

## The Center to BE Annual Report, 2008



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Dear Readers,

Creating an annual report for The Center to BE presents an intriguing challenge. The concept of *report* implies collecting and presenting the facts and figures of a defined period of an organization's past as a form of accountability. The concept of *fostering spiritual awareness and growth*, which is the heart of The Center to BE, is an intangible which cannot be measured or listed or counted.

In this brief document we list the names of our 2008 donors, but that doesn't adequately express the sense of communal commitment to spiritual exploration and growth their gifts represent. We record income and expenses for the year, but numbers can't communicate the priceless quality of spiritual experiences. We count the individuals who attended our programs and name the special activities of the year, but the true outcomes of our efforts take place within the participants, presenters and those they touch in ways that often are not immediately or obviously apparent even to them.

We ask those who attend our programs: *What would you say to others about this program?* Responses like these provide a more encompassing assessment of the powerful impact of The Center to BE:

From RISEN (Re-Investing Spirituality and Ethics in our Networks)

- *This was a fantastic learning and growing experience. I am grateful I was able to attend and participate. We have all changed in some way because of this experience.*
- *I do feel this will be a life changing experience for me. I've already been thinking each day how I can use what I have learned in my everyday life. I feel the power of my spirit already.*

From Weaving Retreats

- *It is the best commitment of my time and energy for spiritual growth that I carry with me throughout the coming year.*
- *The perfect balance of program/sharing/free time for prayer and reflection. Unique opportunity to grow in relationship with God and caring insightful community.*

From various Short Programs

- *Worthwhile and nourishing*
- *Excellent and very meaningful*
- *It's a calm break from the outside world.*

2008 was a year of many blessings and many difficulties in our world, our nation, our communities and for The Center to BE. We are grateful to all of you-- program participants, presenters, volunteers, readers and donors --for your interest in and support of our Mission to foster spiritual awareness and growth for everyone. We look forward to BE-ing an even greater presence in your lives in 2009 and in the years to follow.

Peace to you,

Nancy Anderson, President

Marjorie Wilbur, Executive Director

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Center To BE, Inc. is committed to fostering spiritual awareness and growth as catalysts for personal empowerment and transformation of self, society and the world. The Center to BE welcomes all who seek a deeper relationship with the Mystery we name God. In diverse settings, the Center to BE offers a spiritual presence and programs which promote reflection, healing of body, mind and spirit and community building.

## 2008 Highlights

- ◆ 985 individuals participated in the array of programs offered by The Center to BE
  - ◆ The 2008-09 series of Weaving Retreats began in Fall, marking the 20th anniversary of these gatherings of the Sacred Circle of Women.
  - ◆ 21 full-day or half-day programs were scheduled in four communities: Appleton, Fond du Lac, Madison and Milwaukee .
  - ◆ RISEN (Re-Investing Spirituality and Ethics in our Networks) was presented to participants from ten health care systems in seven states.
  - ◆ CAPACITAR Training in Healing and Transformation was offered for the eighth year.
- ◆ 97 hours of spiritual direction were provided .
- ◆ Scholarships worth \$2,865 were provided to participants in Intensive Programs.
- ◆ 16 programs were provided in response to requests from other organizations for their audiences.
- ◆ A major renovation of The Center to BE Website was completed to provide easier navigation, support online registrations and donations and to prepare for new interactive features to be developed in the future.
- ◆ The 2008 Annual Meeting included a program for the first time, a presentation on the impact of the programs of The Center to BE. Donors, friends and the general public were invited to attend this gathering in Milwaukee.
- ◆ The Giving Programs were expanded to acknowledge larger donations from individuals.
- ◆ Communal Labyrinth walks were offered to the Fond du Lac community in collaboration with St. Agnes Hospital.

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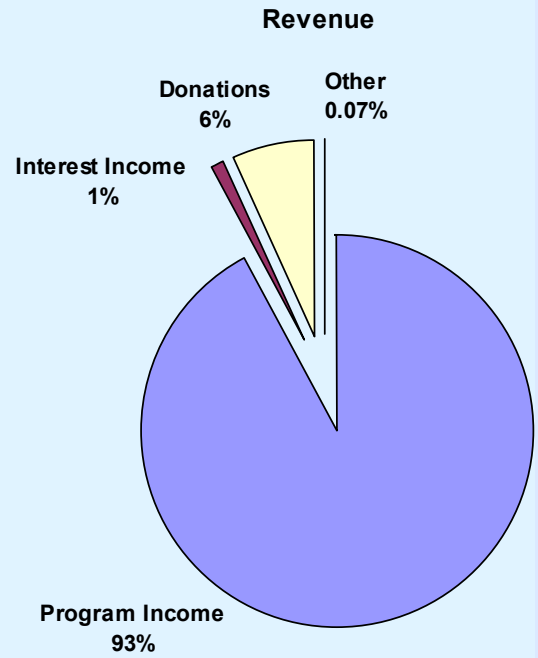
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# The Center to BE 2008 Revenue and Expense Summary

## Revenue

Donations	\$ 18,505.00
Program Income	\$ 264,128.45
Interest Income	\$ 3,178.20
Other	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 286,011.65</b>



## Expenses

General Operations	\$ 20,310.64
Administration	\$ 76,564.36
Program Expense	\$ 232,749.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 329,624.50</b>

