

FY2008 Results:



Ruth & Jaron first met at a MARE adoption party in 2006. They were excited to learn that they share the same birthday, and a love of animals. Jaron and Ruth became an official family on National Adoption Day on the Friday before Thanksgiving, 2007. Jaron was one of 235 children adopted out of Massachusetts foster care that day.

The Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) is a private, non-profit agency founded in 1957 to find “a permanent place to call HOME” for CHILDREN in state foster care in need of adoption. The children we serve are those deemed “harder to place,” typically older, school age, those in sibling groups, children of color, and those with physical, emotional and/or intellectual difficulties. So far, MARE has helped more than 5,200 children leave temporary foster care for adoptive families.

160 Children Placed with adoptive families, thanks to MARE’s range of services for social workers, waiting children, and prospective adoptive families.

WHO ARE THE CHILDREN MARE HELPED PLACE IN FY 2008?

Average age of child at time of placement: **7.9 Years Old**

Children placed with adoptive families in FY2008 ranged from 7-months-old to 19-years-old at time of placement.

Average time registered with MARE before Placement: 1.4 Years, down from 1.6 years waiting in FY2007. Children can be in temporary foster care for years, hoping for reunification with the birth family before it becomes clear that adoption is their best hope for a stable home.

Gender of Children Placed: **82 girls; 78 boys**

While the children placed in FY2008 are evenly divided by gender, roughly 60% of the children still awaiting adoption are boys.

Race/Ethnicity: **87 Caucasian; 73 Children of Color**

Children placed with adoptive families in FY2008 represent 11 different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

HOW DID MARE ASSIST IN THESE PLACEMENTS IN FY 2008?

MARE raises awareness of the need for adoptive families statewide through media campaigns (including *Wednesday’s Child* on WBZ TV4, and features in 30 different newspapers), through our website, the traveling Heart Gallery portrait exhibit, our Photolisting Book of children awaiting adoption, and publicity surrounding informational events and adoption parties. These public awareness campaigns are designed to recruit potential adoptive parents.

Inquiries - 15,347 Potential adoptive parents contacted MARE via phone and web for private counseling about the adoption process, specific waiting children, and guidance on taking the next steps towards adoption. Inquiries increased 11% over FY2007.

Recruitment Events - 12 MARE organized and/or participated in a dozen events, from Information Sessions, workshops & Matching Nights, to Adoption Parties. Some intimate events drew fewer than 20 participants while others saw hundreds attend. These events accounted for 26% of the year’s placements.

Registrations of New Children - 355

355 new children in need of adoption were added to MARE's caseload on behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families (DCF). These are in addition to children already on our caseload who are still waiting for adoption. FY2008 saw a 52% increase in child registrations.

Matching Children with Families - 12% of placements in FY2008 were the result of MARE's Matching Services. MARE staff compare the needs and traits of waiting children with those of registered families to recommend possible matches. MARE also provides Online Matching to connect children with potential parents with matching criteria. We then suggest these potential matches to the families and social workers so they can follow up with each other as appropriate.

MARE continues to innovate and expand ways to help all waiting children find their permanent, loving "place to call home."

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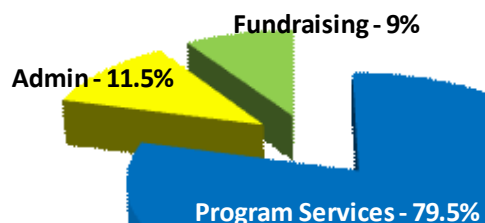
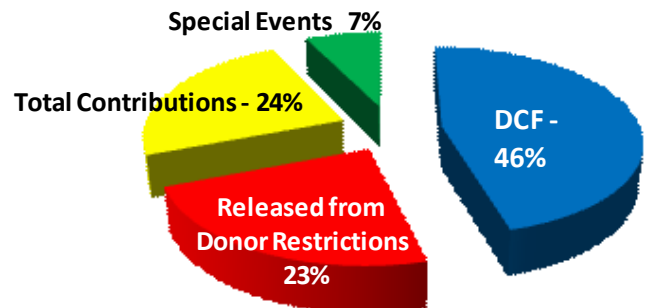
Financial Statement - FY 2008 (7/1/07 - 6/30/08)

Public Support and Revenue	FY 2008
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Children & Families (DCF)	\$520,000
Total Contributions & Grants	531,664
Special Events	77,354
Miscellaneous income	5,091
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$1,134,108
Expenses	
Program services	\$947,159
General and administrative	137,741
Fundraising	111,350
Total Expenses	\$1,196,250
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	-62,142
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	82,070
Change in Net Assets	\$19,928

This statement represents selected financial data. Complete copies of audited financial statements may be obtained. MARE is audited by Joseph P. Costello, CPA, Braintree, MA and is funded in part by the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families.

MARE received \$136,825 from our Vehicle Donation Program, almost 26% of Total Contributions & Grants. Thank you to **Route 128 Used Auto Parts & Sales** for their support. Call 866-962-3678 for more information.

FY 2008 Revenue



FY 2008 Expenses

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