

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

AFACT works from the faith principles and values of the members, applies those values to community issues, and takes democratic action to impact existing social structures for the common good of all citizens, particularly the poor and disenfranchised.



Leader Development

- ▶ Training was conducted with 28 leaders in two four-day AFACT Statewide Leadership Trainings in Willow. Participants came from Anchorage, Brevig Mission, Emmonak, Kotlik, Palmer, Wales and Wasilla.
- ▶ Training was provided to 42 leaders at AFACT's annual overnight retreat at the Holy Spirit Center in Anchorage.
- ▶ Leaders in 12 congregations conducted nearly 100 local organizing ministry meetings.
- ▶ AFACT participated in the Alaska ELCA Synod training to introduce congregation-based community organizing. The 70 participants represented 18 congregations.
- ▶ AFACT participated in training ELCA pastors in Southeast Alaska in a two-day workshop on congregation-based community organizing sponsored by the Alaska ELCA Synod.

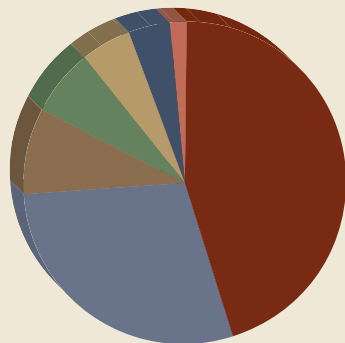
Neighborhood and Community Impact

- ▶ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church addressed rising crime and increased concern about public safety. Nearly 150 congregation members and neighborhood

residents met with the Chief of Police to share their experiences, concern and fears. The Anchorage Police Department immediately began an intense "scan" of the neighborhood, which substantiated the concerns, and followed up with an increased police presence.

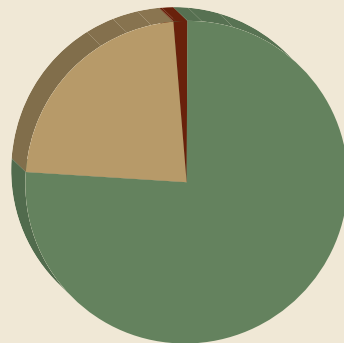
- ▶ AFACT hosted a Mayoral Candidates Forum to raise questions of community concern. Nearly 300 AFACT and community members gathered to pose questions to mayoral candidates regarding public safety, youth recreation, and chronic homelessness. The forum was one of the largest forums held during the Mayor's race in Anchorage.
- ▶ Catholic and Lutheran Alaska Native AFACT members addressed the need for education economic stimulus funds in Alaska. More than 100 people gathered, in spite of volcanic ash falling on Anchorage, and testified to the importance of the stimulus money for Alaska Native students. Governor Palin subsequently accepted the stimulus monies.
- ▶ St. Anthony Catholic Church secured a commitment from the Municipality of Anchorage to enforce code provisions in the neighborhood of the church. After a June meeting attended by more than 100 people from the Russian Jack neighborhood surrounding the church, the Municipality quickly began enforcing Municipal code provisions to eliminate overflowing dumpsters and remove graffiti.
- ▶ Leaders from Catholic Native Ministry and Alaska Native Lutheran Church submitted an outreach proposal to the Anchorage School Board to bridge the gap between families and teachers. Leaders proposed that the School District contract with the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project to train teachers in intentional outreach. The Anchorage School Board members overwhelmingly endorsed the used of economic stimulus funds for the project.

REVENUE



Foundations	\$ 97,581
Religious Foundations	65,773
Membership Dues	19,053
Individual Donors	15,821
Corporate Donations	10,600
Fees & Services	8,650
Miscellaneous	483
Total Income	\$217,961

EXPENSES



Program Services	\$161,413
General & Administrative	48,102
Fundraising	1,784
Total Expenses	\$211,299

These figures represent revenue and expenses from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.



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From the Board Chair. . .

Dear friends:

AFACT's organizing ministry touched on many issues during the last fiscal year. We listened to young families who faced tough decisions about whether to take their sick child to a doctor or pay the rent, too often because they didn't qualify for Denali KidCare. We listened to parents concerned that their children won't be able to transition from their home village school into a school in Anchorage. We heard from our homeless neighbors about how tough it is to find affordable housing, how hard it is to find jobs and how living on the street takes away a sense of security and erodes self-esteem. We heard that crime and graffiti are on the rise in some neighborhoods.

While we listen to our families' concerns, we also help families imagine the world as it should be, as God intended it to be. AFACT strives to meet people where they are in their life, and then help them achieve their full potential. We recognize the inherent God-given dignity of every person and we strive to instill in people the confidence to make changes in the community that can impact their lives in a meaningful way.

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your continued commitment and support as we continue our work now and in the future.

Susie Delgado
AFACT Board Chair



Children lead the prayer at the close of the Alaska Native Organizing meeting on education economic stimulus funds. Photo by Ron Nicholl

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