

2009 ANNUAL REPORT
MARJORIE BOOK CONTINUING
EDUCATION SOCIETY



Marjorie Book



Continuing Education Society



President- Susie Rutkowski

As the Board President I was thrilled to be part of the Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society in 2009. This unique group promotes inclusivity through a variety of active venues: performing plays, participating in service trips, taking continuing education classes, and exploring history and culture. Not only do people with disabilities have a variety of options to choose from but they are dynamically involved with their typical peers from the Cincinnati community. The group is pushing the boundaries of expectations and change through this exciting calendar of activities. A few examples from our 2009 season:

- A woman with cerebral palsy and speech issues with the lead in a play challenging the audience to listen and be attentive
- Men with autism and other disabilities traveling throughout the state to help others in need
- Two teenagers (one with Down Syndrome and one without) blocking a scene together during rehearsal for the best possible audience view and reaction
- A diverse group of adults taking Spanish classes at Xavier University for pleasure and continuous learning

Joe and his wife Maria are working to make their dream of creating an inclusive community a reality! The membership and board members work to support them with volunteering their time, talent and treasure. On Sunday afternoons, members perform administrative tasks; annually we have a “Movin’ for Inclusion” walk as well as a “Fall Harvest Dinner/Silent Auction”. These fundraisers also provide an opportunity to include the community and raise awareness about human potential. Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society is a unique experience – there is nothing else quite like it! It’s not community theatre, it’s not an adult education center, it’s not a volunteer group! It *is* challenging our thinking and building a more robust community full of gifts and capacity for everyone to enjoy! We look forward to continuing this mission in 2010!





Treasurer - Kay Wagner

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society treasurer during the 2009 season! Community support has been our greatest asset this year as we've provided countless theater, service and educational opportunities for adults with and without disabilities in 2009.

In order to bring our finances in line with our activities and receipts, we have made some careful decisions. We have hired summer theater consultants to assist with the summer plays.

We have had a successful fundraiser with our Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction in September of 2009 and plan another for September of 2010. Our net profit was \$4000. This was due to the excellent response from board members who not only participated in the event but were active behind the scenes in preparation for a successful evening.

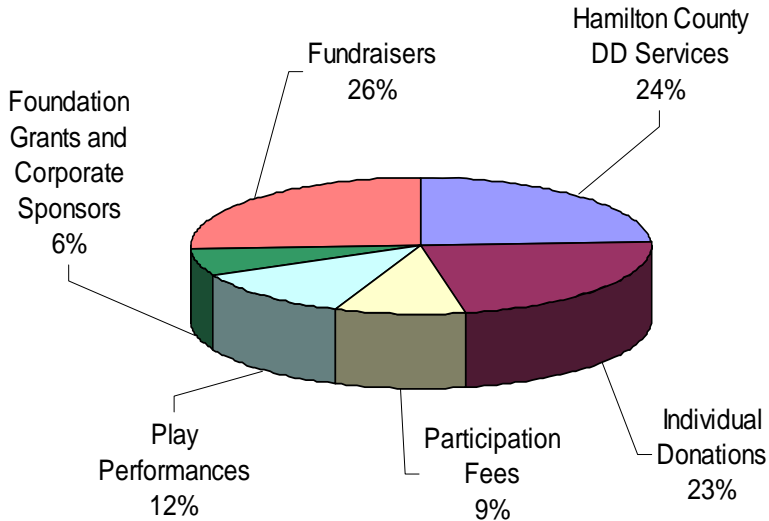
We continue to work on increasing membership and attendance at play productions and classes so as to increase revenue. Expenses have been reduced or put on hold.

Thank you, Greater Cincinnati, for continuing your support of inclusive programming through Marjorie Book Continuing Education Society!

Please find our Financial Report and In-Kind donations
on the following pages.



**Marjorie Book Continuing Education
Revenue 2009**



Marjorie Book Continuing Education Revenue 2009

Hamilton County DD Services	\$6,000.00
Individual Donations	\$5,682.00
Participation Fees	\$2,275.00
Play Performances	\$3,009.06
Foundation Grants and Corporate Sponsors	\$1,616.00
Fundraisers	\$6,346.00
TOTAL	\$24,928.06

Marjorie Book also benefited in 2009 from generous in-kind donations of:

Storage space from Steve Tino

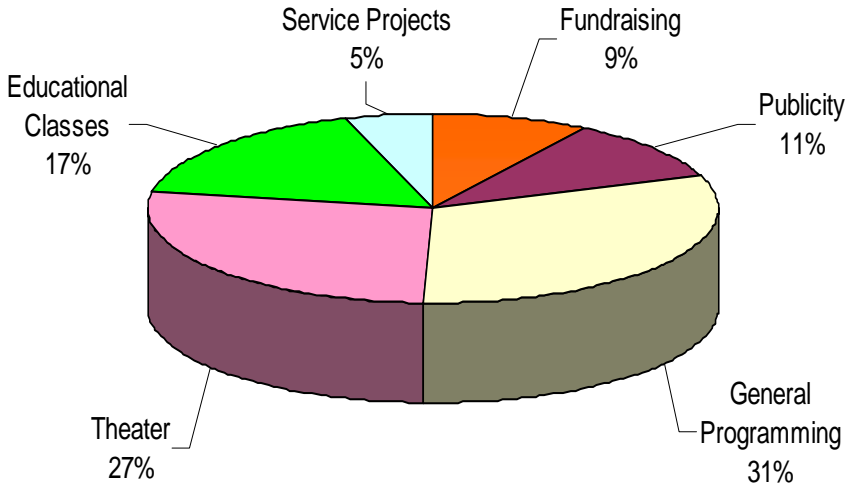
Office space from Judson Village Retirement Community

Theater rehearsal space from Friendship United Methodist Church

Performance space from the Museum Center at Union Terminal



Marjorie Book Continuing Education Expenses 2009



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Fundraising	\$1,660.94
Publicity	\$2,005.10
General Programming	\$5,947.09
Theater	\$5,135.61
Educational Classes	\$3,250.00
Service Projects	\$973.22
TOTAL	\$18,971.96

In 2009, Marjorie Book programming ran from January to October. The Harvest Dinner fundraiser and a great amount of individual donations followed the bulk of the operating year.

This schedule allowed the 2010 season to begin with close to \$6000 to pay for beginning of season expenses including class instructor fees, operating insurance and play scripts.



Marjorie Book focuses its attention in 3 areas of inclusive opportunities.

EDUCATION

Introduction to Spanish Instructor: Sergio Munda
Offered at Friendship United Methodist Church for 5 weeks in Spring 2009

Theories of Leadership Instructor: Steve Sunderland
Offered at University of Cincinnati for 5 weeks in Fall 2009

Yoga Instructor: Lanie Ipsa
Offered at Friendship United Methodist Church for 5 weeks in Fall 2009

SERVICE

Relay for Life April 2009
Members participated in Xavier University's over night fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Flying Pig Marathon May 2009
Over 20 members volunteered on race day to cheer on marathon runners and keep traffic off the race course from 6am-noon.

Toledo Service Trip June 2009
Seven members volunteered at the Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio serving lunch at a women's shelter and sorting donated clothing for distribution. Those same members volunteered at the Black Swamp Conservancy on Put-in-Bay pulling invasive plants from a nature preserve, allowing native species to flourish.

Gorman Farm September 2009
Members volunteered in early Fall 2009 picking produce and weeding the garden.

THEATER

All in the Timing Playwright: David Ives Performed May 2009
Staring- Barb Koerner and Larry Freeman

Summer and Smoke Playwright: Tennessee Williams Performed July 2009
Staring: Renee Alper and Larry Freeman

Footloose Playwright: Dean Pitchford Performed August 2009
Staring: Matthew Beasley and Jesslyn Harris
Featuring musical direction by Melodic Connections

Fundraisers in 2009 included:

Couch Potato Walk, July 2009

Harvest Dinner, September 2009





Executive Director - Joe Link

2009 was an exciting turning point for Marjorie Book Continuing Education. While the organization has sponsored various educational workshops for ten years, 2009 marked the year in which we began to hire highly qualified instructors to teach 5-session courses that would have wide appeal to a variety of learners. Marjorie Book took its place as a credible postsecondary education institution in the Greater Cincinnati area. From my own perspective, I learned a wide array of new knowledge and skills from the Introduction to Spanish, Theories of Leadership, and Introduction to Yoga classes. I want to thank Sergio Munda, Steve Sunderland, Robert Harris and Lanie Ipsa for their work on these classes.

One of the things I like the most about Marjorie Book is its involvement of a variety of people with and without disabilities. During 2009, like many other years, I saw people with intellectual disabilities helping other people with disabilities in our group. I witnessed high school students, who might normally be quite shy, gain confidence and assist someone who was struggling with an educational concept or memorization of play lines. I saw a diverse group of people of various ages and backgrounds work together to host our annual fundraising dinner and raise \$4000 for the organization. Marjorie Book is unlike any other organization I have encountered. There are no clear lines of staff and client, volunteer and consumer, or able and disabled. Rather, to whatever extent possible, everyone pulls together on a volunteer basis to pursue the class, the service project or theatrical play at hand.

I want to thank the generous benefactors who made this year possible – Steve Tino, for loaning us some storage space; Jim Piepenbrink at Judson Village Retirement Community, for loaning us office space; Dr. Michael Flick for assisting us in using space at Xavier University; Fawzeyah Alawadhi for helping us obtain space at University of Cincinnati; Rev. Stu Rammes at Friendship United Methodist Church, for helping us find rehearsal space; and all of you who made generous financial donations to the group. Your kindness made a difference. We built a diverse community of learners in 2009 who will never forget the experiences they had in Marjorie Book. I cannot wait until 2010!

In peace,

Joe Link



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