

2012 Annual Report

# Letter from the Executive Director

Ten years ago, a group of friends and I began working on what is today the Open Media Foundation. It all started with the realization that our perspective is shaped through communication. We recognized that large media corporations served as gatekeepers for mass communications, the shapers of our collective perspective. We saw the perspective of the media invariably slanting towards the audiences advertisers want to reach, and towards messages advertisers want to support and we set out to shift that conversation in Denver.

More people receive more information through TV than any other medium. In the past few years, the Internet has overtaken Radio and Print as the #2 source of information for the average American. This is why OMF focuses on TV and the Internet. OMF is a social-change organization first, but we're using the most powerful tools available to bring about social change. We're a very different kind of media organization because we are focused on transforming—in many ways eliminating—the traditional role media institutions play in social communication.

OMF believes that we're all better off when everyone is engaged: when everyone has an opportunity to contribute to their full potential, and that can only happen through a shift in the way we communicate. Fortunately for us, changes in the media are making it possible to turn the models for mass communication on their head, and there is an opportunity to shift the collective perspective to reflect not only the most privileged communities, but the entirety of our population. That kind of a perspective shift leads to policies and laws that benefit the entirety of our population, not just the wealthy.

The goal we set out to accomplish is as daunting as it was ten years ago. The income gap is still expanding. Our collective perspective is still dominated by consumerism and corporate values and public policy is following-suit. In the past few years, OMF has expanded our focus beyond media engagement to civic engagement and government transparency. We've built software to make it easier for people to see the work of their government, and this year, more people than ever logged-in through our coloradochannel.net website to see their government than ever before. Change is happening, and today I am as certain of this fact as I was ten years ago: if we are going to make a difference, this is how we're going to make it. We shift the collective perspective to represent the concerns of all Americans, and position the people to shift public policy to reflect their concerns.









#### What we do

The Open Media Foundation (OMF) is an innovative media and technology nonprofit organization dedicated to putting the power of the media in the hands of the people, enabling everyone to engage in their community and bring about the change they wish to see in the world.

### How we do it

To accomplish our mission, we begin with providing affordable, high-end web and video production services. We follow up by offering training and tools that enable everyone to represent their own voice in the media conversation.

### History

In 2001, Tony Shawcross, Founder and ED of the Open Media Foundation, co-founded a non-commercial website called [denverevolution] in order to promote independent arts and non-commercial community events overlooked by local media. In 2003, members of the [denverevolution] collective began producing videos for nonprofits as the [denverevolution] production group or "Deproduction", borrowing resources from friends at KBDI (PBS 12), Free Speech TV (FSTV), and Denver Community Television (DCTV). In 2004 we significantly expanded our media and technology training services, formed the board of directors, and received 501(c)(3) nonprofit. With the closure of Denver Community Television in 2005, OMF submitted a proposal to re-launch Public Access TV in Denver under an entirely new model, leveraging emerging web 2.0 technologies and business models in a community media station that is truly powered by the community. The result, [Denver Open Media (DOM) launched in 2006, as an independent brand that could be owned by the community. In 2008, Deproduction merged with Civic Pixel, the local web development firm who had built the DOM website and user-management software, and in 2009, the parent organization merged all efforts into the Open Media Foundation. Denver Open Media remains an independent, community-run project of OMF.



# 2012 Population Served

### **Services**

#### 2012 Video Production Clients

**Book Trust** 

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

Colorado Channel

Colorado Legacy Foundation

Colorado United Irish Societies

CraftWorks Foundation

Denver Film Society

Denver Human Services

Denver Kids

Denver Public Schools

El Pomar

Family Star

Liberty Day

Metro Community Provider Network

Piton Foundation

Senior's Resource Center

Tanya Ishikawa

Teacher Institute at La Academia

TEDx MileHigh

The Consortium

The Senior Hub

#### 2012 Web Clients

Alliance for Community Media

Andre Center

Animal Assistance Foundation

Arts & Venues Denver

Backlund Land Surveys

Bell Policy Center

**Boulder Housing Partners** 

Boulder Mountainbike Alliance

Breast & Women's Reproductive

Cancers Fund

**Brett Family Foundation** 

City & County of Denver: Denver Media Services

Colorado Alliance for Environmental

Education

Colorado Anti-Violence Program

Colorado Association of Certified Home 'O

Veterinary Technicians

Colorado Breast Cancer Coalition

Colorado Campus Compact

Colorado Casa

Colorado Channel

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

Colorado Cross Disability Coalition

Colorado Humanities

Colorado Kids Outdoors

Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse

Association

Colorado Participation Project

Colorado Progressive Coalition

Colorado Women's Lobby

The Consortium

COPD Gene Study

Denver Foundation

Denver Kids

Developmental Disabilities Resource

Center

**Elephant Circle** 

Free Speech TV

Home 'O Hope

Indra Lusero

International Mountain Bike Association

Keep 'em Reel

Let Us Rise

LingoLynx

Muslims of the West

Osteopathic Integrative Medicine

Padres Unidos

Partnership for Families and Children

Piton Foundation

Project Pave

Public Access Digital Network

Rolfe Larson Associates

Rush Soccer

Service Providers and Civic Engagement

Project

Susan Kaplan

Translation Excellence

Woodstock West, University of Denver

Verite, Inc

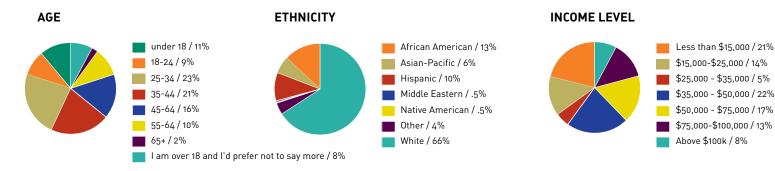
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

West Wash Park Neighborhood Association

Women's Wilderness Institute

### Education

Individuals Served: **942**Youth Served: **418**Hours of Training Provided: **809** 



# **Tools**

### DENVER OPEN MEDIA'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

A Mile Above

All Brothers In Christ

**Anythink Libraries** 

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

Civic Canopy

Colorado School of Mines Foundation

Critical Mass Leadership Education

Denver Hospice

Denver Public Schools Foundation

Denver Vista Academy

El Pomar

Global Transportation

Gold Crown Enrichment

Habitat for Humanity

KGNU

Hugh Evans

My Father's House International Discipleship

Santa Fe Arts District

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Uzeke

Visionbox

VORP of Denver

World Mission Society Church of God



Number of Members in 2012: **387** Number of Shows in 2012: **902** 





# **Individual Donors**



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# 2012 Corporate, Foundation, and **In-Kind Donors**

**Anschutz Family Foundation** Beatrice & Woodsley Breathe Yoga **Brett Family Foundation Buntport Theater Company** 

Canvas & Cocktails Church of Cupcakes

City & County of Denver: Denver Media Services

City 'O City

Colorado Athletic Club

Colorado Ballet Corepower Yoga Curiosities

Denver Art Museum

Denver Center for Performing Arts

Denver Film Society

Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls &

Denver Open Media

Denver School of Photography

Denver Zoo D'Vine Wine Evedea Worx Fancy Tiger Crafts Google

**Gothic Theatre** Icelantic

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation JAX Fish House

KGNU

Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative

Lake Steam Baths League of Women Voters Lizzie Longenecker Make My Notebook

Mayan Landmark Theatres Mondo Vino

National Conference for Media Reform

Oogave

Pandora on the Hill Peppercorn

Phamaly Theatre Company

Pink Foa Ravi Zupa Rio Grande Sensen Skin Care

Sexy Pizza

Snooze

SOL Store of Lingerie

Steuban's

Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey

The Avenue Theatre The Little Flower Market The Ogden Theatre The Tattered Cover **Unity Boutique** WaterCourse YAY Thing!

# 2012 Volunteers and Committee Members

#### 2012 Committee Members

Jennifer Collins Adam Mordecai Flor Blake Tanya Ishikawa Brian Hiatt Sharee Hiatt Jared Petsche Erin Yepis Tony Shawcross

Cheryl Zeeb Rita Carrington Henry Siegel Lindita Winter-Torres Vicki Stott Lynda Cox

Kara Sargent Ron Otsuka Jeff Villano Lynne Sprague James Smith Angelia McGowan

#### 2012 Interns

Samuel Opp Jonah Luhan George Kotelnikov Mark Brancucci Ed Chasteen Scott Carney Kimberly Ford Monique Gallardo Maria Kohler Amber Nelson Josh Nelson Ryan Pembrook John Stephens Anne Bellingrath Victoria Shearer Sherman White Jon Allen Carmela Warner Donald Rose

Derek Brown

Holly Miller Megan Golliday Joshua Dillard Jeff York Sam Lipfield Kai Custodio Jeremy McKinnon Greg Stanwood Celia Herrera Michael Benson Bill Freud Charles Smith Chris Trujillo

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# **2012 Program Highlights and Accomplishments**

### Services

#### **Video Production**

- OMF continued providing the citizens of Colorado with a front seat to the House of Representatives and Senate floor sessions, as well as adding educational content to encourage public involvement and transparency in the legislative process. Take a look at <a href="MoloradoChannel.net">ColoradoChannel.net</a>!
- TEDxMileHigh had two first-ever events in 2012 their Salon the Youth Event. In addition to shooting the main event, Salon at Redline Gallery, OMF coordinated a crew of youth camera people for the Youth Event.
- The DPS Foundation raises funds to support Denver Public Schools. OMF partnered with the DPS Foundation to cover their 2012 Achieve Gala, creating a highlight video, as well as a promotional spot, which aired on many Comcast channels.
- In order to help great organizations doing great work, OMF continued to provide high quality video production services for the non-profit community, including Book Trust, Denver Kids, Inc., Family Star Montessori School, The Consortium, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, Craftworks Foundation, Department of Human Services, and many more!

#### **Web Development**

- The web team launched a significant collaborative project--with partners such as the U.S. Forest Services and Colorado Parks and Wildlife--that consolidates the efforts of state agencies all over Colorado to encourage families to experience nature www.getoutdoorscolorado.org
- The custom workflow designed for legislative web-streaming on www.coloradochannel.net has been improved by the web team to include video archiving and interactive agendas. These features are now available to be replicated for other legislative entities at an affordable, annual rate known as the OMP for Government.
- OMF volunteered for and participated in the 2012 DrupalCon held in Denver, a biannual conference that educates users
  about trends and best practices regarding Drupal. Drupal is an open-source content management system that the OMF
  web department uses to build custom-designed and affordable websites for nonprofits, governments and public sector
  organizations.

### **Education**

- Over 25 different workshops and seminars on multimedia technology and tools were offered, including Final Cut Pro, Adobe Creative Suite, and 3D animation software.
- Open Media Generation Camp, youth summer camp, met over the summer and produced their own music video.
- Educational tours and workshops engaged students and facility from Denver area schools in the workings of a live television studio.

### Tools

- Open Media Generation receives Grant from Anschutz Foundation After successful research and community building work done with the aid of grant from the Knight and Denver Foundations, DOM Inclusiveness findings revealed that Latinos and persons without Post-secondary education are under-represented at DOM.
- Hired Full-time Community Network Administrator to help keep DOM's Networks, Servers, Computers Labs and Website running smoothly. 4 Professional HD cameras now available for Equipment check out to members.





Statement of Activities			
SUPPORT AND REVENUES		2012	2011
	Earned Income	980,940	882,588
	In-Kind	280,027	435,087
	Government	85,000	85,000
	Foundations	34,710	37,669
	Individual Contributions	14,597	13,722
	Corporate	7,687	1,100
	Total Revenue	1,402,961	1,455,166
EXPENSES			
	Salaries & Wages	485,396	428,572
	Grants & Scholarships	325,182	278,234
	In-Kind	280,027	435,087
	Professional Services	79,261	65,761
	Bandwidth & Internet	28,509	45,164
	Rent	41,405	41,819
	Fundraising & Events	14,531	17,997
	Office Supplies	9,491	7,070
	Accounting & Audit	8,073	7,247
	Travel	7,047	8,520
	Insurance	5,087	5,181
	Telephone	4,220	5,546
	Dues & Subscriptions	3,917	460
	Bank & Credit Card Fees	2,327	1,566
	Equipment Maintenance	1,761	2,365
	Postage & Delivery	1,324	466
	Printing & Copying	1,249	981
	Staff Development	1,075	2,004
	Depreciation	0	21,417
	Total Expenses	1,299,882	1,375,457
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT		103,079	79,709

#### **ANNUAL BUDGET GROWTH** 2012 REVENUE 2012 EXPENSES \$2,000,000 37% Salaries & Wages 69% Earned Income 20% In-kind 22% In-Kind \$1,500,000 -25% Grants & Scholarships 10% Grants & Contributions \$1,000,000 -■ 10% Operating Expenses \$500,000 1% Other 6% Contract & Professional

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