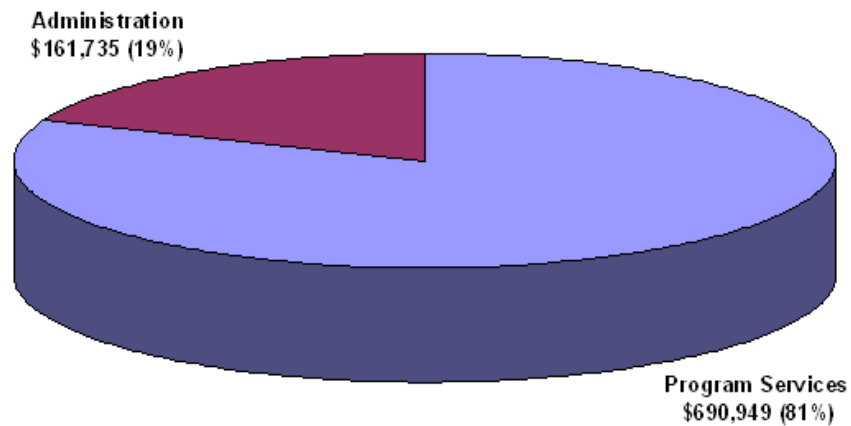


FINANCIAL REPORTS

REVENUE



EXPENSES



A copy of the certified audit prepared by
Hodulik & Morrison P.A.
for the fiscal year 2008
is available by calling
732-985-8834.

CONTRACT SERVICES

CCA Industries

DMC Group

Hillside Candy Corp.

Horizon Group

Elnari International Inc.

Inoxcrom Inc.

Mc Elroy Imports

MG William Weigel U.S.A.R.C.

New Brunswick Scientific Corp.

New Jersey Department of Labor

New Jersey Department of Human Services

Option Care Inc.

Prestige Window Fashions

R-Tape

ESW acquired three new contracts in 2008 allowing for additional skills training for our participants. Work services included: shrink-wrapping, heat-sealing, labeling, collating, light assembly, stuffing & mailing, packaging, display packaging and janitorial services. Our customers reported a 99.9% satisfaction rating for quality and quantity of work performed.

Testimonials

From our families:

“My son enjoys the program and looks forward to coming in every day.”

“Tammy loves the program. I can't imagine what her life would be like without it.”

“I would like to thank all the staff for teaching my son. He has enjoyed being in the workshop and has had a very happy and productive year.”

“We appreciate this program. My daughter learned a lot and also improved a lot. She likes the workshop and her life has been fulfilled because of the program. Thank you ESW staff!”

“Ronnie's ability to do things with his hands has improved dramatically.”

“Our family would be lost without the services of ESW and staff.”

“We don't know what we would do without the workshop and the dedicated people who give of themselves each day.”

“I bless your staff every day.”

“Steven said he loves the program and enjoyed the Christmas party.”

“ESW is doing a very good job with and for my nephew and grandson.”

“We're very proud to know that the Edison Sheltered Workshop was very instrumental in giving our son Andy the opportunity in improving his maturity and well-being. Likewise, we would recommend any family or friend to get enrolled also.”

“Beth loves going to the workshop.”

“Allison’s opportunity to read to the preschoolers has been absolutely wonderful for her.”

“My daughter is very happy and loves her job. Thanks to ESW for taking care of her.”

“I feel that ESW is a great place for my son. The staff members are very caring and I know that he is in good hands. He also learns new skills and gets to socialize.”

“ESW has helped Scott develop into a fine young man. As his parents we have the highest respect for the entire ESW staff. Keep up the great work.”

From our clients who were competitively placed:

“My coach had the instinct and intuition to place me in a situation that no one else would have even considered-and it worked! And now so do I!”

“Services were great!”

From our referring agencies:

“Valid work experiences. The best sheltered workshop in Middlesex County.”

“I appreciated the effort you took to make my visit a good one. I got a good sense of your activities and staff.”

From our contractors:

“Work gets finished quickly and delivered promptly.”

“Work done quickly and efficiently.”