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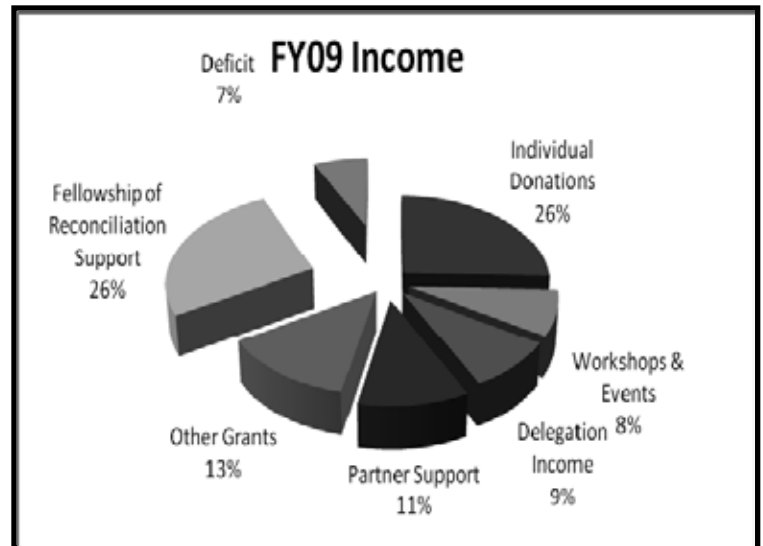
The Financial Picture and Our Future

*"Opening eyes, hearts,
and possibilities. . ."*

As Interfaith Peace-Builders enters our fourth year* as an independent organization we, like many, are faced with obvious financial challenges in the current climate. We also are lucky to have several reasons to think we can survive. In order to do so, we're taking action now.

First the good news. IFPB looks to finish this fiscal year in June with enough reserves to last five months. Through hard work, tight fiscal control, and most of all, from the generous support of over 450 individual donors, we have this money in the bank to weather bumps and give us time to raise more.

Now the challenges. The chart illustrates how our income fell a little short this year — the 'deficit' wedge (7%, or about \$8,000). This shortfall was covered by spending down our operating reserve. But looking forward, our biggest hurdle will be replacing the 26% of our income that, in the past three years, has come from our parent organization, the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). FOR has been an amazing supporter of our work and we deeply appreciate their funding during our transition to independence. Now it is time to replace that funding.



We have a plan to make up the difference and keep IFPB strong. Our board is better prepared for than ever before. Our networks are growing and we have an ambitious plan to double our database this year. We're developing strategies to reach out to lapsed donors. And a new resource for house parties that all our supporters — like you — can use to widen our base. And we continue to apply for new grants. **Only by working on all these fronts, and only with your continued support,** will we ensure IFPB will be around next year to keep our important work ongoing.

- **IFPB Finance Committee** (Scott Kennedy, Gerald Lenoir, and Rami Natsche)

**IFPB's fiscal year goes from July to June. FY2009, which is just ending, is the period from July 2008 – June 2009.*



NEW RESOURCE: *House Party Packet!*

IFPB is excited to launch a new resource for all of our supporters. We have created a *House Party Packet*, which explains how to easily and successfully plan an in-house fundraiser. The packet makes it simple to draw in your circles of friends, family, and co-workers, helping to multiply your support and inform more people about the important work of IFPB.

Whether you have planned parties before or are throwing a fundraiser for the first time, this packet makes it straightforward and easy with checklists, ideas, a sample agenda, and more! Within just a few weeks it will be easy to put together a gathering that is both fun and successful!

Contact IFPB to order the *House Party Packet* for \$3.50, which covers the printing and shipping costs. Or you can **download it free from our new website:**

www.ifpb.org/education/resources

Our goal is to have 20 house parties and raise \$10,000 by September! **We need your help to do so and this packet will make the process of throwing a party easy and fun!**

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"We support Interfaith Peace-Builders because it brought us a deep personal understanding of the Israeli and Palestinian situation, the importance of this understanding to the world, and the amazing efforts by many diverse groups to bring resolution while there is still time. We went with an IFPB delegation to "see with our own eyes" and IFPB powerfully provided that view. . . Our experience changed us forever and is now changing a widening circle in our network. **It takes a combination of courage, competence, experience, and expertise to do what IFPB does so well.**"

- Dave and Ginny Packer both had corporate careers and are now focused on bringing systemic approaches to big issues through consultancy work in Bedford, Massachusetts

"I support Interfaith Peace-Builders because it is one of the few organizations to provide an in-depth exploration into the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis that honors both peoples. As a Jew, I believe in the continued existence of Israel, and as matter of justice and dignity, I believe in a homeland for the Palestinians. Security for both peoples, and the region, depends on resolution of this impasse in a fair, equitable and just way. IFPB provides the experiences necessary to advocate for just such a vision."

- Richard Moss is a Jew, a veteran, and office manager of a construction firm in Monterey, California



"I participated in the 2009 Grassroots Advocacy Training and Lobby Day and the May 2007 delegation which opened hearts and minds to activism. Today, as my group continues our ninth year of public witness to end Israel's occupation, **I support Interfaith Peace-Builders because of the many Israelis and Palestinians whose voices IFPB lifts up, and from whom our interfaith actions draw inspiration.**"

- Lois Swartz is a grandmother whose group, Bubes and Zaydes (Grandparents) for Peace, vigils every Friday at the Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"I can't recommend joining an Interfaith Peace-Builders delegation highly enough. It really drove home the fact that there is no substitute for learning by doing - the experiences of that trip still stick with me, and I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to participate."

- Raja Shah attended an IFPB delegation in 2006. He lives in San Francisco, California.




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