Our Social Impact

$1,250,094

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY
Income Taxes Paid, Social Security, Sales Tax Dollars Spent

+$4,965,388

ANNUALIZED SAVINGS TO SOCIETY
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, Unemployment, Health Care, Substance Abuse Treatment, Housing, Recidivism and Rearrest for Prison and Jail, Medicaid

$6,215,482

TOTAL ONE-YEAR SOCIAL IMPACT

Determining SROI

PRESENT VALUE OF SOCIAL INVESTMENTS (Over Five Years)*

$25,283,740

\[ \text{CARA'S ONE-YEAR PROGRAM COST} \]

\[ \div \] $4,235,008

SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

= 597.0%

* ‘Present Value’ = ‘Total One-Year Social Impact’ x 5; then discounted based on 30-year treasury bond data, plus an additional 5% to acknowledge the risk inherent in this work.
Contributions to Society include payments made by our employed students in fiscal year 2014:

- $872,065 in federal and state taxes, based on 2014 tax rates;
- $270,340 in Social Security taxes, based on 2014 tax rates;

Savings to Society include:

- $64,728 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
- $439,704 in Food Stamps;
- $127,464 in Unemployment;
- $80,121 in Substance Abuse Treatment: Nationally, approximately 50% of people with substance abuse history relapse, while 0% of employed Cara students in 2014 were dismissed due to a relapse; National Institute on Drug Abuse. “Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction.”; Bruni, M., Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. (2002). “The Effectiveness of Substance Abuse Treatment among Welfare Clients: Results of the Illinois TANF Treatment Outcomes Project.” Average treatment in 2001 (averaging a high of $3,195 and low of $230), adjusted for inflation;
- $825,158 in Transitional Housing: Ibid;