



INNOVATION CENTER
for community & youth development

2007

ANNUAL REPORT



Connecting People and Ideas to Create Change

Message from the Innovation Center President

In 2007 we focused on the core elements of our mission: sharing innovative resources and sparking innovation in community and youth development. The year brought significant accomplishments and with them, opportunities to plant new seeds for the future.

Our work with the Kellogg Leadership for Community Change project epitomized the Innovation Center mission. For the past three years we've worked intensively with five community organizations that have dreams of improving their neighborhoods. We guided the sites as they built youth-adult leadership teams to work toward their goals. On the Lummi Nation in Washington the team brought young people to tribal council meetings for the first time. In Appalachia they worked together to find innovative ways to strengthen local schools. The Innovation Center helped these groups foster new relationships, develop plans and monitor their progress. We also documented the experience and are creating new toolkits and training programs based on them. To learn more, visit our website to watch *Come Out Shining*, a video that tells the story of KLCC in Benton Harbor, MI. Check our website in the fall to download the KLCC toolkit.

We expanded our organizational reach in 2007 to better include youth workers, researchers and funders. Innovation Center youth board member Carolyn Edelbeck and I modeled youth-adult partnership when we keynoted four White House-sponsored conferences in Nashville, TN, Saint Paul, MN, Dallas, TX and Portland, OR.

Traffic to our website continued to grow in 2007, with over 333,000 visitors to our sites. In 2008 we will build on the success of these sites when we launch a new and updated version of our Innovation Center site. Along with all of the Innovation Center resources, the site will feature the Kellogg Knowledge Well, a source for tools, online communities, videos and photos to help practitioners work effectively with young people. Visit www.theinnovationcenter.org in August 2008 to check it out.

In fall 2007, we prepared for 2008 with a new three-year strategic plan. The planning process sharpened our focus, clarified our goals and intensified our resolve. We will provide the best possible support for young people and communities, use the lessons learned through those experiences to inform the field, and spark new innovation in community and youth development.

Writing this letter gives me an opportunity to thank the many people who have partnered with the Innovation Center over the year. Our staunch board of directors has offered advice, guidance and support. Our exceptional staff members have worked to achieve our mission every day. Our funders' investments have made all of our work possible. Last, I want to acknowledge the young people and adults around the country whose vision, energy and commitment inspire us every day.

Join us!

Wendy Wheeler

Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the year ended December 31, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Public Support and Revenue			
Contributions			
Individual	\$ 20,051	\$ -	\$ 20,051
Corporate	100	-	100
Foundations	25,902	248,212	274,114
	46,053	248,212	294,265
Earned revenues			
Contract fees	328,258	-	328,258
Product sales	18,087	-	18,087
Other	4,392	-	4,392
	350,737	-	350,737
Investment income	25,553	-	25,553
Total Public Support and Revenue	422,343	248,212	670,555
Net assets released from restrictions	169,997	(169,997)	-
	592,340	78,215	670,555
Expenses			
Program services			
Small projects	97,589	-	97,589
Material sales	120,254	-	120,254
Kellogg KICC	235,601	-	235,601
Surdna	51,595	-	51,595

ROCA VIA & SD	68,282	-	68,282
Cambridge	53,024	-	53,024
Stone Foundation	1,350	-	1,350
Kellogg TA Grant	118,401	-	118,401
KLCC Training	33,163	-	33,163
KLCC Conference	18,009	-	18,009
CEL Knowledge Well	45,407	-	45,407
FOL	3,119	-	3,119
KLCC Dissemination	<u>21,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,580</u>
Total Program Services	<u>867,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>867,374</u>
Supporting services			
Management and general	22,175	-	22,175
Fundraising	<u>11,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,381</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>33,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,556</u>
Total Expenses	<u>900,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900,930</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(308,590)	78,215	(230,375)
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>811,887</u>	<u>137,305</u>	<u>949,192</u>
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$ 503,297</u>	<u>\$ 215,520</u>	<u>\$ 718,817</u>

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Statements of Financial Position

December 31,

2007

2006

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 388,970	\$ 582,240
Certificates of deposit	257,756	249,202
Accounts receivable	170,371	138,860
Prepaid expenses	8,870	5,295
Contract expenses in excess of billings	1,927	80,507
Total Current Assets	<u>827,894</u>	<u>1,056,104</u>

Property and Equipment

Furniture and fixtures	4,441	4,441
Computer equipment and software	86,020	81,397
Office equipment	53,524	53,524
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(131,934)	(121,025)
Total Property and Equipment, net	<u>12,051</u>	<u>18,337</u>

Other Assets

Security deposit	<u>3,463</u>	<u>3,463</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 843,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,904</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 9,266	\$ 9,953
Accrued leave payable	30,910	33,271
Payroll taxes payable		10,711

	7,764	
Billings in excess of contract expenses	<u>76,651</u>	<u>74,777</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>124,591</u>	<u>128,712</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	503,297	811,887
Temporarily restricted	<u>215,520</u>	<u>137,305</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>718,817</u>	<u>949,192</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 843,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,904</u>

2007 Funding Partners

\$175,000 and up

Center for Ethical Leadership

\$25,000 - \$174,999

Fieldstone Alliance

Kathleen M. Toner & Wendy M. Wheeler

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

RGK Foundation

Surdna Foundation, Inc.

\$10,000 - \$24,999

American Civil Liberties Union

City of Cambridge

Headwaters Group

Roca, Inc.

\$1,000 - \$9,999

DDB Issues

Fellowship of Lights

Ford Foundation

Fusae Yoshida

Girl Scouts of the USA

Institute for Intergovernmental Research

Kenneth T. Monteiro & Leo Blackman

Kevin & Hartley Wensing

Maine Youth Action Network

Management Assistance Group

Mid Atlantic Network for Youth

Stephen Russell & Scott Neeley

Sierra Health Foundation

University of North Carolina

Vance Yoshida

W. Roger & Elizabeth Curry

Under \$1,000

ACLU of Northern CA

Carla Roach

Carolyn Edlebeck

Crime Watch of America

Curtis & Trenny Jefferson

Denise Shannon & Shannon Batson

Edlebeck Family

F. Elayne Dorsey

Harry Miyakusu

Healthy Teen Network
Marjorie Morrow
Mark Akeson
Mashell Lawson
Milestone Plans
Richard & Linda Thompson
Rural Development Initiatives
University of North Carolina
Wendy M. Wheeler in Honor of Mark Akeson

*We would also like to thank the many individuals and community organizations that have utilized the Innovation Center's tools to deepen, expand, and launch new initiatives.

The information presented here has been derived from the Innovation Center's December 31, 2007 audited financial statements which were determined to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards.

For a complete copy of the statements, please contact the Innovation Center at 301-270-1700, info@theinnovationcenter.org, or 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 502, Takoma Park, MD 20912-4423.



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The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development connects thinkers and leaders of all ages to develop fresh ideas, forge new partnerships and design strategies that engage young people and their communities.

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Human Development, School of Family and
Consumer Sciences, University of Arizona

Wendy Wheeler, President

Chief Executive Officer, Innovation Center for
Community and Youth Development

Staff

The Innovation Center is composed of core staff in Maryland and California, as well as consultants, part-time staff and operational partners across the United States and in countries around the world. Our partners include academics, trainers, funders, evaluators, community-based practitioners and writers, whose diversity and strength as individuals and as a group define the Innovation Center.

For a complete list of our staff and partners, visit:

www.theinnovationcenter.org

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