

2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT



Giving Hope ... Making Miracles
Children's Organ Transplant Association.®

Our Mission:

The Children's Organ
Transplant Association
helps children and young adults
who need a life-saving transplant
by providing fundraising
assistance and family support.



2008 - 2009 Annual Report

Giving Hope ... Making Miracles

by Rick Lofgren, COTA President

The transplant journey is long and difficult, and rarely understood by anyone who has not had the misfortune of traveling that path. The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) strives each day to make this journey less stressful and more manageable for each of the nearly 1,400 transplant families assisted by COTA in the past 23 years. COTA's staff and nationwide network of volunteers work to ensure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds.

Giving Hope ... Making Miracles is much more than a slogan for COTA -- it is the guiding vision. Since 1986, COTA has become the premier organization providing fundraising assistance to families facing a life-saving transplant. Families from throughout the nation, representing every ethnic, economic, religious and social background, have worked with COTA to engage their communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses, many of which are typically not covered by insurance.

During 2008-2009, the Children's Organ Transplant Association assisted a record 114 new families, and raised more than \$3.27 million for transplant-related expenses. For more than two decades, nearly 150,000 volunteers and contributors have generously donated their time and their money to COTA. These volunteers and contributors are COTA's Miracle Makers -- individuals who provide tremendous emotional support and financial assistance to COTA's transplant families.

Transplant families and our Miracle Makers make up a larger

'family' ... the COTA family. Every family's story starts somewhere, and COTA's story actually began during the summer of 1985 when Danny and Suzanne McConnell were told their son, David, had biliary atresia (a disease that affects the liver) and would require a liver transplant. Danny and Suzanne had no idea how they could pay for such a surgery, but when their community learned of their plight, hundreds of people responded. Within a few weeks, this community campaign raised more than \$100,000.

Sadly, young David died before a liver became available. But that was



just the beginning of an inspiring story. The McConnell family and COTA's original Miracle Makers knew there had to be at least one other child who needed the help David's family did. From the goodness of these people's hearts, their hard work and their collective vision, the Children's Organ Transplant Association was founded.

What started as a drive to save the life of one child has become a national organization that has helped nearly 1,400 children and young adults, all of whom required a life-saving transplant ... and all of whom deserved

“COTA provided hope for our family by showing us that money should not be an obstacle when faced with a transplant ... COTA provided hope for our family in the form of encouragement and support to our team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to raise funds for transplant-related expenses.”

Karroll and Stephanie Key
Parents of Major
Round Rock, Texas
Kidney Transplant Recipient
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital
at Stanford

“Upon hearing Amber’s diagnosis, we were devastated. But after we heard about COTA, I started to relax. With COTA’s support, we were able to keep our home while we were away at transplant. Suddenly I knew there was hope for our future; I didn’t need to fear my entire world falling apart. With COTA, I knew we could make it through.”

Christy Battazzo
Mother of Amber Asboe
Canby, Oregon
Double Lung Transplant Recipient
St. Louis Children’s Hospital



a second chance at life. Over the years, COTA’s Miracle Makers have donated nearly \$55 million to give hope to transplant families nationwide.

Today, the Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a 501(c)3 national charity dedicated to helping families of children and young adults who need or who have had a life-saving transplant. COTA’s patients are primarily children, but COTA also serves adults with genetic diseases like cystic fibrosis and sickle cell anemia.

“Discovering COTA existed was one of several miracles our family has experienced during Rachel’s transplant journey. A transplant offered us hope in light of Rachel’s life-threatening diagnosis, but COTA helped us afford the process -- a true miracle. Thank you, COTA, for all you continue to do for us, and for the miracles that keep unfolding.”

Danny and Rebecca Smith
Parents of Rachel
Smithfield, Virginia
Cord Blood Transplant Recipient
Duke University Medical Center



COTA’s Mission: The Children’s Organ Transplant Association helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support.

Twenty years ago, most insurance companies did not cover transplant costs except for dialysis patients who required a kidney transplant. Currently, most insurance companies do cover a significant portion of

transplant costs. No insurance plans cover all related expenses, and these related expenses are significant. Even in those cases where a transplant patient has adequate insurance to cover the transplant procedure, most insurance plans require the family to pay a deductible, which is often \$10,000 or more annually. Families must also pay additional costs for medication, transportation to and from the transplant center, as well as lodging and day-to-day expenses while parents are out of work and living with their child at the transplant center. These costs add up to tens of thousands of dollars, and the lifetime total often exceeds \$1,000,000.

In spite of current national discussions in the media regarding health care reform, more American transplant patients are covered today by health insurance than at any time in the nation’s history. The sad bottom line? No coverage pays all transplant costs. And no transplant patient is placed on the organ waiting list, or no donor search is initiated, until the hospital receives a guarantee of payment from an insurer, the patient’s family or an assistance program. In cases where a fund shortfall exists, COTA bridges the financial gap.

Even with insurance, very few families have the resources to meet the immense financial and emotional demands of a child’s potentially fatal diagnosis ... most transplant families need help and all transplant families need hope.

This is where the Children’s Organ Transplant Association comes into the picture.

COTA’s Bedrock Principles: Patients are not charged for COTA’s services, and every dollar contributed in honor of COTA patients is used for transplant-related expenses.

COTA guides community volunteers through every necessary fundraising step, including organizing and training the community campaign committee; planning successful events and activities; working with the media, and finding multiple sources of funding.

COTA staff members provide specialized fundraising, public relations and web training to local volunteers. COTA trains these volunteers and offers ongoing support via telephone and the Internet using a myriad of printed and web-based tools and templates that have been developed by COTA's professional staff. Under COTA's guidance, most volunteer groups will organize a dozen or more special events (such as garage sales, golf outings, car washes, bake sales and dinners), as well as request contributions from businesses, foundations and individual members of their community. Each COTA volunteer group is provided a campaign website which raises, on average, more than \$5,000 via online contributions in honor of a COTA patient.

Once a COTA volunteer group has actively started raising funds in honor of a patient, COTA augments these funds through reallocation grants of up to \$10,000. These grants have totaled more than \$2,600,000 since January 2000. Furthermore, on behalf of COTA families, COTA has successfully negotiated discounts of more than \$100,000 each of the past several years.

Transplant patients typically require a great deal of medical care before, during and after the actual transplant procedure. COTA helps raise funds to meet transplant-related expenses and works with COTA families throughout the patient's lifetime.

An important benchmark for any non-profit organization is the percent of expenditures incurred for program-related activities. During the past year,



more than 89% of COTA's expenses were directed toward individual patient care and donor education program activities. This high percentage demonstrates that COTA volunteers and contributors make maximum impact from the hours and the dollars they donate.

COTA is recognized as a top-rated charity by several not-for-profit watchdog groups. **ChancetoGive** (www.chancetogive.org) recently



designated COTA as a top-rated charity, the group's highest rating, for quality of services offered and for effectiveness in delivering services and support. COTA has also received commendation for operating efficiently and effectively by the Combined Federal Campaigns **Independent Charities of America** (www.independentcharities.org); **Guidestar** (www.guidestar.com), and the **Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance** (www.give.org).

“At a time when we felt hopeless, COTA empowered our family and friends. So many people wanted to help. COTA turned that desire to help into a fundraising effort that generated much-needed financial assistance ... and a sense of hope. Thanks to COTA and TJ's amazing transplant team, we are home and our boy is thriving.”

Randy and Lori Wilson
Parents of TJ
Butler, Pennsylvania
Heart Transplant Recipient
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
of UPMC

“COTA provided hope when we felt like all hope was lost. When we received the devastating news our insurance might not cover Bryce's transplant expenses, COTA was there to pick us up and to reassure us we would get the money needed to save Bryce's life.”

Tom Williams and Jessica McCullough
Parents of Bryce
Gosport, Indiana
Multivisceral Transplant Recipient
Riley Hospital for Children

This year may be remembered for being one of the most challenging periods in recent history. Due to unprecedented economic upheaval, many Americans saw the value of their homes decrease ... their incomes slide ... their investments shrink ... and their outlook on life change from positive to negative.

These same forces also impacted the Children's Organ Transplant Association during the past year. As the stock market shrank, COTA's investment income decreased as well. In spite of the economic turmoil and uncertainty, COTA worked tirelessly to invest conservatively and wisely; to maximize the use of all resources, and to continue to expand services to give hope and make miracles for transplant families across the nation.

Analysts say that the worst of

“From the day David was born until today, his entire life is a miracle. Little David has been through so much and he has bounced back each time. We have strong spiritual beliefs and we do recognize that a miracle occurred in our family. We thank COTA for all they have done to make that possible.”

David and Bebe Mills
Parents of David
Raleigh, North Carolina
Liver Transplant Recipient
University of North Carolina Hospital



this economic storm has likely passed. With that news, the COTA team is looking forward to the miracle stories that will unfold during 2010. A mother who gets more time with her daughter ... a father whose kidney donation saves his son's life ... a COTA child who reaches a personal milestone that seemed impossible before their transplant.

COTA's team of dedicated professionals will continue to strive each day to give hope and make miracles for transplant children and their families. And, COTA's staff will continue to offer a myriad of services to our growing group of COTA Miracle Makers.

To a Transplant Family ... If you are overwhelmed by the financial implications of a transplant, please go to www.cota.org or call 800.366.2682 and let COTA help you. Surely your life is difficult and complicated, and while COTA cannot promise an organ or tissue match, we can share information about how COTA can help raise the funds needed to give your child a second chance at life.

To a Transplant Patient ... If you know a transplant is your only hope, you are likely terrified. COTA is currently working with hundreds of children and young adults just like you. Please visit COTA's campaign websites to find hope by reading other transplant patient stories.

To a Transplant Professional ... COTA knows you are working each and every day to find resources for your transplant families who are stressed and overwhelmed by the financial strain of their child's diagnosis. Please go to www.cota.org or call 800.366.2682 to see how COTA can help you give hope to your transplant families.

To a Volunteer ... If you would like to volunteer to help a local COTA family, please call 800.366.2682 or go to www.COTAMiracleMakers.org to learn more about how you can help make a miracle.

Please review this report carefully. It highlights COTA's collective hard work and strong record of success during the past year. Then become a COTA Miracle Maker and join the thousands who are striving to give hope and make miracles for transplant families across the country.

2008-2009 New COTA Patients

Name	Hometown	Organ	Transplanted	Name	Hometown	Organ	Transplanted
Berlyn Alfredsen	Aurora, CO	multivisceral	•	Lara Marsh	Omaha, NE	double lung	
Raquel Allen	Hammond, IN	liver	•	Zalika Mason	Fairburn, GA	bmt	•
Rosa Andrews	Mesa, AZ	kidney	•	Ambriella Mazalouskas	Antioch, TN	liver	•
Chase Anthony	Pomona Park, FL	cord blood		Bridget McCaffrey ‡	Granger, IN	kidney	
Alexis Danielle Arndt	Appleton, WI	kidney	•	Morgan McCart	Shawnee, OK	liver	•
Bridget Ayala-Torres	Orlando, FL	bmt		Devin McQueen	Staten Island, NY	small bowel	•
Rodney Batts	Indianapolis, IN	heart	•	Dylan Thomas McQueen	Glendale, AZ	heart	•
Zach Baza	San Antonio, TX	multivisceral	•	Ja`Vion McWay	Lima, IN	liver	•
Jeremy Bedig	Pleasant Hill, CA	kidney		Blake Mittelstaedt	Castle Rock, CO	multivisceral	•
Jack Robert Benjamin	Evanston, IL	liver	•	Angelique Mondragon	Dinuba, CA	kidney	•
Erin Biggs	Bulls Gap, TN	cord blood	•	Charles Arthur Mootispaw	Naples, FL	liver	•
Gracie Black	Warsaw, IN	liver	•	Dylan Mudrick	Gurnee, IL	liver	•
Danielle Bloomer ‡	Shawnee, KS	double lung		Lindsay Mulic	San Jose, CA	double lung	•
Danielle Rena Bolden	Dayton, OH	heart	•	Delilah Mulling	Brunswick, GA	multivisceral	•
Susan Broadway	Athens, AL	double lung		John Muscarella	Kearny, NJ	double lung	•
Sophie Temperance Brown-Blake	Tallahassee, FL	liver		Marie Neal	Cary, NC	liver	
Jessica Ann Bucher	Concord, CA	stem cell	•	Miles Aiden Nelson	Portland, OR	small bowel and liver	
Scott Carlstrom	Springfield, MO	double lung	•	Novalie Nguyen	Penfield, NY	heart	
Juliana Casey	Round Rock, TX	kidney		Michael Niespodziany	South Bend, IN	kidney	
Kaiya Castillo	Boynton Beach, FL	double lung		Angela Olivas	Surprise, AZ	heart	
Brianna Chin	Miami, FL	multivisceral		Eric Omenhiser	Naples, FL	liver	
English Clemmons	Cary, NC	double lung	•	Wilfredo Pagan	Indianapolis, IN	liver	•
Silas Clemmons	Wilmington, NC	double lung		Joshua Pelling	Sunrise, FL	bmt	
Christine Clemons	Searcy, AR	double lung		Jaclyn Perea	Littleton, CO	kidney	•
Shelby Cooper	Gilbert, AZ	heart		Kayleigh Petersen	East Brunswick, NJ	liver	•
Alexandra Courville ‡	Toledo, OH	heart	•	Jonelle Petrovich	Riverside, CA	liver	•
Jessica Lynn Cross	Olympia, WA	kidney		Anthony James Postudensek	Ham Lake, MN	liver	•
Joel Cummings	Baker City, OR	double lung		Dylan Preston	Lanark, IL	kidney	•
Camora Davis	Dallas, TX	heart		Michael Quinn	Oldsmar, FL	heart	•
Dave Dean	Mishawaka, IN	kidney	•	Kristie Reichenbach	Ocean City, NJ	double lung	
Scotty Diciuccio	Asheboro, NC	heart	•	Javier Restrepo ‡	Norman, OK	liver	
Gage Dole	Lake Oswego, OR	bmt		Celine Rhodes	Shreveport, LA	liver	•
Harry Drake	San Anselmo, CA	bmt	•	Sanat Sachdev	Agoura Hills, CA	stem cell	•
Traylon Easton	Jonesboro, LA	heart	•	Rachel Sansoucie	Belleville, IL	liver	•
Jadyn Eckert	Charlotte, NC	kidney	•	Ethan Schreib	Rochester, NY	kidney	
Ray Eldridge	Fort Walton Beach, FL	multivisceral	•	Raquel Serrano	Arlington, TX	kidney	
Eathen Elliott	Crowley, TX	kidney		Jharrell Sim	Kihei, HI	liver	
Isabelle Ellis ‡	Eudora, KS	heart		Benson Skinner	Highlands Ranch, CO	liver and kidney	
Kalum Ellis	Sacramento, CA	liver		Claire Skinner	Highlands Ranch, CO	liver and kidney	
Uriyah Esch	Altoona, IA	bmt	•	Maggie Smith	Yorktown, VA	liver	•
Leila Everly	Fostoria, OH	thymus	•	Orentress Smith	Fort Lauderdale, FL	bmt	
Shawn Fernald	Omaha, NE	double lung	•	Bryce Sparks	New Bern, NC	kidney	•
Aidan Good	San Diego, CA	heart	•	Michael Walter-Stanley Sprauve	Florence, SC	kidney	
Isabella Gwinn	Moore, SC	liver	•	Brayden James Stallman	Herkimer, NY	small bowel	•
Brooke Haney	Bigler, PA	heart	•	Teal Stamper	Warsaw, IN	heart	
Meikah Heaton ‡	Port Charlotte, FL	liver	•	Logan Stout	Howard City, MI	cord blood	
Jeremy Heern ‡	Wichita, KS	multivisceral		Skii Summerall	Belle Glade, FL	liver	•
Josh Herrman	Wichita, KS	heart	•	Ashley Tanner	Pasadena, MD	double lung	
Ashley Hood	Mountain View, MO	double lung		Josh Tarvin	Jonestown, TX	kidney	
Patrick Hoopes	Taylorville, UT	small bowel		Casey Taylor	Northport, FL	liver	•
Chris Housley	Glen Ellyn, IL	double lung		Mason Thibault	Spring Grove, PA	small bowel	
Garran Howard	Chapel Hill, NC	double lung	•	Marc Thomas ‡	Oceanside, CA	heart	
Idasia Howington ‡	Charlotte, NC	liver		Ayana Alicia Thompson ‡	Keasbey, NJ	double lung	
Clara Isaacs	Anderson, IN	liver	•	Melissa Tweedy	Wichita, KS	double lung	
Camila Jasso	Sale Creek, TN	liver		Dava Walding	Houston, TX	kidney	
Landon Joines	Taylorville, NC	small bowel		Kirsha Wallace	Port St. Lucie, FL	kidney	
Rayna Kamon	Palm Bay, FL	liver	•	Emily Walter	Norfolk, VA	double lung	
John King ‡	Hamilton, OH	heart		Chantell Whiteclay	Lame Deer, MT	kidney	•
Cooper Knight	Spring, TX	small bowel and colon		Dylan Wilson	Pensacola, FL	heart	
Christin Kubicek	Trafalgar, IN	liver		Kaidence Wilson	Dallas, TX	liver	•
Harrison Leeds	Palm City, FL	liver	•	Lance Witt	Winder, GA	heart	•
Darian Lester ‡	West Palm Beach, FL	cord blood		Isaac Wright ‡	Wheaton, IL	cord blood	•
Else Linen	Chattanooga, TN	liver	•	Daniel Yara	Virginia Beach, VA	double lung	•
Elizabeth Loop	Magna, UT	bmt		Anthony Zamora	Corpus Christi, TX	kidney	
Alyssa Brooke Loudon ‡	Eminence, KY	cord blood		Jayne Zenker	Carol Stream, IL	liver	

‡ deceased (status as of 10/01/09)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2009

ASSETS	2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 131,682
Interest receivable	\$ 229,500
Accounts receivable	\$ 27,909
Pledges receivable	\$ 30,000
Prepays and other assets	\$ 38,261
Investments	\$ 19,315,877
Property & equipment, net of depreciation	\$ 671,311
	\$ 20,444,540
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$ 66,575
Line of credit	\$ 34,902
Note payable	\$ 24,558
	\$ 126,035
Net Assets	
Unrestricted net assets	\$(1,010,196)
Unrestricted net assets, board designated	\$ 2,489,175
Total unrestricted	\$ 1,478,979
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 18,817,338
Permanently restricted net assets	\$ 22,188
	\$ 20,318,505
	\$ 20,444,540

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COTA Named Newest American Legion Partner

In June 2009, the American Legion passed a resolution adopting the Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) as an official program. The resolution was unanimously approved by The American Legion’s National Executive Committee during meetings held in Indianapolis in May 2009.

The resolution authorizes the national organization of The American Legion to work directly with COTA to promote the mutual aims and purposes of ensuring that children receive life-saving transplants. The resolution states, “The American Legion encourages its Departments and Posts to work with and support the fundraising efforts of the Children’s Organ Transplant Association

to benefit the health and well being of our nation’s children in need of organ transplants.”

“Although the resolution formalizes the relationship between The American Legion and COTA, we have a long history of working together to improve the lives of children,” said Dennis Boland, Chairman of the National Commission on Children & Youth.

Since 1989, The American Legion has provided over a quarter of a million dollars in grants to COTA. According to Mr. Boland, “Even in those cases where a transplant patient has insurance to cover the transplant procedure, most insurance plans require a family to pay a deductible, which can be \$10,000 or more annually.

There are many other transplant-related expenses that COTA helps transplant families to manage. This is where the Legion family can help transplant families nationwide.”

“With an American Legion Department in every state and more than 14,000 Posts spread throughout the United States, this partnership will significantly assist our public awareness campaigns and outreach potential across the country and will continue to expand our Miracle Makers program,” said Scott Price, Chairman of the Board of the Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA). “We look forward to working with The American Legion family to give hope and make miracles for transplant families.”

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended June 30, 2009

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 328,572	\$3,270,075	\$600	\$3,599,247
Other fundraising and net proceeds from special events	20,407	-	-	20,407
Interest and dividend income (net of investment expenses of \$65,720)	1,121,319	-	-	1,121,319
Realized and unrealized loss on investments	(2,706,464)	-	-	(2,706,464)
Lease and other income	92,663	-	-	92,663
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>2,861,842</u>	<u>(2,861,842)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,718,339</u>	<u>408,233</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>2,127,172</u>
EXPENSES				
Patient campaign program	3,753,420	-	-	3,753,420
Donor awareness program	<u>58,605</u>	-	-	<u>58,605</u>
Total program expenses	3,812,025	-	-	3,812,025
Management and general	361,029	-	-	361,029
Fundraising	<u>120,701</u>	-	-	<u>120,701</u>
Total expenses	<u>4,293,755</u>	-	-	<u>4,293,755</u>
Change in net assets	(2,575,416)	408,233	600	(2,166,583)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>4,054,395</u>	<u>18,409,105</u>	<u>21,588</u>	<u>22,485,088</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,478,979</u>	<u>\$ 18,817,338</u>	<u>\$ 22,188</u>	<u>\$ 20,318,505</u>

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Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation Donates \$52,000 to COTA

The Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation made a \$52,000 donation to the Children's Organ Transplant Association during the Automotive Fine Arts Society's (AFAS) Annual Reception.

"It's an honor to help a fine organization like COTA," said Carroll Shelby, Founder of the Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation. "COTA's fight to provide organ transplants for kids across the country is very close to my heart. I established my foundation 15 years ago to achieve the same goal of providing better lives for youngsters in need."

The funds were raised during the 6th Kids' Automotive Art Contest through entry fees and donations. The

Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation matched the \$26,000 total raised during the contest, resulting in the \$52,000 donation to COTA. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, Road & Track and numerous automotive companies, AFAS Kids' Automotive Art Contest challenged children to draw or paint the car they would like to drive when they grow up.

COTA President Rick Lofgren accepted the donation on behalf of COTA with two COTA post-transplant patients at his side. Three-year-old Christopher Padua of San Francisco, California, received his liver transplant two years ago. Fourteen-year-old Myles Nesbitt of Fremont, California, received his kidney transplant more than five years

ago. Both boys received a standing ovation at the check presentation ceremony.

"The entire COTA family is extremely grateful to the Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation for helping us to continue giving hope and making miracles for transplant-needy children nationwide," said Rick Lofgren, President of COTA. "This gift will be used to help our most needy transplant families ensure their children have a second chance at life. Carroll Shelby understands better than most how a life-saving transplant can change a life forever, and we are thankful for his compassion and his commitment to COTA's miracle-making mission."

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year ended June 30, 2009

	<u>Patient Campaign</u>	<u>Donor Awareness</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ 532,779	\$ 38,125	\$ 134,682	\$ 54,350	\$ 759,936
Payroll taxes	37,765	2,422	12,523	3,285	55,995
Employee benefits	97,485	6,867	44,263	11,142	159,757
Professional services and fees	27,000	1,026	30,317	14,860	73,203
Transplant patient-related expenses	2,811,842	-	-	-	2,811,842
Travel	86,375	144	38,191	1,696	126,406
Certification fees	9,397	-	-	-	9,397
Advertising	41,198	5,800	2,724	20,774	70,496
Utilities	4,669	237	2,835	638	8,379
Insurance	7,911	402	10,298	1,081	19,692
Repairs and maintenance	9,117	463	20,765	1,245	31,590
Depreciation	33,426	1,699	20,300	4,565	59,990
Supplies and office equipment	6,064	162	6,738	334	13,298
Postage	26,508	908	7,729	4,772	39,917
Telephone	11,403	281	3,606	755	16,045
Miscellaneous	<u>10,481</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>26,058</u>	<u>1,204</u>	<u>37,812</u>
	<u>\$ 3,753,420</u>	<u>\$ 58,605</u>	<u>\$ 361,029</u>	<u>\$ 120,701</u>	<u>\$4,293,755</u>

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COTA Selected as One of CHANCEtoGIVE's Top Performing Charities

The CHANCEtoGIVE Foundation has named the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) as one of 11 top performing Health & Wellness Charities in the United States. CHANCEtoGIVE (www.CHANCEtoGIVE.org) was established to educate people about top performing charities; raise money for those great charities, and make contributing simpler for donors.

According to CHANCEtoGIVE, the organization's goal is to bring attention to top performing charities that are doing great work and to provide donors a trusted set of charities. CHANCEtoGIVE features

charities that have passed its stringent charity selection process.

CHANCEtoGIVE limits its promotion to 12 top charities in each of four causes -- Children, Community & Family; Animals & Environment; Worldwide Disaster Relief, and Health & Wellness, which is where COTA is featured.

Rick Lofgren, COTA's President, says, "COTA's recognition as a CHANCEtoGIVE Top Performing Charity continues to showcase the importance of our mission to help children and young adults who need or have had a life-saving transplant by providing

fundraising assistance and family support."

"Our goal is to make donating easier for donors and we have done that by enabling them to donate to top performing charities, to donate anonymously, to share a donation with more than one charity, and to be able to give the donation as a gift card to someone special, and to be able to do that in less than one minute," said Kevin R. Robertson, Founder and Chairman of CHANCEtoGIVE, based in Dallas, Texas. "CHANCEtoGIVE does not solicit donations; we enable donors to make donations quickly and easily."

2008 - 2009 Honor Roll of Donors

The McConnell Society

The McConnell Society was created in 1999 to recognize those forward thinking individuals who have remembered the Children's Organ Transplant Association in their estate planning. This society is named in memory of COTA's first patient, David McConnell.

Anonymous
Mr. Michael Harris
David and Bonne Hilliard
Laurent and Pamela Leferre
Jim and Sereta Leiter
Rick and Lisa Lofgren
Mr. P.A. Mack
Tony and Dawn Paganelli
Mr. and Mrs. David Rubin
Mrs. Janice Stafford
Rebecca and Don Wampler
Mike and Kerri Welsh

The Second Chance at Life Club

COTA is very grateful for the generous support of more than 14,000 donors to our patients and donor education and registration efforts. All contributors are listed at www.cota.org, or available by calling the COTA office for a printout of this list of donors who made gifts between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009, to assist the Children's Organ Transplant Association provide transplant-needy patients a second chance at life.

Memorial and Honor Gifts

This year many individuals were memorialized or honored by family, friends, co-workers and others who wished to recognize their contributions to COTA. All contributors are listed at www.cota.org, or are available by calling the COTA office for a printout of this list of donors who made gifts totaling \$100 or more between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009, to assist the Children's Organ Transplant Association provide transplant-needy patients a second chance at life.

Board of Directors and Staff Members

As of June 30, 2009

COTA Board Members

Linda Bellamy, RN *
Rose Black
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