

ATLANTIS COMMUNITY, INC.  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2016

# LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Atlantis Community,

This past year was full of excitement and new opportunities for Atlantis Community, Inc (ACI). ACI began implementing a three-year strategic plan, which began with the hiring of a new executive director. As we developed our strategic plan, we used our disability rights history as a guide to drive future work. Our desire was to remain true to our roots, while ensuring the services and staff kept current with the needs of the diverse disability community.

In addition to hiring a new executive director, ACI started several new endeavors, both programmatic and operational, that revitalized our commitment to people with disabilities. We are increasing our presence and visibility in the community while sharing our deeply held belief that people with disabilities have the right to choose how they live their lives.

We experienced growth in our Independent Living, Section 8, and Representative Payee sections. As a result, our workforce has expanded by 27% with additional new growth underway. We are working to strengthen and diversify our funding sources so we can continue to grow our current operations as well as develop new services, particularly where there is a gap in current service models. We aim to serve more people with complex multi-systemic needs, youth with disabilities and their families, and a larger segment of older adults with disabilities.

Our new services include a focus on transitioning youth from high school into postsecondary opportunities. We created an independent living specialist position to work with people who have mental health conditions. In October 2016, we received a grant from the Administration for Community Living to develop a mobile Center for Independent Living. The mobile unit will allow us, to provide additional services to people who are homeless and cannot access our physical location because of their disability or because of transportation barriers. We are also exploring new and innovative ways to display our rich history of the disability rights movement.

We are proud of our accomplishments in 2016 and we look forward to 2017 as we embrace new alliances, new collaborations, and new challenges.

Regards!

Candie Dalton  
Executive Director

Shannon P. Secrest  
Board Chair

## 2016 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Increased services for people who are blind or have low vision
- Peer support for people who have mental health diagnoses
- Weekly tours to educate the community about disability history
- Hosted visitors from Ukraine learning about disability rights history
- Assisted with the testing of voting machines to ensure accessibility
- Increased outreach to people with disabilities who are homeless

## Statistics for 2016

1080 +

Consumers Served

2100 +

Services Provided

25

Employees

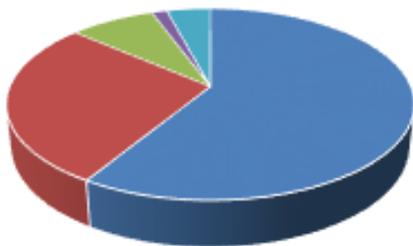
60%

Employees with a Disability

\$1,453,515

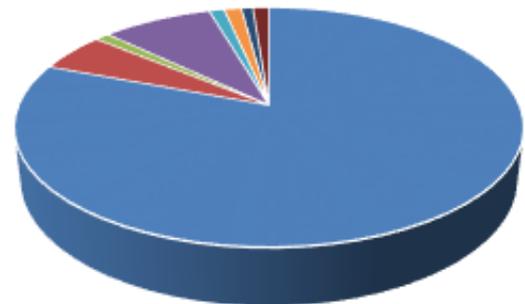
Annual Operating Budget

### Revenue



- SILS
- Part C Grants
- Section 8
- Community Transition Services
- Donations

### Expenses



- Salary and Benefits
- Operations
- Travel and Conferences
- Professional Services
- Insurance
- Training
- Accommodations
- Dues and Subscriptions

## James' Story

Before I moved from a nursing home in 2016, I felt I wasn't worth anything at all. Who would care about a 64-year-old man in a nursing home? I felt I had nothing to offer society or my former friends. Then I heard about ACI. I hoped my life could be put back together. I now have the opportunity to be happy and I feel needed and even wanted again. I am profoundly grateful to all of you.