

Chinook Fund

Work that Matters

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2006 Annual Report



Winds of
Change

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Letter from the President



Dear Chinook Community, Donors, Friends & Volunteers,

Creating justice is the hardest work of all.

In this annual report, we celebrate the work of the wide circle of people – grantees, volunteers, community activists and donors – who have come together to bring to life Chinook’s vision of social justice. People who are committed to doing the hard work of creating justice in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, government, and our civic gathering places.

Sometimes it is difficult to celebrate the local victories of dedicated people with progressive vision, while on larger stages others with much more power are imposing their hurtful vision on our world. I write this letter just a few weeks before Election Day. Like you, I wonder if enough politicians who value reason, hope and justice – for all – will get an opportunity to change the atmosphere.

Although we haven’t changed the world yet, we do have so much to celebrate. Chinook’s community of activists continues to work hard every day, championing fairness and justice, and building a sense of community based on empathy and good will. We celebrate the community visionary who leads young black girls on a journey of self-discovery of their own self-worth through the creative use of the arts. We celebrate the dogged determination of the activists who are fighting for a minimum wage that allows the workers who earn it to actually live on it. Likewise, we celebrate the spirit of those who, through education and advocacy, are countering the emotional and physical violence being perpetuated against LGBTQ persons. Let’s celebrate that small but dedicated cadre who act on their belief that every human being is entitled to safe and clean shelter, along with all the other people who have done so much this past year to bring real justice into our lives. The work of the Chinook community is impressive; I believe that it represents the very best that we as human beings can share with our fellow travelers.

So this is our work here: to support and celebrate our friends, acquaintances and colleagues who are determined to leave Colorado a better place, for all of us. Building community, building justice. Surely, this is the work that matters.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Malaika Pettigrew".

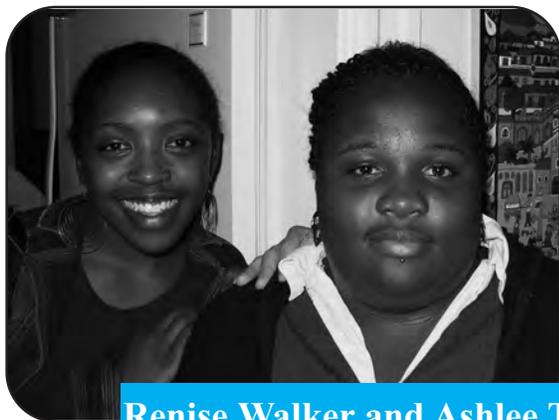
Malaika Pettigrew
President of the Board

Growing A Democracy

Chinook Grantees

Since its beginning in 1987, the Chinook Fund has championed the work of grassroots organizations working for progressive social change in communities across Colorado. By design, Chinook grantees have small budgets – that’s an important way to ensure that they are part of the people and the neighborhoods for which they advocate. But small budgets don’t mean small impacts! The work of these groups is critical to achieving real grassroots change; it is this kind of “kitchen table democracy” – work that is centered in a community most affected by a problem, and led by the people who will be most impacted by its solution – that leads to lasting change. Yet this work is a high-risk endeavor, and the groups that engage in it are often small and marginalized by mainstream funders. They are working the front lines in so many important areas, including the fight for a meaningful minimum wage, racial and gender justice and LGBTQ equality, voting access, immigrant rights, affordable housing, and self-identity and cultural roots.

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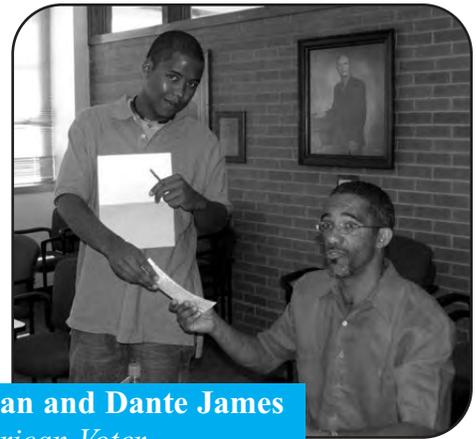


Renise Walker and Ashlee Taylor
O-N-E (One Nation Enlightened)

Chinook’s grantmaking committee awarded \$115,500 in grants in FY 2006. Our grantees lie at the very heart of Chinook’s social justice mission. Introducing justice into resistant systems is not easy and it isn’t

quick; our grantees don’t receive ticker tape parades. For their persistence, their vision and their courage, we call our grantees s/heroes – and honor them for truly doing the work that matters.

Chinook Fund Grantees



Karl Coleman and Dante James
*African American Voter
Information Project*

Fall 2005

<i>9to5 Colorado, Denver,</i>	\$5,000
<i>African American Voter Registration and Information Project, Denver</i>	\$3,000
<i>Colorado ADAPT, Denver</i>	\$7,000
<i>The Center for Justice, Peace and Environment, Ft. Collins</i>	\$7,000
<i>Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores, Denver</i>	\$7,000
<i>Colorado Antiviolence Program, Denver</i>	\$7,000
<i>Colorado Jobs with Justice, Englewood</i>	\$2,500
<i>Inside/Out Youth Services, Colorado Springs</i>	\$7,000
<i>One Nation Enlightened, Denver</i>	\$7,000
<i>Sensible Colorado, Denver</i>	\$2,000
<i>Southwest Intertribal Voice, Cortez</i>	\$3,000

Spring 2006

<i>Celebrate Possibility, Denver</i>	\$2,000
<i>Colorado Indian Education Association, Denver</i>	\$2,000
<i>Congregations and Schools Empowered, Glenwood Springs</i>	\$7,000
<i>El Centro Amistad, Boulder</i>	\$7,000
<i>Pan African Arts Society, Denver</i>	\$7,000
<i>Save Our Section 8 Coalition (SOS8), Denver</i>	\$7,000
<i>Tezkatlipoka Intertribal Community Alliance, Denver</i>	\$3,000
<i>Two Spirit Society of Denver, Denver</i>	\$3,000
<i>United Black Women of Boulder Valley, Boulder</i>	\$3,000

Sweat Equity

Chinook's Volunteers

Our volunteers are peerless. They invest their passion, time and commitment in the Chinook Fund: they are the engine that keeps us running.

Our volunteers steer Chinook's unique grant-making process by serving on Chinook's grantmaking committee (GMC). They spend countless hours each year reviewing applications for grants submitted to the Chinook Fund, visiting and interviewing prospective grantees, and



Yvette Freeman
volunteer since 2002

forwarding funding recommendations to our volunteer board of directors based on Chinook's fair yet demanding funding criteria.

Volunteers provide wise counsel to staff on the social justice education programs that Chinook offers to the public, including our Social Justice Awareness and Social Justice Institute training programs. Volunteers provide oversight over Chinook's various operations, and raise money to fund our work. Our volunteers also participate in ongoing "in-house" Chinook anti-oppression discussions and trainings - trainings that are designed to make sure that we actively reflect the anti-oppression values that are the core of Chinook's mission in all of our work.

This description really doesn't begin to do justice to the crucial role played by Chinook's volunteers. They do – and help us to do – the work that matters.



Carlos Valverde
volunteer since 2004
and Yessica Holguin



Veronica Quezada
volunteer since 2003



Helen Wolcott
volunteer since 1998

Seeding the Future

Chinook's Donors

Our heartfelt desire to right the social injustices that hurt so many in our world would remain unrealized without the financial foundation provided by Chinook's donors. Every donor has her or his own reason for contributing to Chinook. But whether donating five dollars, five hundred or five thousand dollars, all have entrusted the Chinook Fund with growing their dream of social justice in Colorado. We are honored by their faithful trust, and we are committed to nurturing and growing our mutual desire for

Jerrilyn Page
donor since 2006



DeQuan Mack
donor since 2004

social justice.

Chinook's donors gave more than ever before in FY 2006: more than \$209,000 from individuals. Our donors enable us to do the work that matters, and in the process, they are seeding our future.



Jordan Garcia *donor since 2003*
and Nico Baker *donor since 2006*



Brandon Tani
donor since 2005



Wendy Emrich
*co-founder and
donor since 1985*



Sam Sharp *donor since 2001*
with Ella and Veronica

Thank you for supporting Chinook and the work that matters.

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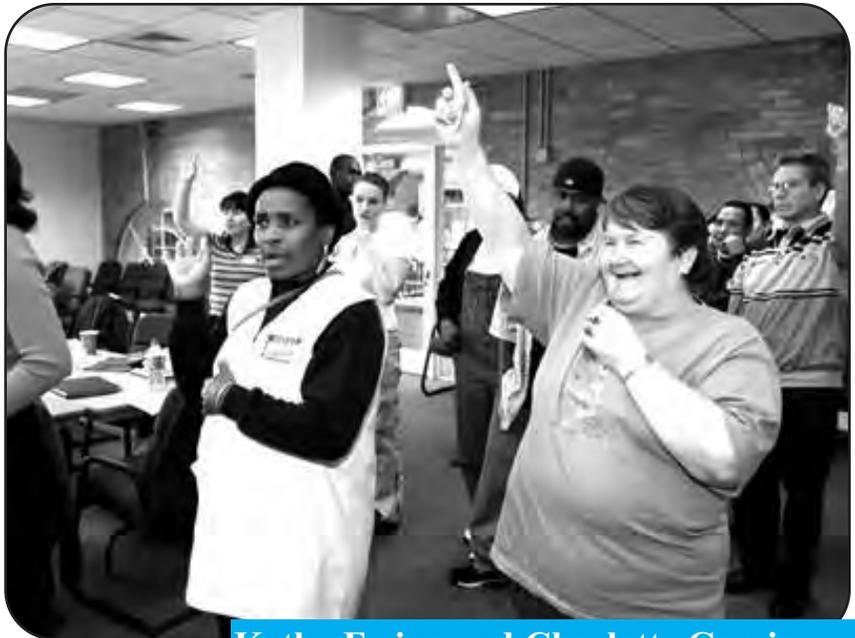
Sharing the Wisdom

Chinook's Social Justice Awareness and Social Justice Institute Programs

The Chinook Fund's **Social Justice Institute** educates community activists in four lower-income Denver neighborhoods – Baker, Cole, La Alma-Lincoln Park and Sun Valley. SJI empowers participants with strategies to more effectively organize people to lead efforts to change the economic, legal, political, educational and social systems that often negatively impact their lives. Participants also learn to identify, understand and transcend the racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism and classism that divide people who should be working together. More than 28 community activists, including youth from Denver's West High School, participated in Chinook's 45-hour SJI program during this past year.

On Chinook's Social Justice Institute program:

"Before SJI, I was uncomfortable trying to work with people who had different beliefs from me. In fact, I wouldn't work with them, period. That is no longer true. I can value what they have to offer from that different perspective." – Tonya Hope, SJI graduate



Kathy Ewing and Charlotte Garcia
SJI participants (photograph by Tori Read)



Cristina Gasbar
SJI participant

“An anti-oppression analysis helps you understand the root causes of problems. If you don’t understand where a problem comes from, you aren’t going to be able to move forward as a community.” – Olga Gonzales, SJI graduate

Chinook’s **Social Justice Awareness** program works with non-profit and governmental organizations that wish to transform their workplaces into fair and inclusive environments, by exploring the ways in which the “isms” have wedged themselves into American society and institutions, as well as into their individual workplaces. During FY 2006, more than 200 persons from organizations throughout the Denver metro area participated in our SJA trainings.

On Chinook’s Social Justice Awareness anti-oppression training program:

“The Denver Foundation worked with Chinook through our internal inclusiveness initiative. Their trainings on race, class and gender helped us think about how our work is aligned with the needs of the community. They presented information on racism, sexism and their connection, allowing us to see the relationship between these various types of oppression, and also to understand how they play out in our day-to-day activities. While encouraging us to grow as an organization, they were also thoughtful of how different individuals may connect with the subjects at hand. There was great integrity and sensitivity in their approach to the most challenging subjects, from the information they presented to the training process itself.” – David Miller, President, The Denver Foundation

Chinook Fund

Statement of Activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>
Support & Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 209,803	\$ -	\$ -
Foundation grants	50,000	98,000	-
Investment income released for operations	20,000		
FEX endowment	49,452	-	-
Other	12,213	-	-
Net assets released - Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>109,665</u>	<u>(109,665)</u>	<u> </u>
Total revenue & support	<u>451,133</u>	<u>(11,665)</u>	<u> </u>
Expenses			
Program services	\$ 327,429	\$ -	\$ -
General administration	24,439	-	-
Fundraising	<u>85,909</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total supporting services	<u>110,348</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenses	<u>437,777</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Change in Operating Assets	\$ 13,356	\$ (11,665)	\$ -
Net investment income	53,879	-	-

Statement of Financial Position

<i>Assets</i>	2006	2005
Current Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 147,001	\$ 138,103
Contributions receivable	113,000	115,500
Unrestricted investments	<u>101,353</u>	<u>47,474</u>
Total current assets	361,354	301,077
Restricted Investments	798,692	798,692
Property and Equipment	<u>112,410</u>	<u>115,359</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,272,456</u>	<u>\$1,215,128</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	\$ 11,342	\$ 9,584
Net Assets		
Unrestricted-		
Investment in property & equipment	112,410	115,359
Undesignated	<u>278,681</u>	<u>208,497</u>
Total unrestricted	391,091	323,856
Temporarily restricted	71,331	82,996
Permanently restricted	<u>798,692</u>	<u>798,692</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,261,114</u>	<u>1,205,544</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$1,272,456</u>	<u>\$1,215,128</u>

*These statements are a
part of audited financials.
A complete financial
statement is available at
the Chinook Fund office
upon request.*

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Mission Statement

The Chinook Fund is committed to the transformation of society into one that promotes social justice and freedom from oppression, including, but not limited to, racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, and ableism.

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