



Project:VISION

A Nonprofit Youth Organization



2009-2010 Annual Report

our mission

Project: VISION is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide youth (ages 12-21) of Chicago's Chinatown and Bridgeport communities with tools for educational, civic, and personal development.



how far we have come...

Project: VISION has come a long way since piloting its first tutoring program in 2004 with the help of a few volunteers and borrowed space from the Chicago Public Library Chinatown Branch and Valentine Boys and Girls Club in Bridgeport. To date, our programs have reached over 250 youth. This year, 60 youth participate in our after school programs as we remain primarily volunteer-run and continue to provide all programs free to youth. This year saw exciting progress for Project: VISION that we are very proud of—including added hours of service, addition of development staff, growth of our student base, receiving our first grant funding, and expansion of our programs. As we continue on this path, Project: VISION will surely reach and meet the needs of even more of our community's youth.

who are our youth?

Project: VISION serves youth in Chicago's Chinatown and Bridgeport neighborhoods. Some quick facts about our youth:

- 95% are ethnic Chinese, reflecting the demographics of the surrounding area.
- 10% of our students are immigrant youth, having been in the United States for less than 5 years.
- 96% of our youth are enrolled in Chicago Public Schools.
- 75% are from lower income families (based on students' qualification for free or reduced cost meals).
- 80% of our youth would be the first in their families to attend college.



our programs...

Project: VISION values a holistic approach to youth development, with the ultimate goal of helping youth find confidence and success on the road to achieving their aspirations. We strive to provide positive role models and positive activities through our programs.

Learn...

The *Educational Development Program* fosters success at school as well as an appreciation for lifelong learning. We offer homework tutoring, English as a second language help, college entrance exam preparation classes, and college application workshops.



Serve...

Project: VISION believes community service is an integral part of positive youth development. Project: Youth Initiative is our *civic development program*, which aims to foster a sense of social responsibility in youth by building awareness of issues and promoting a spirit of volunteerism through group service learning projects.



Lead...

Personal Development means building youths' strengths, interests, and sense of self identity so that they can become leaders of the future. Youth find social support and mentors in our staff. Group recreational activities provide an outlet for social and creative expression.



service...

...program highlights:

Project: VISION strives to help youth understand the importance of volunteerism and realize that they can make an impact with community service. This year, our service projects have educated and inspired over 40 youth. Our hope is that these youth take with them a sense of social responsibility that motivates them to continue engaging in service for years to come, helping us build a healthy and strong community.

Project: Youth Health Initiative-

This spring, youth spent 8 weeks learning about health issues like heart health and diabetes with the help of volunteer medical students from Northwestern and the University of Illinois. Using what they learned, youth then educated the community with informational flyers emphasizing the importance of prevention, screening, and healthy lifestyles. In the final project, youth held a Community Health Fair on Global Youth Service Day at the Chinatown Square. We reached over 40 community residents with information on cancer screening, nutrition and exercise, and heart health. Youth also provided free blood pressure checks and diabetes screening. The project was made possible by the Good Neighbors Grant from the State Farm Foundation.



Project: Green Chinatown-

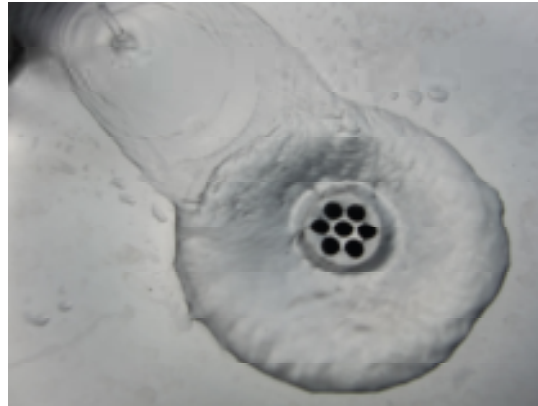
This summer, youth learned about the environment both in and outside of the classroom. Students discussed topics such as recycling, conservation, climate change, and restoration. To put their knowledge into action, youth participated in service projects all over the city including the GAIA Movement, the Chicago Park District, and the Orland Grasslands.

....program highlights:

Leadership...

Photography Workshops

As part of the summer program this year, youth participated in a series of workshops to learn about the basics of photography, including various techniques and digital editing skills. The program allowed youth to work in teams photographing all over our community and creating pieces that convey a message of "green living". Below are a few examples of our youths' pieces.



education...

Education has always been at the foundation of Project: VISION's programs.

- This year, the After School Homework Tutoring Program assisted over 30 youth in grades 6-12.
- Also, 12 high school juniors and sophomores participated in the ACT Prep Class, and 100% made an improvement in composite scores.



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our volunteers...

Project: VISION's beginnings were made possible by volunteers, and today, we remain volunteer-run from the Board of Directors to the Executive Director to our homework tutors and holiday gift wrappers. Thank you to all those who give their time and efforts to us so generously!



our growing staff...

During 2009-2010, we continued to build our staff, bringing onboard a Program Coordinator and Development Coordinator. Along with our Executive Director and tutors, Project: VISION has a dedicated group of individuals motivated to help the organization grow!

Project: VISION Staff

Executive Director
Karen Chiu

Program Coordinator
Adrienne Carmona

Development Coordinator
Kathy Xiong

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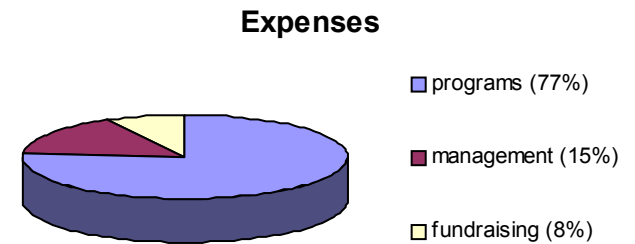
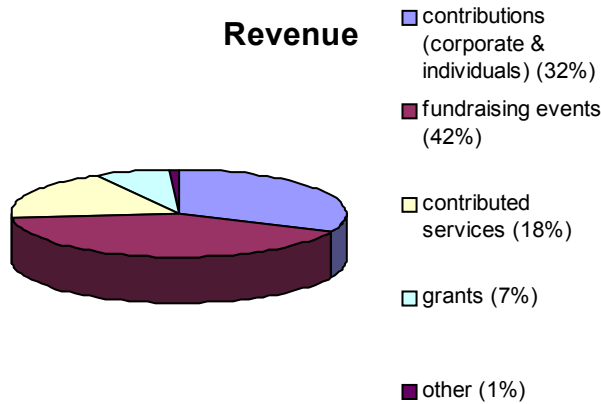
statement of financial position

September 1, 2009–August 31, 2010

ASSETS Statement of Activities

Cash and cash equivalent	\$10,775
Property and equipment, net of depreciation	----
Total Assets	\$10,775
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$1,000
Total Liabilities	\$1,000
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$9,775
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$10,775

REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT	
Contributions (corporate, individuals)	\$12,264
Fundraising events	\$16,132
Contributed services	\$ 7,106
Grants	\$ 2,745
Other income	\$ 318
Total Revenues and Support	\$38,565
EXPENSES	
Program services	\$25,701
Support services:	
Management and general	\$ 5,198
Fundraising	\$ 2,670
Total Expenses	\$33,596
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 4,996
NET ASSETS	
Beginning of year	\$ 4,779
End of year	\$ 9,775



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Project: VISION is grateful to all of our supporters for their generous monetary and in-kind donations. These contributions have made Project: VISION's programs possible.

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...thank you!



Looking forward...

As we look ahead to the 2010–2011 year, we see many exciting possibilities for the growth of our organization! We hope to build upon our successes from this past year and continue to work toward being able to assist any youth who needs our programs.

Increase access to programs.

- Increase hours of operation
- Increase number of days of operation
- Increase space to accommodate more youth



Develop fundraising strategy.

- Diversify funding
- Build donor base
- Increase visibility in the community



Increase range of programs.

- Expand Project: Youth Initiative to encourage service
- Build a comprehensive college preparation program





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