

# 2008 FOCUS

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# Annual Report 2008



25th Anniversary  
1983-2008  
Support • Information • Programs

**Funding** – For 25 years, FOCUS has received generous grants from individuals, corporations, and foundations. The 2008 audit showed that FOCUS spent over 85% of its revenues on direct services. Because families of children with disabilities have enough financial worries, FOCUS fundraising covers 60-80% of every camp or activity. Some activities are free!

### 2008 Income Statement Support & Revenue from Operations

Contributions	\$415,636
Special Events, less direct benefits	\$ 64,079
Program Service Fees	\$ 81,389
Interest Income	\$ 3,343
Contributed Assets	\$ 4,409
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$568,856</b>

### Operational Expenses

Programs	\$433,219
Management & General	\$ 41,509
Fundraising	\$ 33,244
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$507,972</b>

**Change in Net Assets** **\$ 60,884**

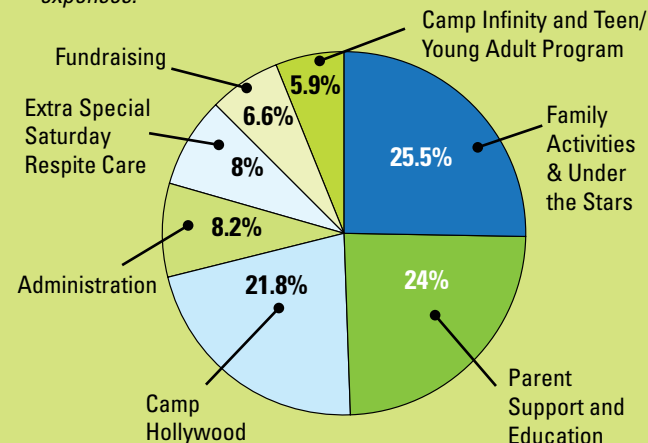
### 2008 Balance Sheet Assets

Current Assets	\$488,031
Fixed Assets	\$ 46,341
Other Assets	\$ 22,478
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$556,850</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$ 26,726
Net Assets	\$530,124
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$556,850*</b>

\*FOCUS maintains assets equivalent to a year's operating expenses.



## FOCUS Begins in 1983

FOCUS began in 1983 when two medically fragile children shared a hospital room. The families of these children became friends, and, in each other, found information and hope. Together, they founded FOCUS to help families cope with the overwhelming struggles of parenting a child with special needs. The five core FOCUS programs were:



**Share Groups** – The first living room support group now has multiple monthly Atlanta locations, facilitated by parent volunteers and including the annual “Mom’s Day Out on the Houseboat.”

**Hospital Visits** – Volunteers still bring treats and conversation when children are in the hospital.

**Newsletter** – Parents and professionals write feature articles to tell their stories and make life a little easier. Now there are over 3,000 subscribers.

### Family Picnic/Six Flags

– The first small picnic moved to American Adventures in the 1990’s and to Six Flags in 2004. Over 600 family members came in 2008.



**Holiday Party** – Santa and FOCUS continue today with 350 family members.

# Milestones in 25 Years of Growth!

The timeline below shows the date a FOCUS program originated, along with a 2008 update.



*Camp Hollywood* offers one week of summer day camp in 10 locations in metro Atlanta. Over 300 children attended in 2008.

**1994**



*FOCUS on Fashion* celebrates our beautiful children and the professionals who care for them.

**2000**

The web site [www.focus-ga.org](http://www.focus-ga.org) also debuted in 2000.



Smaller gatherings for medically fragile children (MVP's) and their families begin.



FOCUS takes 800 family members to the Georgia Aquarium.



*Camp Infinity*, the overnight teen and young adult camp, premieres for 16 teens. Campers double in 2008 to 32.

*Extreme Home Modification Tour* – FOCUS families open their home to show modifications made for children with physical disabilities.

**2005**

FOCUS goes to Zoo Atlanta – 250 people came in 2008!

**2002**

In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, 2008, *Under the Stars* family camp hosted 90 families for a weekend at Camp Twin Lakes.



Periodic teen and young adult social outings begin, increasing to monthly outings in 2008, averaging 20 teens.

A generous grant funds the first FOCUS van, and FOCUS publishes its first cookbook by and for families.

**2008**

**2006**

**2007**

**1984**

**1987**

The annual education conference continues in 2008 to help parents find information and resources for their child.

Dinner Dance fundraiser is more successful every year. Pictured below, founder Susan Calhoun with ED Lucy Cusick in 2008.

**1983**

