



South Orange/Maplewood COMMUNITY COALITION *on Race*

*To achieve and sustain the
benefits of a thriving racially integrated and truly inclusive
community that serves as a model for the nation.*

The Joy of Integration

In 2009 the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race celebrated its thirteenth year of working toward a community where people of all races enjoy the benefits of participation in civic life, all community organizations encourage participation from under-represented groups, and the leadership of civic, governmental, business and community organizations is racially inclusive and values integration in policy and practice. In this 2009 Annual Report, we celebrate the year's work in pictures. We are so excited to bring you this pictorial of all that has happened in our towns in just one year as our Board, staff, and many devoted, hardworking volunteers engaged in building an integrated community. These pictures truly capture the joy of integration!



Chip Madsen, Chair, Audrey Rowe, Program Director, and
Nancy Gagnier, Executive Director

The Coalition has been a major force in branding Maplewood and South Orange as inviting places for people of all races to live, work, and play. Together, our Board, staff, and our committee volunteers are responsible for events like

- ♦ The **Conversations on Race** Forum
- ♦ The annual **Preschool Open House**
- ♦ The annual **MLK Observance and Weekend of Service**
- ♦ **Realtor Coffee & Conversations**
- ♦ **Achievement Gap Workshops**
- ♦ **The Two Towns Sing-ins**

and **so much more**. With the inspirational support of Program Director Audrey Rowe, volunteers work with realtors, neighborhood associations, and manage a second mortgage loan program so that all neighborhoods are open and available to all prospective homebuyers. The marketing committee supports these efforts by placing ads and articles touting the community's excellent quality of life. And, the Coalition has an active schools committee that works between parents and the district to support success for all students.

As Executive Director and Chair of the Board, we look forward to building on the joy of integration with an even deeper commitment to the idea of *community*. We welcome you to join us in 2010 as we expand our pro-integrative efforts throughout the community.

Nancy Gagnier, Executive Director
Chip Madsen, Chair

Responsible Management

We are deeply grateful to our donors and to both Maplewood and South Orange for their financial support of the Coalition and are determined to ensure that the return on investment is significant to both towns. We are happy to report that only 8.6% of our expenses went to administration, 10.7% to fundraising, 15% to operating costs like rent, insurance and supplies, and a huge portion, 65.7%, went directly to programming. Our goal is to make sure even more dollars go directly to our mission.

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Looking Back:



THE ANNUAL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day OBSERVANCE

In January, over 350 residents came together at St. Joseph's Catholic Church to hear Rev. Raquel St. Claire and to celebrate and recommit to serving our community

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

Signs announce the annual, candid dialogue held last April to provide insights and to develop and practice skills in communicating across race



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Student Paul Hebert and teacher Diane Grant join other community members in discussions held during the 2009 Achievement Gap Workshops sponsored by the Schools Committee throughout January and February

AMBASSADOR OUTREACH

The Coalition table at May Fest 2009 in Maplewood attracted families interested in integration



WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Les Saisons was the perfect spot to bring neighbors Ed Bolden, Jerry Leventhal and seventy-five other guests together to share good wine for a good cause in July



TWO TOWNS SING-INS

The sheer joy of doing what they love and sharing that experience with neighbors is seen in the faces of 2009 Two Towns Sing-in participants, Omisanya Karade and Helene Webb

Photo courtesy of Worrell News-Record 11.25.09



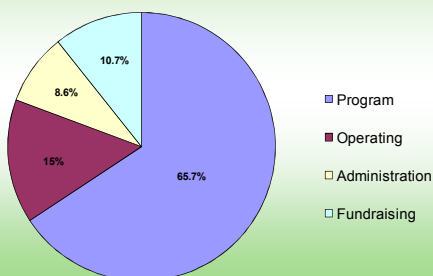
SUPPORTING REALTORS

The Coalition sponsored information sessions in April and September for realtors with updates on our towns and schools from South Orange Village President Doug Newman, Maplewood Mayor Vic DeLuca, and school district Superintendent Brian Osborne

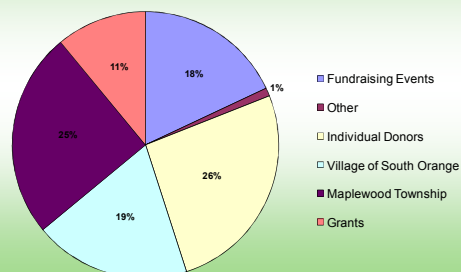


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2009 Expense Summary-Total \$131,492



2009 Income Summary- Total \$135,017



2009 Highlights

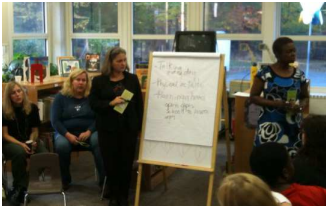


GREEN DAY PARTICIPATION

CHS students Madison Moore, Camille Gagnier and Adrienne Bennett visited the Coalition table where volunteers shared how integration is an important part of our community's efforts to go green

CELEBRATION HONORS JASEY

The annual October Coalition Celebration honored Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, pictured here with keynote speaker Governor Jon Corzine and Trustee Carol Barry-Austin

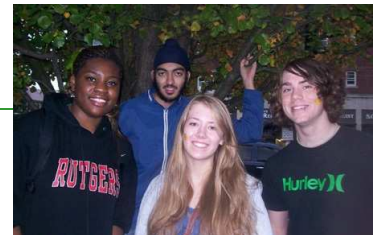


SOUTH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL VISIT

Coalition Schools Committee Co-chair Sue Willis and Program Director Audrey Rowe share Top Ten Tips with South Mountain Elementary School PTA in October

COALITION YOUTH CONNECTION

Students Winstina Hughes (Rutgers), Harjaap Singh, Kathryn Krause and Todd Farrell (Seton Hall) do outreach for the Coalition at both town Halloween Parades



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

100 parents packed this annual November event at CHS to visit with twenty-six pre-schools and child care agencies and to learn more about kindergarten readiness

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Committee chairs provided updates on Coalition programs and activities and asked for suggestions from the community about how to better serve our towns. Pictured here are Mark Mucci, Rev. Leonard Santucci, co-chairs of the Interfaith Outreach Committee



REMEMBERING DAVE BRESSEN

The Coalition suffered the loss of founding trustee Dave Bressen who served tirelessly as co-chair of the Marketing Committee 10+ years.

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