



## ***FY 2016/2017 Annual Report***

## A message from Tom Earle, our CEO...

As I reflect back on the past year, one word keeps repeating in my mind—perseverance. The current political landscape has thrown seemingly insurmountable obstacles at our community and the services we provide. Our elected representatives continue to disregard our voices as we demand justice for people with disabilities across the country. In the midst of this turmoil, LRI has maintained its status as a beacon of hope and progress toward civil rights for all. These priorities are shown through our efforts to protect the medical coverage of the people we serve, specifically in the realms of Medicaid and protections for those with pre-existing conditions.

Last year, LRI moved to a new location at 112 N 8th Street, in Center City Philadelphia. Our new facilities allow our organization to expand to its full potential and provide the best services to our community.

As we persevere, we will continue to live the mission that got us here. That mission starts here. Liberty Resources is an organization with tremendous determination. From our dedicated staff to our tireless advocates and loyal Consumers, Liberty is blessed with individuals dedicated to empowering people with disabilities to live full independent lives outside of nursing homes.



Thomas Earle, CEO



# 2016/2017 Financial Statement



## Revenue:

Contract Revenues	\$27,257,144
Contributions and Other	130,124
Rental Income	108,792
Sales and Fees	4,944,499
Investment income	79,055
Other revenue	13,353

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**Total Support and Revenue**  
**\$32,532,967**

## Expenditures:

Program Services	\$19,807,137
Rental Operations	415,004
Management and General	9,417,247
Fundraising	7,172

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**Total Expenses**                      **\$29,646,560**



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# Our Mission

Liberty Resources, the Philadelphia Center for Independent Living, advocates with disabled people, individually and collectively, to ensure our civil rights and equal access to all aspects of life in the community.

In accordance with the Independent Living philosophy, all Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are Consumer-controlled; the majority of the governing Board and staff are persons with disabilities. Centers provide assistance to all people, regardless of disability type. Like all Centers for Independent Living, Liberty Resources enables persons with disabilities to live in a manner of their own choosing by providing individuals with an array of services.

The following pages describe the services and programs Liberty offers.





# Ancillary Services

## **Home Care**

Liberty Resources Home Choice provides Consumer-directed Independent Living Attendant Care Services which support a person's ability to live, work, and attend school independently in the community. Its focus is on providing the Consumer with assistance and maintenance of daily activities.

## **Mortgage Foreclosure**

Liberty Resources' works with individuals with disabilities to avoid mortgage foreclosure. LRI staff also remain active in community efforts to direct city officials and resources to address the housing crisis in Philadelphia and to increase the number of affordable, accessible, integrated housing units.

## **Liberty Wheels**

Liberty Wheels provides mobility solutions, modifications, and personal emergency relief devices to Consumers so they can remain in the community and in their home.

Repairs to wheelchairs and scooters are also provided.



# Core Services



## **Skills Training**

Training Services offer individuals the opportunity to learn and practice the skills needed to live independently in the community. Training is provided both individually and in small groups and emphasizes Independent Living skills including home and financial management, personal assistant management, nutrition and meals, rights and responsibilities, community mobility, socialization, and communication.

## **Peer Support Services**

Peer support services offer a Consumer the opportunity to work with another disabled person, exploring options, making informed decisions, and gaining individually defined control over his or her life.

## **Advocacy**

The roots of all Independent Living Centers lie within the Disability Rights Movement of the 1970s— a movement initiated to enable individuals with disabilities to have the same life choices as non-disabled persons. “Nothing about us without us,” is our mantra. Liberty Resources remains committed to advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities.



## **Information and Referral**

This service provides our Consumers, their families, and professionals with information about disability– related issues and programs, facilitating linkage through referrals to services.

## **Nursing Home /Youth Transition**

Nursing Home Transition provides people with the help they need to move back to the community. NHT then provides services to them in the community so that they can live comfortably and safely.



# Our Consumers



**Tracy** had been living in an inaccessible one bedroom unit on the third floor. He was admitted into the Philadelphia Nursing Home for his diabetes, which made it difficult for him to walk up and down the stairs of his apartment building. In February 2016, he contacted Liberty Resources and another organization to get funding assistance with paying outstanding bills from his old apartment. Although LRI could not assist with paying his outstanding bills, LRI did assist with finding affordable and accessible housing. In July 2016, he was able to transition back into the community. Tracy strives to help other consumers who faced the same barriers that he did. He is currently on the list to become an official Community Advocate here at Liberty Resources!

Meet Tracy

# Our Consumers



**RD** was born with cerebral palsy and had been living in a nursing home for many years. RD had never lived on her own, but in May 2010, RD contacted Liberty Resources inquiring about transitioning to the community at the age of 39. She wanted to transition into the community with her fiancé, but struggled with the confidence to stand up to the nursing home staff and her family who didn't support her decision, who lived outside the Greater Philadelphia area. By August of 2015, she was ready to transition independently without her fiancé and her family's support. Liberty Resources' Nursing Home Transition team and community advocates supported her and assisted in finding an apartment by December of 2015. In March 2016, RD transitioned to her own apt. RD's family began to support her once they saw that she was determined to make her own decisions and could live independently with community based services.

Meet RD

# Our Consumers

**Richard** was admitted to the nursing home to receive care for his diabetes in February 2015. Because of his disability, he was not able to move back to his previous home. In June 2015, Richard contacted LRI inquiring about Nursing Home Transition services. He requested LRI assistance with finding an accessible apartment for himself and his elderly father. In July 2016, after obtaining the required documentation for housing and being approved for Social Security benefits, LRI staff began to assist Richard and his father with identifying an accessible apartment. He was able to obtain a housing voucher and approved to move into a new 2-bedroom accessible unit. He then made the decision to turn in his voucher and accept the new 2-bedroom unit. In November 2016, Richard transitioned to his new apartment with his elderly father. His father is currently working as his attendant.

Meet Richard

# ***Taste of Independence Fundraiser 2016***





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