

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN,  
WORK & PLAY



## [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 2009 ESW provided extended employment and job placement services for almost 90 individuals.

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 still two of the options being discussed. Our strategic planning will also continue to address this need.

The demand for products fell this year resulting in more downtime than our clients or we would have liked. However, it did give us a unique opportunity to focus on a series of presentations promoting self-advocacy. Each week, Samuel Jenkins of *The New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project*, discussed such issues as attitude, stress and anger management, positive thinking, ADA rights and how to best handle yourself in different situations. Also, ESW was one of the first workshops in the state to symbolically shred the "R" word to promote the elimination of the word retarded from the vocabulary. We look forward to a healthier economy and are committed to bringing in more work in the years ahead.

Our clients continue to enjoy volunteer job-sampling opportunities at various businesses and organizations in the community and participate in the "Clean Communities" program sponsored by the Edison Department of Health.

The proposed budget cuts will make the next few years very challenging. Our Board of Trustees, employees and clients are ready to meet the challenges we face to do more with less so that we can continue to lead more individuals with disabilities to satisfying and rewarding vocational outcomes.

*Ronnie Velez*

## **Our Programs**

Major funding is provided by the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities and the County of Middlesex. There are no program service fees for the person served.

When possible, ESW arranges transportation to its program through Middlesex County Area Transportation or a private provider for which a nominal fee may be incurred.

**Community Rehabilitation (extended employment)** provides facility based long-term employment in a safe and pleasant environment. ESW also provides opportunities for staff supervised work in the community. Services are provided Monday through Friday 8 A.M. to 4 P. M.

**Job Placement Services** provides job development, job coaching and placement in the competitive job market. This program is intended for those who require intensive training at the work site, but who, once they have learned the job, will not require long-term services. Services are provided on a flexible schedule based on the needs of the participant.

**Student Transitional Services** provides 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**

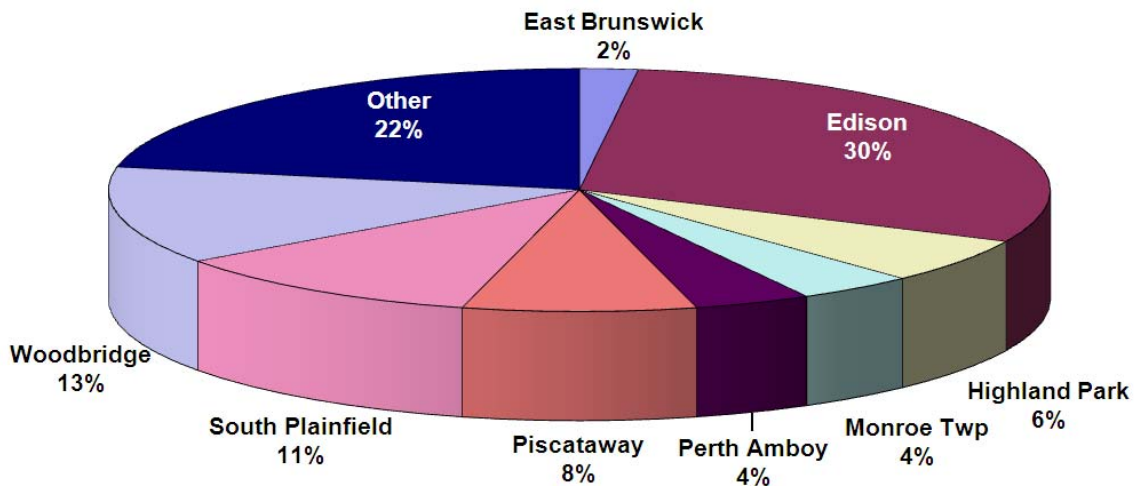
**East Brunswick Department of Recreation**

**Local Businesses**

## PERSONS SERVED

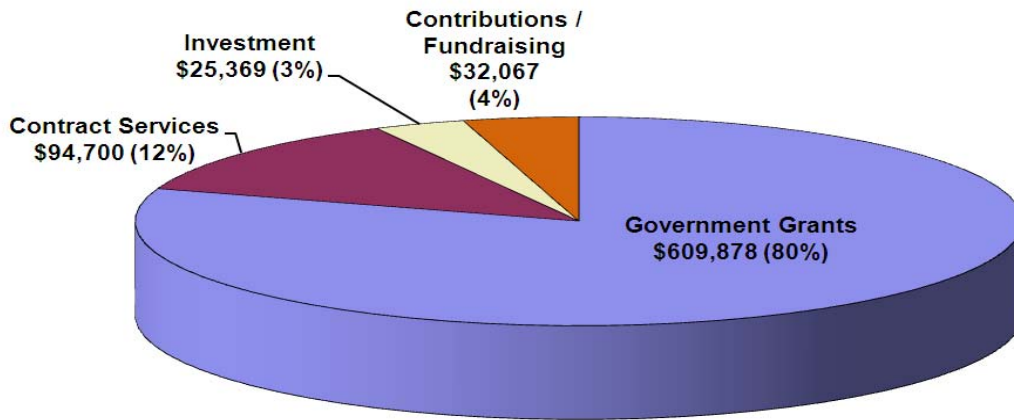
ESW provided services to 83 individuals in 2009. Thirteen percent of those served had a disability of mental health issues. The remaining 87% had a primary disability of a cognitive impairment with 22% of them having a secondary diagnosis including: acquired brain injury, autism, cerebral palsy, hearing impairment, learning disabled, neurological impairment, seizure disorder and speech impairment.

## AREAS SERVED

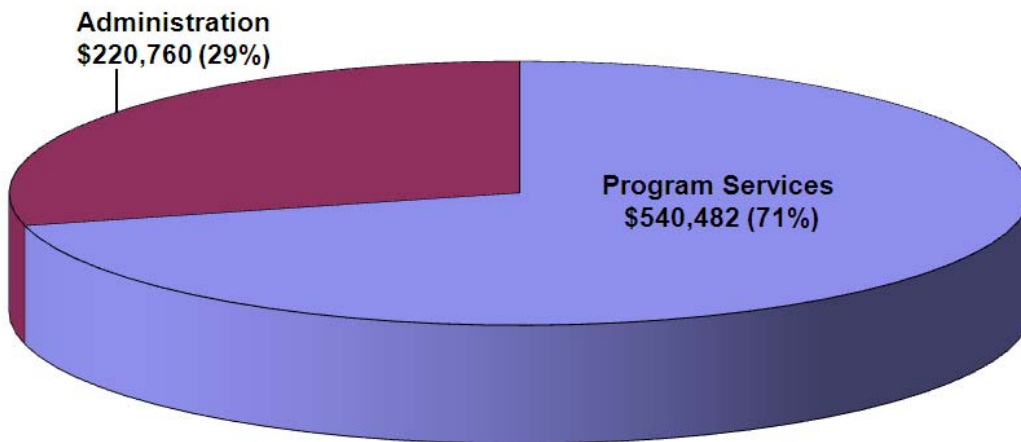


# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



A copy of the certified audit prepared by  
**Hodulik & Morrison P.A.**  
for the fiscal year 2009  
is available by calling  
732-985-8834.

## **CONTRACT SERVICES**

**CCA Industries**

**DMC Group**

**Hillside Candy Corp.**

**Elnari International Inc.**

**Mc Elroy Imports**

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

**New Brunswick Scientific Corp.**

**Option Care Inc.**

**Westwood**

**ESW acquired new contracts in 2009 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:*

*"I haven't known any better place than ESW for people with mental handicap and disability like my daughter."*

*"Your service is extraordinary—Please keep it up!"*

*"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 referring agencies:*

*“Very good communication; can come in for visit anytime; very responsive to DDD paperwork and meetings.”*

*From our contractors:*

*“Work gets finished quickly and delivered promptly.”*

*“Work done quickly and efficiently.”*



**ESW**

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EDISON SHELTERED WORKSHOP



**LOCATED IN THE  
STELTON COMMUNITY CENTER**



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