

# CENTRAL VISITATION PROGRAM



2009 Annual Report

## **Mission**

*Our mission is to provide a safe, supervised and comfortable setting for court ordered parenting times between children and parents of low-income families involved in high conflict divorce, custody and/or restraining order proceedings.*

## *One Child at a Time Annual Fundraiser*

Central Visitation Program hosted its Annual Fundraiser "One Child at a Time" on Friday November 13, 2009. The evening started off with a blinding yet brief snow storm. The snow did not dampen the spirits of the over 75 people who come to Gallery 1261. The art work of Quang Ho gave an inspiring backdrop to the event. Music provided by Ms. Rebecca Gale set the relaxed mood for the evening. Food and drink warmed our bodies as people gathered together. There were wonderful baskets to be bid upon in the silent auction. The event raised over \$13,000.00 in one night.

Central Visitation Program gave honor and memory to Candy Meininger Johns for her service, as a Board Member and President of the Board of Directors. Her dedication, laughter and love of the arts will be long remembered.

Fundraiser sponsors: Law Office of Kevin E. Flesch, LLC, Susan Burgamy, Derek & Stefanie Jones and Debra Hindin-King & Raymond King, First Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Montview Presbyterian Church, Gallery 1261.

*Thank you all for  
your generous support!*

## *Grants & Donations*

We are deeply grateful to our donors at every level. In 2009 Central Visitation received grants from the following: Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Initiative, The Denver Foundation, The Broomfield Foundation, Capital Hill United Ministries (CHUM), Zonta Club of Denver II, Adams County Judicial Grant, Central Presbyterian Church, Montview Presbyterian Church, Wellshire Presbyterian Church, The Presbytery of Denver.

CVP received individual donations from 52 generous donors during the year.

*"If you have much, give of your wealth;  
If you have little, give of your heart."*

—Arab Proverb

## *2009 Statistics*

**CVP served a total of 119 families and 218 children.**

**CVP's Denver location provided 1,758 supervised parenting times and exchanges.**

**CVP's Brighton location provided 463 supervised parenting times and exchanges.**



**V**olunteers are given the responsibility and honor to be the main contact person for the children. Volunteers supervise one family at a time providing the child(ren) a person to talk to, play with and lean on. As children come to play with their mother or father at CVP, they grew comfortable with their “friend/supervisor.” Volunteer supervisors are the watchful eyes, the reassuring smile, the safe place, the attentive ears and the always present champion for the children.

Victor is one of our long-term volunteer. He started volunteering in 1998 and has supervised eight families over the years. One of the first families he supervised was a bit of a challenge. Victor was unsure how to help the child and his special needs mom to be safe with each other. Victor asked staff for ideas and stayed with the family for nearly five years. Victor’s current family is a pre-teen daughter spending time with her Dad. At first the child was uncomfortable and always wanted Victor in the room with her and her Dad. Now the child is very comfortable with her Dad due to hard work on her father’s part, and of course the security, support and confidence that Victor was able to help give her. Victor is just one of the volunteers who make a difference to the children of CVP.

In 2009 volunteer supervisors donated 1523 hours of their time to be with children and their parents. An hour of volunteer service in Colorado has an estimated value of \$21.47. The total money value provided by volunteer supervisors in 2009 was \$ 32,698.81, the real value of their contribution is incalculable.

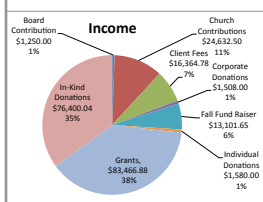
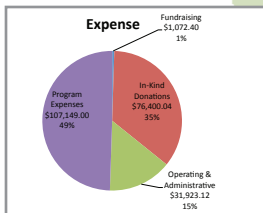
<b>Board Members</b>	Carol Lingenfelter (President) Social Work Management Consultant	B. J. Meininger (Past-President) H.R. Meininger Company Vice-President	Elizabeth Zoby (Vice-President) Community Volunteer
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...so our goal is to keep them safe and happy while they are at CVP and assist them in developing a relationship. This father had a background of abuse. He had done things that were not acceptable to the mother and child. The parenting time started slowly because the son was a very Americanized youngster and Dad spoke many languages, English not being his best. They learned they could draw together. Dad asked for help when he did not have the right words to explain to his son. The son asked for help when he did not understand what his Dad was saying. They worked hard to make it work. And when they could not find anything else to do,

# The Story of a *Father and Son*

*The children are our clients...*

they would draw. They moved from supervised parenting time into monitored parenting time. The son learned soccer moves from Dad. Dad learned about Spiderman, Batman and other super-heroes. They shared meals together; they wrestled and they laughed. While they were at CVP their relationship grew. The child was always excited to see his father and would wait eagerly to see him walk down the street towards CVP. Even though the Dad became frustrated with the "system" and now has an uncertain future, CVP helped both father and son build a relationship and bond to help them get through a difficult period.



Jan - Dec 09	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Board Contribution	1,250.00
Church Contributions	24,632.50
Client Fees	16,364.78
Corporate Donations	1,508.00
Fall Fund Raiser	13,101.65
Individual Donations	1,580.00
Grants	83,466.88
In-Kind Donations	76,400.04
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>218,303.85</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Fundraising	1,072.40
In-Kind Donations	76,400.04
Operating & Administrative	31,923.12
Program Expenses	107,149.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>216,544.56</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,759.29</b>

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[CVPDenver.org](http://CVPDenver.org)

## CVP Staff

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*Brighton Site Director*

Vickie, Staff