

Colorado UpLift

Mission:

Building long-term,
life-changing relationships
with urban youth.



UpLift

2010

Annual Report



Overall

- Colorado UpLift won the Colorado Biz Magazine “Top Company” award, Non Profit category.
- Colorado UpLift served over 3,600 youth in the metropolitan Denver area from 19 Denver Public Schools.
- Sixteen UpLift students won the Metropolitan Mayors’ and Commissioners’ Youth Award in March 2010 (out of 22 winners total), recognizing students who have overcome significant challenges in life.
- Four model replication partners implemented the UpLift strategy nationally (Elevate Orlando, Elevate Phoenix, Elevate New York and Elevate Oregon).

In School

- 90% of youth who have been in Colorado UpLift three years or more graduated from high school, compared to a 52% average among non-UpLift students (www.dpsk12.org).
- Colorado UpLift taught over 120 classes each week in Denver Public Schools.
- A third-party study demonstrated UpLift kids attend school 41% more days than their peers.
- UpLift expanded its reach to third graders at Trevista and Colfax elementary schools utilizing a literacy format with high school student readers.

After School

- UpLift staff spend up to 80% of their time mentoring students in After School activities.
- The Advanced Leadership class went to Tijuana and built four houses for impoverished families. They also contributed more than 500 hours of community service to the Denver metro area.
- 100% of high school and middle school students participated in UpLift After School activities.

Adventure

- Over 500 students participated in snowboarding, fitness, sledding, rock climbing, and other Adventure activities – many for the first time.
- Doulos, UpLift’s team-building and leadership workshops, served over 800 elementary and high school students.

Post Secondary

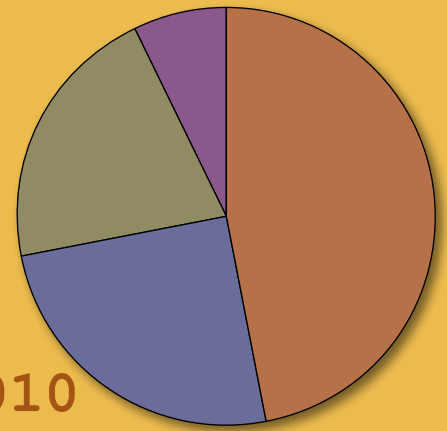
- 82% of UpLift students who applied for college were enrolled in the fall of 2010.
- Two “Next Step” seminars were held on college campuses to educate UpLift students about college enrollment, preparation and attendance.
- UpLift hosted 1,730 students in our spring educational career fairs utilizing over 150 community volunteers.

Accomplishments from 2010

Financials

Contributions 2010 2009

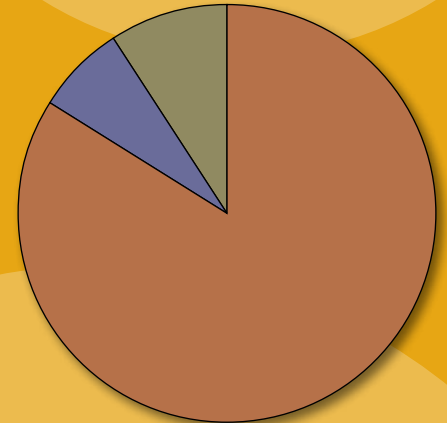
Board	\$1,905,685	\$1,773,811
Foundations	\$1,021,392	\$1,177,280
Individuals	\$866,649	\$617,537
Other	\$303,116	\$454,238
	\$4,096,842	\$4,022,866



2010 Contributions

Expenses 2010 2009

Program Services	\$3,252,759	\$3,052,958
Administrative	\$287,366	\$283,340
Fundraising	\$329,524	\$342,822
	\$3,869,649	\$3,679,120



2010 Expenses

Program Evaluation

GOAL:
High School Graduation

Evaluated By:
Denver Public School District
graduation data.

GOAL:
Behavior Change

Evaluated By:
Third-party research analyst
conducted by quantitative
research analyst.

GOAL:
Personal/Generational
Firsts

Evaluated By:
Narrative staff recording and
student reporting.

GOAL:
Post Secondary
Enrollment

Evaluated By:
Staff surveys of students and
examination of enrollment
records.

GOAL:
Student Leadership

Evaluated By:
Numbers of students participating
in and successfully completing
UpLift experiential leadership
development programs.

Staff observation of student
leadership in community.

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A Story of A Changed Life

From Kim, age 18, North High School graduate:

"My growing up years were very difficult. I lost my dad at age six and then my mom by age 13. I was so depressed, I didn't care about school. I was ditching, smoking weed and talking back to teachers. I finished 8th grade with a 0.1 GPA.

When I went to high school, the Colorado UpLift class was so different... the teachers shared their lives with us. They cared about us and made school worth attending. By the end of my freshman year, my GPA was a 3.8. I always knew I had potential, but it took my mentor, Monique, to bring it out in me. She was relentless in helping me mend and heal from my past.

I'll never forget the day I walked into class with my sixth college acceptance letter and presented it to Monique, saying, "We did it, Mom!" With the confidence and support I received from Colorado UpLift, I am now breaking the cycle of poverty and hopelessness from my past and making history with a new life full of perseverance, achievement and hope.

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