

As Drug Free Marion County moves fully into our next decade we are looking to increase our community visibility, to share the consequences of substance abuse and addiction to individuals and our community, to celebrate our contributions to advocacy, education and prevention within Marion County, and to build a strong foundation for our sustainability.

Here are some highlights of our work during 2009:

- More than 30,000 residents were directly impacted through our grants, projects and other services aimed at reducing substance abuse in our community
- Created a Remonstrance Manual and other resources to educate and assist concerned citizens with preventing unnecessary growth of alcohol sales outlets in their neighborhoods and communities
- Our Youth Advisory Council hosted its first Block Party to promote fun, drug-free activities among their peers
- Stan DeKemper received the Daniel J. Crowe Lifetime Recovery Advocate Award and Judge Michael Kramer and Keith Sneed were both named Recovery Advocates of the Year at our Addiction Recovery Month Celebration
- Our Board of Directors selected the four Core Values for the organization that guide us in all areas of our work in the community (See Front Cover)

During 2009 we also spent time gathering data and preparing the recently released second edition of our Underage and Binge Drinking Report. Among the key findings are: 1) Use of alcohol and binge drinking by Marion County 6th & 8th graders is above state and regional averages and 2) Marijuana use is higher than state and regional figures for 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades. Visit our website, www.drugfreemarioncounty.org, for more findings from the study.

We look back on the achievements of 2009 outlined in this report with pride and look forward to a promising future of continued service, growth and outreach. Please take time to read about other successes of the last year in the stories in this report that provide hope for a future free from the impact of substance abuse and addiction on our community. Thank you for your support.

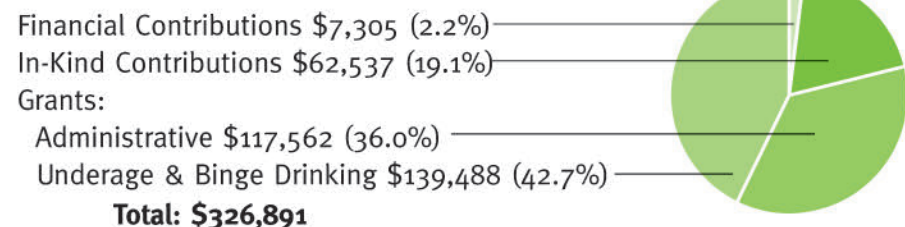
Sincerely,


Randy Miller, Executive Director

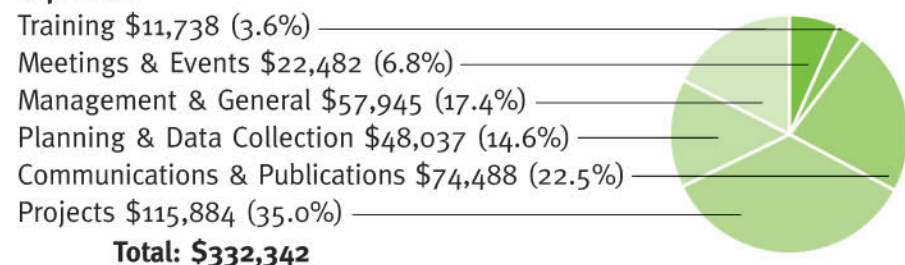

Charlotte Pontius, President

2009 Financial Report

Revenue



Expenses



BROOKVIEW ELEMENTARY, APRIL 2009

What began as a story about two fifth graders being caught conducting a marijuana deal at their school, ended up being an opportunity to educate parents and the other students and to applaud the young man who reported the episode.

In April of 2009 a young man reported that two fifth grade classmates, ages 10 & 11, were selling marijuana at Brookview Elementary School on the far eastside of Marion County. Both boys were arrested and taken to the juvenile detention center. Drug Free Marion County was contacted by an Indianapolis Star reporter for reaction and comments. We informed him that 5% of Marion County 6th graders have tried marijuana and that 2% say they have used it within the last 30 days. We also told him that selling pot was likely a behavior that the young man had learned from an adult.

In a timely response to the situation, Drug Free Marion County contacted the principal of the school and arranged a meeting to talk about what follow-up should occur. Two educational sessions were planned for the parents and students at the school. Assembling a team of parents, board members, law enforcement officers, a judge and our staff, we provided two substance use prevention programs; one in the evening and the other before school. Each involved educating the parents about their role in prevention and also informed the young people about the potential hazards and consequences of the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

To recognize the courageous young man who reported the incident, Brookview Elementary Principal, Tim Hanson, presented Deandre Bishop with the school's first Character Award, named in his honor. The school plans to present this award each year to a student at the school who exemplifies true character in the face of adversity.



Deandre Bishop is holding his Character Award flanked by IMPD East District Lieutenant Jerry Leary (left) and IMPD North District Captain Phil Burton (right)

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Grantee Success Stories

\$480,000 was provided to 18 grantees through the local Drug Free Community Fund grants in 2009. The funded projects assisted Drug Free Marion County in achieving the objectives outlined in our Community Plan. Through these grants, the agencies and organizations receiving the dollars touched the lives of more than 30,000 Marion County residents during 2009.

Below is a summary of the impact some of these programs had on the organizations and the individuals whose needs they met as a result of the funding they received. For more on these and other grantee success stories, visit our website, www.drugfreemarioncounty.org, and click on the Our Community tab.

Enhancing Collaboration and Services

Through connections made at DFMC networking meetings, staff of Step-Up and EmberWood met and discovered the potential benefits of collaboration. Both offer different programs to their clients. However, by linking the components of their services, the new partnership resulted in improved and enhanced prevention services being provided to each organization's clients. "A great example of real collaboration that truly enhances the programs of both agencies—a direct result of DFMC funding decisions."

Advocating for Clients

"John came to Family Service without stable housing, employment, family relationships or sobriety." A Client Advocate (partially funded by DFMC grant) assisted John in eliminating barriers that prevented him from pursuing and staying in substance abuse treatment. With a stable home, transportation, and other supports in place, John has remained sober, serves as a chef at a local restaurant and is attending culinary school.

Drug and Alcohol Related Crimes

Homeless and in the throes of substance abuse for 10 years, Greg committed several alcohol- and drug-related crimes that brought him frequently before the Court. Well-liked by service providers for his intellect and humor, it was often disheartening to observe the decline that resulted from his on-going battle with addiction. Through the grant and his compliance with court agreements, Greg was able to complete a detox and residential treatment program, and is now thriving in a transitional living program.

2009 Drug Free Community Fund Grantees

Prevention/Education

Smart Moves, Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis.....	\$20,000
I Need You to Listen, Hear & Understand Me, Health & Hospital Corp.....	\$17,000
Kaleidoscope, Kaleidoscope	\$19,816
From A-To-D: What U need 2 Know, Ruth Lilly Health Education Center	\$19,350
AYS Prevention Program, AYS, Inc.....	\$ 4,012
Youth At Risk, Step-Up, Inc.....	\$20,000
Children Have Options In Choosing Experiences (CHOICE), Indy Parks & Recreation	\$19,978

Treatment

Assisted Living While in Treatment, Gallahue Mental Health.....	\$20,000
Bethlehem House, Bethlehem House	\$20,000
Functional Needs Resource Coordination, Emberwood.....	\$20,000
Client Advocacy and Care Coordination, Family Services of Central IN.....	\$20,000
Harbor Lights, Salvation Army.....	\$20,000
SARACS, Butler University	\$20,000

Criminal Justice

Women Taking Charge, Step-Up, Inc.....	\$20,000
Marion Co. Drug Treatment Court - Diversion, MC Drug Treatment Court.....	\$22,282
Marion Co. Drug Treatment Court - Reentry, MC Drug Treatment Court.....	\$20,000
Community Court of Indianapolis, Marion County Superior Court.....	\$40,000
MCPO Narcotics Eviction Program, Marion County Prosecutor	\$20,000

PARENTS, GUARDIANS & STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM ONLINE NEWSLETTER

The Drug Free Family Newsletter serves as a resource to educate parents and guardians of elementary and middle school students—as well as the youths themselves—about issues surrounding underage substance use.

In 2009, Drug Free Family Newsletter went virtual. It is now created online as an email piece complete with live links to the websites of Drug Free Marion County (DFMC), its partners and other key information and service providers. Likewise, visitors to the DFMC website can link to an online version of the newsletter and join the distribution list.

The online format has allowed DFMC staff greater flexibility in content. Covered topics now include: data gathered and analyzed by Drug Free Marion County concerning underage substance use; prevention strategies (tips on talking to children, advice for youth on how to resist peer pressure and find healthful alternatives to addressing stress, etc.); recognizing signs of underage substance use; how to respond if a child is using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs; local and national awareness events; and health information as it relates to substance use among youth.

Every issue of the newsletter also includes ideas for fun family events that promote togetherness in positive environments, from free arts programming to holiday craft activities. A “Just for Kids” feature spotlights a word game, puzzle, quiz or similar diversion designed to increase youth awareness of substance-use issues and create an opportunity for parents and kids to talk about alcohol and drug issues.

Distributed through an e-marketing firm, Drug Free Family Newsletter is delivered directly to nearly 200 recipients. Additionally, in 2009, the e-newsletter produced by the City of Indianapolis began carrying a link to Drug Free Family, enabling an additional 3,400 individuals to access the publication. DFMC encourages recipients to forward the newsletter and/or print it to further its reach.

The virtual incarnation of Drug Free Family Newsletter has been well received, prompting positive feedback from parents/guardians, service providers and community leaders.

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Community Financial Supporters

Thanks to the following organizations for their financial support in 2009.

\$20,000+
National Cinemedia

\$10,000-\$19,999
Channel 13 / WTHR
Lamar Companies

\$5,000-\$9,999
Mary E. Ober Foundation

\$1,000-\$4,999
Ent & Imler CPA Group

\$500-\$999
Clarian Health
Elite Printing

\$100-\$499
Classic Trends Photography
Fairbanks
Gallahue Mental Health Services
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
Indy IT Resource Group
Pathway Family Center
Real Taste Catering
Ryder Truck Rental
Smokefree Indy
Stage Tech
Uncle Eddie's Sports Education
Valle Vista Health System

Mission

Drug Free Marion County, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, plans, promotes, implements and coordinates community efforts to prevent and reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among youth and adults.

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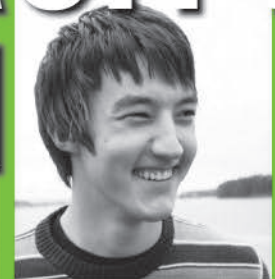
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