The Mission of ABC....

is to improve the quality of life in Southeastern Minnesota

by providing rehabilitation and employment services for

persons with disabilities and other special needs.
Friends and Supporters of ABC,

Positive momentum and successes from the past continue to build a solid foundation for the future of ABC. We are pleased to provide you with our 2005 annual report, which demonstrates another strong performance and positive impact in the community. ABC is presently serving and meeting the needs of 830 people throughout Southeastern Minnesota at an annual budget of more than $11 million.

This success is made possible through your generous support and is dependent on the strong partnership and collaboration between our talented staff, business partners, community, city, county and state government leaders. THANK YOU!

As we celebrate 50 years of “Growing, Building, and Working Together,” we reflect on the heritage of our past as a platform for extending our reach to do more and find new ways to serve those with disabilities and special needs.

A special thanks to outgoing board members Deb Garry and Dick Quinn. Their contributions have had a positive lasting effect. Their dedication and passion will be missed. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to the ABC Board, ABC Management Team, and the community for outstanding support during my tenure as President. I know that our new Board President, Phong Luong, will enjoy this same level of support.

Thanks again for your support and your role in investing in the people of ABC.

Sincerely,

Bruce Remme
Board President

Thanks to Lower Photography Studio for providing many of the photos.

ABC would like to acknowledge and thank the many individuals and organizations who made generous gifts in support of ABC programs in 2005.

We strive to be as accurate as possible; if you notice an error or omission, or would like to make a contribution, please contact Laurie Kellagher, the Development Director at (507) 535-7105.
Ability Building Center served 830 individuals during 2005. This represents a slight decrease in the number of people served compared to 2004. Five of our programs served record numbers of people during 2005, they include: Vocational Evaluation, Supported Employment, Ability Enterprises, Abilities Unlimited and ABC Works.

The largest disability group that ABC served in 2005 continues to be individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The next largest population served were individuals with Mental Illness or Emotional Disorders, ABC served 171 individuals in this category. During 2005, ABC served an unusually high number of individuals with multiple disabilities. Sixty-two percent of the individuals served had two or more disabilities.

During 2005, Ability Enterprises began formal social/recreational programming for individuals that are not interested or capable of employment. Ability Options, the name for this new program, served 18 individuals during 2005. Plans were also formalized for moving this program component out of the existing Ability Enterprises space during 2006.

Overall, the satisfaction ratings for services were very high from all our stakeholders during 2005. This is the single most reliable indicator that ABC continues to provide the highest level of quality services.
ABC Ability Building Center

2005 Financial Information

Revenues:
- Trade Sales and Contract Services: $3,552,039
- Program Service Fees: $6,356,354
- Contributions: $212,586
- United Way Allocations: $178,628
- Other Income: $28,024
- Investment Income: $37,702

Total Revenues: $10,365,333

Program Services Expenses:
- Vocational Development: $490,877
- Center Based Employment: $3,557,935
- Ability Enterprises: $1,991,461
- Abilities Unlimited: $406,725
- ABC Works: $1,705,427
- Community Based Employment: $1,122,797

Total Program Services: $9,275,222

Supporting Services:
- Management and General: $672,307
- Development: $144,517

Total Supporting Services: $816,824

Total Expenses: $10,092,046

ABC Long Term Investment Fund Highlights

Over $99,000 was received in contributions and pledges unrestricted or donor designated to specific programs during 2005. The majority of these contributions went to help facilitate the mission of Ability Building Center and the benefit of programs and program participants. Many of the unrestricted contributions were used to help pay down the mortgages remaining from the Room to Grow project and the expansion of the ABC Works building in LaCrescent.

Additionally, a block grant from the City of Rochester of $71,000 was used to supplement the costs for bathroom remodeling in the main plant at Rochester. These remodeling efforts ensured the continued modernization of Ability Building Center’s main plant for the better use by program participants. The fourth annual ABC Golf outing provided another $40,000 to help cover the remaining costs of the remodeling project.

Included in specific gifts were Memorials and Honorary gifts totaling $1,975, received in the name of friends and loved ones.
Friends and Supporters of ABC,

This year’s annual report records many of the successes that Ability Building Center experienced throughout 2005. I know many of you have heard me before on this subject, but I hope by reading this year’s report you gain a sense of how many people and areas that have to be working together to attain the level of success that we continue to experience. Some of the people component groups that are responsible for ABC’s success this past year include: Board of Directors, funders, employers, the Business Community, County and State professional staff, donors, volunteers, ABC’s staff, and the 830 individuals that ABC provided services to. Thank you to all of you that fall into one of these categories for enabling ABC to successfully carry out its mission throughout SE Minnesota.

There are two individuals that I would like to recognize for their contributions to ABC, not just during 2005, but over many years. Both of these individuals left the ABC Board in 2005 and have served ABC in many leadership capacities. I first met Don Meiners back in the 1980s. Don served on a committee to help ABC identify new space where we could expand our Woodland Industries operations in Houston County. Later Don served on the ABC Board and as ABC’s Treasurer. We thank Don for his ongoing support of ABC and advocacy for people with disabilities in Houston County.

Tom Murray has been associated with ABC longer than I have, that’s a long time! Tom’s association with ABC goes back to the mid ’60s, when Tom began serving on the ABC Board. Tom served in multiple leadership roles on the ABC Board. He served as Board President and in several other officer positions. He’s chaired several committees at ABC. Tom often refers to himself as ABC’s historian. Tom does know more of the history of ABC than anyone else that I know. However, I would categorize his impact on ABC with a different label. Tom has become an ABC “Ambassador”. He’s always willing to share “the ABC story” with just about everyone he comes in contact with. It seems “the story” always has a positive impact and outcome for ABC. Tom and Don thank you for your contributions to the great legacy of leadership that ABC has experience through the years.

With the successes ABC has experienced during 2005, we are planning and preparing to build on those successes for 2006 and beyond. In order to accomplish those future successes we will need the continued support, work and contributions of many individuals, businesses, and agencies. This year, 2006, marks ABC’s 50th year of providing services in our communities. I ask for your ongoing support so that we can ensure at least another 50 years of successful service.

Sincerely,

Steve Hill
Executive Director

2005 Ability Building Center New Benefactors

The Ability Benefactors Circle was established in 1994 to honor key leaders in the ABC mission. Each of these donors has provided over $1,000 in cumulative gifts to the ABC Foundation. These donors have provided loyal and generous support to encourage the mission of ABC and have entrusted their gifts to be used to benefit individuals with disabilities. We are honored to serve as stewards of these gifts and will continue to invest them in the lives of those we serve and in the development and growth of quality vocational programs and services.

Howard & Adella Anderson
Father Virgil Duellman
Dolores Augedahl
Steve & Brenda Kann
Pat & Molly Bigelow
Will Thurk
Roger & Lois Carlson
Al & Karen Wieser
2005 Ability Building Center Donors and Contributors

Gifts of cash, stock, and other real property are an important source of support for ABC. In addition to providing valuable funds for capital needs, they provide resources to fund a ‘margin of excellence’ which allows us to increase the quantity and quality of our programs and services for individuals with disabilities. We sincerely appreciate the contributions of many friends of ABC during 2005.

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ABC’s success over the years is greatly attributed to its dedicated leadership.

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