

## 2009 Board of Directors

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## 2009 Accomplishments

CP received a lot of media attention this year! Executive Director Barb Van Hoy was interviewed on 105.5 FM and 740 AM, and appeared on the Comcast Newsmakers program.

- In June, *The Gazette* published two columns and a news article about CP's Plus One proposal, which inspired several letters from local citizens.
- In the fall, Barb Van Hoy was a guest on the Jeff Crank Show and Kristy Milligan was a guest on the Better Business Bureau's radio program.

Citizens Project raised more than \$2,600 through the Colorado Springs Independent's first ever Give! Campaign



## 2009 Staff

Barb Van Hoy, Executive Director  
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# Diversity & Equality



# Civic Engagement



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# 2009 Annual Report

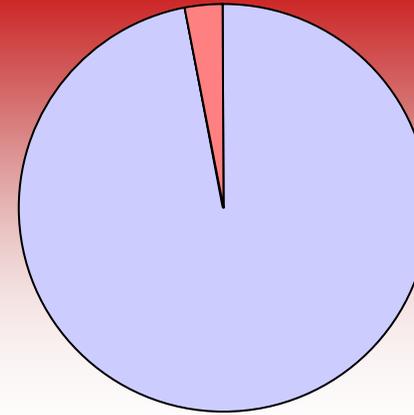
## Religious Freedom & Separation of Church and State



In 2009, Citizens Project began planning our Citizens' Religious Freedom Institute, a one-day workshop to educate and mobilize students, parents and teachers about legal boundaries and best practices for religious freedom in the schools.

CP sent information to local schools in May and November to help administrators and teachers protect students' religious freedom year-round, but especially at graduation ceremonies and during the holidays.

When banners that proclaimed "Jesus Lives" appeared on city-owned light poles in Colorado Springs, CP spoke out to ensure that city policies around light pole use would prohibit implicit government endorsement of religion.



### 2009 Revenue

- Individual Donations: \$117,238
- Other Income: \$3,542

Total Revenue: \$120,780

Assets December 31, 2009: \$163,104

As per generally accepted accounting principles, grants are reported in the year in which they are announced.

## Civic Engagement

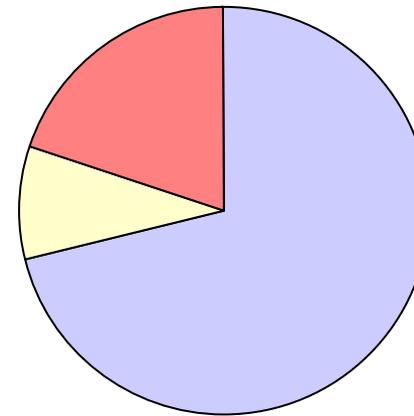
In February 2009, over 150 people gathered for CP's 5th annual Divine Award, presented to local environmental activist and community leader Richard Skorman. We also held our annual Creating Community Breakfast, with 500 people attending.



Citizens Project produced two nonpartisan voter guides in 2009; one for the Colorado Springs municipal election in March and one for the coordinated general election in November. Both guides reached more than 100,000 people through the *Colorado Springs Independent* and CP's website.



CP hosted four successful and well-attended election forums this year, including two school board forums, a Manitou Springs City Council forum and a Colorado Springs ballot measure forum.



### 2009 Expenses

- Program Expenses: \$112,244
- Fundraising: \$13,764
- Administration: \$31,540

Total Expenses: \$157,548

Audit by Osborne Parsons & Rosacker, LLP

## Diversity & Equality



In 2009, Citizens Project began working closely with City Council members and activists to enact a Plus One policy for city employees that would expand health benefits to qualifying dependents, including same-sex domestic partners. CP will continue this fight for equality in Colorado Springs in 2010.

Through our electronic Action Network, CP kept more than 1,600 subscribers up to date on state and local issues. Our educational emails helped inform voters about measures like Senate Bill 88 and House Bill 1260, both of which expanded equal rights and state protection for LGBT couples, as well as other key legislative issues.



Citizens Project is an active member of the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum and the Pikes Peak Equality Coalition. In addition, CP partnered with many organizations in 2009: the League of Women Voters, NAACP, the Pride Center, churches, and more!



### Mission

Citizens Project spotlights issues in the Pikes Peak region and mobilizes people to strengthen the traditional values of our nation: equal rights, individual freedoms, separation of church and state, civic engagement and respect for diversity.

### Vision

We envision a Pikes Peak community that is a vibrant democracy in which equal rights are protected, individual freedoms are secure, and people fully participate in civic and community life.

