

# The Center to BE Annual Report 2009



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Dear Readers,

Spiritual awareness and growth is a no-tech process. When we open ourselves to the Sacred, the work of inner transformation happens within us. At The Center to BE all the programs and services we offer are intended to provide space, time and inspiration to encourage that opening.

That doesn't mean that there is no place for 21<sup>st</sup> century tools which support this movement. During 2009, The Center to BE identified and implemented a number of methods of using technology efficiently and effectively to foster spirituality.

*Introducing The Center to BE* is a video aimed at a general audience. Its creator, Doris Klein, CSA, took her artistic vision and enlisted the wonders of computer programming to create stunning images and sound which bring The Center to BE to life in a way that exceeds the capacity of the written word. The video resides on that world-wide exchange, YouTube. Watch it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tCfnQF-QWM> It can also be accessed from a link on our website, [www.centertobe.org](http://www.centertobe.org)

The Center to BE website is an increasingly important communication hub. Readers can choose to read our quarterly newsletter, *Threads*, on-line instead of receiving it in the mail. This saves printing and postage and is preferred by some of our friends. It is also easy to share with a few keystrokes and that increases our visibility. The April issue was made available only on-line, eliminating a large expense and allowing us to include color photos.

Also in 2009, we began using an on-line communication service to help us contact our friends more frequently and easily through email. We now send announcements about our programs to defined segments of our mailing list depending on geography and interest. These announcements provide a simple link to our website where readers find full program descriptions and an on-line registration process.

All this has been designed to help over-busy people save time and effort as they give priority in their lives to exploring spiritual growth. The results have been a decided increase in the number of programs we offer, the number of participants who attend and the number of donors who support The Center to BE.

The timeless and the contemporary elements of life can co-exist and complement each other on the spiritual journey thanks to you. We are grateful to all who have supported us financially, who have attended our programs, who have read our newsletter and website. We are privileged to walk with you as you respond to the invitation to

**Come...Explore Pathways to the Sacred at the Center of your BE-ing.**

Peace to you,

Lynn Connolly, President

Marjorie Wilbur, Executive Director

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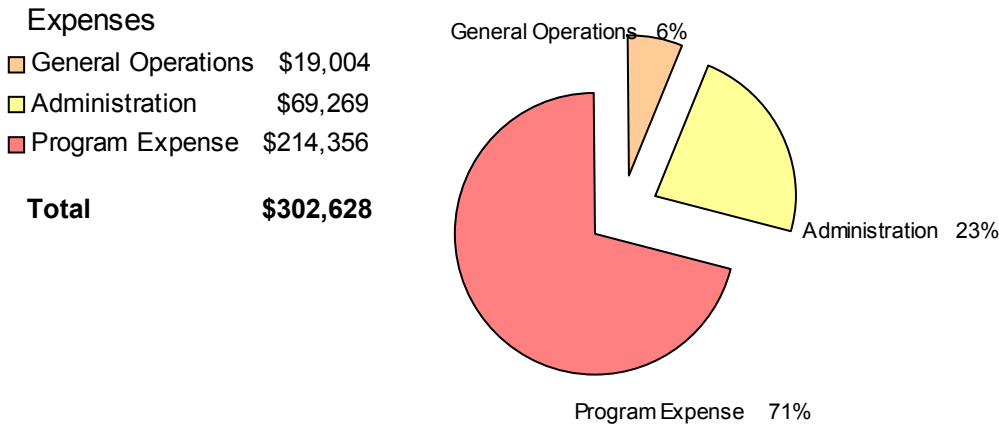
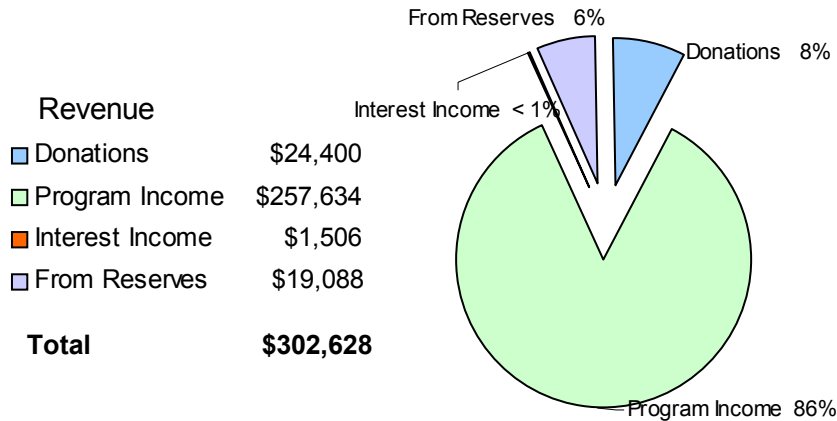
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The Center to BE is committed to fostering spiritual awareness and growth as catalysts for personal empowerment and transformation of self, society and the world. The Center to BE welcomes all who seek a deeper relationship with the Mystery we name 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.

# The Center to BE 2009 Revenue and Expenses



## 2009 Highlights

### Programs

- Over 1000 program participants
- 5 Day Programs
- 17 Short Programs in 4 communities
- 4 Weaving Retreats
- 13 RISEN Programs in 5 states
- 9th annual CAPACITAR Training Program

### Other Services

- Presentations/Facilitation to 7 organizations
- Over 70 hours of Spiritual Direction
- Over 1700 Newsletter recipients



*Our thanks to everyone whose donations in 2009  
have helped The Center to BE invite those seeking  
a deeper relationship with the Divine to*

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