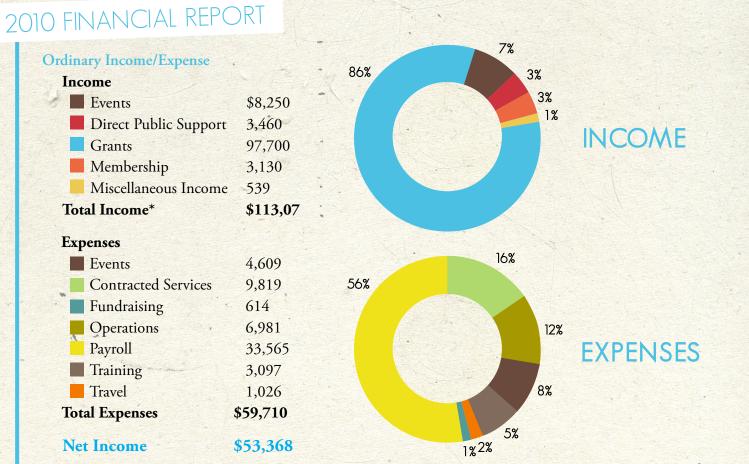


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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Just one year ago I had a hard time explaining my job. It seemed no one knew what Tonawanda Coke was, much less how to get them to stop polluting.

But then we started winning. After years of smart, relentless organizing Tonawanda Coke Corporation was raided by a team of government agencies. Less than one week later Mark Kamholz, the company's environmental control manager left the plant in cuffs; arrested on charges of violating over a dozen federal environmental laws. In January, EPA announced over 100 notices of violation at the plant and mandated a timeline for clean up. Benzene levels in Tonawanda have dropped almost 70%.

Today, everyone knows who the Clean Air Coalition is and what we're about. We organize communities to fight for environmental health and justice - and we're not stopping with Tonawanda Coke.

2011 will bring:

- A new campaign to get the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to tackle other sources of air pollution in Tonawanda.
- A community-research and advocacy project on Buffalo's West Side. With residents, we will document air pollution and fight for solutions.
- The publication of The Stories Project an oral history project that documents how air pollution impacts the lives of Western New Yorkers.
- The launch of the Lois Gibbs Fellowship: a selective, 10-month program that provides a diverse set of emerging citizen leaders with the tools and training to build sustained political will to improve the environment and health.

We are building a movement for environmental health and justice in Western New York. We know that our health is intimately linked to the places we live and work. By working with residents neighborhood by neighborhood we will create the region we want: one where our environment fosters good health; not hinders it.

Sincerely, Erin Heaney, Director

*73% of grant income in 2010 is allocated for 2011 programs.





IMPROVED REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

We won our campaign against Tonawanda Coke. As a

- result of the public pressure generated by the Coalition:
- Tonawanda Coke Corporation was raided by federal agents
- Over 100 improvements were mandated at Tonawanda Coke. The company has begun making the required changes
- The company and it's environmental control manager and has been indicted by a federal grand jury.
- OSHA investigated the plant and fined the company over \$50,000 for 14 worker safety violations.



Brokered a "good neighbor" agreement with 3M. As a result of meetings with the Coalition's leaders, 3M has agreed to host a community meeting to share their pollution prevention practices, release TRI information early to the community and host quarterly meetings with residents.

ORGANIZED THE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATED POLICYMAKERS

We traveled to Erie, PA to network and strategize with other residents fight Erie Coke Corporation.

We held 12 community meetings and 4 educational

events. We hosted Nellie Brown, a former Tonawanda Coke worker and current industrial hygenist to educate us about coke oven emissions, hosted a panel on environmental justice, sponsored a talk about industry/ community collaborations, and hosted the NYS Department of Health and the US EPA.



allies at Canisus and the University at Buffalo completed over 30 interviews with residents about how air quality impacts their lives. Our final report will be released in 2011.



We hosted the EPA Regional 2 Administrator, Judith Enck. Our members gave Judith and her staff a toxic tour of their neighborhood.



We improved media coverage of environmental issues. As a result of the Coalition's organizing, Tonawanda Coke and air quality issues were featured on the front page of the Buffalo News and every other major news outlet in Western New York. In 2010, there were over 100 articles, blog posts and newscasts featuring Tonawanda Coke.

Educated policy makers. The Clean Air Coalition staff and members met with over a dozen local, regional and federal policy makers to educate them about air pollution and how it impacts real people.

DEVELOPED A STRONG ORGANIZATION AND INVESTED IN OUR STAFF

Our board participated in:

- A customized board training
- A customized fundraising training
- The Institute for Conservation Leadership's Benchmarking Success workshop.

We sent our Executive Director to:

- The Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training Conference in Oakland, California.
- The Canisus College Fundraising Course.
- The American Public Health Association Social Justice Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

We received our 501c3 status from the IRS

We hosted our first annual dinner featuring Lois Gibbs. Over 125 of our members and allies attended.

OUR WORK IS SUPPORTED BY:

The Community Foundation for , Greater Buffalo The Hahn Family Foundation The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation The RESIST Foundation The Grassroots Exchange Fund of the Common Counsel Foundation The Baird Foundation Community Health Foundation