

**WE THINK**  
**DREAM**  
**BELIEVE**

**BIG!**

**MINNESOTA LIFE COLLEGE**

ANNUAL REPORT • JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009



# BIG DREAMS!



The past year may have been a challenge for many, but I am proud to say that Minnesota Life College weathered the storm and laid the foundation for our future. Our Annual Report gives me a chance to reflect on the past year and share with our friends the successes that have happened.

We were thrilled to work with the Board of Directors and align our vision, mission and values to better reflect who we are and what we do. It has created a clear path for our future and is a guiding tool as we plan our growth. The Board has determined that the program needs to grow and expand, and that provides an exciting opportunity to create our vision.

We are mission driven, and transforming lives for young adults with learning disabilities and autism spectrum disorders is something we take very seriously. It is our goal that every young adult will graduate with the skills necessary to live independently, be employed with meaningful work, and to be able to live and participate in the community. This year we had nine young adults enter the “Real World” after graduation, and all are living independently.

We have grown in our relationships within the business community as we spend time with our employers and volunteer worksites, sharing the need for training and understanding of simple accommodations that can help the rising number of young people with autism spectrum disorders and soon-to-be young adults entering the workforce. The latest statistic, that the 1 in 91 children, age five, that have been diagnosed with autism, suggests a much more proactive approach is needed to employ these individuals.

This past year we reached out and partnered with the University of St. Thomas to sponsor an Interagency Discussion: “Making Services Count for Young Adults ages 18-30 with Mild to Moderate Disabilities”. Our keynote speaker was Brenda Smith Myles, nationally known for her work in Autism. She presented “The Hidden Curriculum” to over 70 participants representing agencies throughout the state. This was an opportunity to listen to the needs of agencies and identify the gaps in services that are not yet available for this population. A smaller subset of the group met this past spring to further define gaps and discuss what action we could take to move closer to addressing those gaps.

We partnered with seven other agencies to bring in three guest speakers for our John Lighty Lecture Series to help the community better understand the needs of young adults with learning disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

Our National Advisory Board has grown to 13 professionals that are experts in their fields and come from all across the United States. They have been instrumental in helping us plan and develop our program, in addition to sharing current research with our staff.

This would not have happened without the support we receive from our students, parents, staff, friends, professionals, our business partners and other supporting organizations that have helped shape our path. It takes a lot of dedicated people to make changes in the world. It is with a grateful heart that we say thank you to our donors and friends that have made a difference in the lives of our students.

*Kathryn Thomas*

*Kathryn Thomas, M.Ed.*

*Executive Director*





# HATLEN LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

**Lifetime Giving**  
through June 30, 2009

The Hatlen Leadership Circle is named to honor our founders, Roe and Beverly Hatlen. It was Mrs. Hatlen who had the courage to dream big, and the passion to make her dream come true and establish a place where “young adults with learning disabilities will have a place to go, to be accepted and to grow and mature, just as our other children have when they go off to college”. This donor program recognizes the leadership and philanthropic support of individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their outstanding commitment to the program through private gift support.

**Real Skills for Real Life™**  
**\$1,000,000 and above**

Hatlen Foundation \*\*\*

**Achieving Personal Success**  
**\$500,000 - \$999,999**

Buffets, Inc. \*

**Strength and Determine**  
**\$250,000 - \$499,999**

Coca-Cola Company

**Partnership for Independence**  
**\$100,000 - \$249,999**

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Jerry Foss Family \*

The Lighty Family

US Food Service, Inc.

United Way

**Transforming Lives**  
**\$50,000 - \$99,999**

Geoff Barnard and Diane Vosick \*

Family of Cory Barnes \*

The Rich Family Foundation

Sara Lee Coffee and Tea Foodservice

Howard and Marlies Terpning \*\*

**Learning by Doing**  
**\$25,000 - \$49,999**

Jerry and Judy Alyea

Dale E. and Jolita D. Benson

Deloitte & Touche, LLP

Anonymous

Paul and Julie Gulstrand

Charles and Mary Jungmann

Otto Bremer Foundation

Sealord North America, Inc.



\*Five years or more of consecutive giving

\*\*Ten years or more of consecutive giving

\*\*\*Fifteen years or more of consecutive giving



# BIG GIVERS!

INTEGRITY  
PARTNERSHIPS  
TEAM WORK  
FUN  
COMMUNITY  
EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING

## Value: INTEGRITY

We strive to practice the highest ethical, financial and morals standards in our work. We honor our commitments, take personal responsibility for our actions and treat everyone with trust and respect.

### Integrity Advocate \$15,000 - \$24,999

Athwin Foundation  
BBDO Minneapolis  
Deloitte & Touche, LLP \*  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
Faegre & Benson  
Jim and Mary Frey  
Principal Financial Group  
Sara Lee Corporation  
Tyson Foods, Inc.  
Anonymous

## Value: PARTNERSHIPS

We collaborate with educational, vocational, business and non-profit partners to further our students' success and independence. We use current research and professional practices in all our work.

### Partnership Advocate \$10,000 - \$14,999

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Dave and Jodi Dent \*  
ECOLAB  
John Gaughy  
Jeffrey and Judy Gauvin  
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Company  
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McDowell Foundation  
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Royal Cup Dine Mor  
Settlers West Book & Print Gallery \*  
Shapco Printing, Inc.  
Signature Meats  
WCA Foundation - Pillsbury

**Gala 2009 provided 44% of MLC Students with some form of a scholarship.**

*"I came to a fundraiser in April, but what I found was a hard-working community that believes in and celebrates my son and his peers. Raising funds is essential, and MLC cannot manage without it; but we cannot manage without hope either. Hope requires a credible vision of the future. I came away from the Gala with a vision that will renew me when I become tired, frustrated or pessimistic—four hundred people clapping and smiling as two dozen cowgirls and cowboys ambled, marched, strutted, and bounced into a banquet hall where their video images were flashed from one corner of the room to the next."*



—Christine Monzingo, MLC Parent

**72 professionals came together to discuss making services count for young adults ages 18-30 with mild to moderate disabilities. They represented 15 agencies, 42 schools, 5 health-care agencies, and 10 parents and volunteers.**

*The goals of the Interagency Discussion that took place in November, 2008 were to get individual agencies together to identify three areas; services currently available, where the gaps in service provisions are and identify future needs/emerging trends in the area of service provision for adults ages 18-30 with mild-to-moderate disabilities.*

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through June 30, 2009

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\*\* Ten years or more of consecutive giving

\*\*\* Fifteen years or more of consecutive giving

**MLC employee survey results demonstrate their passion and commitment to the program: 96% of staff say that they know the MLC's mission (what we are trying to accomplish); 95% of staff feel their work contributes to the overall success of the organization; 93% of staff feel a sense of personal responsibility for our organization's future success.**

## Value: TEAM WORK

We encourage an innovative and supportive workplace, where our professional staff participates in making decisions that advance their work, our mission and our students' achievements.

### Team Work Advocate \$5,000 - \$9,999

Mike and Leigh Andrews  
Baker & Baker  
Bioscrip \*  
Bix Produce Company  
Michael Bono and Katherine Constantine  
Bremer Bank  
John and Patti Chadwick  
Kay Constantine  
John and Sally Cuningham  
Eichenauer Services, Inc.  
Robert Ferris  
June and Julian Foss Foundation  
Dr. Robert and Tracy Hibbard  
Frances Holden  
The James Schainuck Philanthropic Fund  
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Koch Logistics  
Robert and Marjorie Layfield  
Fred Little and Betsy Shober  
Lutheran Community Foundation  
McCormick & Company, Inc.  
Minneapolis Foundation McFarland  
Family Scholarship  
Christopher and Suzanne Mueller  
James D. and Beatrice L. Oberg \*  
Opus Northwest, LLC  
Glen Person  
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Conrad L. and Constance R. Prell  
Private Bank Minnesota  
John and Jean Pupkes  
James J. and Ann Ryan  
SUPERVALU Foundation \*  
Sam's Club Foundation  
Mari Scotch  
Sears Imported Autos  
Kirk Sorensen and Peggy Herum  
Douglas A. and Wendy L. Steele \*  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Jim and Laurie Tonyan  
Robert and Ardelle Torkelson \*



## Value: FUN

We foster creative, positive interactions among students and staff to establish mutual respect and caring and help our students develop important emotional, social and cognitive skills.

### Fun Advocate \$1,000 - \$4,999

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Ameriprise Financial  
Employee Giving Campaign  
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Azar Nut Company  
Best Buy - INCLUDE GROUP  
Boarman, Kroos, Vogel & Associates  
Richard and Antonia Boelter  
Dr. David and Gretchen Bonham  
Jean Borgerding  
Greg and Leota Brucker

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Dain Rauscher  
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Richard and C. Marie Dethmers  
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Tim Dillenberger and Lisa Sinclair  
Troy Dunlap and Elizabeth Ezell  
Edina Rotary Club Foundation  
Russell and Doris Ehnert  
Gordon and Marilyn Eid  
Entegris Matching Gift Program  
David and Janet Ericksmoen  
Michael Erickson and Joday Anderson  
Ron and Linda Erickson  
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First Capital Corporation (Northstar Partners)  
Fishery Products International  
Steven and Jeanette Frederickson  
Bruce Frykholm  
GMAC  
Eugene and Elizabeth Gallo  
Gary Gandrud  
Rosemary Geist  
Georgia Pacific Corporation  
Daniel and Karen Goedken  
David Goronkin  
Paul Grangaard  
R. Hunt Greene  
Greenheck Fan Corporation  
Clark and Sima Griffith  
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Kai Gudmestad and Amy Steele Gudmestad \*  
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Mary Ellen Hafford  
Dean and Lynda Hanson  
Steve Hargarten and Janis Cohn  
Hearth and Home Technologies  
Allan and Bonnie Hickok

**"I pushed myself to do things I didn't think I could do."**

— Cammy Hibbard, MLC Junior

*"In 2009 the students at MLC experienced two amazing adventures: spring break in the 10,000 Islands and the month of June touring the southwest of New Mexico. Each experience focused on the development of teamwork and team building, understanding the value of exploration, traveling within a group, leadership skill development, and canoeing, rafting and camping skills."*

— Rich Youngberg, MLC's Campus and Community Life Coordinator

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Community Service Foundation  
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Robert and Amy Owen  
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Douglas and Loretta Patterson  
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Perkins Foundation  
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Pillsbury Company  
Addison Piper  
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Qwest Foundation  
Rabbit Creek Interiors, LLC  
Ralston Foods  
Randell Manufacturing, Inc./A Dover Company  
Kathryn Raymor  
Raymond Reese  
Remelle Engineering  
Kent Rhein  
Richfield/Bloomington Credit Union  
Royal Cup Coffee  
Jay and Leslie Rusek  
Jim Schagh and Nancy Kipp  
Edward and Judy Schuck  
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Ray Seeger and Nancy Lavander Seeger  
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Mary Bean  
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Mike and Jane Binzak  
Richard and Shannon Bonness  
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Eugene and Jean Burns  
C.H. Guenther & Son, Inc.  
Jeffrey Carroll  
Danny Carter  
Jerry and Sarah Caruso  
Brandon Cedarleaf  
Jack and Elizabeth Cedarleaf  
Jack and Kathy Cedarleaf  
Bill Cherry and Katrina Rogers  
Patrick and Lesley Chester  
Anne-Marie Cookson  
Jim and Corrine Cramer  
Larry and Kristine Criss  
Jerry and Sue Currie  
Phillip and Joan Currie  
Randall and Corrine Curtis  
Troy Dahl  
Peter Dahlen and Mary Carlsen  
Dakota Growers  
Stephen Dalsin  
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Don Davidson  
Diane Davis  
Doug & Martha Miller Foundation  
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Fern Gudmestad  
Kim and Kay Gudmestad \*  
H. C. Duke & Son, Inc.  
Bambi Hanson  
Michael and Susan Harper  
Erik Hatlen

## Value: COMMUNITY

Our students grow in self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem in our college-like atmosphere. We foster physical, social and emotional wellness in a compassionate, nurturing and respectful environment.

### Community Advocate \$250 - \$999

Advanced Beverage Solutions  
Jan Andersen  
Bill and Julie Anderson

## 89% of the graduates in the Class of 2009 became members of the Graduate Living Community, which is a 75% increase in overall GLC membership.

The Graduate Living Community promotes our graduates continued growth toward their lifetime goals of maintaining independence and continually learning new ways to make accommodations for their learning disability in order to lead fulfilling lives.

*“The GLC is the most important aspect of MLC. It provides the members the opportunity to explore, perfect and fully utilize the skills they learned as students in a safe caring environment.”*

— Parent of a GLC Member



H. B. “Bud” and Carol Hayden  
James and Kristina Heer  
Hobart & ITW Food Equipment  
Hollander Company  
Roger and Ricka Holmgren  
Jim and Kathryn House  
James Howe  
Ben and Kim Howland  
Huber Financial Advisor, Inc.  
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Karen Janssen  
Alda Jensen  
The Jesuit Partnership  
Mark and Jennifer Johnson  
Robert and Mary Lou Johnson  
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Joseph and Vera Zilber Family Foundation, Inc.  
Jim and Martha Justus  
K.I.S.S. Art Productions  
David and Nancy Kath  
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Terrence Kingston  
Stephen and Cynthia Kinney  
Sue Kirchhoff  
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Dennis and Bonnie Knudson  
Judy Koehn  
Henry and Anita Krier  
Gene and Jan Kruchoski  
Michael and Kathleen Kukielka  
LTS Print Systems  
Alex Lager  
Gregory Lais  
John and Jennifer Lammert  
Jodi Lang  
Bob and Ann Larson  
Jane Larson  
Kristi LeBlanc  
Thomas and Barbara Lee  
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John and Nancy Lindahl  
Linwill Advisory Services, LLC  
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Kathy Mendenhall  
Robert and Barbara Miles  
Terry and Beth Millard  
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Andrea L. Myers  
Faye Nelson  
Douglas and Elizabeth Neuharth  
Noodles & Company  
Ruby Oberg  
Peter and Judy Obermeyer  
Andrea Oman and Pat Billig  
David and Lora Opsahl  
Wally and Carole Ostlie  
Roger and Kathleen Oxford  
Cheryl Pagel  
Geoff Paine and Elizabeth Kessler  
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Judy Schaefer  
George E. and Joycelyn Schaffhausen  
Thomas and Cheryl Schneller  
Christian and Mary Schrock  
Steve and Penny Schumacher  
Newell Searle and Susan Stavig  
Thomas and Julie Sherman  
Greg and Gale Shuster  
Sieben Grose Von Holtum & Carey  
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Michael and MariAnne Simons  
Singleton Fisheries  
Jane Sorenson  
Thomas and Ronda Staloch  
Jane Stamstad  
Mary Stanley  
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Gail Steel  
Ann C. Stephens  
Karen Sternal  
Robert Stewart  
Gordon F. Stofer  
Jonathan and Patricia Storhoff  
Sugar Foods Corporation  
Beryl Jean Symmes  
Steve and Susan Thinnies  
Kay A. Thomas  
Mark and Marjore Thompson  
Gregory and Gretchen Tieder  
Chris and Kelly Tomas  
Tone’s Spices  
Kearney and Janis Triplett  
Deborah Tucker  
U.S. Bancorp Foundation  
U.S. Bank  
Mark and Kelly Ulrick  
James and Gay Van Pelt  
Cheryl Vogel  
Voss Lighting  
Ruth Wagoner  
Marilyn Weisberg  
Brad and Wendy Whitmore  
Reeve Williams and K. Sandra Anderson  
Zema Foods  
Julie Zimmerman  
Dwight and Lee Zulauf \*

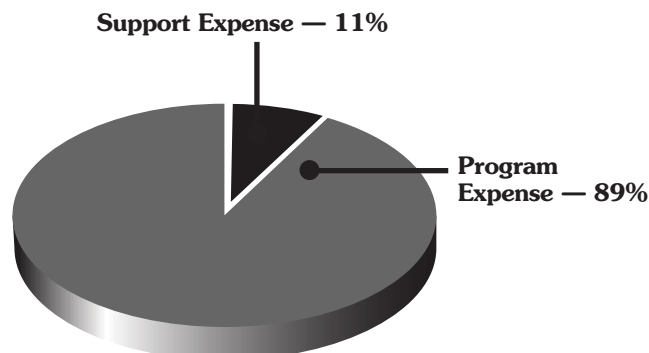
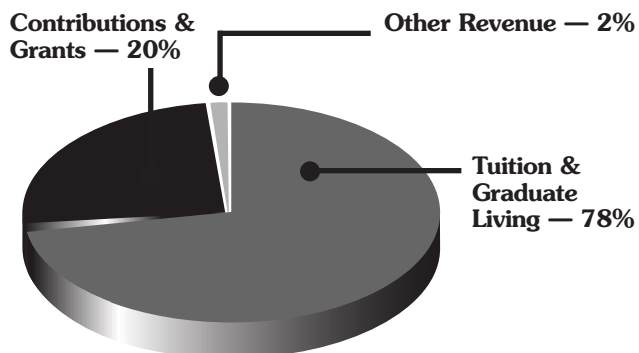
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## Statement of Activities / July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Revenue and Support</b>			
Contributions and Grants	\$ 128,883	\$ 0	\$ 128,883
Gala (net)	189,200		189,200
Tuition and Fees	1,312,668		1,312,668
Interest Income	12,264		12,264
In-Kind Donations	17,125		17,125
Miscellaneous Income	8,197		8,197
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	7,013	(7,013)	0
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$ 1,675,350</b>	<b>\$ (7,013)</b>	<b>\$ 1,668,337</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program	\$ 1,373,790		\$ 1,373,790
Support/Fundraising	177,169		177,169
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,550,959</b>		<b>\$ 1,550,959</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 124,391</b>	<b>\$ (7,013)</b>	<b>\$ 117,378</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Beginning of Year	\$ 764,615	\$ 12,013	\$ 776,628
End of Year	\$ 889,006	\$ 5,000	\$ 894,006



## National Advisory Board

Minnesota Life College is pleased to announce the formation of a National Advisory Board. The Board is comprised of experts in the fields of learning disabilities, vocational/employment skills and program evaluation and research. Members come from all parts of the country; they have visited the campus, understand the program and believe that what we are doing at Minnesota Life College is making a difference for the future of the learning disability population. Our Board consists of the following members:



## Administrative Staff

Erin Boe, *Executive Assistant*  
Marty Danielson, *Marketing Assistant*  
Troy Dunlap, *Director of Finance*  
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and Human Resources*  
Kathryn Thomas, M.Ed.,  
*Executive Director*

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Trisha Lee  
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Jason Smith  
Natalie Vue

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*Gala Consultant*  
Marcia Lowell, *Registered Nurse*

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Jerry Foss  
Steven Frederickson  
Paul Gulstrand  
Beverly Hatlen, *Founder of MLC*  
Jim House, *Secretary*  
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Phil M. Lighty  
Ann Ryan, PhD  
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Newell Searle  
Jeff Thayer

# BIG THINKERS!



## Business Advisory Board

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Jodi Julseth  
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Jeff Thayer

## Worksite Partners

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Minnesota Masonic Homes  
Chelsea's Café

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John Belew, M.S., R.N., C.D.D.N., *Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, Minnesota*  
Lynn Stansberry-Brusnahan, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor, Autism, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota*  
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