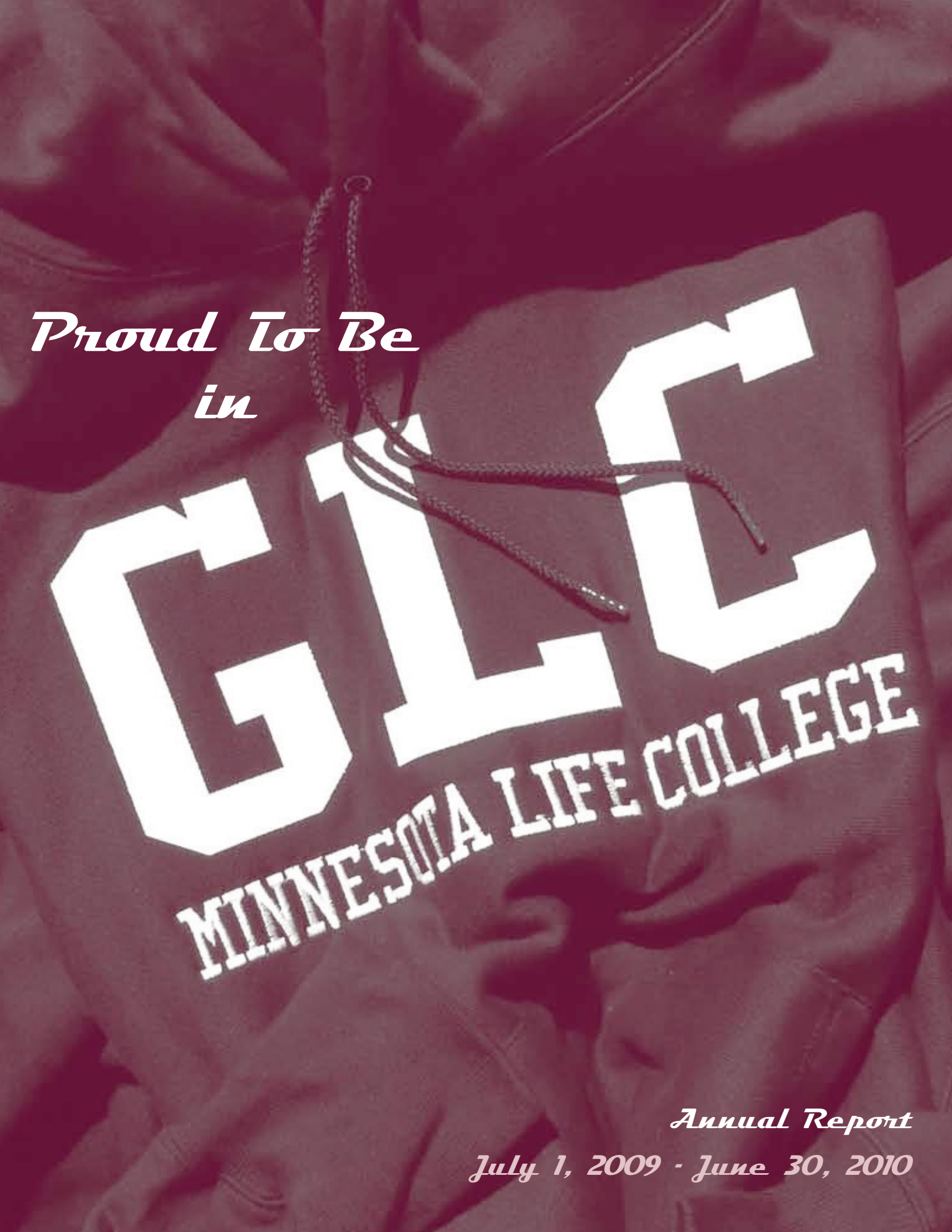

Proud To Be in

Annual Report

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Proud To Be.....

It is with great pride that I reflect on the past school year here at Minnesota Life College. What a successful year for our program!

This past year we have seen tremendous growth in our Graduate Living Community. It has become a lifelong program that enables participants to access services when and if they are needed. The number of participants now surpasses the Undergraduate Program and will continue to grow. The entire graduating class of 2010 moved into the Graduate Living Community where they live independently, pursue meaningful employment, and live and participate in their community. We are celebrating the success of the Graduate Living Community by showcasing the program and the students in this Annual Report.

It was our donors who made last year's Gala the most successful one yet, surpassing our goals and bringing in over $250,000 for scholarships and programs. It's through the support of our donors that half of our students are able to receive financial assistance to attend our program. It is only with this dedication from our donors that we are able to achieve our mission of providing young adults with learning differences and autism spectrum disorders the opportunity to learn "Real Skills for Real Life®".

Another highlight of the year was the approval for Minnesota Life College to become a SEVIS-certified institution, which allows us to admit international students into the program. We know this will help in our growth, as well as receiving international recognition.

It has truly been a remarkable year here at MLC! Every day, we are working hard to fulfill our mission. It is with a humble heart that I say, "thank you" to each and every person who has given their time, talents, and resources. We couldn't have done it without your support.

Thank you for being a part of this community, and sharing in our belief that every young adult with learning differences deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Kathryn Thomas

Kathryn Thomas, M.Ed.
Executive Director

How did the Graduate Living Community begin? It grew out of a need.

The MLC Graduate Living Community (GLC) grew from the requests of graduates who already lived independently in the Twin Cities, but wanted additional support.

MLC graduates and parents recognized that learning differences wouldn't disappear after graduation. Although the families of MLC graduates wanted their young adults to maintain their independence, they also wanted the peace of mind that someone would be available when a problem arose.

Our Graduate Living Community was designed to enable MLC graduates to experience ***Independence in Action,*** yet be within arms-length of support. This has allowed MLC graduates to be independent, but to maintain their independence with support in key areas such as social networking, career management, and enhancement, health, and wellness.

Graduates and families say that by having these supports in place, GLC encourages and helps graduates maintain a healthy lifestyle and continual growth.

History of MLC's Graduate Living Community

MLC's Graduate Living Community began on *September 1, 1999*, originally called "Outreach Services." The premise of the program was to provide a "safety net" for graduates of MLC, utilizing a spend-down account to offer services in priority areas on an as-needed basis.

In *July of 2004*, our services became more formalized and as a result, the Graduate Living Program was developed. The program was developed

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The Hatlen Leadership Circle

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. It was Roe and Beverly Hatlen who had the courage to dream big, and the passion to make their dream come true and establish a place where "young adults with learning differences 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".

GLC Pride from

Geoff Barnard (GLC parent)

Hello! I'm Geoff Barnard and my son John graduated from MLC in 2006. When he graduated from high school, we didn't quite know what would come next. We felt like we had done all we could for John, and for him to reach the next level would take something outside of our own family system. MLC turned out to be that "something". There were many things that we were not sure John would be able to do on his own. But he surprised us by becoming proficient at riding public transportation, managing his own bank account, cooking his own meals, but most important of all - he made friends! It seemed only natural that John would join the GLC when he finished MLC. It's where all his friends and support systems are. He wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I think one GLC moment that has made us most proud was seeing John up on stage performing and singing with "Count It All Joy". Hearing him and his friends belt out all those songs was truly wonderful, joyful, and inspiring! In the coming years we expect to see John still enjoying GLC and all it's activities, and hopefully he will have found a job that he really enjoys.

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

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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.

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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.

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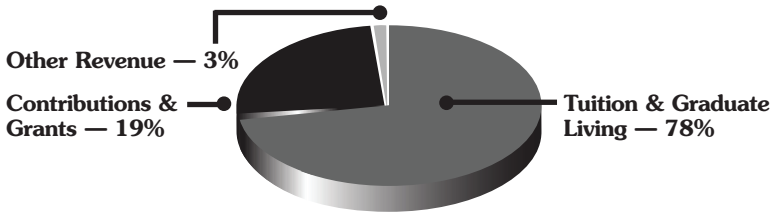
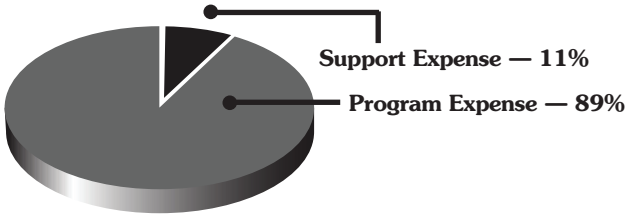
Statement of Activities / July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue and Support			
Contributions and Grants	$ 156,138	$ 75,000	$ 231,138
Gala (net)	188,871	30,000	218,871
Tuition and Fees	1,345,331		1,345,331
Interest Income	5,907		5,907
In-Kind Donations	26,087		26,087
Miscellaneous Income	12,687		12,687
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	5,000	(5,000)	0
Total Revenue and Support	$ 1,740,021	$ (100,000)	$ 1,840,021
Expenses			
Program	$ 1,503,649		$ 1,503,649
Support/Fundraising	184,888		184,888
Total Expenses	$ 1,688,537		$ 1,688,537
Change in Net Assets	$ 51,484	$ 100,000	$ 151,484
Net Assets			
Beginning of Year	$ 889,006	$ 5,000	$ 894,006
End of Year	$ 940,490	$ 105,000	$ 1,045,490





Minnesota Life College - Balance Sheet

	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 839,836	$ 858,260
Certificates of deposit	59,116	25,371
Accounts and grants receivable	106,809	43,443
Prepaid expenses	33,291	30,268
Security deposits	4,950	4,950
Total current assets	**1,044,002**	**962,292**
Grants receivable, long term	**50,000**	**-**
Property and equipment, net	**55,844**	**28,780**
Total assets	**$ 1,149,846**	**$ 991,072**
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 20,974	$ 15,136
Prepaid tuition and fees	43,080	37,926
Accrued payroll	30,302	28,681
Student security deposits	10,000	15,323
Total current liabilities	**104,356**	**97,066**
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets		
Undesignated	645,613	568,129
Designated	294,877	320,877
Total unrestricted net assets	940,490	889,006
Temporarily restricted net assets	105,000	5,000
Total net assets	**1,045,490**	**894,006**
Total liabilities and net assets	**$ 1,149,846**	**$ 991,072**

Value: Experiential Learning

Our students learn by doing. Our motto "Real Skills for Real Life®", embodies our commitment to enhancing student achievement and success through hands on learning.

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July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

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GLC *Pride from*

Patrick Tullo, Jr.

Hi! I am Patrick Tullo and I graduated from Minnesota Life College in 2002. While I was there I think that my greatest accomplishment was my ability to learn how to open myself up more to others and build more friendships. I joined the Graduate Living Community when it first began in 2004. I believe that living in the Colony Apartments, and being a member of the GLC gives me the chance to continue to be independent and to belong to a community. If I were to return to my hometown, I could not do that. I am currently employed at Best Buy, Corp. and have been there for over eight years! In the future I hope to still have my own place and still be working at Best Buy, and still looking young, too! My favorite activity in the Graduate Living Community is the opportunity to be able to participate in social activities which help me continue to build friendships, get out of my apartment, and do fun stuff. It's hard to explain what my GLC friendships mean to me. It is so great to relate to others that have the same challenges I do. To this day, I can't think of where I'd be if I didn't have these people in my life.

Thank you to our Gala 2010 Sponsors!

April 17, 2010 was another hugely successful evening of raising dollars for the scholarships and programs for Minnesota Life College. A special thanks to the sponsors that supported this event.

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MLC Breezin' in The Keys

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