



Annual Report 2007





June 2008

Dear Ones,

Though we are in the middle of 2008, it is still important to us to reflect and report on 2007. As you can see from the wonderful newsletter included with this Annual Report, Kerrie Lynn has done a great overview of our programming highlights. We are proud of our direction and our accomplishments and trust that you will be also. We know that if you have time to read through the newsletter, you will be inspired.



We have good news regarding staff and board for 2008, but in this report, we are looking back at 2007, when we operated with a bit less staff. Linda continued working part-time, concentrating mostly on donors and networking. Kerrie, our only full-time staff person, was sometimes overwhelmed by the number of things she had to add to her programming and publicity duties to keep it all on track – and she did a remarkable job. For several months, Kerline Astre worked with us on coordinating our fundraising efforts, which included creating some meaningful new ways to reach out to more varied communities, and Elizabeth Anderson did a brilliant job with expanding our writing programs. Even with limited staff, we are happy to report that Charis Circle hosted over 100 programs and 1,500 people during 2007.



We continued to refine our vision and our commitments to that vision, focusing inward as well as outward. We reworked our mission statement in a collaborative board/staff process in which we all agreed that Charis Circle “exists to foster sustainable feminist communities, work for social justice, and encourage the expression of diverse and marginalized voices.”

The staff and board committed to attending the *Undoing Racism* workshop offered by the People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, which is long-term, ongoing work for all of us.



As we look to the future, sustainability is an ever-expanding concept to Charis Circle – programs that are rooted in community and thus sustain their energy and leadership; finances based on long-term (and new) relationships that we nurture; and staff that is collaborative and committed to our vision. We want to be around for you, your children, your grandchildren, for our many and varied communities, and for the transformation our work is all about.

Thank you for your work, your commitment, your support, and your vision – we are more because of you.

With love and respect,



Kerrie Lynn, Co-Director

Linda Bryant, Founder



Finances

In 2007, Charis Circle continued to develop fundraising based on relationships and multi-year pledges. We had two wonderful events—one at the Silverbell Pavilion at Emory and one at The Solarium in Decatur.

We learned something new at each of these events and had an opportunity to expand our community. The pledges that came from these events helped us to have a base for planning our staffing and programming.



We continue to be grateful for the generous pledge from the AEC Trust. Also, for the first time, we received a grant from the Bill, Jennie, and Harry Ackerman Foundation Trust. We greatly benefited from the efforts of V-Day Atlanta as they named Charis Circle as one of the beneficiaries (see “Other” column of Income graph below) of their performance of *The Vagina Monologues* and of *A Memory, Monologue, Rant, and A Prayer*. The Horizons Foundation sent us a gift from the Marta Drury and Kerry Lobel Fund, and we received a gift from the Philip S. Harper Foundation. Additionally, we loved the matching funds we received from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bank of America Foundation!

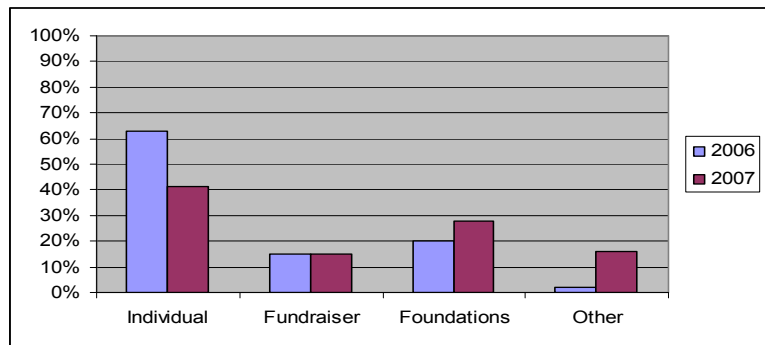


We continued our involvement in Georgia Shares, making important connections among our work and the justice work that the other Georgia Shares members do.

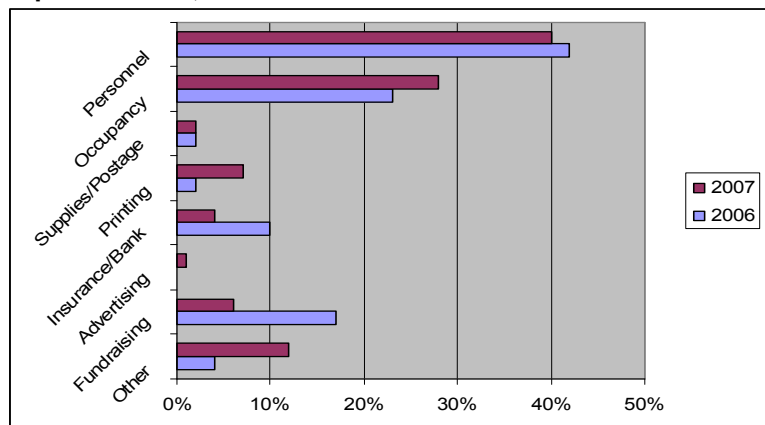
We are happy to report that we entered 2008 debt-free, having repaid the money we'd borrowed in past years. Thank you to each donor!



Income 2006, 2007



Expenses 2006, 2007





Foundation & Business Support for 2007

AEC Trust
 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
 Bank of America Foundation
 Bill, Jennie, and Harry Ackerman Foundation Trust
 Birdi's
 Dolce Vegan
 House of IntegriTea
 Horizons Foundation: Marta Drury & Kerry Lobel Fund
 Phillip S. Harper Foundation
 Rockefeller Foundation
 TH Design, LLC

Georgia Shares

Collaborations

7 Stages
 9 to 5 Atlanta Working Women
 Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative
 Central Presbyterian Church
 Cliterati
 DC Poets Against the War
 Disability Resource Group of Atlanta
 Feminist Women's Health Center
 Georgia State Women's Studies
 Georgians for Choice/SPARK Reproductive Justice Now
 Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities
 MEGA Family Project
 Nghosi Books
 Project South
 Red Hen Press
 US Social Forum
 V-Day
 V-Day Atlanta
 WAND
 ZAMI

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Charis Circle Staff, 2007

Elizabeth Anderson
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