



American Association of  
**Caregiving**  
**Youth**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

The **Vision of AACY** is that every youth caring for ill, injured, elderly or disabled family members will achieve success in school and life.

The **Mission of AACY** is to increase awareness and provide support services for youth caregivers and their families by connecting them with healthcare, education and community resources.

The **Core Values of AACY** permeate the organization:

- **Compassion** that inspires a caring nonjudgmental attitude to honor and value the role of caregiving youth and instill a sense of hope in the future.
- **Innovation** as AACY is unique in the country, the organization will evolve as it explores and discovers the most meaningful ways to convey to the public and professionals the issues and solutions to efficaciously support this otherwise hidden population of children.
- **Responsiveness** to the practical and research findings with ongoing process improvement to evaluate and deliver best methods of supporting caregiving youth including those who otherwise lack access to community support systems.
- **Collaboration** with local, county, state and national partnerships with institutions and organizations to rely on their expertise and resources to achieve desired outcomes and possibilities yet unknown.
- **Empowerment** as more and more are educated including caregiving youth, the public, students and professionals in caring and inclusive learning environments, benefits beyond what can be dreamed today will be achieved.

## **Background**

The American Association of Caregiving Youth began in 1998 as Boca Raton Interfaith in Action with a Faith in Action program grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Subsequent funding from the Quantum Foundation formed the cornerstone of its family caregiving support services. In 2005, the organization's name was changed to Volunteers for the Homebound and Family Caregivers (VHFC); its primary program was Boca Respite Volunteers.

A skeleton staff and volunteers contributed more than a decade of hard work, perseverance and dedication to meet the growing needs of an older and more diverse population. Research findings led to the establishment of the U.S. pioneering model, the Caregiving Youth Project (CYP). By the end of 2009, VHFC transitioned its Boca Respite services to Aloesea, a non-hospice program of Hospice by the Sea, and began its focus solely on youth caregiving. Effective January 1, 2010, the organization officially changed and adopted its new name, the American Association of Caregiving Youth (AACY) to continue its work locally and nationally.

## AACY Board of Directors

This fiscal year revealed transition and ultimate strengthening among the AACY Board of Directors members. As of June 30, 2016 the officers and members included:

Joseph Kraus – Chair  
Daniel Davidowitz – Vice Chair  
Lauraleigh Gould, CPA – Treasurer  
Isabel Parrado – Secretary  
Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD – President  
Gail Eagle – Director  
Rosie Inguanzo-Martin - Director  
Michael Miller - Director  
Tom Tift, PhD – Director



**Kadniel comforting his  
Grandmother**

## AACY Development

This year the demand for local services continues to increase. Many families, barely making it from paycheck to paycheck, become disadvantaged when confronted by unexpected and complex health conditions and other circumstances. High copays impact the ability of a family to access needed medical and therapeutic services. As AACY evolves and pushes forward, the highlights of the past and this fiscal year include:

- ♥ 2010 – Official “kick-off” of the nonprofit name conversion from Volunteers for the Homebound and Family Caregivers to the American Association of Caregiving Youth so that the organization could focus solely on this other hidden and un-served population
- ♥ 2011 – AACY received the Community Outreach Hero Award from the Palm Beach County Medical Society
- ♥ 2012 - Dr. Siskowski became a 2012 CNN Hero and was selected to be among the Top Ten globally, bringing national attention to the role of caregiving youth
- ♥ 2013 – Diane Sawyer named Chris Miller, a CYP participant, her “Person of the Week”
  - New videos were produced by WUSF and the United Methodist Church
  - The AACY National Advisory Council was established
- ♥ 2014 – AACY became a certified non-profit by Nonprofits First
  - Dr. Faraone, Director of Education Services, participated in the Grad Nation Summit in Washington, DC
  - The Caregiving Youth Project information was included in the Student and Family Handbook of The School District of Palm Beach County
  - Dr. Siskowski presented at the Governor’s Child and Youth Council in Tallahassee
  - The Content Capsule, housed on the home page of the AACY website, was created through pro-bono services of W2O in NY

- The Schmidt Family Foundation provided seed money to establish the Caregiving Youth Institute
- Two medical students from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine presented their AACY research results at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) national conference in California
- National sportscaster Dick Stockton donated his voice for an educational Vodcast about caregiving youth which is housed on the School District website and within the Content Capsule on the AACY website.

#### ♥ 2015 – A year of Growth

- Caregiving Youth Institute held its first conference at Safe Schools in Boca Raton with over 150 attendees including those from several states
- The Washington Post and others carried the story of the AAP presentation in CA and an article also appeared in the national AAP newsletter
- Caregiving Youth Research Collaborative (CYRC) was formed with Dr. Betsy Olsen, University of North Carolina with UNC and AACY in leadership roles with others including Dr. Julia Belkowitz, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Dr. Melinda Kavanaugh, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; and Dr. Donna Cohen, University of South Florida, Tampa
- Dr. Siskowski attended the White House Conference on Aging meeting in Tampa and then, another one specifically for caregiving in Washington, DC
- Family University of Detroit joined the AACY Affiliate Network
- AACY again received nonprofit certification from NonProfits First
- Extraordinary Charities named AACY for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row for inclusion in its publication as did the fundraising publication of Hands on Tzedakah
- The Caregivers Platform included caregiving youth with its presentation of state planks for the election year
- The American Academy of Pediatrics received a Resolution, initiated by the Chief Pediatric Resident of Chris Evert Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, concerning the recognition for additional research regarding caregiving youth and the need to address their health and well-being
- Became an official Mentor Center of United Way and produced two publications to assist volunteers and students with study skills

#### ♥ As of June 30, 2016

- The CYRC continued to grow to seven members now including Dr. Jatunn Gibson of Auburn University and Dr. Lisa Hooper of the University of Kentucky and Dr. Christine Fruehauf of Colorado State
- The AACY National Advisory Council leadership changed from Marc Watrous, PhD of Genentech Foundation to Carol Goodheart, EdD who is former President of the American Psychological Association
- Jane Brody, NY Times columnist published a far-reaching article, “Supporting Children Who Serve as Caregivers” resulting in many comments and some donations including one for \$40,000
- AACY received two copyrights on developed Skills Building curricula: Caregiving Youth Project High School Facilitator Manual and the Caregiving Youth Project

Middle School Facilitator Manual; both are used in groups from grade six through high school

- A new collaboration began with ADT whose volunteers attended Camp Treasure XIX and facilitated a relationship with State Farm to further the support of youth caregivers and their families locally as well as to raise awareness nationally
- In-kind funding through Children's Services Council allowed for the production of four new videos
- Members of Impact 100 Palm Beach County voted for AACY as one of its funding priorities and awarded a \$100,000 grant for the Caregiving Youth Project to begin at four new schools in the 2016-17 school year
- Over the past two years, progressive growth has been seen in social media with the dedicated Facebook page increasing by 48.5% to 1,179 likes and Twitter followers increasing 224% to 1,451
- 100 Women Who Care voted on AACY to become its third quarter charity
- The Healthier Boynton Beach project, supported by Palm Healthcare Foundation, selected Family Caregiving as its priority issue; AACY is participating to keep the voice of caregiving youth recognized in this work
- Dr. Siskowski accepted positions on the Board of the Florida Respite Alliance and the Advisory Council for ARCH, the national respite program.

## Major Accomplishments and Local Impact of the Caregiving Youth Project

AACY is headquartered in Palm Beach County, Florida. It continues to develop its national presence through a growing affiliate network, partnerships, presentations and publications. The economic hardship of families is reflected in the increasing demand for caregiving by children. Now concluding its ninth year of service delivery through the Caregiving Youth Project (CYP), the following reflects the accomplishments of this important work.

The CYP is the beta program of the American Association of Caregiving Youth®. It began at Boca Raton Community Middle School in 2006. The school was selected from the top ten in prevalence of caregiving from 2002 research, its proximity to the organization's headquarters and the willingness of the principal to take a risk to serve a newly identified group of students, many of whom were struggling academically and personally. The CYP, in partnership with The School District of Palm Beach County, is now fully integrated in eight middle schools and their related



**Caregivers at Boca Middle  
2007**

nine high schools located from Boca Raton north to West Palm Beach. Additional schools are on a waiting list pending expanded funding. Palm Beach County caregiving youth who began in a school with a program and then moved or who were referred by other schools or agencies are scattered among twenty-one other schools.

Since its inception, the CYP has directly served more than 1100 youth caregivers and their families or nearly 4,000 individuals of all ages. Additional youth and families received services but have either relocated or are no longer

caregiving. There are other children, who have been identified as caregivers within the CYP schools, who are in various phases of program processing. The CYP eligibility process is a day in time in sixth grade; family health situations are ongoing and dynamic; thus, program enrollment, including self-referral, is open throughout the calendar year.

The CYP has also reached more than 15,000 students plus school staff with community resources through its Lunch and Learn sessions. The local CYP Advisory Council meets quarterly with participation from The School District and various professionals. It meets at the regional offices of the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. This past year, more than ever before, there are referrals from non-CYP affiliated schools inside and outside of Palm Beach County.



### **Highlights of the CYP Team Accomplishments 2015 - 2016**

- ♥ Conducted in-home initial assessments by CYP social workers along with multiple needs-driven follow up home visits during the first nine years resulting in referrals for appropriate community, medical access and medical service assistance to strengthen families and reduce the burden on the child
- ♥ Utilized collaborative relationships and special funding resources for families to improve their safety and home environment such as installing grab bars, replacing kitchen cabinets in a home that had a kitchen fire from a youth cooking, did a mobile home makeover and flooring replacement, provided furniture where there was only minimal, used emergency funds to prevent an eviction and to get a family car returned after it was towed when mom was in the hospital with emergency surgery, provided emergency funding to keep electricity on in the home of a migrant worker; located pro bono needed dental care, emergency medical equipment and others
- ♥ Provided continued process improvement through participant and family feedback from major activities (skills building group, camp, workshops) evaluations indicating the success of the activity for them personally as well as input for change and what else they want to learn
- ♥ Participated in quarterly Caregiving Youth Project Advisory Council meetings with member representation including the School District, a CYP school, pediatrician and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- ♥ Held 220 regular Lunch & Learn sessions twice/month in the middle schools to provide disease specific and general resources to CYP youth, other students and middle school staff. During these sessions, there were 996 individual student contacts with the distribution of resources and/or follow up as appropriate

- ♥ Evaluated outcomes from 336 students through the End of the Year Feedback process during May – June 2016. Not all students responded to all questions and not all students receive the same services; please see the results on page 12
- ♥ Sponsored various meaningful activities including Camp Treasure, Reunion Camp, picnics, fishing trip, family Holiday Celebration, college prep workshops, and more
- ♥ Recruited caregiving youth who manage and administer medications to contribute to four focus groups (two middle school and two high school) for qualitative research purposes with a medical student from University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- ♥ Supported student academic success by obtaining school supplies for >200 students plus their siblings while continuing the distribution of laptops or refurbished computers (now totaling 178) and provided tutoring and/or mentoring
- ♥ Sent birthday cards to CYP members – for some it is the only acknowledgment they receive
- ♥ Continued as an intern site for social work students from Florida Atlantic University
- ♥ Conducted 583 student session hours for Skills Building IV and V workshops for high schools students at various schools
- ♥ Celebrated the graduation of 43 of 43 active CYP high school students (100%) of which 33 went on to post-secondary education (82.5%), four entered the military and one entered the work force
- ♥ Addressed the unique needs of CYP students who have experienced the death of their care receiver with bereavement support; there were 10 deaths in 2015-16
- ♥ Provided two AACY/Polen Capital Caregiving Youth Scholarships in partnership with the George Snow Scholarship Foundation and then, through the generosity of the Jeffrey Firestone family, presented five other students with scholarships at their CYP graduation celebration.

The number of people served is exponential as school staff and family members, in addition to the direct services provided to the student-caregivers, are impacted.



### **It Takes a Community!**

The success of this work is based on strong collaboration among healthcare, education and the community services. Alone it could never be as effective as it has been with partners together. Several examples of how these efforts benefit our students and families include:

- ♥ AmeriCorps of Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition members assist at Camp Treasure and reunion camp with activities and tutoring
- ♥ Back to School Bash – provides school supplies, physicals, hair-cuts and some uniforms for the return to school
- ♥ Boca Helping Hands – provides food, relief and employment resources for local families
- ♥ Boca Raton’s Promise – assists students who have a mental health diagnosis of their own with a Friends group and is also participating in the Alliance for Mental Health to Break the Silence as it raises awareness about mental health issues and services in the County
- ♥ Call4Health donates our toll-free 800 number
- ♥ Christ Fellowship Church – delivers meals at Thanksgiving to the homes of CYP families
- ♥ Clinics Can Help – provides free recycled needed medical equipment for families
- ♥ Families First – assists families in which grandparents have and/or need guardianship
- ♥ Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work – CYP is a supervised site for BSW and MSW students who learn first-hand about caregiving by youth
- ♥ Florida Atlantic University is the host for Reunion Camp Treasure on its Boca Raton campus which includes swimming, high ropes and campus tours
- ♥ Linus Project makes handmade comfort blankets and a quilters group makes comfort quilts for CYP participants who often have challenges sleeping at night
- ♥ Spirit of Giving Network shares information among non-profits, performs Live Scan background checks, gathers Holiday gifts and more.
- ♥ Temple B’nai Torah members made comfort dolls for youth at Camp Treasure
- ♥ Walgreens gathered “regiftables” for our Holiday Celebration and provided education at Camp Treasure XIX.

The CYP has had significant impact on student-caregivers, their families, AACY staff and volunteers as well as within the schools. Four students who shared stories with the media were recognized with “Courage Awards”. Existing partnerships continue and new national partnerships have been formed with Caring across Generations, Dispute Bills and Patients Like Me among others.



## **The Caregiving Youth Institute (CYI)**

The establishment of the CYI was in direct response to the growing number of caregiving youth who are unrecognized, invisible and falling through the cracks at school; youth who, with support, will become healthy, educated and productive adults. The public and professionals do not recognize them and their situations out of ignorance, not intent. Unlike other countries including the United Kingdom, there are no professional or public opportunities which are focused on any

of the four dimensions of C.A.R.E. – Connection, Advocacy, Research and Education - as they relate to the issues and solutions of this hidden population.

Thanks to the Schmidt Family Foundation, during the spring of 2014 a generous grant provided seed funding for the establishment of the Caregiving Youth Institute (CYI) as a program of AACY. The CYI's goal is to raise the level of awareness and multi-system needs of caregiving youth along with solutions for their support. It provides the venue and opportunity to create the formal structure for what AACY has been informally providing for several years. The segments identified through C.A.R.E. include:

### **Connection**

National and social media has helped to begin to raise some awareness about youth who are family caregivers. In response, persons and organizations from different parts of the US request information or support for family or caregiving youth. The AACY team is responsive to those who do not have access to the support of services of a Caregiving Youth Project by locating local resources and providing electronic information and connectivity with Facebook and email. The CYI Connection is a work in progress. The recent restructuring of an internet support collaborator, The Caregiver Space, has reduced the AACY forum's activity for caregiving youth. It is likely that youth in other places have yet to self-identify and seek resources. We continue to work through these barriers as more awareness about caregiving youth develops; peer support and understanding can be powerful. Plans for the future include an educational component to provide a means of interaction so youth caregivers learn they are part of a much larger population and know they are not alone.

### **Advocacy**

At the local level, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Boca Raton have been aware and have supported the organization since its inception. This is further demonstrated by an ongoing presence at events and financial support. Likewise, members of the County Council have also been supportive and have provided connections to possible sources of new funding.

At the state level, meetings continue with area representatives including a presentation at the Florida State District Delegation. In the absence of new national or state prevalence statistics, the enormity of children in this role and the impact on them personally as well as on society is obscure.

AACY continues to work to end the reverse age discrimination against caregiving youth. The omission of caregiving youth from national public caregiving program support is likely to be an error of ignorance rather than intention.

### **Research**

The origin of the Caregiving Youth Project was research based in the What Works Survey (2002). Since its inception in 2006 a variety of research and university affiliations have developed. They include:

- ♥ Barry University - School of Social Work – internship site
- ♥ Brandeis University - Sara Elliott – Doctoral Dissertation 2011-2013
- ♥ Florida Atlantic University
  - Schmidt College of Medicine – 2012-2013
  - School of Business – 2013 - 15
  - School of Nursing
    - ✓ Doctoral Dissertation Carole Kain
    - ✓ Affiliation agreement as site for students
  - School of Social Work – BSW & MSW internship site
  - Student volunteer site
  - Reunion Camp with campus tours
- ♥ Fort Hayes State University, Hayes, KS – Dr. Siskowski invited to be on Advisory Board, School of Sociology
- ♥ Lynn University
  - Site of the soft launch of Caregiving Youth Institute with presentation for students in education
  - Initial Reunion Camp site
- ♥ Palm Beach Atlantic University
  - What Works Survey 2002
  - Held multidisciplinary meeting for students in Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing, Psychology & Education
- ♥ Palm Beach State College
  - Students have participated in Summer Youth College
  - Multidisciplinary meeting held with Provost Dr. B. Russell with outcome of PTK honors club to pilot mentoring relationship
- ♥ University of Freiberg, Germany
  - Graduate student – Marvi Eiland – participation in thesis on nonprofit collaborations including with government
- ♥ University of North Carolina
  - Assistant Professor Elizabeth Olsen returned to US from the UK to continue research and interest in caregiving youth
  - Multidisciplinary meeting convened in Chapel Hill resulting in the formation of the Caregiving Youth Research Collaborative (CYRC) in which UNC and AACY share a leadership role
  - Progress being made with PCORI grant submission for Caregiving Bookends incorporating children caring for grandparents
- ♥ University of S. Florida
  - Youth Caregivers Honors Class organized by External Evaluator – Dr. Donna Cohen and others
  - Multiple publications of CYP data with posters at conferences and in peer-reviewed journals
- ♥ University of Miami – Miller School of Medicine – MD, MPH program
  - Grand Rounds and Broward Pediatric Society presentations with pediatrician Julia Belkowitz, MD who also serves on CYP Advisory Council

- Medical students completed CYP retrospective research and presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics in CA, drawing national media attention and an article in the national newsletter of the AAP.
- The US ground-breaking medication management and administration research began with another medical student and four focus groups of CYP caregiving youth who are involved with medications for family members

Another research component is the continued pursuit of funding to update the only national study, *Young Caregivers in the US* (2005) which is critical to the future development of AACY and the CYI. National demographics as well as healthcare systems and resources have dramatically changed since 2004 when the data was collected and showed that there are at least 1.3 million caregiving children ages 8-18 years in the US. AACY and the NAC (National Alliance of Caregiving - report author) have partnered to initiate the replication and expansion of this research. An application including a budget of \$230,000 was submitted to Genentech Foundation and verbally approved for \$100,000 pending a plan to gain the additional dollars. An update of the proposal indicated that the original research methodology can no longer be duplicated because of the decrease in landlines of the population along with an increase in cell phones. In order to reach caregiving youth, who are minors, approval must be granted thus the Department of Education is the next approach to gaining student access.

### **Education**

AACY staff members have taken and have sought opportunities to share information with both the public and professionals through service club meetings, congregations, webinars, video productions, peer reviewed journals, social and other multi-media and formal conference presentations. AACY has also created handouts that are audience specific. Examples of conference presentations have included the American Association of Pediatricians, American Psychological Association, American Society on Aging, Children's Defense Fund, National Association of School Nurses, Family Café, Florida Association of Teacher Educators, Caregiving Youth Institute and the National Association of School Social Workers.

The CYI will continue educational opportunities with a new focus. An asset of AACY is the intellectual property and materials it has developed since the inception of the Caregiving Youth Project in the Fall of 2006. AACY has copyrighted and will be offering its materials for sale for others to use. Additionally, conferences will generate revenue from vendor participation and sponsorship.

Thus, education of the public and professionals forms the foundation for the future support of the population of caregiving youth and their families. There are currently courses taught which include family caregiving in some sectors of related professionals, however, none regarding caregiving youth. People don't know what they don't know. Credentialing of providers and inclusion of caregiving youth challenges and rewards through webinars, video productions, social and other multi-media, conferences as well as the production of media and publications for sale is the ultimate goal.

Initially the CYI will focus primarily on the issues of middle and high school youth caregiving. However, it recognizes that elementary school children may also have caregiving responsibilities. There are three phases of CYI implementation, the final phase being in the years three to five. Over time, CYI will create a learning environment that will be an invaluable resource to the greater local and state community as well as nationally. It is also projected that the CYI will become financially self-sustaining as well as generate income for other program development and operations of AACY.

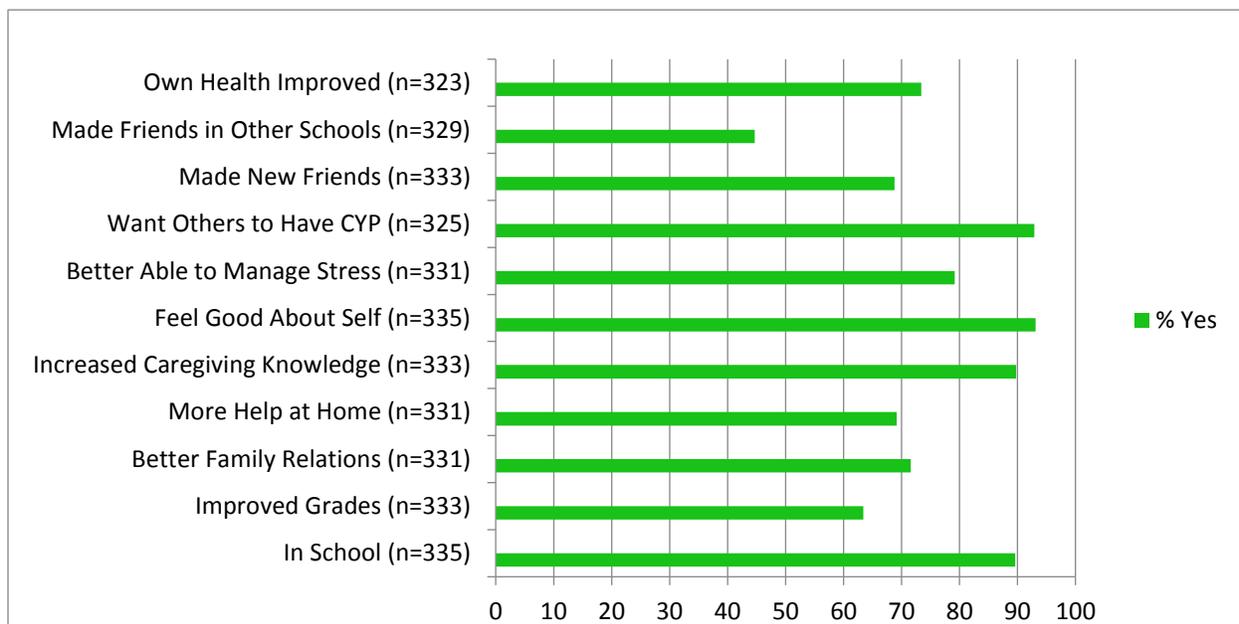
### Additional Comments

AACY has made significant progress since it became the official name of the organization on January 1, 2010. There is much work yet to be done!

The social media reach through Treasure Talk and Constant Contact is now well over 4,500 people and the “like” and “follower” numbers through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram continue to increase.

There are ongoing challenges with a changing School District administration which are compounded because most schools have new staff and different rules for CYP staff to interface with students. Often students who are greatly in need of our services are ones that have academic struggles; yet they are the ones without an elective period during which we can connect with them.

### End of Year Feedback from 336 CYP Participants



The valuable feedback (above) obtained at the end of the school year allows us to learn how members feel that their participation in the CYP helped them. The End of the Year Feedback process collects both quantitative and qualitative information. During May-June of 2016, a total of 336 students completed this year's form. Respondents were 65.4% female (n=220) and 60.4% were in middle school. Not all students responded to all questions. Some student respondents answered via telephone interview. Students who entered the CYP during the final school quarter were not invited to complete the End of Year Feedback Form.

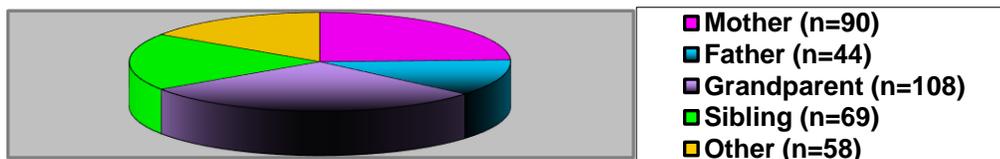
CYP services provided are needs-driven so not all students received the same supports or had the same opportunities to meet caregiving youth from other schools. The home assessment is a trigger for respite, special projects, access to community resources and other needs-driven services to strengthen the family and thus reduce the work load on the child.

The End of the Year Feedback process also helps to document the number of persons being cared for by CYP members in Palm Beach County. During the past four years, grandparent/great-grandparent care has increased nearly 10%! Who would be providing this care if it weren't for caregiving youth?

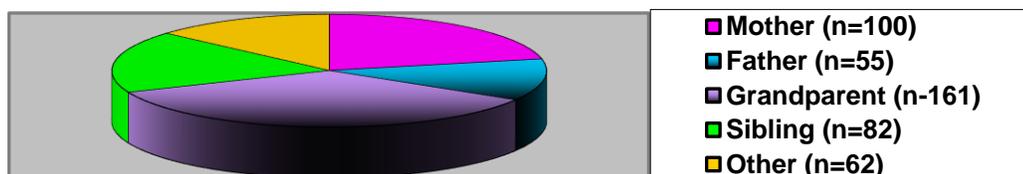
### **CHANGES IN CARE RECEIVERS OF CAREGIVING YOUTH 2011-12 THROUGH 2015-16**

#### **Results of End of the Year Feedback Surveys**

**2010-11: 226 Caregiving Youth and 369 Care Receivers**  
**Grandparent Care 29.3%**



**2015-16: 316 Caregiving Youth and 460 Care Receivers**  
**Grandparent Care 35%**



Some examples of what CYP participants have written about the “how” the services have helped in school and/or with grades are: *“because it helped prepare for tests, provided my computer, held programs to reduce stress and forget about worries, manage time, get community service hours, focusing ability, prioritization, attendance, tutoring, take classes online, staying on topic, new strategies, behavior and bullying, less nervous, study methods, test strategies – now I get all A’s, more energy, think more clearly, more time for homework, and to ask for help.”*

## **Financial Status**

The annual audit was conducted and AACY remains deficiency free. A full report is available upon request. Ongoing funding both locally and nationally is a concern as obvious public resources, available for adult family caregivers, is not yet available for these hidden children. Two main intertwined goals are to raise awareness and raise funds. The addition of a Development Director in this fiscal year was unproductive with the position in an evaluation process.

To the benefit of AACY, United Way of Palm Beach County, with a focus on education has again awarded AACY funds for the support of the CYP and M.A.C.Y. (Mentor a Caregiving Youth). Additionally, Impact 100 Palm Beach County awarded AACY a \$100,000 grant to expand CYP services, however the use of funds is restricted to the south region of the County.

The expansion model is to continue to expand partnerships with national organizations and affiliate with existing successful non-profits as in a nonprofit franchise model.

There are several initiatives in place to build sustainability:

- 1) Revenue generation through the establishment and development of the Caregiving Youth Institute with the education of professionals and the public. Two Facilitator Manuals, five workbooks and handouts have been produced and are purchase ready.
- 2) The contribution of Dr. Siskowski to the writing, editing and the forward in a book, *I’m a Teen Caregiver. Now What?* that is being published by Rosen Publishing in NY for which AACY will receive royalties.
- 3) Restructuring of information sharing as exemplified by the Great Give event hosted by the Gould family in May has increased the circle of giving along with a significant anonymous donor contribution of \$100,000.
- 4) There is continued pursuit of legislative change including a window into funding for the Caregiving Youth Project through the County.
- 5) Ongoing utilization of GiftWorks software to track and communicate with donors so that the individual donor base continues to increase; quarterly stakeholders’ newsletters are sent.
- 6) Communication of the excellent ROI results of the Caregiving Youth Project’s graduation rate >97.5% which yields a return on investment in terms of social responsibility of >12 times.

AACY has maintained agency management certification through NonProfits First.

In kind contributions continue to be meaningful to AACY. This includes our webmaster who both volunteers his time and talents and has also financially supported the website. Subsequent charts reflect AACY's finances through the 2015-16 fiscal year.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND  
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	Totals	
			2016	2015
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT:</b>				
Grants, Less Allowance for Uncollectible Promises to Give of \$0 and \$0	\$ 120,083	\$ 185,917	\$ 306,000	\$ 470,000
Other Contributions	258,453		258,453	123,223
Fund-raising Events	108,594		108,594	135,348
In-Kind Contributions	141,850		141,850	240,660
Interest Income	20		20	27
Other Income	15,117		15,117	21,414
Grant Revenue Released from Restrictions	95,000	{95,000}		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>739,117</b>	<b>90,917</b>	<b>830,034</b>	<b>990,672</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Program Services	701,575		701,575	829,567
General and Administrative	31,091		31,091	43,635
Fund-raising	30,715		30,715	47,585
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>763,381</b>		<b>763,381</b>	<b>920,787</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(24,264)</b>	<b>90,917</b>	<b>66,653</b>	<b>69,885</b>
Net Assets, beginning	31,097	173,638	204,735	134,850
Prior Period Adjustment				
<b>Net Assets, ending</b>	<b>\$ 6,833</b>	<b>\$ 264,555</b>	<b>\$ 271,388</b>	<b>\$ 204,735</b>

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 152,910	\$ 81,324
Other Receivables	116,250	120,000
Prepaid Insurance	<u>4,064</u>	<u>4,064</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 273,224</u>	<u>\$ 205,388</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 1,836</u>	<u>\$ 653</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,836</u>	<u>653</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	6,833	31,097
Temporarily Restricted	264,555	<u>173,638</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	271,388	204,735
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 273,224</u>	<u>\$ 205,388</u>