



Paula's Hats Donated to the Clothing Collaborative, 2009 by Norm Mekdsy, Cumberland RI

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"I think the Clothing Collaborative is very important because so many people don't have enough money to buy clothes."

Zoila
Dorcas Place Student

"Donating to the Clothing Collaborative was a great way to pay tribute to my late mother who worked hard her entire life. She would have liked being able to help outfit other women so they could work, too."

Deborah Brayton, Chief of Staff,
Providence Mayor David Cicilline's Office

A Tip of the Hat to You...

Dear Friends,

One of the most compelling volunteer stories in 2009 came from Norm Mekdsy of Cumberland, RI. Norm's wife, Paula, recently passed away. He decided to donate her hats to The Clothing Collaborative. In a poignant letter accompanying the donation, Norm told us she was a special education teacher in the Cumberland School Department for 31 years. "She loved her job and the many kids... she was a beautiful, fun-loving individual, who adored her many hats."

In 2009, more than 3,250 individuals were helped through the Clothing Collaborative because of donations from generous individuals like Norm, and many of you. Annually, quite a few of our donations come with touching stories about profound changes in a donor's life that prompted him or her to give to The Collaborative. Each donation has a unique story, but all share a common sentiment: the desire to turn part of one's personal past into another's hopeful future.

We dedicate this year's Annual Report to all of our Clothing Collaborative donors throughout the years. Thank you for your special gifts to help our adults in need as they experience profound changes in *their* lives. You have helped thousands of Rhode Islanders step back into the workforce and enter careers with confidence and pride. A tip of the hat to you....

In 2009, our programs served 1,085 adult learners, a 33% increase over 2008. Low-income, low-literacy Rhode Islanders continued to access critically important educational opportunities that helped them earn GEDs, improve their English, gain citizenship, prepare for college, support their children's education, or find a job or career pathway. Dorcas Place gained national recognition for these efforts in 2009 when we were the only adult education organization to receive one of six Leadership Awards from the National Coalition for Literacy.

We learned in June of 2009, that our CEO of ten years, Brenda Dann-Messier, Ed.D, would soon be appointed to serve as Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education in the Obama Administration. We said farewell to Brenda in October, and welcomed Carol Holmquist in July 2010. As we look towards celebrating 30 years of service in April, 2011, we would like to thank all of our friends, volunteers, staff and donors for their extraordinary commitment to Dorcas Place. Please join us to celebrate three decades of service in our community!

With appreciation,



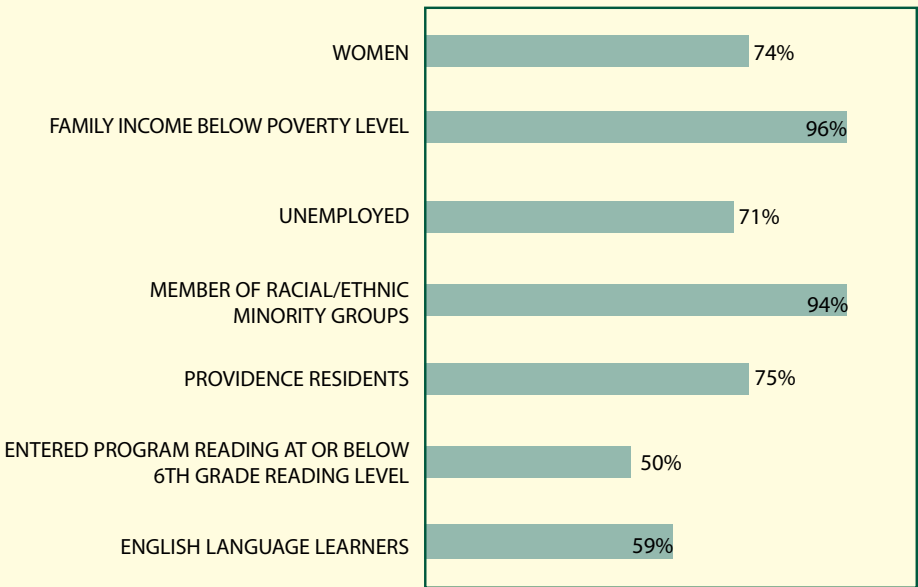
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2009 PROFILE OF STUDENTS



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Adult Basic Education and ESOL Programs provided instruction in day and evening classes for 1,085 adult learners, a 33% increase over FY08. Learner gains in less than 1 year were significant given that 50% of students entered at or below the 6th grade reading level; 57% of those retested advanced by one or more educational functional levels in reading. Twenty-three adults gained GEDs.

Career Academy & Job Center enrolled 153 students with 75 graduates gaining jobs ~ significant given RI's high unemployment rate. One-quarter were hired in health care.

Clothing Collaborative Program provided 3,256 adults statewide with work-appropriate clothing, and served as a customer service internship site for students.

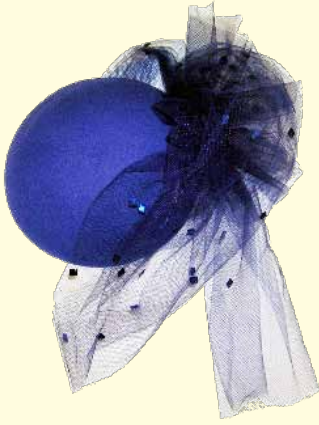
Rhode Island Welcome Back Center provided 131 internationally educated health professionals with education, licensing and credentialing services to help them enter the healthcare workforce in RI. Thirty-one participants had their credentials evaluated; 3 passed licensing exams; and 2 MDs and 2 RNs began work as CNAs.

College Preparatory Program served 121 students, with 50% enrolling at either a 2-year or 4-year college. Of the 82 students who completed intensive college-readiness math and reading courses, 85% enrolled in a second course.

Family Literacy Program served 364 adults and 276 children at Robert Bailey Elementary School. 101 families with children from ages 0-14 were served at 3 other locations in Providence. 46% of parents increased English literacy by an educational functioning level.

Civics Education Program hosted elected officials and held a mock presidential election campaign engaging 474 students. It promoted civic awareness, voter registration, and community involvement. Fifteen students participated in intensive citizenship classes; and 7 passed citizenship exams.

Student Support Services Program provided 841 students with counseling and referrals to assist them in personal and family matters that often post significant barriers to persistence and success in school.



RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAM

Management: & General: 11.8%

Administrative Personnel, Facilities Operations.

Student Support Services: 0.2%

Individual and Family Counseling, Case Management, Referral Services.

Family Literacy: 11.6%

On-site and School-based Parent-Child Literacy, After-school Programs, Adult and Parenting Education.

Workforce Literacy: 17.6%

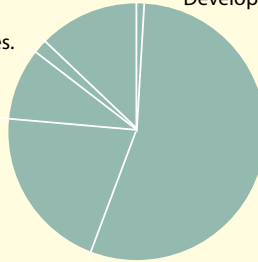
Workforce Readiness Skills Training, Internships, Career Counseling and Job Placement Services, Clothing Collaborative, Career Academy Program, RI Welcome Back Center.

Fundraising & Development: 0.4%

Development Personnel, Annual Fund, Special Events.

Functional Literacy: 58.5%

Adult Basic Literacy, ESOL, Learning Resource Center, English Language/Civics, College Preparatory Programs, GED.



OPERATING AND PROGRAM FUNDS

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Revenues

Government Grants & Contracts	\$1,742,700	63.5 %
Private Foundations	731,124	26.6 %
Corporate Grants	51,604	1.9 %
Individuals & Family Foundations	213,377	7.8 %
Special Events	3,300	0.1 %
Investment Income	3,043	0.1 %
Total Revenues	\$ 2,745,148	

Expenses

Personnel	\$2,224,434
Contracted Services	208,643
Audit, Accounting, Payroll Services	35,866
Space Costs	92,166
Telephone, Internet	11,665
Equipment (non-capitalized)	6,594
Staff Travel	13,744
Classroom & Program Supplies	94,420
Student Transportation, Tuition and Other Assistance	99,967
Office & Program Operating Expenses	85,610
Staff Development	4,391
Marketing/PR	1,380
Total Expenses	\$2,878,880

Unrestricted Net Assets

(\$133,732)

Documented in-kind donations and services were approximately \$13,750

Current Value of the Endowment (not including pledges) \$346,011

Current Value of the Land, Building, and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation

\$1,929,787





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We would like to thank each one of you who continues to share a belief in our mission, and chooses to invest so generously in our work and our students.

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