

VOICE-Buffalo Annual Report

Major goals have been advanced this year with the commitment and vision of the leadership of VOICE-Buffalo. The first is connected to building new leadership into our board. While exceeding goals set before us in regards to demographic and economic balance, we have challenged ourselves to a new set of goals around issues that affect the community. These issues include the following:

- * Regional -- Winning on strategic Regional and National campaign such as **the establishment of a Bi-Regional Economic Development Commission**. This Commission would follow the Framework for Regional Growth a Smart Growth Document that includes Planning and Infrastructure that would bring in Millions of Dollars to Revitalize Western New York.
- * Local Issues – **Public Transportation** at VOICE-Buffalo we believe that the economic, physical and spiritual boundaries exist all around us. Investment in public transportation breaks these boundaries. **We are pushing for the Re-Authorization Bill that will earmark Public Transportation as a priority for our Region for the next 10 years.** Also, we are working for equitable Fare Restructuring as well as Bus Shelter Prioritization!
- * Leadership Development -- we sent 14 leaders plus our Lead Organizer to National Leadership Training in the Bronx and Hawaii. We held a local training of **89 people from VOICE-Buffalo, Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope and People United for Sustainable Housing.**
- * October Public Meeting -- This public action was a display of the Organization we have committed to building over the long haul. **We had 400 people gather at St. Martin DePorres Church with an agenda of Economic Development for our Region.**

A Message from the President of VOICE-Buffalo

As the President of VOICE-Buffalo, I want to lead and build an organization that is a powerful vehicle for change in this city and across our region. We do this not by a politics of division -- where democrats are pitted against republicans, rich versus poor, black versus white.

We build power by standing on what unites us, a vision for the City of God -- where our tears are turned into dancing -- where our hearts are set free. Where no more mothers have to bury their children, victims of violence and rage -- where there is opportunity for all our young people to have access to quality jobs, where elected officials listen to the voice of the people, and we realize the promise of prosperity for all.

This work we do is the work of building democracy - we exercise our right to organize, our right to participate in the decisions that impact our lives.

This year - we shall share our victories -- we are moving towards building the City of God throughout our region -- through perseverance, partnership, and ACTION!

-- Ava White, President VOICE-Buffalo

VOICE-Buffalo 2009 Budget

“Budgets are moral documents...” As stated early this year by VOICE-Buffalo leaders about the New York State Budget process.

Income:	\$128,733.11
Expense:	\$122,208.97

Direct Public Grants:	\$79,850
Direct Public Support:	\$4,309
Special Events Income:	\$28,058.82
Membership Dues:	\$11,785

Total:	\$128,733.11
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Payroll Expenses:	\$67,085.34
Training:	\$12,301.93
Facilities and Equipment:	\$11,698
Contract:	\$11,023.33
Business:	\$2,510.70
Operation:	\$2,483.40
Travel and Meetings:	\$4,987.56

Total:	\$122,208.97
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ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

The Board of Directors
VOICE-Buffalo, Inc.:

We have reviewed the Accompanying statement of financial position of Voice Buffalo, Inc. as part of December 31, 2008 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Voice Buffalo, Inc.

A review consists principally of inquiries of the Organization's personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Information for the year ended December 31, 2007, is presented for comparative purposes only and was extracted from the financial statements for that year, which were previously reviewed by us and our report dated October 22, 2008 stated that we were not aware of any material modifications that should be made to those statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Toski, Shaefer & CO. P.C.

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