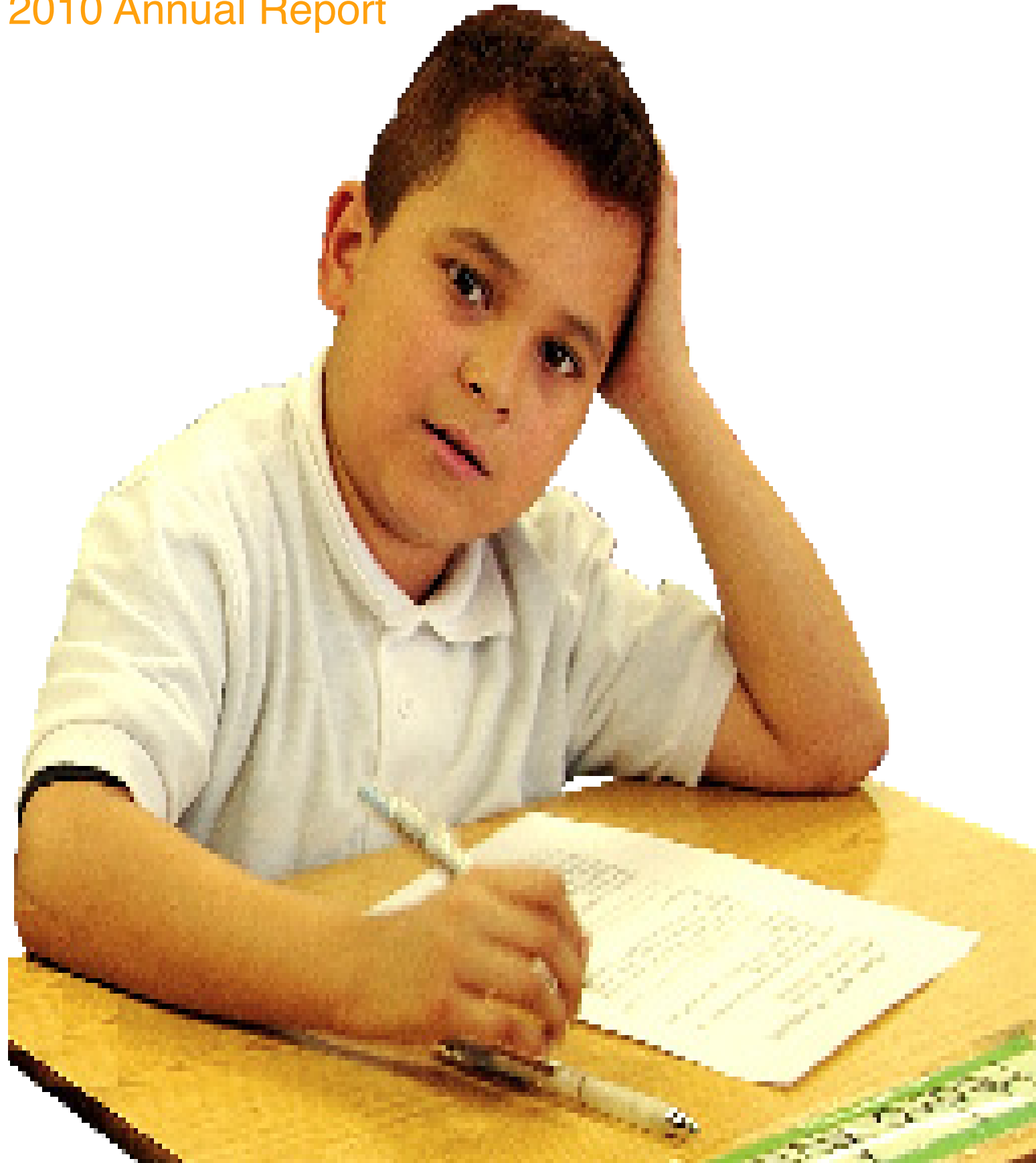




2010 Annual Report



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Supplies for Dreams, thank you for your support of the students in Chicago Public Schools. In a school system where 48 percent of students do not graduate from high school, our mission is to provide those students with the resources and support they need to succeed academically.

Our organization began in 2008 as a school supplies provider in one school on the city's west side. Today, we serve more than 1,200 students through 4 core programs in 7 different communities in Chicago. In 2010 alone, we were able to provide 1,000 students with backpacks and school supplies, supply 11,000 books to students through our Books Benefit program, and created a comprehensive college readiness program for 150 CPS students. We have made a big difference in the lives of thousands of students, but our dream is bigger. With the help of our dedicated donors and volunteers, we can expand and perfect our programs so that every year, more children, regardless of their socioeconomic background, can believe in their own potentials and achieve their dreams.

We appreciate the contributions of the teachers, partners, students, sponsors, and volunteers who make it possible for us to provide students in the Chicago Public School system with the resources they need. Our organization has come a long way and with your continued support, we can go even further.

Together we can change a system so that students get the support they need to complete high school and pursue their goals, no matter where that takes them. Together we can make a fundamental difference in the lives of students and give them the tools they need to build a better future for themselves and for our community. Once again, thank you for your commitment and your belief that students can and should Dream Big.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hiro Kawashima". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hiro Kawashima
Executive Director

Mission and Goals

Supplies for Dreams is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization aimed at facilitating Chicago Public School students in their educational pursuits by providing critical resources, ranging from basic school supplies to mentoring services.

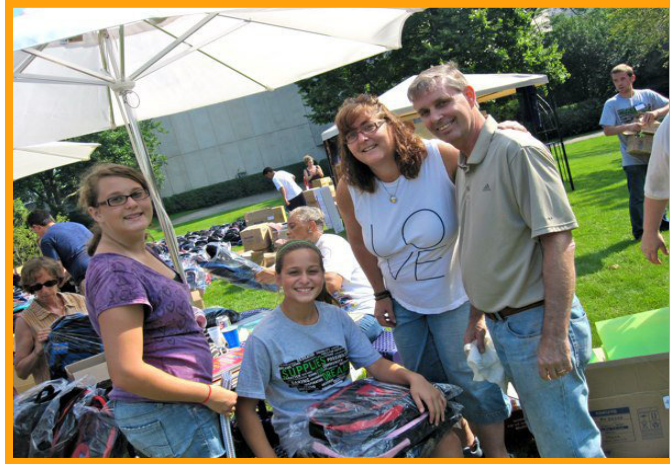


Last year, Supplies for Dreams engaged **over 200 volunteers** to support over **1,200 students in 7 communities** in Chicago. **Over 90 percent** of our students served come from low-income families. In 2010, Supplies for Dreams volunteers dedicated over **5,300 hours** to help provide basic resources and extracurricular opportunities to Chicago Public School students.

Goals for 2011

- >> To provide backpacks and schools supplies to an additional **1,000 students**
- >> Award **six field trips** to schools to provide **over 200 students** with a learning enrichment opportunity
- >> Inaugurate **one** additional high-impact mentoring program for fifth and sixth graders
- >> Create a strong and viable partnership with **one more elementary school** and provide each student with a variety of programs and opportunities

2010 Highlights



Build-a-Backpack Day

This year, we decided to give Supplies for Dreams donors a chance to see the full impact of their support by helping to fill backpacks with school supplies to be distributed during our Dream Drive. Taking place in August at Northwestern University, Build-a-Backpack-Day brought over 70 volunteers from surrounding communities to help to fill over 1,000 backpacks. Sunshine, live music and free food contributed to a relaxing atmosphere while students, donors and representatives from Chicago Youth Centers were given a chance to mingle and learn more about the causes supported by Supplies for Dreams.

Boarding for Education

The second annual Boarding for Education event took place in Grant Park in June. Forty volunteers wearing bus cutouts and skating around on long-boards helped hand out fliers and spread awareness about our organization's mission.

Write-to-Dream Essay Contest

In November, our second annual Write-to-Dream essay contest gave students in 4th through 8th grade a chance to express what their education means to them and how it will allow them to achieve their dreams. Of the 170 students who submitted essays, we selected five who demonstrated outstanding ambition, dedication and drive in addition to strong writing skills. Winners received certificates and prizes ranging from books & backpacks to gift cards and an iPod.



Essay Writing Workshop

To kick off Write-to-Dream, eight Supplies for Dreams mentors traveled to Perez Elementary to lead an essay-writing workshop for a fourth grade classroom. After learning about the basic framework of an essay, students had the chance to write paragraphs about their favorite activities and read them aloud to their peers.

Award-A-Field Trip

Our Goal:

To supplement the educational journey of our students with enriching field trips and to create long-standing relationships with high-need schools.

Our Impact:

Supplies for Dreams awarded four field trips to two elementary schools to provide over 140 students with an enriching field trip experience.

Current Initiatives:

Award-A-Field-Trip continues to grow as a program. This year, hundreds of students will walk through the field museum with our sponsors and trained chaperones. We hope to establish long-standing relationships with CPS schools and award field trips based on need and merit. By providing students with field trips consistently, year after year, we hope to make a very large impact one school at a time. Furthermore, we plan to expand our sponsor outreach and be able to fund more field trips every year so that more schools and students can benefit from the program. In addition, we have begun creating a curriculum for the Museum of Science and Industry. The MSI offers exhibits that would engage older students in middle school and high school, allowing the program to be able to cover all grades in the public school system.



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It was awesome getting to see mummies and animals. I got to see how Egyptians wrap mummies. I also like Sue a lot.

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Dream Drive 2010

Our Goal:

Ensure that each Chicago Public School student has the proper physical resources necessary to attain a quality education

Our Impact:

Supplies for Dreams worked with four community partners and schools to provide 1,000 students with backpacks and school supplies and an elementary school with classroom and individual supplies.

Current Initiatives:

Supplies for Dreams is currently identifying potential partners and recipients for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition, Supplies for Dreams is examining possibilities to extend the successful Dream Drive program to wealthier neighborhoods and communities as a revenue generating program to support annual giving.

Dream Drive 2010 By The Numbers

Notebook Paper	201,600
Index Cards	100,800
Presentation Folders	100,000
Pencils	20,000
Pens	12,096
Notebooks	4,008
Binders	2,000
Backpacks	1,000
Rulers	1,000



Dream Mentors

Our Goal:

To support students with one-on-one tutoring and mentorship, academic and lifeskills workshops, and engaging college visitations.

Our Impact:

Eight students at Von Steuben High School received one-on-one tutoring and mentorship. Students were selected based on their academic needs and preliminary results show an overall improvement of their grades. In addition, over 70 students experienced a college visitation opportunity complete with a variety of workshops with topics ranging from college admissions to personal finance.

Current Initiatives:

2011 began with the inauguration of a new high-impact mentoring program at Manuel Perez Jr. Elementary School. The program pairs Supplies for Dreams mentors from Northwestern University with fifth and sixth grade students who have been selected based on their academic needs. Seven students receive weekly academic tutoring and complete journals week-to-week to improve their writing skills.

Supplies for Dreams continues to support our partners, Gear Up and Teen Reach. Gear Up at Von Steuben High School is focused on preparing students for college and the ACT exam. Teen Reach provides an enriching atmosphere for students at Volta Elementary School to learn and interact with other students after school. Gear Up, a mentoring program based at Von Steuben High School, provides ten students with weekly academic tutoring and mentoring.

Meet Manuel Perez Elementary School



PEREZ CURRENTLY HAS 404 STUDENTS ENROLLED. 99.3% OF STUDENTS COME FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

Located in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, Manuel Perez Jr. Elementary School or Perez, is home to over 400 eager elementary school students. In 2010, Supplies for Dreams provided each student with a backpack and school supplies, and have also awarded field trips to more than 60 fourth and fifth graders.

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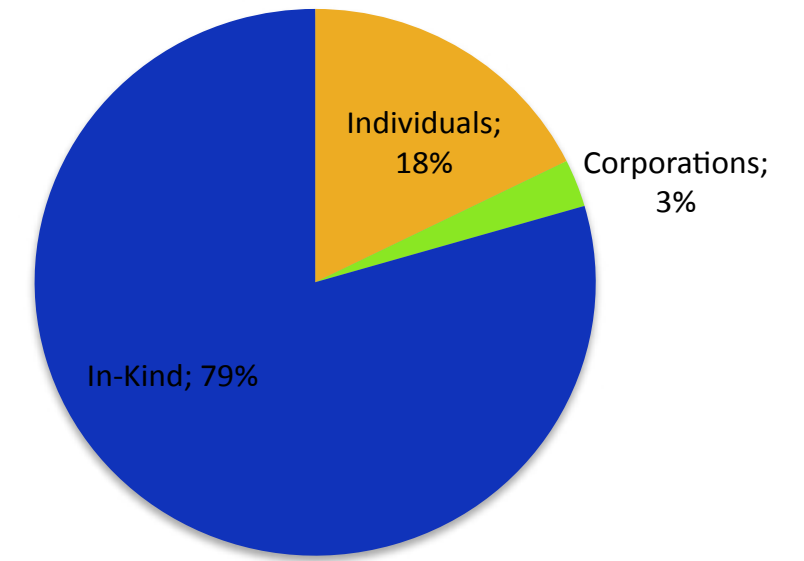
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2010 Revenues & Expenses

Revenues

Individuals: \$10,720 (18%)
Corporations: \$1,700 (3%)
Government: 0
Foundations: 0
Special Events: 0
In-Kind: \$48,180 (79%)

TOTAL: \$60,600



Expenses

Programs: \$53,341 (89%)
Management & General Operating: \$6,609 (11%)
Development: \$209 (0%)

TOTAL: \$60,159

