



Celebrating 14 Years of Service

When I travel and describe what we do, I often hear “a Peace Learning Center in Indianapolis? That sounds like a great idea for my city.”

What makes this special? We help people take a journey inside to connect with the peace and peacemaker within. We should show gratitude for our many blessings while recognizing there are always bumps along the road that can distract us from peace.

Let us learn from our problems and deal with them, rather than collect them for revenge and retribution.

We are the peace we are waiting for.

Tim Nation
Cofounder and Director



Artwork by a student from the Philippines who spent three-days at PLC with fifty other Christian and Muslim youth from Mindanao—a place that suffers from interfaith struggles with Al Qaeda.

2010 Annual Report

BUILDING PEACE FOR
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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Youth Services

We’ve come a long way with youth services! Our youth services programs span pre-school to college with an emphasis on K-12 education.

30+ community partnerships bring PLC’s Youth Services Team to work with students, staff and parents in public, charter and private schools, as well as after-school sites throughout Central Indiana reaching 10,000+ each year.

Peace Schools are where we work with every student, teacher and as many parents as possible to create a safe and healthy learning environment.

Peace Coaches are community volunteers who lead small groups of students thru peace learning activities.

Peace Crew is our team of facilitators who implement programs at after-school, summer and community sites.

Intervention Programs include work with youth and families involved in juvenile justice thru the Indiana Department of Correction and Department of Child Services.

Real Results

- Students at Indiana Girls’ School raised their grades from D’s to B’s after completing 11 weeks with PLC.
- 92% of students can identify three ways to resolve conflict as a result of Peace Schools.
- 92% of students believe this program taught them that they have a choice to enter into conflict or not.
- At Indiana Boys’ School, there was a 52% decline in behavior and discipline incidents facility-wide in the first seven months of PLC programming.



A youth facilitator explores the root causes of violence

Outcomes for Youth

- Communicate in a healthy way
- Contribute as positive community members
- Understand concepts such as leadership, empathy, friendship and forgiveness



Exploring emotions @PLC

“Of course I would recommend this program! The problems addressed are common problems throughout every school- everywhere! Problems and conflicts are the major causes for classroom disruptions; thus, taking away precious minutes of any instructional and learning time. Anytime a class/school/community can gain extra support on conflict resolution strategies, improvement all around will be the outcome.” – **Center for Inquiry teacher**

“I was ready to be sent to alternative school because of my behavior, but the principal gave me one last chance – go to the Peace Learning Program after-school and if I complete it, I’ll get to stay in school. Not only did I complete the ten weeks, I kept going because they taught me things I need to know in life and they helped me get over the anger I had when I found out my father wasn’t my real father.

- **Arsenal Tech Student**



Programs at Eagle Creek Park feature nature walks where the center is surrounded by miles of woods and water.

Community Programs

Two years ago, Peace Learning Center launched our new Corporate and Community Program that offers professional development focused on cultivating healthy organizational practices. So far, more than 280 local and national businesses and community organizations have participated. **Tuesdays at PLC** is a series of monthly workshops that are short learning sessions. **Professional Development Sessions** included half-day and custom designed learning experiences outlined below.



Participants in a Tuesday's at PLC session enacting a role play

Topics presented include

- Moving from unintended intolerance to intercultural development
- Addressing conflict in healthy ways
- Courageous conversations: a facilitated dialogue session
- Creating high quality organizations through strategic planning
- Board and staff retreats
- Working through difficult conversations
- Professional renewal

International Interfaith Initiative

In 2005, Peace Learning Center cofounder Charlie Wiles helped launch a new community effort to help people from different cultures and faiths in our city join together to



address critical community needs around interfaith understanding, the environment, resettlement, hunger and housing.

This year III established the Center for Interfaith Cooperation at the Indiana Interchurch Center at 42nd and Michigan Road in Indianapolis. This helped attract the Indiana Muslim Alliance, Provocate, and the Cold Springs Institute to join other faiths at the building.

III sponsors a youth dialogue that includes enthusiastic students from Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Mudrasa Tul Ilm and Immaculate Heart of Mary. In addition III hosted community events to learn more about Muslims in America. III sponsors an annual symposium that this year featured Eboo Patel founder of the Interfaith Youth Core.



Yuval Ron Ensemble plays sacred music from Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths at IMA as part of the International Interfaith Initiative

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Board members participate by promoting and connecting Peace Learning Center to the community

Key Staff

Kirsten Eamon-Shine, Youth Services Director

Lisa Jones, Director of Human Resources and Operations

Tim Nation, Cofounder & Director

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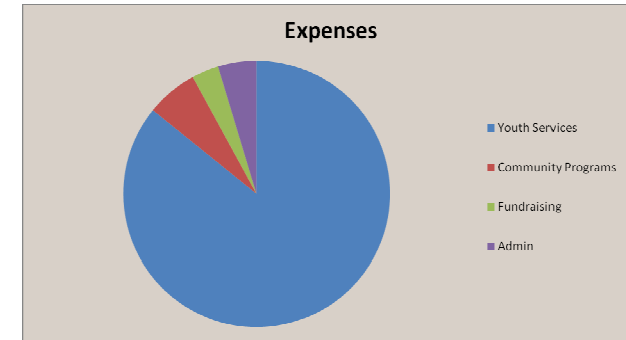
Charlie Wiles, Cofounder and International Interfaith

Gina Woods, Development and Communications Director

Special thanks to our youth and community education facilitators plus our many volunteers who work tirelessly to help youth and families.

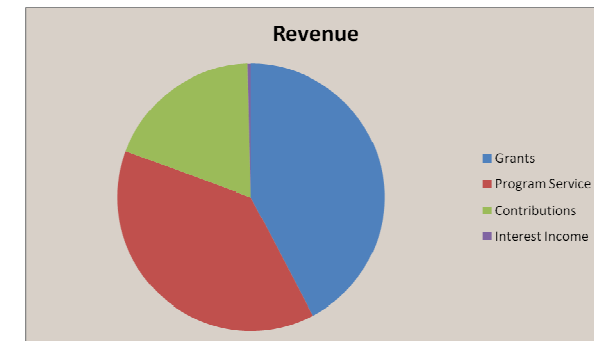
Finances

Fitzgerald/Isaac CPA conducts an annual full audit of Peace Learning Center's finances. Through the generous contributions of individuals, foundations, and corporations plus fee for service from schools and community groups we are able to serve over 10,000 Central Indiana residents. Please help us reach more!



Category	Amount
Youth Services	\$1,052,215
Community Programs	\$76,605
Fundraising	\$40,259
Admin	\$57,102

Total Expenses: \$1,226,181



Category	Amount
Grants	\$579,138
Program Service	\$432,941
Contributions	\$214,972
Interest Income	\$4,341

Total Revenue: : \$1,231,392