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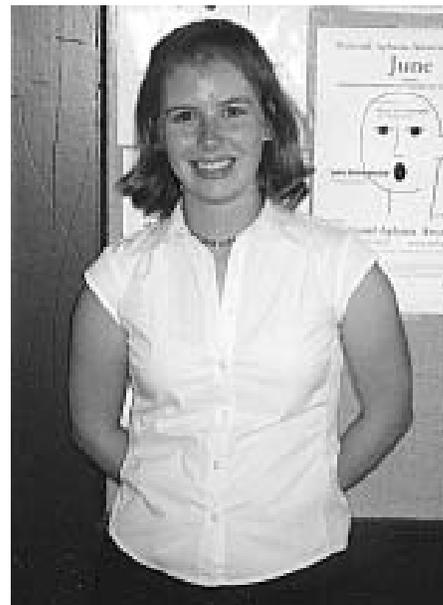
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By Roberta J. Elman, Ph.D.
*President and Founder
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The Aphasia Center of California (ACC) provides an important service in the education and training of future speech-language pathologists. We offer internships to speech-language pathology students as part of their graduate school program. These 12-16 week sessions provide aspiring speech-language pathologists with an opportunity to learn about the realities of aphasia, outside of a textbook. Past interns have come to us from San Francisco State University, California State University, Hayward and University of Central Florida. ACC staff speech-language pathologists are

able to demonstrate clinical techniques and strategies that help people with aphasia to communicate their thoughts and needs, as well as to reveal their humanity and competency. Our past interns tell us that an internship at the ACC is an inspiring and often life changing experience.

France-Hélène Signori was an intern at the Aphasia Center of California last summer. Fran, a native of Montreal, Canada, chose the Aphasia Center of California for her internship because of her interest in learning first hand about aphasia. After researching various places at which she



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Join our Third Annual “Walk to Talk” Raise Funds and Awareness!

What: The Aphasia Center of California’s Third Annual “Walk to Talk” is a fund-raising event to raise funds for our programs. Our “Walk to Talk” will feature a 1/4 mile and 3 mile untimed walk/run.

When: Saturday, June 25th, 2005. Walk will begin at 10:00am.

Where: Lake Merritt, Oakland. Walk starts at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center at 200 Grand Avenue.

How: Companies and individuals, from walkers with kids to seasoned athletes to people with their dogs on leashes can participate in this event to benefit the Aphasia Center. Help the Aphasia Center by sponsoring an Aphasia Center participant, asking friends and family for donations, or joining us for the walk. Please contact Roberta Elman (510) 336-0112 to receive a walk packet or for more information.

Our Mission statement: *The mission of the Aphasia Center is to encourage and expand communication and psychosocial well-being for those with aphasia. We are dedicated to helping families and stroke survivors understand the ramifications of stroke and aphasia on their daily lives and to improve the quality of life for all those affected.*

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Aphasia Center News

Aphasia (uh fay' zhuh) n: an impairment of the power to use or comprehend words, usually acquired as a result of a stroke and sometimes from head injury or a brain tumor. More than one million Americans have acquired aphasia.

"Ijenti ferbis..."



Educate people about "aphasia" by giving them the website address of the Aphasia Center of California so they can learn more: www.aphasiacenter.org

Education and Training Around the World

Aphasia Center of California staff are frequently invited to provide training to speech-language pathologists all over the world. In November, 2004, Dr. Roberta Elman was invited to provide training on aphasia group treatment to speech-language pathologists in Rotterdam, Holland. In addition, she has recently been invited to provide workshops about aphasia group treatment to professionals in Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington D.C., and New Jersey. Although the Aphasia Center programs are physically located in California, our philosophy and clinical techniques are being shared with speech-language pathologists around the world!

June: National Aphasia Awareness Month and California Awareness Month

Help the ACC raise awareness of aphasia. Thanks to the efforts of ACC participant, Lynne Tabor, and the Aphasia Center of California, June is now California Aphasia Awareness month! California State Resolution, SCR 83, co-sponsored by State Senator Don Perata and State Assemblywoman Wilma Chan

officially designates each June as California Aphasia Awareness Month.

Increasing the awareness of aphasia will help us to provide needed services, improve research funding, and reduce the isolation often caused by aphasia. You can help us to raise aphasia awareness by educating your friends and family about aphasia.

Our Benefactors' Circle



Sue Ewing holding the Benefactors' Circle Plaque

The Aphasia Center extends a special thank you to our Benefactors' Circle donors who have made an annual contribution of \$2000 or more. Benefactors' names are engraved on brass plates that are mounted on a mahogany plaque displayed at the Aphasia Center of California. Our Benefactors' Circle donors for 2004-2005:

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could learn the most about aphasia, she applied for an internship at the ACC. Fran was a delight to have at the ACC and quickly became part of our Aphasia Center family. Upon completing her internship, Fran wrote

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about her experience for a speech-language pathology publication in Canada. The following excerpt, which Fran translated from her native French, summarizes her experience:

“As a future speech therapist, I feel that I have completed my training in a unique way. It was a true challenge to live in English for 3 months, but it mainly made me understand deeper what aphasic people live daily. I even had some “aphasia experiences” of my own! I had to be more concentrated to follow conversation in English and many times, I had some difficulty finding the words to express an idea, though it was very clear in my mind. The way the Aphasia Center of California is able to continuously put the emphasis on social participation of

people with aphasia is very inspiring to me. The role of the speech therapist is then to support them so they can take a full part in their community. All summer long, I worked with people who always find a way to push away their limits, higher and further. It was a chance and a true honour to witness that.”

The ACC is dedicated to the education and training of family members and friends, colleagues, and anyone who needs to communicate better with those who have aphasia. We are especially committed to the education and training of current and future speech-language pathologists — they are the future as they have the potential to change the lives of those affected by aphasia.

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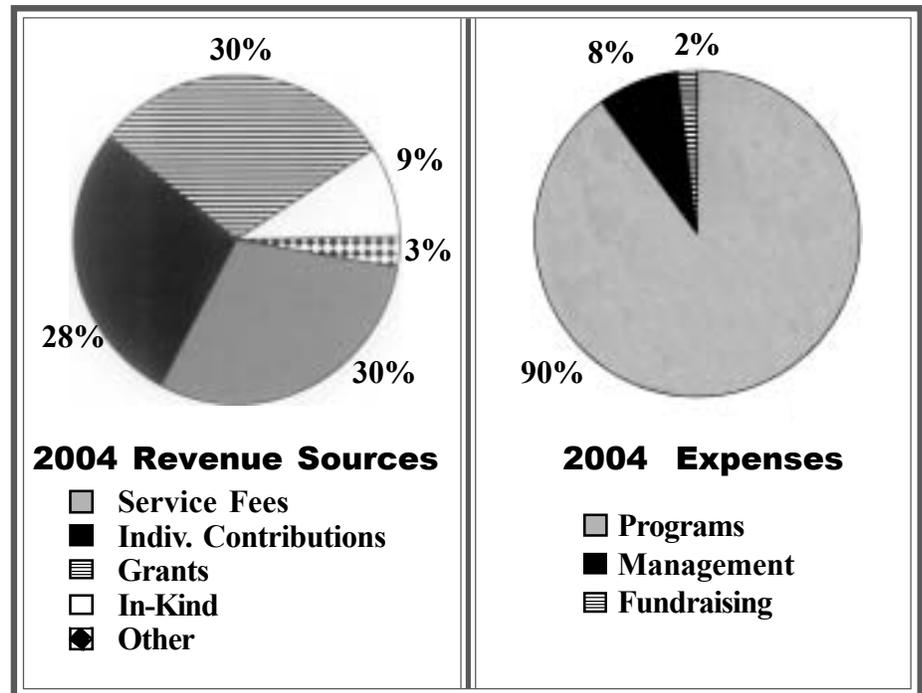
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 Group Communication Treatment
 Visits: 2669
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 Treatment Visits: 171
 Reading & Writing Classes: 488
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