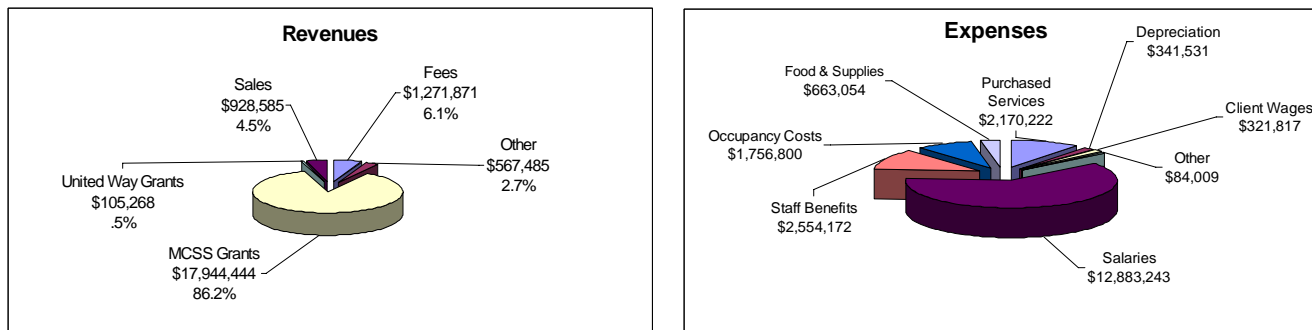


# 2008-2009 Annual Report

This report is a condensed summary that will be expanded upon at the AGM on September 16<sup>th</sup>. As in prior years, this package has been kept to a minimum to reduce expenditures, while providing a quick synopsis of the year as reference for members.

The full Audited Financial Statement for the year is available for any member who wishes to receive it. Please contact Natalie Deschamps at either: 613.569.8993 ext 225 or [ndeschamps@ocapdd.on.ca](mailto:ndeschamps@ocapdd.on.ca) to request a copy. The Association ended the year with a small operating surplus of \$42,000. OCAPDD's annual operating budget is \$20.7 million, which represents a 0.2% variance for the year. A summary of the revenues and expenditures for the year is provided in the pie charts below.



On a provincial level, there were two significant events for the Sector. The first was the closure of the three remaining institutional facilities on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The second was the Government's tabling and then passing of Bill 77 – the '*Services and Supports to promote the Social Inclusion of persons with Developmental Disabilities Act*'. While this Act has yet to be proclaimed, it does outline a direction for the Sector that will result in significant change. It is anticipated that the Act will be proclaimed in the winter or spring of 2010, after the Government completes two further rounds of public consultations on the draft Regulations associated with it.

As also reported on previously, the Increased Community Capacity Initiative was imposed on the Sector by the Government just prior to Christmas. This initiative was designed to provide services for over 600 people on waiting lists across the province, but with no additional funding being provided. Plans developed within each community across the province are now in the process of being implemented.

OCAPDD's involvement with Open Hands in Cornwall has continued and progressed. The approval for the amalgamation of the two organizations was given by both Boards of Directors in March. The final, legal approval from the Public Guardian & Trustee's Office is the next and final step in this process.

Entering into the new fiscal year, the Government did honour its previously announced funding increase for the Sector. These funds are directed towards wage increases, along with assisting with base budget operating pressures.

We would like to congratulate Laura Holton and Rebecca McLaughlin, who were the recipients of this year's Silver Spring Farm Scholarship Award. We would also like to again congratulate George Braithwaite on being awarded The Annie Oliver Award at the 2008 OASIS Conference.

As in previous years, a sincere expression of gratitude must be given to all of the employees and volunteers within OCAPDD. Their professional dedication to and compassionate support of our clients has been tremendous. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Management Team, thank you.

Stephen Arbuckle  
President

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