

# *ANNUAL REPORT 2009*

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Helping kids believe in themselves.  
Helping our community believe in them.

## *SOCK Programs*

The SOCK Community Technology Center was upgraded through a state grant and was able to open to the public, youth and their families, private business, and other organizations Monday through Thursday, 9am-5:30pm. It offered free access to the Internet, instruction in basic computer use, job search skills, resume writing, GED preparedness, and access to online education. Since November 2008, the Technology Center served over 460 individuals who used the computers and Internet access

to find housing, work, educational resources, do homework, or more effectively market their businesses or organizations. During this time, youth made up 78% of Technology Center users, and spent 42% of their time on school work or employment.



The Transitions Program staff from SOCK worked one-on-one with 115 of the 122 youth released from Mason County Juvenile Detention and provided long-term case management support to 91 of them. Under the Transitions Program, we worked with youth while they were still in detention to prepare "release plans" which the youth agreed to implement when released. The plans specified a return to school, exploration of alternative schooling, entry into vocational-technical training, or seeking employment.

The Digital Media Studio offered a multi-track recording studio and video editing facility that taught audio and video production skills to youth. The production team, including youth and their mentors, worked on two films in collaboration with our Bicycle Re-Cycle project and Mason Transit Authority. Many aspects of SOCK programs were filmed by youth who participated in this program, which was supervised by Technology Center manager, Michael Diamond, a professional media producer. The videos were periodically aired on Hood Canal Communications Channel 46. The media studio was also used by youth who gathered oral histories from members of local communities and tribes, thereby earning high school credit.

Friday Nights at SOCK were relaxed yet structured and featured different youth-oriented activities, including local bands, skateboarding, and big-screen video displays from the Technology Center. These popular events were well known for free food, and the safe and caring adult supervision.

## *...continued SOCK Programs*

The Re-Cycle bike shop, a youth entrepreneurial program started in the summer of 2009, took used and broken bikes, furnished by the Bicycle Alliance of Washington, refurbished them, and provided them to needy youth.

The Conversation Café was a donation-based café adjacent to the Technology Center. It offered a place to enjoy a meal, meet with peers, tutors and mentors, or to study.

The Cultivating Connections project used a greenhouse at Fir Lane Health & Rehabilitation Center to teach cultivation skills to youth who grew plants from cuttings and gave them to residents of the convalescent center.

## *Fundraising Events*

The Shelton Old Time Fiddlers Fest is a 25 year-old tradition in Shelton, and a treat for local music lovers and visitors alike. 645 people attended the 2009 Fiddle Fest, which brought in \$6,284 for SOCK youth programs. We are grateful to our partners, the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association, for producing this event each year.

The Ride Around Puget Sound (RAPSody Ride) is an annual bike ride through five Washington counties that includes an overnight stay in Shelton. SOCK partners with the Shelton High School food service folks and the Shelton Lions to provide a hearty dinner and breakfast for the riders. In 2009, we served 251 riders and netted \$3,045 for our programs.

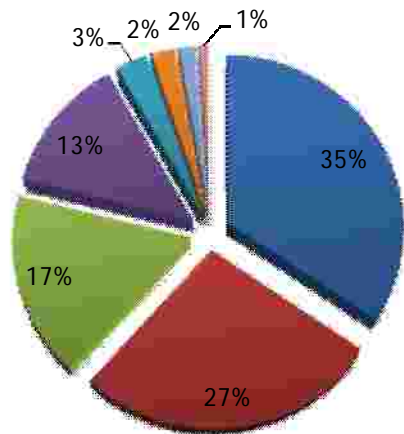
The Christmas Bazaar signals the beginning of the holiday season for Shelton. Crafts, holiday gifts and decorations, local vendors, food, and of course, Santa Claus himself round out the year's most festive fundraiser.

The 2009 Christmas Bazaar saw an estimated 800 people walk through the front doors, and generated \$2,507 for SOCK from vendor booth rental and individual and corporate sponsorships.



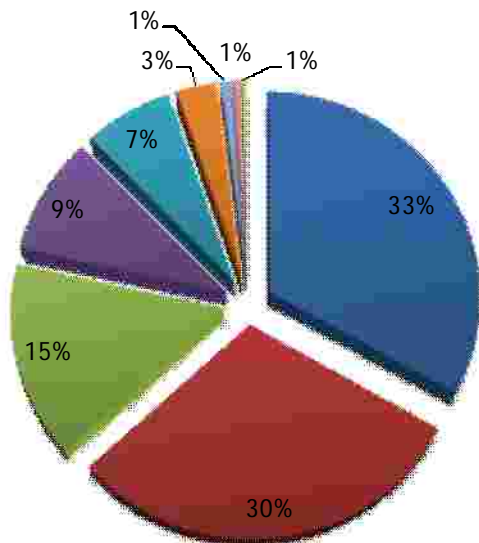
*Financial Highlights for fiscal year ending December 2009*

**Total Public Support & Revenue: \$144,726.00**



- Contributions from Individuals- \$50,015.00
- Grants (Governmental) - \$39,228.00
- Transitions Program Contract - \$24,879.00
- Special Events & Misc. - \$18,711.00
- Contributions from Community Organizations - \$4,472.00
- Contributions from Bus/Corporations - \$3,420.00

**Expenses: \$124,290.00**



- Contract for IT Consultant - \$41,270.00
- Transitions Center & Admin Salaries - \$37,142.00
- Equipment & Supplies - \$18,900.00
- Fundraising Expenses - \$11,596.00
- Rent & Utilities - \$8,697.00
- Printing & Postage - \$4,032.00
- Conferences/Conventions/Meetings - \$972.00

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