



Children's P.E.A.C.E. Center.

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## “Fantastic Five” 2008 Annual Report

### *Vision Statement*

*‘Inspire Peace’, by providing a special kind of peace museum for children of all ages to learn character education, violence prevention and practice peacemaking skills.*

*Through hands-on, interactive fun exhibits and learning centers, participants discover ways to improve character traits; learn steps to conflict resolution; discover their gifts and talents; are equipped with life skills necessary to recognize harmful behaviors in order to manage them; and feel empowered to make better choices in their lives; which in turn enriches their community and environment.*

### *Mission Statement*

*“Encourage and equip children of all ages to develop peacemaking skills that enrich their lives and those around them”.*



January 15, 2009

Dear CPC Friends



It has been a "FANTASTIC FIVE" years since we incorporated as the Children's Peace Education And Community Enrichment Center, Inc...DBA "Children's PEACE Center. Happy Birthday to CPC!! We were thrilled when we passed the five year milestone and received our official IRS determination letter. Throughout the past five years, we have laughed, cried, sweated, hugged, and prayed a lot. We are so very grateful to all our friends and supporters through these years. Without you, we would not be able to bring this program to the children. Our founding Board Members Barbara Hughes, Carol Braby, Martha Schulte, and I dreamed of a peaceful future for children and developed ways to "Inspire Peace" in each participant. From those humble beginning dreams, new Board Members' input, and lots of ideas from friends, we've grown a lot.

We celebrated our successful Pilot Program of "Character in Class" and "Peacemaking 101". We were excited with the potential of the donation of an old beat-up Race Car Trailer. Even with all the dents and dirt, we could see the future of a Mobile Classroom. We fine tuned many of our programs and in 2008 came up with four major programs and several smaller ones.

This past year, 2008, proved to be quite a challenge with finalizing the major programs, establishing pricing, and refurbishing the donated trailer. Even though we only held three large Site Visits, we were amazed at the amount of work that was accomplished and felt really blessed from those very special people that not only donated their time, but their professional talent to make all this happen.

Our dream is gradually becoming a reality with the help of our Board Members, hard working volunteers and generous givers. We have had a Fantastic Five and look forward to the next five. There is still much to do to finish the Mobile Classroom and start marketing the major programs. But I think of the smiles on the children's faces when they get to use the puppets to work out their problems; when they "ski" to build better teamwork. I think of all the children that said "There isn't enough time, we want to do more." I think of the parents and Teachers that said "Thanks, this is the best Field Trip this year and has the most lasting affect on our school." That makes all the sweating and crying worthwhile. I look forward to 2009 with the anticipation of completing the Mobile Classroom. We'll move forward on this fantastic journey as we continue to strive to encourage and equip children with peacemaking skills to enrich their lives and those around them.

Sincerely,  
Andria D Melham  
President, Children's PEACE Center

## **2008 Highlights**

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### **Mobile Classroom Progress**

The entire year of 2008 has been focused on doing the refurbishment of the 36'x8' Race Car trailer that had been donated earlier. The trailer was "brought home" to Acworth on 1/8/08 and the work began.



### **Bringing it Home**

Many fantastic volunteers have helped things progress along. A dear friend from Missouri, Bert Bellof, formerly a professional painter with TWA, spent a week with us in March to paint the entire trailer. Another dear friend, Bruce Graham of S&B Electrical in South Carolina took us into their home in April for a week, and graciously donated the lights and all inside electrical work. It was quite a thrill to finally say "We've got lights". We ran a "test" with a Homeschool group to see how many people could comfortably fit inside the trailer...we got 38 people in and still had room. Several months were involved in determining what to use for insulation and finally installing it. Many challenges caused time delays and learning experiences. With the help of Mr. Handyman, Steve Cain, and his work crew, we started on the ceilings and walls. With that out of the way, the A/C units could finally be installed. What a thrill to see it almost refurbished. Several layers of inside paint, custom building and installing all the desks and wall units made it begin to take shape. After getting the initial exhibits in place, we planned to finish the year out with a "sneak peek" visit to a "Holiday Celebration" in Acworth with "Create-A-Memory and Radio Disney. However, the weather didn't cooperate and due to the extensive rain the celebration had to be closed early. But we did get a surprise visit from Santa for those few children that did join us in the Mobile Classroom.



**Inside Mobile Classroom with Santa - Dec 2008**



### **Peacemaking 101**

We held a very interesting and challenging class with a Homeschool group in Acworth held at Roberts School. Starting in March, eight lessons involved Effective Communication, Relationships, Being a Good Friend, Ethics, Better Decision Making, Accepting Consequences for our choices, Doing What's Right, Peer Pressure, Anger and Conflict Management along with Violence Prevention topics. The final session involved the children making up their own drama or puppet show to tell the audience what they learned in the classes. This turned out to be

the highlight of the entire semester. All the parents and instructors enjoyed watching the demonstrations. This is an annual class and everyone looks forward to the fun learning experience.

### **Discover Peace Camps**



The first part of June took us to Koinonia Partners in Americus, GA for our second time to do a week long Peace Camp for the neighborhood. We utilized the exhibits in Discover Peace and did a different section each day of the camp. Monday covered "Be Me" to explore emotions and self-esteem, Tuesday involved "Be A Community" to practice conflict resolution, team building and cooperation. Wednesday was "Be Global" to learn cultural diversity and try to learn different languages. Thursday involved "Be Earth-wise" to find ways to protect our planet and all its inhabitants. Friday is always the

Grand Finale as all the children design their own play concerning a conflict that they have experienced, go on a Silent Scavenger Hunt, and hold an Open House for all their parents, friends and family. We had 27 children, ages 3-16, plus several Peace Guides. It was gratifying to see several of the older Teens, who had been campers several years before when we held a Camp there, act as Peace Guides. They had remembered all the fun and experiences they had at our first camp and were able to share those experiences with the new campers.





The middle of June had us at a Community of Christ Alabama/Florida Reunion where we provided the children's programs. This is done similar to the regular Peace Camps. We followed closely with the themes that we used in Koinonia Partners but adjusted to the needs of this group of children and instructors. In this type of setting we hold four identical class sessions with age appropriate materials. One class was for PreK and Kindergarten, second was Primary, third Junior, and fourth was a special session for Junior High and Senior High youth. This proved quite challenging but fun and the students still enjoyed it and learned from the experiences and role plays.

### **Community Outreach and Partnerships**

We participated in several "Table Events" to show our program and volunteer opportunities. A very special project presented itself with Kennesaw State University. The KSU Public Relations class "adopted" the Children's PEACE center. The class of 25 students divided into five teams of five each. Each group decided on a Public Relations Company Name and then proceeded to develop a PR campaign for us. Throughout the semester they gathered information and then presented proposals. The hardest part was deciding which proposal "won". The winning team created a new logo for the Mobile Classroom and it will be used in the next year when the final signage is installed on the trailer.

We partner yearly with the Osborne Community Coalition and provide learning activities and programs whenever they do an event. It's always a pleasure to work with their children in this collaboration. We brought several of our exhibits to their Osborne Youth Service Day in May and the "Drunk Driving Glasses" were a hit.



Through our partnership with the Cobb Community Collaboration (CCC), we joined the Education Council and are actively engaged in building a relationship with all the Cobb County Schools. We meet each school Principal and listen to what their needs are then try to determine if CCC has any existing programs that can meet those needs. Through this the Education Council is building a Database of program opportunities for the schools. We hope this will work as a good avenue to showcase some of our programs.

In June we joined the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and our Board Member Jim Gallagher is attending the meetings when possible in support of Children's PEACE Center.

Through much collaboration in our community we are building relationships and developing opportunities to share our programs and resources. We look forward to each chance to help another group that is reaching out to children and enriching our neighborhoods.

## ***Donors – Contributions up to \$100***

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Barbara & Randy Leslie  
Betty & Ken Cowick  
Cindy & Dave Ford  
Donna & Don Elliott  
Glenna Chapin  
Kathleen Robinson  
Jeanne Robinson  
Marilyn Schroer  
Mary Anne Evans  
Matt Slater  
Trish Walker  
Wayne Janks  
Wilma Webster

## ***Donors – Contributions \$101 to \$500***

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Alisha Stearns  
Larry Pool  
Linda Powell

## ***Donors – Contributions over \$500***

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Lillian & Raymond Brown

## ***Donors – Over K Club (Contributions over \$1000)***

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Jody & Dave Johnson

## ***Gifts-In-Kind***

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Hal Vernier – Vernier Landscapes  
Ed Van Horn – Mechanic Extraordinaire  
Bert Bellof – Professional Painter  
Bruce Graham – S&B Electrical  
Steve Cain – Mr. Handyman  
Bart Sheldon  
BJ Stolpman – BJ's Administrative Services  
Ed Falso – ProBono Attorney  
Shawn Moore – Cobb Commercial Bank  
Joseph Barker - Faith Automotive  
Mike x - NAPA Paint & Supply  
Home Depot – Acworth & Woodstock  
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Carolee & Dan Day  
Leota & Ralph Day  
Dustin Barrett  
Robin Harshbarger – Celebrate Life  
Jim & Shirley Dilbeck – Best Neighbors  
Cobb Faith Partnership  
Cobb Community Collaborative  
Community of Christ – Atlanta North  
KSU Public Relations Class  
Koinonia Partners  
Turner Chapel AME

## Volunteers

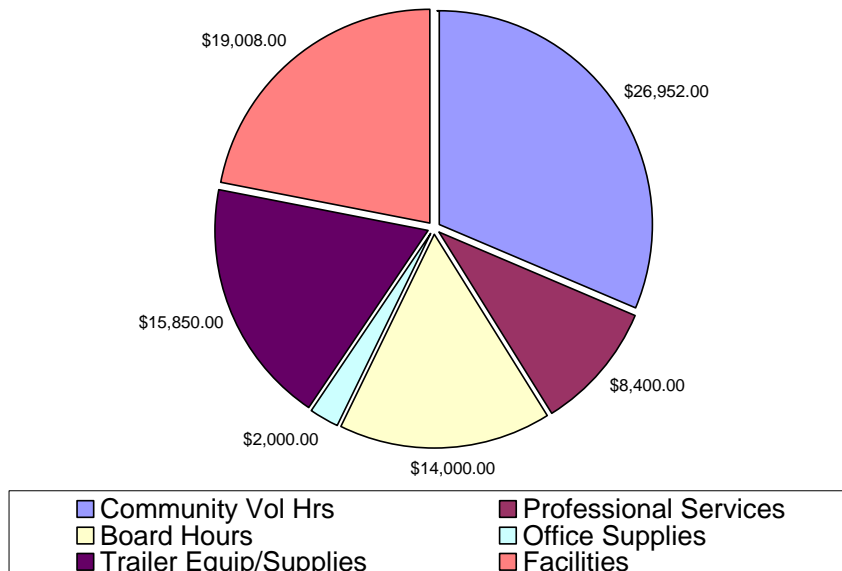
Many individuals contributed hundreds of hours of time in 2008 and I'm sure I've missed some volunteer names. We are so grateful to each and every one. CPC simply could not exist without their support. The following people gave generously of their time, energy, and expertise to help accomplish everything we achieved in the last year:

Jeni Abney  
 Shaquanda Barner  
 Dustin Barrett  
 Trellis Barttell  
 Tyler Behl  
 Bert Bellof  
 Jody Bennett  
 Sophia Boswell  
 Sterling Cockrell  
 Kaiya Collins  
 Melissa Cooper  
 Stephen Costen  
 Carter Davis  
 Leota Day  
 Ralph Day  
 Jodi Dees  
 Betty Dixon  
 Frazier Dworet  
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 Femke Holhenborg  
 Marcia Howard  
 Jessica Jones  
 Tyler Jones  
 Ann Karp  
 Pam Light  
 Andria Melham  
 Jim Melham  
 Kathy McPherson  
 Linda Mitchell  
 Kathleen Monts  
 Heather Nash  
 Lori Phinney  
 Danielle Polensek  
 Diane Pool  
 Larry Pool  
 Bob Robinson

Jeanne Robinson  
 BJ Stolpman  
 Jessica Ruth  
 Jack Sanders  
 Bill Schulte  
 Martha Schulte  
 Sandra Smith  
 Jessica Sims  
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 Wilma Urbaniak  
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 Ed Van Horn  
 Donna Wade  
 Sharon Ward  
 Carolyn Williams  
 Lauren Williams  
 Ralph Williams

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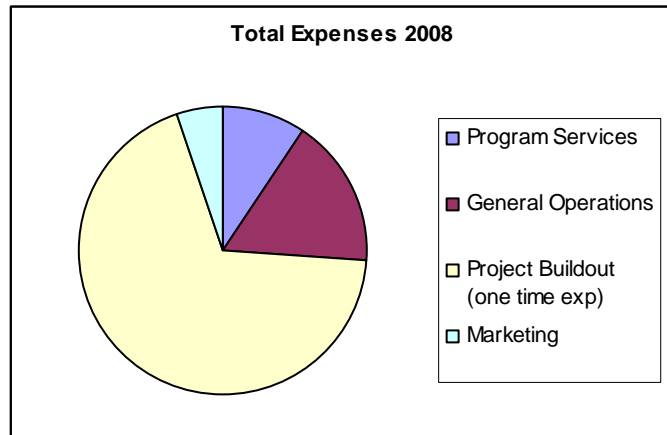
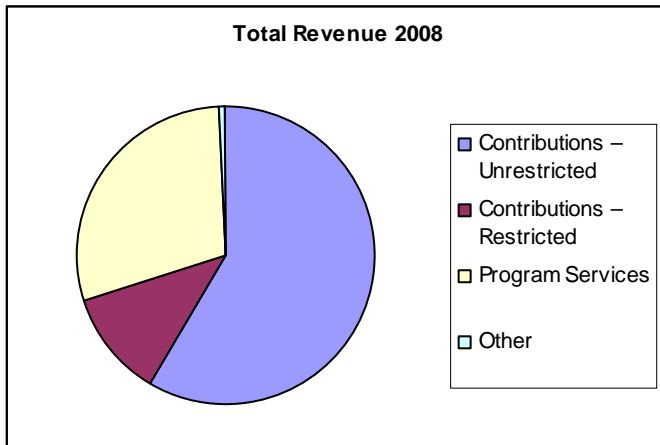


## 2008 Operational Costs & Expenses

### 2008 Statement of Activities

Contributions – Unrestricted	\$5,097.95
Contributions – Restricted	1,000.00
Program Services	2,579.20
Other	50.79
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,727.94</b>

Program Services	\$1,249.61
General Operations	2,215.53
Project Build-out (one time exp)	9,160.86
Marketing	687.56
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,313.56</b>



### Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2008

Checking	\$6,440.02
Petty Cash	48.97
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,488.99</b>
Temporarily restricted	\$1,000.00
Unrestricted	\$5,488.99
<b>Total Net Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$6,488.99</b>



## **2008 Leadership**

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### **Board of Directors**

Andria D Melham (President)  
Chris Force (Secretary)  
Jeanne Robinson (Treasurer)  
Larry D. Pool  
Jim Gallagher  
Stephen Costen

Children's PEACE Center, Community of Christ  
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CPA, Senior Technology Security Manager, AT&T  
MSW, PhD, Family Counselor/Professor Social Work  
H. Gallaway Construction, Jr Achievement, Cobb Chamber  
Business Consultant, Georgia Coaching Association

### **Advisory Council**

Helen Pearson Smith

Emory University

### **Consultants**

Frazier Dworet  
James G Melham

Business Consultant  
Transportation, Exhibit Design

## **Contact CPC**

For more information about the Children's PEACE Center or to find out how you can become involved, please contact us at:



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**Our Board of Directors sees the possibilities - May 2008**

**PEACE, If it's to BE, It's up to YOU and ME!!**

