

Adaptive Computer Training, Inc. dba
ADAPTIVE COMPUTER EMPOWERMENT SERVICES

**ANNUAL REPORT
2000**

ACES' mission is to improve the quality of life for persons in San Diego County who are disabled by empowering them with computer technology.

Under the leadership of Chairman Rod Hiddleston, Paul and Mary Adams along with all the ACES volunteers have accomplished more in 2000 than any other year in terms of achieving this mission.

Service to Community

230 individual San Diegans with disabilities were provided computer systems, either through donation or through our newly established computer loan program. In addition, 136 computer systems were provided to other nonprofit organizations. This total of 366 systems represents a 125% increase over 1999. This figure far surpassed our projections for ourselves and is due to the many factors identified below. In addition an average of 35 technical support calls were handled each month. Also, thanks to a greater influx of tutoring volunteers, a greater number of homebound recipients were provided tutoring services.

Community Development

Three on-line communities have been developed by ACES for the persons whom it serves.

ACESachievers@yahoo.com functions as an information channel relative to disability matters and resources.

ACESsupport@yahoo.com provides a community for sharing humor, inspiration, cares and concerns.

SDDA@yahoo.com (San Diego Disability Advocates) has been developed, with a grant from the San Diego Foundation for Change, for purposes of sharing disability legislative information and fostering active citizenship.

Recipients of ACES equipment are subscribed to these groups shortly after receiving their systems. While they are free to "unsubscribe" if they choose, all three groups average nearly 250 participants at any given time. We are hopeful that during 2001, we will see increased advocacy efforts by our recipients on matters which affect their lives.

Volunteerism

During 2000, 99 different individuals volunteered their time and expertise to ACES, representing an increase of 68% over 1999. This has been due largely to a significant influx of skilled Naval IT volunteers. In addition, the ACES workshop has informally become the "hands on" lab for many area computer repair training programs. While we are well aware that many volunteers never report their hours, we did have over 3800 volunteer hours reported.

Given that the majority of our volunteers are employed elsewhere, burgeoning coordinating tasks were relieved by having several individuals help with the coordination of our tutors and deliveries/installations.

Resource Development

Cash contributions, exclusive of grants, in the amount of \$7,565 were up 7% over 1999. Equipment contributions, again individually valued lower than in previous years, in the amount of \$116,900 reflect a 19% increase over 1999. Donations were received from 32 different businesses and 120 individuals.

Two fundraising efforts benefited ACES efforts. Leatherjam 2000 provided \$638 and the Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach provided \$300.

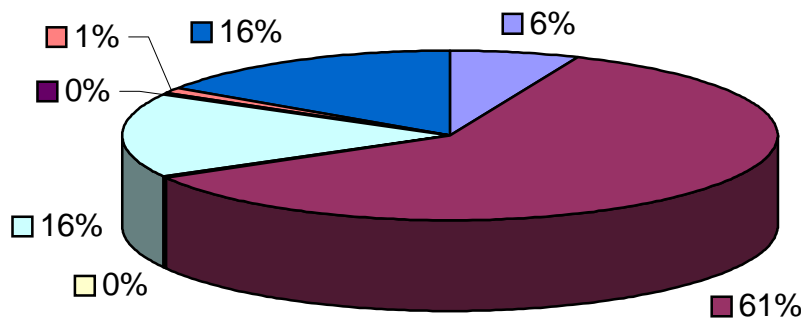
Of greatest assistance for ongoing functioning, were grants from the following organizations:

Weingart-Price Advised Fund	\$16,400 for staffing and leverage funds
Hilton Hotels Foundation	\$ 5,600 for repair/upgrade parts
San Marcos Community Foundation (matched by individual contributors)	\$ 3,000 for repair/upgrade parts
San Diego Foundation for Change	\$ 2,000 for SDDA project
AIDSWalk San Diego	\$ 1,400 for repair/upgrade parts
Microsoft Corporation	\$11,000 new software licenses

Efforts to secure matching funding for the Weingart-Price grant to establish at least one full-time staff position were not successful. Feedback received included information that ACES was not found to be credible since it had no paid staff.

Processing fees, in the amount of \$7.375 total, provided funding for most operating expenses.

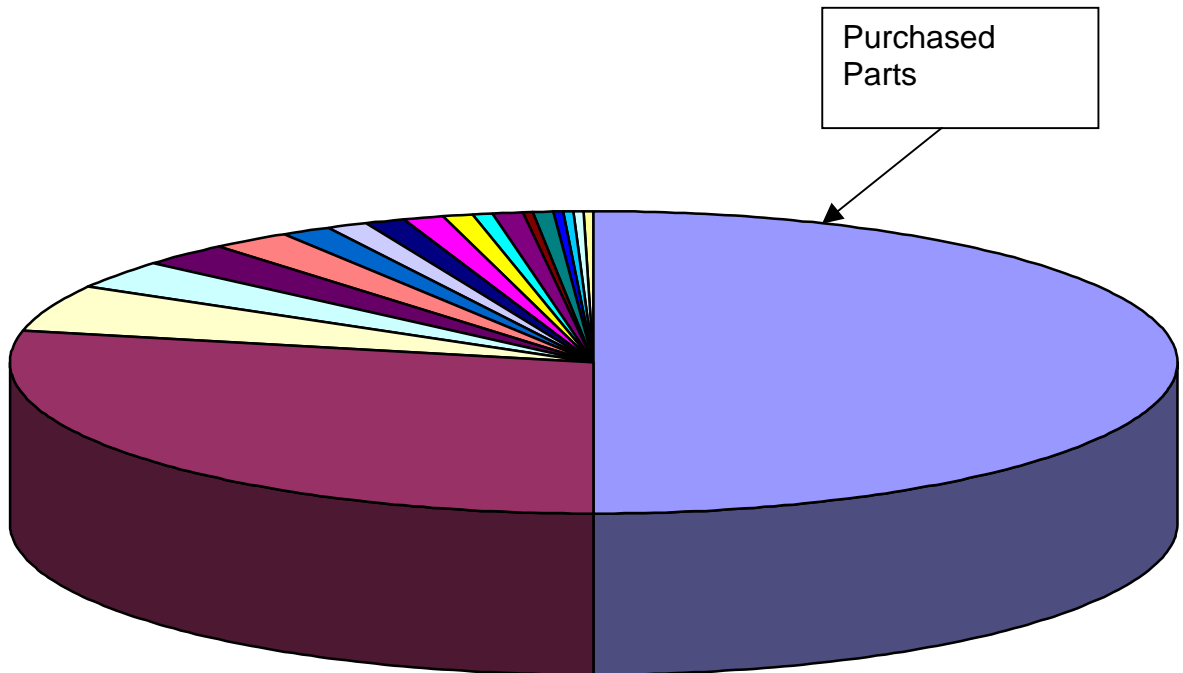
ACES Income 2000



Contracted Professional Service	Grants
Investment Income	Processing Fees
Technical Services	Restricted
Unrestricted	

HOW FUNDING HAS BEEN USED

ACES 2000 Expenditures



■ Purchased Parts	■ Payroll Expenses	□ Telephone	□ Office Supplies
■ Workmens Compensation	■ Postage and Delivery	□ Meeting Expenses	■ Liability Insurance
□ Contract Labor	■ Uncollectible Debts	■ Printing and Reproduction	■ Automobile Expense
■ Insurance Automobile	■ Truck Rental	□ Volunteer Expenses	□ Outside Repairs
□ NSF Checks	■ Taxes		

TOTAL CASH INCOME: \$45,505

TOTAL CASH EXPENSES: \$44,075

NEW PROGRAMS

Computer Loan Program: This program has been established to utilize equipment donated to ACES that the donors have specified must remain the property of ACES for at least one year. For qualified applicants, ACES provides this equipment along with all needed repairs and technical support.

SDDA (San Diego Disability Advocates): This online group has been established for the purpose of disseminating information regarding disability legislation and fostering active advocacy and citizenship efforts by group members.

Our Community Partners

Urban Corps of San Diego continued to provide us workshop/warehouse space throughout the year. Two brief pilot computer repair training programs were held which hold some promise for greater development in 2001.

Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc., initiated a pilot computer repair training program for which the ACES workshop provided hands-on experience. ACES Technical Resources Coordinator was sub-contracted to provide that training. This program is anticipated to grow and expand during 2001.

H.E.L.P. (Home-based Effective Living Professionals) continued to provide office space, equipment and administrative services throughout the year. It is hoped that another organization will assume these responsibilities in 2001.

San Diego Foundation for Change supported ACES efforts to establish an advocacy program for its constituents, both financially and in many informative ways. Another community partner has been encouraged to expand and develop this program in 2001.

United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego again directed significant used computer donations to ACES. Their Assistive Technology Lab also provided technical expertise for specially adapted computers where needed. This organization is being invited to consider new levels of collaboration in the coming year.

ACCESS Center of San Diego provided a significant number of referrals for services as well as the opportunity for part time employment for one of ACES recipients. Our Technical Coordinator continues to carry responsibility for their website.

San Diego Futures Foundation provided County of San Diego used computer equipment which formed the foundation for the ACES Computer Loan program. Further donations for this program are anticipated in 2001.

SPREADING THE WORD

A new brochure and logo was developed for multiple publicity uses.

Founders, Paul and Mary Adams, were recipients of the **Channel 10 Leadership Award**. This provided excellent television publicity for ACES in both the spring and the fall.

An email newsletter was developed and published three times during the year.

Our website, www.adaptive.org, has been visited by interested parties from every state in the nation and from every continent in the world.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Recognizing the probability that ACES may better serve the community as part of a larger organization, the Board of Directors has approved activities leading to formal partnership with another community nonprofit organization. It is hoped that in this way shared administrative and facility resources will provide enhanced functioning for both organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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