Letter from Board President John Hunt

Parkview Services had another busy year as we continued to expand our services in our Affordable Housing program, Camp Parkview, and our Stepping Out for Fun program. We also added a new program on homeownership. What a long way since 1967 when the founders: Norman and Stella Chivers, started Parkview in one house on Capitol Hill helping 5 people. Now we provide services to over 400 clients.

Some of the highlights for Parkview in looking back on 2003:

- Parkview started a Homeownership program for individuals with a development disability and families that have a son or daughter living at home who have a developmental disability. In August and September we had three informational meetings where over 70 people attended.
- The Affordable Housing program was funded to secure our 40th year with the support of the State Housing Trust Fund’s Developmental Disabilities Self-Aid and the City of Baltimore.
- Camp Parkview hosted the Burton Conference Center on Viocon Island, had over 200 attendees attend a spring and fall retreat. The summer session, celebrating its 23rd consecutive year, was filled to capacity again with 42 campers.
- The Stepping Out for Fun program continued to10 20 volunteers with skills 12 and living with their parents, to go out and have fun.
- Parkview’s 17th Annual Golfer’s Auction held at the Sand Point Country Club had nice weather again for the players and full house for the dinner and auction. Margaret Lee Thompson was honored for the great work she has done with the King County Thrift Coalition and her legislative advocacy. Steve Hardy and Todd Smithy, two people with his humor and bidding generously with his auctioning skills.
- Bill and Kathy Geller were generously donated their home where their daughter and her family rented it. This is a gift for people with disabilities.
- Our Holiday party was rocking this year to the great sounds of the Brian Blanks Band at the Baltimore Community Center.

We want to thank all the individuals, families, organizations, corporations, volunteers and friends who have helped make a difference in 2004.

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Program Services

- **Parkview Group Home**: Parkview Group Home, located up on Capitol Hill, was started by Norman and Stella Chivers in 1967. At the state’s first group home, the Chivers envisioned that this home would provide an opportunity for families to have a community alternative to institutionalization for their son or daughter. Today, over 30 years later, six adults with a developmental disability live there and go about their daily lives much the same as anyone else: working, playing, and enjoying friends and family. The program receives most of its funding from the State Division of Developmental Disabilities. Parkview and private contributors provide additional support.

- **Affordable Housing Program**: Parkview’s Affordable Housing Program has 48 homes located throughout King County and supports more than 150 people with developmental disabilities. With the rising cost of housing in King County and most tenancies living on SSI’s $750/month, Parkview is able to offer safe, affordable and acceptable housing. Tenants pay 30% of their income towards rent and that includes utilities. The average rent in the program is $510/month. All the homes are developed to meet the unique needs of the people moving into them. Homes have features such as wheelchair ramps, roll-in showers, fire-repelling sprinkler systems, wider doors, and a fire alarm system that is housed directly into the fire department. Assistance with the day to day operating expenses comes from the State Division of Developmental Disabilities, the City of Seattle, the State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development; and the Housing Authorities of Seattle, King County, and Renton. Funding to acquire and remodel the homes comes mostly from public funds.

- **Stepping Out For Fun**: Stepping Out for Fun matches volunteers with people with developmental disabilities still living at home with their families, to go out and have fun around Seattle. One goal of the program is that volunteers will outgrow their volunteerism and develop long-term friendships with the people they are matched with. Currently over 30 people are matched through the program, some for more than 3 years. Support for this program comes from a grant from the King County Developmental Disabilities Division, Parkview, and from private contributions.

- **Camp Parkview**: Camp Parkview offers a spring and fall retreat and a summer camping session held on beautiful Viocon Island. We celebrated our 23rd year this summer. Over 200 people attended our spring and fall retreats, and the summer session was full to capacity with 42 campers. Camp is all about having fun. Campers hike, swim, horseback ride, dance to live music, and participate in a variety of fun activities, topped off by a camp-wide talent show. Camp Parkview is supported by an all-volunteer counselor staff including the two Directors, John Holliday and Nancy Trelleth. Funding for Camp Parkview comes from camper tuition and the very generous support of contributions at Parkview’s Annual Golf Tournament/Auction. Over 25% of the campers receive a scholarship to attend. All of the 250 plus campers are charged a reduced fee.

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Our Mission

The mission of Parkview Services is to provide innovative, quality services to people with developmental disabilities and their families by dedicated individuals in a financially sound organization.