



ANNUAL REPORT

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ORLANDO COMMUNITY & YOUTH TRUST, INC.
Established 1994
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A Message From The Chairperson of the Board

Thank you for investing in our community.

The Orlando Community and Youth Trust, Inc. (OCYT) serves to protect and enhance our natural environment and positively affect the lives of thousands of children, families, senior citizens and others every year.

We are committed to aligning our practices with best practices in the non-profit field, and this year we worked hard to build the capacity of our organization. We updated our by-laws and mission statement, conducted our first annual audit, and developed and began implementing our first ever grant writing plan. We held our best fundraising event ever, the 3rd Annual CityKidz! Buddy's Benefit for Children, which raised more than \$250,000 to fund services for children as part of Parramore Kidz Zone. We also launched the 1st Annual Recreation Division Golf Tournament, which raised more than \$17,000 to fund recreation programs for City residents. OCYT also received grants from several organizations including a \$10,000 grant from Staples Foundation for Learning.

OCYT expanded its marketing efforts this year by launching its own website, orlandotrust.org. A web presence is absolutely vital as more people seek information solely through the internet. The new website will help connect us with this population.

The Board of Directors of OCYT has also undergone development, with the recruitment of new members. We welcome Chirag Bhavsar, Jae Nale, Renee Jackson, and Yvette Hart- Metzger to our Board. Their expertise and positions in the community will help ensure that OCYT fulfills its mission.

The Orlando Community and Youth Trust is committed to engaging philanthropic and grant support to enhance our community's family, parks and recreation programs and facilities. Whether you give by donating money, time, or your voice as an advocate, we appreciate the important investment you make in our mission.



Lisa Early with City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer

Warm Regards,

Lisa Early
Chairperson of the Board
Director of Families, Parks and Recreation
Director of Children and Education
City of Orlando

About the Orlando Community and Youth Trust, Inc.

The Orlando Community and Youth Trust, Inc. is a non-profit organization created on September 9, 1994, to support the mission of the City of Orlando Department of Families, Parks, and Recreation (FPR). It is FPR's fundraising entity, making projects possible that are not regularly part of the department's allocated funds. Projects and activities funded by the Trust enhance the quality of life for youth, families, and senior citizens living in the City of Orlando.



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About FPR

The Families, Parks and Recreation (FPR) Department includes:

The Recreation Division, which offers recreational, fitness, cultural arts, and educational facilities and programs.

The Parks Division, which oversees parks, street tree canopy, right of ways, athletic fields, and grounds throughout the City.

Mayor Buddy Dyer's Children and Education Initiatives, including his signature Parramore Kidz Zone (PKZ) initiative. Modeled after Harlem Children's Zone, PKZ employs creative outreach to engage a critical mass of Parramore's children and link them to positive opportunities, including pre-kindergarten education, health care, mentoring, tutoring, and constructive activities when school is out.



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Dubsdread, Orlando's historic golf course since 1923, located just minutes from downtown Orlando, the former site of the Orlando Open, hosting such golf legends as Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, and Claude Harmon.

Projects

Youth Sports

This year, the Trust supported the City of Orlando’s athletic programs by supplying uniforms, equipment, and other needed supplies to supplement the fees charged to participants. In addition, the Trust provided scholarships for low-income children to participate in team sports including baseball, basketball, softball, flag football, volleyball, cheerleading, tackle football, tennis, and track.



Cultural Arts

The Cultural Arts Program provides a wide range of opportunities for children and adults alike, including visual arts and nature activities, pottery and puppetry. The Trust supported the Cultural Arts by funding arts and craft supplies and the Pottery Studio at the Orlando Downtown Recreation Complex.

10,000 Trees Initiative

The 2004 turbulent hurricane season resulted in a loss of more than 20,000 City and private trees in the City of Orlando. In an effort to restore the forestry damage incurred this past year, the Parks Division, Green-up Orlando and Keep Orlando Beautiful joined forces to launch a tree replacement strategy to keep Orlando beautiful. The 10,000 Trees Initiative is supported by private donations to the Trust, and aims to replace the urban canopy in the Orlando community by 2010.



Parramore Kidz Zone

In 2006, the City of Orlando launched Parramore Kidz Zone (PKZ) to transform a distressed Orlando community into a healthy place for children and families. Parramore, home to about 2,000 children, has Orlando’s highest juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, school failure, and child abuse/neglect rates. PKZ, which aims to “move the needle” on child well-being indicators, was provided significant support this year through funds raised and administered by the Trust.



Wheels For Kids

For five years, Orlando City Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4, has given bikes to underprivileged children living in the Reeves Terrace Housing Community every December. Donations are made to the Trust to benefit this project. The program was started in 2002 after school bus routes from Reeves Terrace were cancelled, leaving many children without transportation to school. Since then, area businesses have partnered to donate more than 320 bikes to children in need. Orlando firefighters and police officers assist in assembling the bikes and teaching children about bike safety.

Older Adults

The City of Orlando's Recreation Division operates two full-time older adult centers: Mayor William Beardall Senior Center and L. Claudia Allen Senior Center. Both centers are state-of-the-art facilities featuring fitness rooms, classrooms, computer labs, and ballrooms for dancing and special events. Adults over 55 participate in nearly 100 classes, clubs, and programs, many of which were funded this year in part by the Trust.



After-School and Summer Camp Programs

The City of Orlando's Recreation Division offers safe and affordable after-school and summer camp programs for elementary and middle school age children. This five-day a week program at 15 City recreation centers offer an array of activities, such as homework time, computer lab, arts and crafts, nutrition and fitness. The Trust supported these programs this year by raising funds for supplies, equipment, and special programs.

Orlando Tennis Center

Many Orlando tennis enthusiasts make donations to the Trust to enhance the facilities, equipment, and programming at the Orlando Tennis Center. The site offers adult tennis clinics, league play, private lessons, tournaments, USRSA Racquet Stringers and youth tennis programs. Tennis programs are also offered at Dover Shores Community Center, John H. Jackson Community Center, College Park, and Wadeview Community Center.





Cultural and Educational Trips

This past summer, with support provided to the Trust from the Orlando Magic, PKZ took 23 Parramore youth to New York City. These children had their first ever opportunity to see the world from the top of the Empire State Building, march in a peace rally alongside youth from Harlem Children’s Zone, attend a Broadway play about the life of Thurgood Marshall, visit Columbia University, and see the Statue of Liberty. Some of them had never even traveled outside of the Parramore area, so this trip was invaluable in expanding their horizons.

Educational Programs

The Trust funded a partnership this year between the City and Powerful Education Technologies (PET), and offered a specialized character development and life skills training program to children attend City summer camps at all of the City’s recreational facilities this year.



Special Fundraising Events

The Trust administered two large fundraising events this year: Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer’s 3rd Annual CityKidz! Buddy’s Benefit for Children, which raised more than \$250,000 to fund services for children as part of Parramore Kidz Zone, and the City of Orlando's Recreation Division 1st Annual Golf Tournament, which raised more than \$17,000 to fund recreation programs for City residents.

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Financial Statement

2007-2008 Orlando Community and Youth Trust, Inc.

Statement of Activities
Year Ended September 30, 2008
(Unaudited)

Revenues and Other Support	
Direct Public Grants	\$27,110
Direct Public Support	60,416
Investments	14,310
Special Fundraising Events	104,779**
Total Revenue and Other Support	206,615
Program Services	
Early Learning Initiatives	9,504
Youth Employment	14,620
Community Outreach	135,192
Parks and Green Spaces	6,591
Other Programs	7,866
Total Program Services	173,772
Supporting Services	
General and Administrative	5,609
Fundraising	15,791
Total Supporting Expenses	21,400
Grand Total Expenses	195,172
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	11,443
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	432,264
Net Assets, End of Year	\$443,707

**The Major fund raiser for the year generated \$250 thousand in Revenue for its September 18, event. The amount reflected on this report is actual cash received as of the end of the September 30, 2008 Fiscal Year End.



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2007-2008 Recognition

Corporate Contributions

American Charities
Baker Barrios Architects
Bloomingdale's, Inc.
Broad and Cassel Attorneys at Law
Central Florida Disk Golf Club
CityKidz! Buddy's Benefit for Children
Citrus Health Care, Inc.
Community Foundation
D.T.O. Development, L.L.C.
Dew Action Sports
Donald McIntosh Associates
Freetime Media Inc.
Housing Authority, City of Orlando
Mike Brinkley Photography
MSCW Inc.
PBSJ
Publix Supermarkets
Seacoast National Bank
Thomas Lucido and Associates, PA
Thornton Park Central, L.L.C.

Individual Contributions

Alana Brenner
James B. Reinhart
Richard Fletcher
Thomas Hepler
Tommy Neal

Grants Received

Best Buy Childrens Foundation
Charles Schwab Foundation
Orlando Utilities Commission
Peyton Placer, L.L.C.
Richard Fletcher
Staples Foundation for Learning
Starbucks Coffee Company
Track Shack Foundation



Funded Partners

In addition to directly funding projects and programs within the City of Orlando's Families, Parks and Recreation, OCYT also funds community partner organizations for collaborative efforts to provide services that help achieve the organization's mission. These 2007-2008 partners include:

Clifford Reed Jr. Basketball Camp
Community Concepts Services, Inc.
Everett Spruill Murals
Looking On Orlando's Kneedy, Inc.
New Image Youth Center
Power Teens Program
Powerful Education Technologies, L.L.C.
Society of American Foresters
Studio One
UCF Foundation

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