

Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage, Inc.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors - Calendar Year 2012

November 9, 2012

Mission Statement

Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage, Inc. (RSC) is a 501c3 non-profit entity incorporated as a State of Connecticut organization on December 17, 2001. RSC is charged with planning, fundraising, building and supervising the operation of community-based resident group housing for the developmentally disabled in the Town of Ridgefield, CT.

Organizational Background

RSC, Inc. emerged as the result of a working partnership of local organizations formed in 2000, including Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, Inc.; The Ridgefield Affordable Housing Committee; SPHERE Inc. (Special People's Housing, Education, Recreation, Employment), a local non-profit group that provides services and advocacy for the developmentally disabled; the Town of Ridgefield Municipal Agent for the Disabled; and ARI of Connecticut, Inc., a non-profit organization involved in managing group homes and providing vocational services to the developmentally disabled community in Fairfield County, CT.

RSC, Inc. collaborated with various public and private sponsors to construct Sunrise Cottage at 6 Sunset Lane in 2003-2004 in a neighborhood setting close to the geographic center of Ridgefield under a long-term no cost ground lease with the Town of Ridgefield. Initial private donations totaling \$350,000 leveraged a \$368,400 Section 811 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in combination with annual rental subsidies provided by HUD, and annual operating subsidies provided by the State of Connecticut, Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and Department of Social Services (DSS).

Sunrise Cottage residents live close to their families and are actively connected to the Ridgefield community they have grown to know and love. The Cottage is a visible result of the heartfelt support demonstrated by caring citizens, local businesses and private foundations that generously assist in underwriting Cottage operations and programs.

The Cottage is professionally managed and staffed 24 hours / 7 days weekly by ARI of CT, Inc. The Cottage is the current full-time residence for six developmentally disabled adults from the greater Ridgefield area. *Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage, Inc. does not directly employ any staff and does not pay salaries or compensation to Directors or to other individuals.*

The *business mailing address* for Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage, Inc. is P.O. Box 486, Ridgefield, CT 06877. John F. Loehr, President can be reached at 203-438-9524 or via e-mail at john.loehr@blackrock.com or via regular mail c/o 293 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877.

Benefits of Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage

- ⇒ Enables six residents from Ridgefield and neighboring towns with developmental disabilities to lead more independent lives, with professional 24 hour / 7 day per week oversight to ensure life-safety and to provide structured life-skills training, medical support, and transportation to employment, educational and social activities.
- ⇒ Provides the opportunity for Cottage residents to develop social and employment relationships, close to their families and the community they know and love.
- ⇒ Enables Cottage residents to establish a sense of care and “ownership” of their own home and to develop pride in their neighborhood and community.

Benefits to the Ridgefield Community

- ⇒ The Cottage enables residents to be contributing, working, tax-paying members of their community. Residents hold part-time jobs and pay rent, averaging about \$800 per month per resident.
- ⇒ The Town of Ridgefield has embraced Sunrise Cottage and has affirmed the importance of assimilating individuals with special needs into the local community.
- ⇒ All residents are active participants within the community, including working in Town and participating in social and recreational events.
- ⇒ Five residents have occupied the Cottage since October 2004 and in late 2009 the Cottage added a sixth resident - the bonds the residents have formed with each other are clearly evident.

Sunrise Cottage 2012 Annual Report

As year-end 2012 approaches, Sunrise Cottage celebrates eight full years operating as a group home, providing comfortable, independent living for six developmentally disabled adults. The Cottage is located in a neighborhood setting close to the community center of Ridgefield, CT. Despite the many financial and management challenges associated with our relatively innovative group home model (known as Continuous Resident Services “CRS”), the Board is committed to learning, and to growing its oversight and service capabilities.

In recent years the Board significantly expanded its membership to include individuals having more diverse non-profit, social service and corporate experiences. As a direct result, the Board has developed a better understanding of what is required to more effectively manage the various public agency interrelationships that are essential for maintaining the highest possible levels of resident care and parental sense of comfort and safety. At year-end 2012, the Board is most fortunate to retain all eleven of its standing Directors and Officers.

As we enter 2013, the Board of Directors of Sunrise Cottage, our management partner ARI of Connecticut (ARI), and the CT Department of Development Services (DDS) remain committed to enhancing on-site management and operations to ensure continuity of staffing and quality resident service delivery. The Board’s goal, in conjunction with our parent-guardians, DDS/DSS and ARI, is to cost-effectively provide our deserving residents with the best housing, recreational, educational, employment, social and medical services in a community-based group home setting.

Financial Status

Historically the Board has raised approximately \$50,000 annually in private donations to support Cottage operations, pursuant to original contractual agreements with state and federal sponsors. In recent years, the state economic crisis has forced the Board to further increase its annual subsidy to fund gaps resulting from normal operating expense escalations and mandated program expansions (relating to medical support, training and transportation costs). The total annual subsidy was approximately \$75,000 for calendar year 2012, and is projected to increase to \$100,000 in 2014. Despite the challenging economic environment, Cottage financial resources remain positive, and are projected to remain sufficient to allow RSC to fully cover the annual subsidy required to supplement the services, recreational and social activities that public sources will no longer fund.

Net cash-on-hand as of fiscal year-end June 30, 2011 (audited) totaled approximately \$312,000 and as of year-end 2012 (unaudited) is projected at \$350,000. These surplus funds are allocated as follows: approximately \$200,000 is reserved to cover 24 months of the Board's required operating subsidy; approximately \$25,000 is reserved to continue funding due diligence and start-up costs for a potential new resident facility (see below); the \$125,000 balance is allocated to maintain a Cottage endowment to fund future building repairs and to ensure stable operations in the event of further unforeseen state or federal operating subsidy shortfalls.

2012 Achievements

Notable 2012 achievements included completing the initial due diligence process for the potential expansion of services by constructing a second residence, Sunrise Cottage II. Activities involved completing a draft federal HUD Section 811 construction grant, including developing a preliminary design and an initial construction budget, and commencing discussions with the Town of Ridgefield Planning & Zoning Department to establish the range of entitlements that will be required to build a group home on a designated town-owned land parcel, under a long term, no-cost ground lease. However, until Congress resolves "fiscal cliff" issues, Section 811 funding is no longer available and actual submission of the Sunrise II 811 grant application has been postponed until late 2013 or 2014.

The Board further enhanced its website strategy for Sunrise Cottage to promote the sense of community and to motivate visitors to help advance the Cottage mission. The growing website facilitates on-line donations, celebrates the personal growth of Cottage residents and communicates our successful track record and our calendar of events. Please visit us at www.RidgefieldSunriseCottage.org

During 2012 Sunrise Cottage was the beneficiary of several generous charity events:

In June, The Sunrise Cottage Fundraising Committee sponsored its ever-popular biannual event to benefit the Cottage. This year's gala, "An Evening at Sunset Lounge" was hosted by the Pambianchi Family who transformed their Pamby Motors show room into a fabulous karaoke party scene enjoyed by more than 150 Sunrise Cottage patrons. This event raised approximately \$20,000.

In August, Barbara Nevins, owner of *The Southwest Café* sponsored the 6th Annual Southwest Café Margarita 5k to benefit the Cottage. The race celebrated Southwest Cafés 25th Anniversary and raised more than \$5,000.

In October, John Pennetto opened his *Tre Restaurant* to a full house of Cottage friends for “Celebrity Bartender Night” – patrons responded by handsomely tipping our expert Sunrise Cottage bartenders – with \$1,300 in proceeds donated to the Cottage.

The Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage was the recipient of \$5,000 in proceeds from the 4th Annual Ridgefield Rebels Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament held in June. 14 teams from Connecticut and Westchester counties participated and more than 400 players, coaches and fans attended the event organized by Pete Casazza, RSC Board Director and Rebels coach.

Through the continued generosity of Ed Bistany and Bob Sperry of The Ridgefield Prime Gourmet Butcher & Seafood Store, Cottage residents enjoyed the bounty of more than 1,000 high quality prepared meals, donated throughout the year.

Other significant sustaining sponsors in 2012 included The Town of Ridgefield and Selectman Rudy Marconi, The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, The Barker Welfare Foundation, The Leir Foundation, The Pepsico Foundation, The IBM Employee Charitable Giving Campaign, United Way of Western CT, The Patrick Foundation, The Morganti Foundation, The Wadsworth Russell Lewis Trust Fund, Kevin and Elaine Cox / American Express Employee Giving Campaign, The Danford Foundation, Fairfield County Bank, and The Goldstone Family Foundation, among many others, including our entire Board of Directors.

Future Challenges

Looking forward, the Board of Directors and our management partner ARI of CT Inc. will face increasing pressure to sustain Cottage services, but with reduced state and federal subsidies, despite increasing operating costs and the expanding need for developmentally disabled housing solutions. In response, ARI will continue to aggressively reduce costs by rebidding contracts and by applying more efficient staffing and operating strategies, both at Sunrise Cottage and across its management portfolio.

The press to remain efficient may also require operating scale. This is achievable by merging service providers. However, inevitably, the benefit of consolidation is often at the expense of a reduced sense of community. *The hallmark of Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage, and the real measure of our historical success in advancing the welfare of our residents is the appealing small-town family environment existing at 6 Sunset Lane.* The Board and ARI’s mutual objective is to preserve these essential characteristics by ensuring a reasonable balance between levels of service, and cost reduction and/or potential management consolidation, while maximizing scarce public subsidies. More critically, we will continue to rely on the generosity of caring citizens, local businesses and private foundations that have so selflessly supported the Cottage since its inception.

Future Opportunities

Despite the fiscal challenges, the alarming need for disabled housing will require creative solutions. In 2013 the Board intends to work closely with ARI and the local community to identify and purchase a single family house or a single or multiple-occupancy condominium unit containing a kitchen and 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms of 90-100 SF each in size; located within approximately ½ mile of Sunrise Cottage. This option would technically not be a “group home”, but would be residential apartments or condominiums.

Residents would be “tenants” and RSC, Inc. would be “landlord”. This arrangement will require a formal “lease” between landlord and tenant(s). DDS would not require that the units be formally

“state-licensed” (as is Sunrise I), but DDS would “monitor” and ARI would serve as managing agent, under formal management agreements, similar to Sunrise I. Operating/rental subsidies would be determined by DDS based on each residents’ Level of Need (LON). Current DDS resident subsidies should cover 100% of the additional annual operating costs (including debt service in the event a portion of the purchase of an existing building was mortgaged). This condo/house purchase strategy will be pursued parallel with new construction via HUD 811 grant (but which will likely not be feasible until after 2013).

This Annual Report is respectfully submitted with sincere appreciation for the guidance of my dedicated fellow Directors, and the professional management services provided by Matthew Reyher, Wendy Aldershof and their staff associates with our long-time operating partner, ARI of CT, Inc.

By

John F. Loehr
President
 November 9, 2012

2012 and Proposed 2013 Board of Directors and Officers

<p>John Loehr, President 293 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877 <i>Real Estate Investment Manager</i> Director since 2001</p>	<p>Lorraine Morley 114 Great Hill Road Ridgefield, CT 06877 <i>Parent Advocate & Advisor</i> Director since 2008</p>	<p>Frank Delli Carpini 67 Nutmeg Ridge Ridgefield, CT 06877 <i>Medical Doctor</i> Director since 2008</p>
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<p>Barb Tully, Secretary 331 Wilton Rd. East Ridgefield, CT 06877 <i>Marketing & Public Relations</i> Director since 2007</p>		<p>Joseph Walsh 140 Fieldcrest Drive Ridgefield, CT 06877 <i>Attorney</i> Director since 2012</p>

Sunrise Cottage History

Sunrise Cottage began with an informational meeting in January 2000 and Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage, Inc. (RSC) evolved from a working partnership of individuals and representatives of local organizations committed to establishing a group home for the developmentally disabled in the Town of Ridgefield. Initial participants included Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, Inc.; The Town of Ridgefield Affordable Housing Committee; SPHERE Inc. (Special People’s Housing, Education, Recreation, Employment), a local non-profit group that provides services and advocacy for the developmentally disabled; the Town of Ridgefield Municipal Agent for the Disabled; and ARI of Connecticut, Inc., a non-profit organization involved in managing group homes and providing vocational services to the developmentally disabled.

2000:

Year 2000 activities included recruiting key committee members to ensure diversity of skills and representation; establishing developmentally disabled residential needs, researching and devising a viable plan to fund, build and operate a group home, and building public awareness of the program.

2001:

- Established working relationships with Town officials to identify a no-cost, town-owned land parcel suitable for constructing a group home;
- Visited and interviewed organizations that had successfully built similar group homes on a non-profit basis;
- Hired a grant consultant, Barbara Andrews having a demonstrated track record writing HUD funding proposals;
- Solicited the advice of ARI of Connecticut, Inc., a non-profit organization with a track record of managing group homes and providing services to the developmentally disabled through contracts with the CT Department of Developmental Services;
- Canvassed local residents and town and state agencies to identify developmentally disabled housing needs;
- Developed architectural plans for a 5-6 bedroom house and conducted successful informational meetings with town officials, neighborhood residents, civic groups, state and federal agencies, and the local press;
- Obtained Board of Selectmen approval to lease the land parcel from the Town under a no-cost, long-term ground lease;
- Prepared a grant application and secured a Department of Housing & Urban Development funding reservation in the amount of \$368,400 for construction and a five year Project Rental Assistance Contract of \$19,000 per annum.
- Incorporated as a State of Connecticut non-profit organization on December 17, 2001.
- Appointed a founding Board of Directors and initial officers:

Christopher Scalzo, <i>President</i> John Loehr, <i>Vice President</i> Marcie Coffin, <i>Treasurer</i> Annemarie Roller, <i>Secretary</i>	Carole Konner (<i>Town of Ridgefield Municipal Agent for the Disabled</i>) Richard McDermott (<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>) Christopher & Ghislaine Moomaw (<i>SPHERE Inc.</i>) Donald Sturges (<i>Home-Builder</i>)
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2002:

- Established committees to initiate strategies for fund-raising, building design / construction, housing need assessment; and operating / managing the home.
- Collaborated with state and local agencies to ensure an objective, need-based resident selection process that maximized opportunities for deserving residents from the greater Ridgefield / Fairfield County area.
- Finalized and executed ground lease with the Town of Ridgefield
- Engaged architect Faesy-Smith to complete the final building design and specifications and hired Viking Construction as General Contractor.
- Held 1st Gala Fund-Raiser at the home of Rod & Melissa Buckwalter. More than 200 attended and contributed \$70,000.
- Secured Recognition of Exemption under Section 501 c 3 of the IRS code on July 10, 2002.
- Conducted 1st annual year-end fundraising appeal which raised \$60,000 in total donations.
- 2002 Board of Directors & Officers:

John Loehr, <i>President</i> Donald Sturges, <i>Vice President</i> Marcie Coffin, <i>Treasurer</i> Annemarie Roller, <i>Secretary</i>	Carole Konner Richard McDermott Christopher & Ghislaine Moomaw Kathy Bohlman
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2003:

- Sponsored Sunrise Corral Fundraising Event hosted by Don and Tina Sturges. More than 180 people attended the event which raised \$25,000 in private contributions, and \$20,000 in corporate donations.
- Through the summer of 2003 in the face of an extremely tight state government fiscal environment, the Board negotiated further operating commitments from State of CT DDS (then CT DMR) under a Continuous Living Arrangement/CLA model, via a relatively unique arrangement whereby ARI of CT, Inc., as the Cottage's managing agent, holds the operating license agreement with the State.
- The HUD grant was closed and funded into escrow in September 2003.
- In October 2003 RSC held a groundbreaking ceremony at 6 Sunset Lane attended by more than 40 state and local dignitaries and private citizens.
- Excavation and site work commenced in early November 2003.
- 2003 Board of Directors & Officers:

John Loehr, <i>President</i> Donald Sturges, <i>Vice President</i> Marcie Coffin, <i>Treasurer</i> Annemarie Roller, <i>Secretary</i>	Carole Konner Richard McDermott Christopher & Ghislaine Moomaw Kathy Bohlman
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2004:

- Closed out the Year-end 2003 Appeal, which raised \$30,000 in total donations.
- Qualified for disbursement of the \$368,000 HUD construction funding and formally secured the State of CT's commitment for 2004 operating support from DMR.
- Sponsored 3rd Fundraising Event in May at the Ridgefield Community Center. More than 175 people attended and contributed \$60,000.
- Net cash on hand as of fiscal year-end June 30, 2004 totaled approximately \$125,000.
- Construction advanced on schedule and within the \$587,000 budget through spring of 2004.
- Conducted interviews and completed selection process by designating five deserving developmentally disabled individuals to become the first Sunrise Cottage residents.
- Contractually engaged ARI of CT as resident manager with professional on-site staff; and completed all state and federal compliance certifications required to permit resident occupancy.
- On October 6 the Board held a joyous Grand Opening attended by more than 100 state and local dignitaries, private citizens, sponsors and contributors.
- Resident move-ins began in October and 5 initial residents and 24 hour staffing were in place by November 1.
- 2004 Board of Directors & Officers:

John Loehr, <i>President</i> Donald Sturges, <i>Vice President</i> Marcie Coffin, <i>Treasurer</i> Annemarie Roller, <i>Secretary</i>	Richard McDermott Christopher & Ghislaine Moomaw Kathy Bohlman Director Resignations: Carole Konner
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2005:

- The Year-end 2004 Appeal combined with other contributions and grants during 2005 provided a total of \$47,000 (gross) in donations from private individuals, foundations and corporate and community organizations.
- Pursuant to the service model agreed with CT DMR, RSC commenced providing a \$4,200 monthly supplement to the operating assistance provided by the HUD and DMR.
- Net cash on hand as of fiscal year-end June 30, 2005 totaled \$122,958.
- 2005 Board of Directors & Officers:

John Loehr, <i>President</i> Donald Sturges, <i>Vice President</i> Marcie Coffin, <i>Treasurer</i> Annemarie Roller, <i>Secretary</i>	Christopher & Ghislaine Moomaw Gian-Carlo Peressutti Director Resignations: Rich McDermott (March 2005), Kathy Bohlman (February 2005)
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2006:

- Closed out the Year-end 2005 Appeal, which raised \$30,000 in total donations.
- Sponsored Garden Party hosted by Don and Tina Sturges. More than 180 people attended the event which raised \$65,000 in private and corporate contributions.
- Net cash on hand as of fiscal year-end June 30, 2006 totaled approximately \$150,000.
- 2006 Board of Directors & Officers:

John Loehr, <i>President</i> Donald Sturges, <i>Vice President</i> Marcie Coffin, <i>Treasurer</i> Annemarie Roller, <i>Secretary</i>	Peter Casazza Director Resignations: Gian-Carlo Peressutti (November 2006) Chris & Ghislaine Moomaw (November 2006)
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2007:

- Closed out the Year-end 2006 Appeal, which raised \$50,000 in total donations.
- Net cash on hand as of audited fiscal year-end June 30, 2007 totaled approximately \$200,000.
- Barbara Nevins and the Southwest Café sponsored the 1st Annual Southwest Café Sunset 5K Run to Benefit Sunrise Cottage.
- 2007 Board of Directors & Officers:

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2008:

- Closed out the Year-end 2007 Appeal, which raised \$45,000 in total donations.
- Sponsored Garden Party hosted by Rod and Melissa Buckwalter. More than 180 people attended the event that raised \$55,000 in total private and corporate contributions.
- Barbara Nevins and the Southwest Café sponsored the 2nd Annual Southwest Café Sunset 5K Run to benefit Sunrise Cottage
- Net cash on hand as of audited fiscal year-end June 30, 2008 totaled approximately \$250,000.
- 2008 Board of Directors & Officers:

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2009:

- Closed out the Year-end 2008 Appeal, which raised \$30,000 in total donations.
- Barbara Nevins and the Southwest Café sponsored the 3rd Annual Southwest Café Sunset 5K Run to Benefit Sunrise Cottage; Sarah Bouissou of Bernard's hosted a benefit wine tasting; and two talented local musicians, Daniela Sikora and Gina Wilson entertained residents and guests at an evening singing and piano reception.
- Net cash on hand as of audited fiscal year-end June 30, 2009 totaled approximately \$225,000.
- 2009 Board of Directors & Officers:

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2010:

- Closed out the Year-end 2009 Appeal, which raised \$30,000 in total donations.
- Barbara Nevins and the Southwest Café sponsored the 4th Annual Southwest Café Sunset 5K Run to Benefit Sunrise Cottage, raising approximately \$5,000;
- Two-year relicensing of the Cottage and our Managing Agent, ARI of CT by State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Services, the maximum time frame allowed by the Department;
- June Fundraiser, “An Evening at Sunset Lounge” sponsored by the Pambianchi Family who transformed their Pamby Motors show room into a fabulous karaoke party scene enjoyed by more than 150 Sunrise Cottage patrons.
- In September Raffaele Gallo opened his Toscana Ristorante to a full house of Cottage friends for “Celebrity Bartender Night” – patrons responded by handsomely tipping our expert Sunrise Cottage bartenders – with all proceeds donated to the Cottage.
- In late 2010, the Board formed working committees to assess opportunities to enable the construction of a second 4-6 bedroom group home, similar to the existing Sunrise Cottage I. This home would support developmentally disabled residents having the ability to live semi-independently, but with limited and less costly social/medical services.
- Implemented a website strategy for Sunrise Cottage using low-cost and no-cost volunteer resources to facilitate donations, celebrate the personal growth of Cottage residents and communicate our successful track record and our growing calendar of events.
- Net cash on hand as of audited fiscal year-end June 30, 2010 totaled approximately \$250,000.
- 2010 Board of Directors & Officers:

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2011:

- Closed out the Year-end 2010 Appeal, which raised \$30,000 in total donations.
- Barbara Nevins and the Southwest Café sponsored the 5th Annual Southwest Café Sunset 5K Run to Benefit Sunrise Cottage, raising approximately \$5,000. Other sponsors of this event include CARQUEST, Fairfield County Bank, Dr. Jay Martin, DDS, Reynolds and Rowella, Schneider Family Foundation and Union Savings Bank.
- Initiated the planning and due diligence process for the potential expansion of services through the future construction of a second residence, Sunrise Cottage II. This included engaging the services of a specialist consultant, David Berto of Housing Enterprise of Enfield, CT to pursue a federal HUD section 811 construction grant, and commencing discussions with the Town of Ridgefield to secure a town-owned land parcel, under a long term no-cost ground lease.
- For the second time in recent years, in June, two talented local musicians, Daniela Sikora and Gina Wilson entertained Cottage residents and special guests at an evening singing and piano reception graciously hosted by long-time Cottage patrons, Rod and Melissa Buckwalter in the grand ballroom of their Homewood residence. This event raised more than \$25,000 for the Cottage.
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- And through the continued generosity of Ed Bistany and Bob Sperry of The Ridgefield Prime Gourmet Butcher & Seafood Store, Cottage residents enjoyed the bounty of 900 high quality prepared meals, donated throughout the year.
- Lastly, the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary’s Council continued their dedication to Sunrise Cottage ARI through their annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

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