

Special points of interest:

In 2009....

- 74 individuals participated in the GreenFingers Workshops
- 34 separate Trips into Nature were made
- 42 separate venues offered our products for sale
- The Budding Tree Art Studio had its first gallery showing
- Our second floral design course was offered
- Our 6th annual fundraiser, "Bee the Change", raised \$30,000
- Volunteers logged more than 1460 hours with EarthLinks!

Staff:

Kathleen Cronan & Julie Schwab, OP
Co-Directors
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Marketing Director
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CONNECTIONS — THE HEART OF EARTHLINKS

Dear Friend of EarthLinks,

2009 was a year full of change for EarthLinks. It was the year we said goodbye to our long-time Director and Founder, Bette Ann Jaster, OP, who was called to ministry in New York. It was a year of returning to our "roots" with the appointment of two Co-Directors, Julie Schwab, OP, and Kathleen Cronan. It was a year of expanded sales and programs to continue our ministry with the poor and our care of Earth. We were so blessed to have you with us on this journey and continue to be grateful for your continued support of this program.

Day Trips into Nature

Thirty-four trips were taken in 2009, ferrying 271 participants to the mountains, lakes, museums and exhibitions throughout Denver and the nearby front range. Individuals are picked up from other agencies that serve the homeless and low-income: St. Francis Center, the Gathering Place, and Empowerment—and taken for several hours from the chaos and boredom of their circumstances into the healing welcome of Nature. Many thanks to our 13 volunteers who accompanied us on our trips this year.



Bette Ann Jaster, OP and Cathy Mueller, SL, at Bee the Change



Works displayed at the Standing Sun Fine Art Gallery April 30, 2009

In addition to our regular workshop, GreenFingers also held a 2d Floral Design Course where job training was stressed. 10 persons completed that program, and 4 obtained employment following the training. We are grateful to our volunteer teacher, Judy Vanderbosch, for undertaking this course as well as the Art Workshop. The Art Workshop continued in 2009, and thanks to John Passaro, our Budding Tree Art Studio held their first gallery show on April 30, 2009 at the Standing Sun Fine Art Gallery. Our artists earned more than \$1000 from the sale of their art in that one evening!



GREENFINGERS WORKSHOP

Our core program is the GreenFingers Workshop where 63 participants earned a stipend during 2009 by joining us on a journey into gardening, creativity and community. Considered a micro-economic program, GreenFingers participants work on obtaining stable housing, developing self-esteem, and making life-stabilizing changes while expressing their creativity in making our beautiful products which are sold to help defray the costs of the program.



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Keep our GreenFingers products in mind for gifts and upcoming events!



BEE THE CHANGE

Our 6th annual fundraiser, Bee the Change, was held on September 24, 2009 at Park Hill Golf Course. The EarthLinks' Foundress' award was unveiled in honor of Bette Ann Jaster,



OP, and Cathy Mueller, SL, to recognize outstanding service to EarthLinks. New products, like bee boxes and irrigation barrels were on display, which will be available for purchase in the Spring of 2010. Thanks to our sponsors and guests, EarthLinks grossed more than \$30,000 from the event. Thank you!

MARKETING

Thanks to the tireless work of our volunteers, more than \$31,000 in sales were made from the sale of our products at 42 separate venues in 2009. Over 50 volunteers gave of their time to help us achieve these sales, which support the GreenFingers program. This was the biggest year yet for sales of our products!

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers logged more than 1460 hours helping EarthLinks at sales, in the workshop, in gardens, and on our trips. Without our fundraising and auction volunteers our programs could not continue. While EarthLinks is well known among other homeless and outreach providers, thanks to our volunteers, EarthLinks' reputation is becoming more widely known.

Urban Gardens

In 2009 we continued our care of three urban gardens for transitional and respite residences managed by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and Mental Health Centers of Denver. Food grown in these gardens was used by the residents of these transitional housing units.



EarthLinks Financial Report

REVENUE 2009

Grants & Foundations	\$ 85,673
Donations	31,183
GreenFingers Sales	31,792
Bee the Change Event	30,550
Interest	<u>525</u>

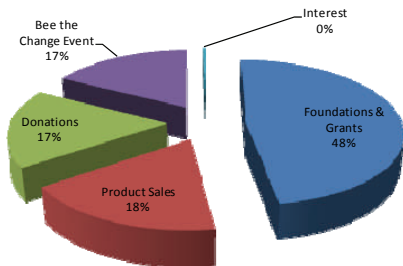
Total \$ 179,723

EXPENSES 2009

Program Services:	\$ 155,322
General Operating	21,528
Fundraising	<u>11,928</u>

Total \$ 188,778

Revenue 2009



Expenses 2009

