



INNOVATION CENTER
for community & youth development

2008 Annual Report



Connecting People and Ideas to Create Change

Message from the Innovation Center President

We would not be the Innovation Center if we did not reflect upon, call to use, and celebrate past achievements. It is our belief that every sustainable innovation grows from a foundation of the past – past work, dreams, history and traditions, in short, the lives of all those who came before us. And in 2008, our new products and programs grew from lessons learned by working with community partners around the country.

The end of this year marked the completion of work with the Kellogg Leadership for Community Change (KLCC) II project. For the past two years we've provided intensive training and assistance for community change and collective leadership efforts at the five KLCCII sites. We've watched and cheered as they have, with our support, built their capacities for broad-based community action.

Through the KLCC II project we created a new addition to our catalogue of tool kits: *Collective Leadership Works*, a resource for anyone working with youth and adults in affecting community change. *Collective Leadership Works* compiles the successful training tips and activities from the project and addresses everything from recruiting team members and coaches to evaluating work. We're fortunate and thrilled to be able to offer the tool kit online and free of charge.

A new website has changed the online face of our organization and paved the way for Innovation Center to expand the virtual nature of our work. Thanks in part to a capacity building grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation our new, snazzy-looking website offers our entire catalogue of resources in a free, downloadable form. The KLCC Knowledge Well hosted on our site offers additional resources in an easy-to-browse format.

The Innovation Center developed a network of new partnerships during 2008 that position us well for future work. Many of these relationships are with members of the informal science education community, a field in which I am excited to expand our work. This past year I served on the advisory board for the Center for Advancement of Informal Science Education. These relationships have helped us develop ideas and projects that integrate informal science education with youth civic engagement.

As I reflect on the past year and the Innovation Center's organizational progress over those twelve months, I am struck by the notion that these awful, troubled times require everyone – youth, adults, and communities – to work together to make change. We're proud to offer, through our new online platform, free tools that enable this kind of support and collaboration – because I am committed to the belief that the only way out of the current economic mess is through innovation, and that the Innovation Center is needed now more than ever.

All the best,

Wendy Wheeler

Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development

Statements of Financial Position December 31,

2008

2007

Assets

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 413,277	\$ 388,970
Certificates of deposit	215,307	257,756
Accounts receivable	68,124	170,371
Prepaid expenses	7,678	8,870
Contract expenses in excess of billings	60	1,927
	704,446	827,894

Property and equipment

Furniture and fixtures	4,441	4,441
Computer equipment and software	102,440	86,020
Office equipment	53,524	53,524
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(139,985)	(131,934)
	20,420	12,051

Other assets

Security deposit	3,463	3,463
Total assets	\$ 728,329	\$ 843,408

Liabilities and net assets

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 61,421	\$ 9,266
Accrued leave payable	24,229	30,910
Payroll taxes payable	12,567	7,764
Billings in excess of contract expenses	68,183	76,651
	166,400	124,591

Net assets

Unrestricted	557,895	503,297
Temporarily restricted	4,034	215,520
Total net assets	561,929	718,817
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 728,329	\$ 843,408

The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the year ended December 31, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Public support and revenue			
Contributions			
Individual	\$ 32,240	\$ -	\$ 32,240
Corporate	-	-	-
Foundations	200,750	94,181	294,931
	<u>232,990</u>	<u>94,181</u>	<u>327,171</u>
Earned revenues			
Contract fees	336,736	-	336,736
Product sales	22,961	-	22,961
Other	4,232	-	4,232
	<u>363,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>363,929</u>
Investment income	17,242	-	17,242
Total public support and revenue	<u>614,161</u>	<u>94,181</u>	<u>708,342</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>305,667</u>	<u>(305,667)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>919,828</u>	<u>(211,486)</u>	<u>708,342</u>
Expenses			
Program services			
Small projects	86,071	-	86,071
Material sales	11,333	-	11,333
Surdna	1,763	-	1,763
Kellogg TA Grant	245,666	-	245,666
Kellogg Training	63,043	-	63,043
CEL Knowledge Well	20,774	-	20,774
RGK Foundation	30,019	-	30,019
Fieldstone	30,000	-	30,000
Kellogg Dissemination	156,593	-	156,593
University of Minnesota	(2,811)	-	(2,811)
Kellogg Capacity Building	184,915	-	184,915
	<u>827,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>827,366</u>
Supporting services			
Management and general	27,986	-	27,986
Fundraising	9,878	-	9,878
	<u>37,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,864</u>
Total expenses	<u>865,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>865,230</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	54,598	(211,486)	(156,888)
Net assets, beginning of year	503,297	215,520	718,817
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 557,895</u>	<u>\$ 4,034</u>	<u>\$ 561,929</u>

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2008 Funding Partners

\$175,000 and up

Kellogg Foundation

\$25,000 - \$174,999

University of Minnesota

\$10,000 - \$24,999

American Civil Liberties Union

Management Assistance Group

Packard Foundation

National Guard Bureau

Kathleen Toner & Wendy Wheeler

\$1,000 - \$9,999

Center for Advancement of Informal Science Education

Center for Applied Research and Technical Assistance

Center for Ethical Leadership

The Consultation Center

Endowment for California Leadership

The Tech Museum of Innovation

University of Georgia

Under \$1,000

Academy for Educational Development

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Association of Science-Technology Centers

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Stephen Russell & Scott Neeley

Spencer Foundation

Richard & Linda Thompson

Vance Yoshida

Fusae Yoshida

We would also like to thank the many individuals and community organizations that have utilized the Innovation Center's tools to deepen, expand, and launch new initiatives.

The information presented here has been derived from the Innovation Center's December 31, 2008 audited financial statements – statements audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

For a complete copy of these statements, please contact the Innovation Center at 301.270.2700, info@theinnovationcenter.org, or 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 502, Takoma Park, MD 20912-4423



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Connecting People and Ideas to Create Change

The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development connects thinkers and leaders of all ages to develop fresh ideas, forge new partnerships and design strategies that engage young people and their communities.

Staff

The Innovation Center is composed of core staff in Maryland and California, as well as consultants, part-time staff and operational partners across the United States and in countries around the world. Our partners include youth leaders, academics, trainers, funders, evaluators, community-based practitioners and writers, whose diversity and strength as individuals and as a group define the Innovation Center.

For a complete list of our staff and partners, visit:
www.theinnovationcenter.org

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