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As the go-to leader for community-led research that exposes injustice and illuminates genuine solutions (aka Research Justice), we know that the most impacted communities are the true experts in the daily problems they face. This is not just research — it's research that organizes, builds capacity, strengthens movements, and delivers victories.

HELPING COMMUNITIES WIN!

LGBTQ foster youth in Utah are safer now, thanks to a successful campaign by Utah Pride Center to improve statewide policy to better meet the needs of LGBTQ youth in Utah's foster care system. DataCenter co-authored the report, *Coming Home: Supporting LGBTQ Children in Utah's Foster Care System*, which laid the groundwork for the campaign and played a key role in developing the Pride Center's recognized authority on LGBTQ youth.

For the first time in history, domestic workers in California and Hawaii have labor protections. Their path to victory began with weaving their stories together, buried in this largely invisible, underground workforce. DataCenter put tools and resources into the hand of domestic workers so they could become recognized as experts in crafting informed and compelling solutions.

THIS IS WHAT GRASSROOTS RESEARCH LOOKS LIKE!

Every expert deserves the right tools for the job. But too often, community experts lack the right tools to build power behind the knowledge they have. For grassroots communities committed to honing their expertise and developing informed strategies to win, **retooling research** is a critical first step. In 2013, DataCenter released its free toolkit titled *An Introduction to Research Justice* which places knowledge and information creation tools into the hands of the communities that need them most. Download it at **datacenter.org/rjtoolkit**.

"The concepts of research oppression and Research Justice are extremely powerful. It's thrilling to have a series of tools — for free! — that are dedicated to supporting social transformation. The toolkit has ignited my imagination and I'm hungry for more."

— DataCenter Toolkit User

WHEN COMMUNITY INPUT REALLY MATTERS – WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

DataCenter! Institutions have a mission to serve constituencies that are more diverse than ever. DataCenter is serving a growing demand to engage those constituents in planning, impact assessment, evaluations, community-engaged scholarship and other agency-led efforts that lead to genuine solutions for our communities on the ground.

"DataCenter introduced us to concrete tools for engaging community residents and organizations directly with data. [Their] workshops not only gave us valuable insight into the nuanced meanings of our data, but they also connected residents and community organizations directly to information that would support and inform their own organizing and action planning for transit justice."

— Zoe Levitt, Alameda County Public Health Department

DataCenter and the Utah Pride Center teamed up to release a report that laid the groundwork for a landmark policy victory that protects LGBTQ youth in Utah.

To meet the demand for Research Justice resources, DataCenter further expanded its collection of free toolkits in 2013 with *An Introduction to Research Justice.*

More and more institutions are turning to DataCenter to increase their efficacy through meaningful community engagement.

> *"We did it! We successfully made the case for policy reform. [DataCenter] framed the research so that it was as powerful as possible. It really made a difference in our campaign. As a result, we got the policy passed."*
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> **—Zak Sinclair, consultant for the Utah Pride Center**

2013 Project Partners:

- Adhikaar
- Alameda County Public Health Department
- Allied Media Projects
- California Wellness Foundation
- Community Based Participatory Research Institute
- Garment Workers Center
- Gila River Alliance for a Clean Environment
- Global Action Project (GAP)
- MIT Center for Civic Media
- Observatory Oakland
- Parents Organizing Network
- Planned Parenthood Affiliates of N. California
- School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL)
- The Praxis Project
- Transforming Communities Technical Assistance, Training and Resource Center
- Utah Pride Center
- Voces del Canal
- Young Moms Marin

2013

BALANCE SHEET: DECEMBER 31, 2013 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS

CURRENT & FIXED		
CHECKING/SAVINGS		
CASH ON HAND	$182,068	
ENDOWMENT CASH	$10,379	
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	$192,447	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	$46,284	
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	$3,200	
FIXED ASSETS	$5,144	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**$247,091**
OTHER ASSETS		
ENDOWMENT EQUITIES	$990,592	
POOLED INCOME FUND	$24,190	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		**$1,014,783**
TOTAL ASSETS		**$1,261,874**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		**$38,876**
EQUITY		
UNRESTRICTED	$10,052	
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	$91,745	
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	$1,025,162	
NET INCOME	$96,039	
TOTAL EQUITY		**$1,222,998**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSETS		**$1,261,874**

EXPENSES: $392,182

- PROGRAM — $200,413 — 51%
- ADMINISTRATION — $126,806 — 32%
- DEVELOPMENT — $64,963 — 17%
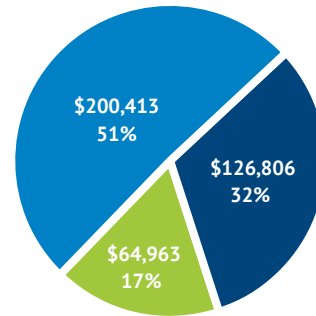
REVENUE (UNRESTRICTED): $424,612
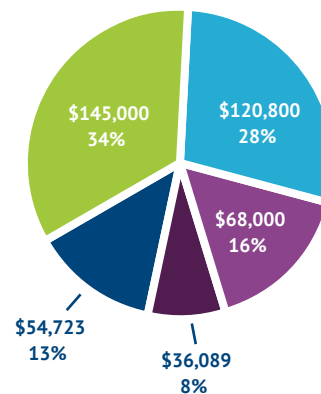
- FOUNDATION GRANTS — $145,000 — 34%
- GRANTS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION — $120,800 — 28%
- FAMILY FOUNDATIONS & DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS — $68,000 — 16%
- DONATIONS — $36,089 — 8%
- EARNED INCOME — $54,723 — 13%

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