

## **Lex-Care, Inc. 2009 Annual Report**

### **Statement of Purpose**

Lex-Care, Inc. functions as a clearinghouse of information and communication between member agencies, organizations and corporations. The intent is to create, provide or enhance services to member agencies, organizations and corporations, in order to provide services to those in need. Lex-Care, Inc. strives to improve the well-being of families and individuals, to focus activities and attention on human service issues, draw awareness to needed community services, cooperative programs, and policy issues. Lex-Care, Inc. also provides support for member agencies, organizations and corporations as they fulfill their roles in our community.

### **Vision Statement**

Lex-Care, Inc. desires to be a stable, prominent presence in the community, responsible for coordinating a comprehensive network of service providers to fulfill unmet needs.

### **Mission Statement**

Lex-Care, Inc. strives to be an organization of service providers dedicated to addressing the unmet needs of the community through emergency funding, in-kind assistance, and education in partnerships with other agencies. Lex-Care, Inc. desires to be a stable, prominent presence in the community responsible for coordinating a comprehensive network of service providers to fulfill unmet needs.

### **Emergency Financial Assistance Fund**

Lex-Care maintains a fund to assist people with financial and material needs when no other source is available to them. The fund is supported by contributions received in response to Lex-Care's Herald Leader column "Make a Difference", grants, and fundraising events, as well as private and business donors. In 2009, the fund provided assistance to 62 cases. There were 240 donations, totaling \$29,279.15. These donations came in response to the "Make A Difference Column", as well as in the form of pledges from the Lex-Care Golf Marathon. Through a grant from the Bluegrass Care Fund, Lex-Care received \$1,600.00 to use toward emergency financial assistance. The *Chang for the Community* fundraiser, through Fayette County Schools, raised \$735.20 for emergency assistance. The cases breakdown into the following categories: car repairs, medical home adaptations, dentures, medical bills, dental work, rent, utilities, and mortgage payments. The amount paid out to meet these needs was \$36,182.00, utilizing surplus donations from 2008, in addition to funds generated in 2009.

If in any given week the fund receives more donations than requested, the surplus is held and used in subsequent weeks when sufficient funds are not raised. We would like to thank all the donors who gave in 2009, as well as the Lexington Herald-Leader for running the column, and our volunteer, Judy Forbush, who writes the column.

### **The Diaper Fund**

Lex-Care purchases disposable diapers in bulk and distributes them to families needing an emergency supply of diapers at the following locations: Cardinal Valley Center, Gainesway Empowerment Center, and the Salvation Army. At these locations, diapers are distributed by volunteers. In 2009, the Diaper Fund gave out a total of 7,671 diapers to 292 families serving 371 clients.

### **Lex-Care Rides**

Lex-Care Rides program provides transportation assistance to persons needing a ride for legitimate, necessary reasons when no other means are available to them. Bus or Taxi transportation is provided up to \$50/year for those who are in need. The assistance is given out by volunteers at the following places Goodwill Industries, Harrison Family Resource Center, the Manchester Center, and the American Red Cross. In 2009, 63 bus passes were distributed to clients in need.

### **You Can Make a Difference Award**

Lex-Care presented the Make a Difference Award to Susan Reese. Susan was instrumental in moving Lex-Care, Inc forward in their presence in the community, developing partnership with agencies and serving individuals in need. Her dedication and partnership is truly valued and appreciated.

### **2009 Board Members:**

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| Amy Wills, Chair              | (2009) Central Baptist Home Health  |
| Julia Kluesner, Vice Chair    | (2010) Hospice Of the Bluegrass   |
| Gwen Osborne, Secretary       | (2010) Cardinal Hill Hospital   |
| Danielle Gilchrist, Treasurer | (2009) Manchester Center  |
| Ed Allen                      | (2011) Shiloh Baptist Church  |
| Cheryl Barnes                 | (2011) Hospice Of the Bluegrass   |
| Gabriel Brown                 | (2010) Jessie Clark Youth Services Center                                   |
| Chad Butcher                  | (2010) S. Chad Butcher, Esq. Attorney                                       |
| Raine Clark                   | (2011) Dixie Magnet Elementary School Family Resource Center<br>Coordinator |
| Jennifer Gatz                 | (2009) University of Kentucky   |
| Melissa King                  | (2009) Salvation Army   |
| Susan Reese                   | (2008) United Way   |
| Peggy Shugars                 | (2011) God's Pantry   |
| David Smyth                   | (2010) Family Financial Partners  |
| Susan Temmermand              | (2010) Red Cross  |
| Tonia Wells                   | (2009) Department of Aging and Independent Living Program                   |