



THE WELCOME CENTER, INC.

2009 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

The Welcome Center serves the City of Austin as the community's multi-cultural center, building community by welcoming newcomers, supporting residents in transition and creating access and opportunity.

Program Update: Advocacy & Client Services

This program provided greatly needed translation/interpretation, advocacy and navigation services that helped 815 immigrants and refugees connect to a myriad of resources including but not limited to housing, health, employment, childcare, education, financial services and more. 80% of those served resolved their presenting issue.

Program Update: College Access Program

Launched in January 2010, this program prepared 94 9th - 12th grade immigrant/refugee students for post-secondary education. During the period of 1/10 to 6/30, students were taken to St. Thomas University, Art Institute of Mnpls, St. Olaf College, Mankato State University, and South Central College. Six seniors applied for and got accepted into college. This project was funded in whole with money from the Great Lakes Foundation.

Program Update: Community Cultural Education

The Welcome Center promotes community building activities via cultural awareness presentations and trainings and various cultural celebrations. In the past year we collaborated with other organizations and participated in the 1st annual Taste of Nations event. This event showcased the diversity in Austin and Mower County by bringing together people, performances, and food to give residents of Austin a "taste of each nation". Over 1,000 people attended the event.

Program Update: Economic Self Sufficiency

Services offered through the economic self-sufficiency program are designed to help newcomers acquire job skills, increase their familiarity with American financial systems, establish their own businesses, and move into permanent housing. Last year the Welcome Center provided over 1000 contact hours of interpreting and translation services. Newcomers are looking for good paying jobs and often need information and better skills to get them. The Welcome Center works with workforce development and other skill development organizations on non traditional programs and settings that will assist the new workforce to develop their potential through tutoring, mentoring and training.

Donor List

The Welcome Center would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions.

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How the books look

The Welcome Center is happy to report that the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2010 with a \$17,200 surplus. As indicated by these numbers, our assets, revenues and net margin remain stable and are a key factor in the sustainability of the provision of service to those needing assistance.

Financial Position 2009

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	95,994
Accounts Receivable	275
Insurance Claim Receivable	414
Contributions Receivable	17,250
Fixed Assets	2,748
TOTAL ASSETS	116,681
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	4,531
NET ASSETS	112,150
TOTAL LIABILITIES/ASSETS	116,681
REVENUE	
Foundations	120,280
Government	5,000
United Way	25,500
Contracted Services	11,317
Sublease	3,300
Program Fees	2,026
Individuals	5,100
Fundraising	214
Loss on Disposal of Assets	(10)
TOTAL REVENUE	172,727
EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	110,582
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	
General Management	44,945
TOTAL EXPENSES	155,527
Change in Net Assets	17,200
Net Assets Beginning of Year	94,950
Net Assets, End of Year	112,150