Hello Everyone,

It hardly seems possible that an entire year has passed, but so much has happened that in some ways it seems it should be more than a year since I have “spoken” to you. If success is measured in terms of lives touched, then surely this has been a most successful year for ICB. Our workshops have reached over one hundred teens and adults. Workshops have been delivered here in Larimer County and in Basalt, Colorado, communities that have welcomed and supported our efforts with great enthusiasm.

We bid farewell with sincere appreciation to Dean Miller and Cole Sjoholm and welcomed six new members from the community at large to the ICB Board, including four teens representing the Loveland/Thompson and Fort Collins/Poudre school districts.

Our attendance at Peace in the Park was very warmly received, and our winter fund raising event was a spectacular success. Winter Around the World brought together over 100 people from Larimer County - children, teens and families who shared cultural food, music, dance and activities. Just as the work of ICB is meant to touch as many in our communities as possible, the success of ICB also relies on each of you. Fund raising through grants and individual donations is essential to maintain our work and increase our capacity.

Thank you to Carol Miller, our Executive Director, to all the members of the Board who make ICB possible, and to all of you. We are grateful for your continued support, both financially and through your every day extension of our vision to build communities where people from all cultural backgrounds feel welcomed and included and are encouraged, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Lorna Greene, President
ICB Board of Directors

Intercultural Community Builders is the proud recipient of the 2012 Fort Collins Human Relations Commission Award.
Teen Members of the ICB Board of Directors

During the last quarter of 2012, the ICB Board decided to bring on high school alumni of the Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens workshop as full board member. Hope Skeen and Emma Pattison are 11th grade students at Loveland High School. Emma is the 2013 board treasurer and chair of the fundraising committee. Gary Stephenson is in the 10th grade at Rocky Mountain High School and is in charge of the ICB website. These students will gain non-profit board experience while they bring to ICB fresh ideas and connections with other teens and youth organizations. We welcome the energy they bring to ICB!

Teen Group Leaders

Eight Teen Group Leaders helped conduct the December Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens 3-day workshop. These students have all attended at least one leadership workshop as participants which qualifies them to return as group leaders. They help with room set-up and take down, incentive prizes management, energizer activities, and supervision of the curriculum activities in their assigned groups of 4 to 6 middle and high school students. These Teen Leaders are excellent role models for the participants as they further their own leadership skills development.

ICB Teen Facilitator

Brian Munguia (pictured in the photo on the right) is ICB’s first Teen Facilitator. Having attended two previous Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens workshops, Brian agreed to facilitate two of the lessons for the December teen workshop. Brian facilitated the lessons on what cultures teach their members about survival in both physical and social environments. Brian is an 11th grader at Poudre High School.
Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens

Larimer County Workshops

In 2012, ICB conducted two Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens 3-day workshops in Larimer County. In July, 19 high school and middle school students and 2 teen leaders from eight different schools participated. In December, 42 students and 8 teen leaders attended. Both workshops were led by 9 ICB certified facilitators and adult leaders. Both workshops were hosted by the Vineyard Church of the Rockies in their excellent Outback Room facility. Participants created their own Personal Vision Statements and created team Action Plans that focused on creating safer and more inclusive school and community environments.

Baseline Vision Statements for a Culturally Inclusive School & Community Environment

- I will use my patience, kindness, and intelligence to teach, help, and develop others in their having friendlier, happier, loving cultural relationships. —Pamela Salcedo, Basalt, Colorado

- I vow to use kindness, creativity, and intelligence to grow, lead, and empower others to spark a revolution against hatred and intolerance; leaving a mark and changing the world. - Hannah Weaver, Fort Collins, Colorado

Basalt, Colorado Workshop

In August, 21 Basalt middle and high school students attended the Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens workshop, hosted by the Basalt Regional District Library. Special thanks to Berenice’ Herrera, the Basalt Library outreach coordinator, and Adriana Torres, a parent and community cultural mediator, for their assistance in organizing the workshop and recruiting students. ICB also thanks Willy Salinas, Oscar Rodriguez, and Mayra Granados, Colorado State University students, for their assistance as adult group leaders. ICB Basalt facilitator Natasha Sjoholm worked with Brenda Guzman, Karen Wong-Brown, and Carol Miller to lead the workshop activities.
In May 2012, the Rams Coalition Mentoring Program (Ram.Co) began as a collaborative between ICB, Colorado State University students, and Lincoln IB Middle School to mentor Lincoln 8th grade students. The Ram.Co goals are:

- To encourage and prepare middle school students (mentees) for high school success.
- To provide mentees and their families with information about post-secondary education.
- To assist mentees in exploring different career options.
- To improve mentees’ ability to work and interact more effectively with people from other cultures.

The Ram.Co coordinators are:

- Colorado State University students Enrique Carbajal & Tim Gold
- Lincoln Middle School Counselor Jose Sandoval
- ICB Board Member & CSU Access Center staff Salomé Cardona
- ICB Director Carol Miller

Ram.Co mentors and mentees meet weekly after school in the Lincoln Media Center. For more information about Ram.Co, contact Tim Gold at (720) 284-8869 or Enrique Carbajal at (720) 385-4569.
Facilitator Certification Workshops for Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens

Facilitator Certification Workshops—Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens provide adults who work with teens:

- An overview of the *Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens* curriculum,
- The Facilitator Manual, skills, and resources needed to teach *Intercultural Leadership Skills for Teens*, and
- Lessons and activities to help teens counter the impact of bullying and oppressive behaviors in their schools and communities.

ICB conducted two Facilitator Workshops in 2012:

- In February, at the Colorado State University Lory Student Center, with seven adults.
- In April, at the Basalt Regional District Library, with four adults.

Workshop participants are encouraged to use the Facilitator Manual activities in their work with teens and adults.

Winter Around the World Fundraiser

ICB’s annual fundraiser, Winter Around the World was held on December 4th, at the Community of Christ Church auditorium. ICB raised $1485 from ticket sales and the Silent Auction. The funds will be used for operating expenses. ICB appreciates the support of the businesses & individuals whose donations provided the dinner, Silent Auction items, and the entertainment. Our wonderful performers were:

- Hui “O” Hawaii Dancers
- Chand Jiwani, Song Writer & Singer
- Kavya Kaushik & Esha Kapoor (photo below)
- Karen Wong Brown, Belly Dancing

Peace in the Park

The 2012 Peace in the Park fair was held in Loveland, Colorado on September 8. The ICB booth sported the new Intercultural Community Builders banner. We made excellent connections with Individuals and other organizations that promote peace and cultural understanding.
2012 Income

- Grants: $4,770
- Board Donations: $322
- Program Income: $2,270
- Fundraisers: $1,485
- Direct Public Support: $27,509

Direct Public Support includes 1,258 volunteer hours valued at $20,876.

2012 Expenses

- Salaries & Contract Labor: $3,473
- Operating Expenses: $7,318
- Program Expenses: $1,594

ICB 2012 Supporters

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Gay & Lesbian Fund of Colorado
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Town of Basalt

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