

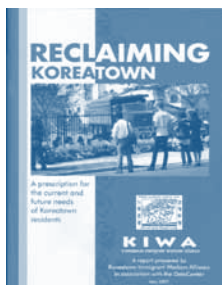


# Summary of Activities

## 2009 Report

In 2009, DataCenter partnered with 47 organizations and community groups and provided nearly 100 different services, including in-depth participatory research projects, tactical and strategic research, consultations, capacity building trainings and campaign strategy. Twenty of those partnerships generated earned income, covering a quarter of our budget. We also provided quick one-time support and referral services to an additional 50 organizations.

### NEW REPORTS!



**Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)**, in association with DataCenter, released *Reclaiming Koreatown*, a report that presents current and future needs of neighborhood residents and analyzes the challenges facing the multi-ethnic, low-income Koreatown community in Los Angeles. The report calls for

development that is accountable to the Koreatown resident community and puts forth a set of principles for improving housing affordability and economic well-being.



*Echoes From the Silence: Raising Our Voices*. As a result of undergoing the first DataCenter-MUA participatory research project in 2006, **Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA)** member leaders designed and implemented their own survey project, culminating in the publication of this report.

DataCenter provided data analysis and technical support. The newly released bilingual report shares the results from a 2008 study conducted by MUA members. The objective was to understand the experiences of Latina immigrant survivors of domestic violence in the Bay Area, and offer recommendations on how to improve services for them. With DataCenter's help, MUA is today a leader in strategically applying social science tools for using members' stories to impact policy.

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### LOCAL YOUTH VOICES ELEVATED IN SHAPING THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH RESEARCH

- Created curriculum and trainings that allowed youth to conduct their own participatory research projects. A youth training camp was held in the Bay Area with participants from various youth organizations, allowing for sharing of experiences.
- Leadership Excellence in Oakland and Khmer Girls for Action (KGA) in Long Beach designed and implemented their own survey projects that will advocate for services in their community. We worked with 16 youth or multi-generational organizations.



**Khmer Girls for Action (KGA)** works primarily with young girls of Southeast Asian descent in Long Beach, CA. Most are from low income, immigrant and/or refugee families. There is a dearth of information that reflects the unique experiences

of the Cambodian community. So KGA decided to assess the conditions and needs among Khmer youth. KGA wanted their project to be participatory, and member-led. DataCenter designed workshops to build the capacity of youth to conduct their own research projects. They co-designed their own survey and interviewed 300 Khmer youth, fully motivated to generate new knowledge that empowers them to represent their collective voice in local policy-making.

## BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

- Through research and trainings, supported tribal communities in reclaiming their land and community knowledge.
- Supported the Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE) Coalition, Gila River Indian Community, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Tohono O'odham Community, and Winnemem Wintu Tribe in fighting corporate polluters, documenting their stories, training on research methods and developing an Indigenous Knowledge Project Advisory Board.
- We worked with 14 organizations working with native communities.

## NATIONAL ALLIANCES AND NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

- We helped grassroots communities develop national alliances to lead advocacy and organizing on a national level.
- Engaged in numerous multi-year, multi-organization, multi-site research projects with the Food Chain Workers Alliance, Right to the City Alliance, National Domestic Workers Alliance, Restaurant Opportunities Center United, using a

range of methodologies to fill in severe data gaps in documenting worker and workplace conditions.

- In partnership with the National Organizers Alliance, launched a movement-building research project to assess the impact of the economic crisis on organizing work and elicit innovative strategies and grassroots wisdom for surviving and thriving.

In July, DataCenter joined the **Food Chain Workers Alliance**, a newly formed national, cross-industry alliance of organizations that organize workers along the food chain. We presented a comprehensive corporate and industry power structure analysis of 50 food chain corporations and trade associations.

## SHARED LEADERSHIP

Through a seed grant from Leadership Learning Community, the DataCenter convened a three part series on sharing leadership for social justice non profit organizations in the Bay Area, focused on co-learning and peer support. Subsequently, Miho Kim presented a three year-reflection on Shared Leadership generating a very thought-provoking discussion among the 25 participants in an LLC Brownbag.

Some feedback we received:

*"Thank you for sharing your study/project with us. I was especially moved with your earnest and humble manner, when revealing the learning/growth that you and your organization made. I'm wondering if you would not have been able to make and share those transformations without your willingness to be vulnerable. Thank you."*

*"I'm still inspired by all the work that you have done and the rich experiences of your peers so well-documented. It gave me a lot of insight as someone in the field of organizational effectiveness in philanthropy, and would love to stay in touch."*

The handout materials and PowerPoint presentation are available on our website at [www.datacenter.org/shared-leadership-case-study-datacenter/](http://www.datacenter.org/shared-leadership-case-study-datacenter/). A summary of the Brownbag has also been posted on the LLC wiki: *Leadership for a New Era* site in the section on Collective Leadership.



**DataCenter and Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE) Coalition** partnered in late 2009 to bring 12 young people together for an Indigenous Knowledge

and Research Justice Camp. The 2-day camp was the first step in building a network of young people that can participate in and eventually lead the current uranium battles, offering their skills and talents as politically-oriented organizers, artists, and performers. One of the most memorable moments from the camp was when participants were asked to draw their life story on a single piece of paper and how uranium mining has impacted their lives. Every participant had a personal story to share on how uranium mining continues to impact our lives—from having a family member that used to work in the mines, to seeing old mining equipment abandoned in their communities, to having family members that have gotten sick and passed on from uranium contamination.

—Nadine Padilla, MASE Coalition

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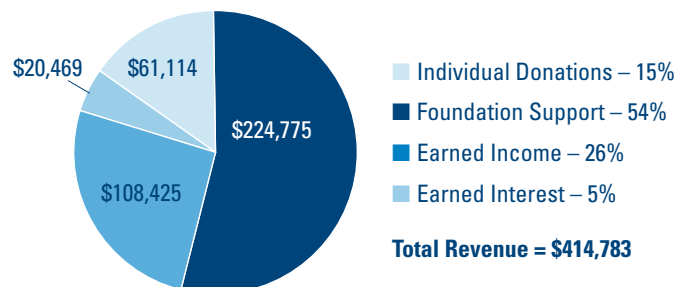
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash and Equivalents	12,987
Temporarily Restricted	210,971
Endowment Cash	51,045
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>275,003</b>
Accounts Receivable	114,713
Deposits — Rental	3,200
Fixed Assets	865
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>393,780</b>
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	746,449
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,140,229</b>

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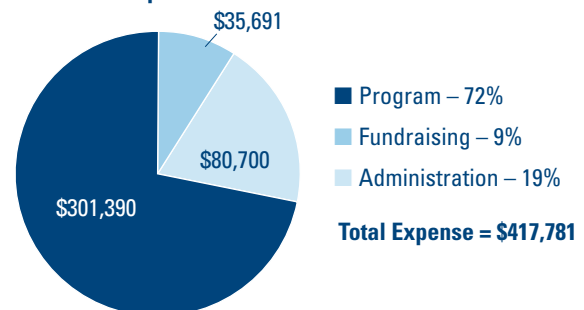
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	26,606
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	127,700
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	215,036
Permanent Restricted Net Assets	797,494
Net Income	-26,607
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,113,623</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,140,229</b>

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### Revenue (unrestricted)



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