

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum



Annual Report 2010

2010 Activities

2010 marked the beginning of a transition period for the Museum in response to significant government cutbacks that nearly closed the doors at the end of 2009. Although the staff was significantly downsized, operations continued in support of the mission to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the history and culture of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region. Funding was secured to hire a consulting group to develop a sustainable business model. One outcome included a decision to move away from municipal

governance and build a new nonprofit entity, the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. Existing partners such as the Friends, the Foundation, the Pioneers Association, and the Museum Advisory Board were involved throughout the planning process and are represented on the new governing Board of Directors. The first Development Coordinator was hired in October to boost fundraising activities and create long-term sustainable income.

Events

The Friends of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum continued to support Museum activities by hosting a series of annual events, including Henderson History Day in April, Hooray for Colorado History Day in August, and the Museum's largest-ever Holiday Magic, bringing nearly 3,000 children and families to the Museum in December to watch cultural performances, decorate ornaments, and mail letters to Santa. The Friends also sponsor the Pikes Peak Regional History lecture series and act as fiscal sponsor to accept donations on behalf of the Museum during the transition to nonprofit status.

Exhibits

"So Far from Home: the American POW Experience in WWII" opened in July, telling the stories of 12 local men who survived the prison camps of the Nazis and Japanese. The exhibit also included a display of artifacts from Germans held at Ft. Carson. A USO-style canteen dance with over 100 attendees was held to commemorate the opening of the German exhibit. Programming related to the POW exhibit included the monthly lecture series and a WWII film series, which started in November.

Volunteers

The Museum has several volunteer groups, with about 120 volunteers providing 6000 hours of service in 2010—equating to three full-time employees. The most recognizable are the 30 docents, who attend monthly training and provide tours, and 12 archives volunteers. Both groups provide immeasurable impact—filling a core staff function in Museum programs.

Foundation

The Pioneers Museum Foundation was established in 1987 to provide support to the Museum. In 2010, the Foundation provided \$61,893 in cash financial support. Funding supported the Starsmore Center for Local History research coordinator, preservation projects, collection acquisitions, and preservation supplies. In addition, the foundation provides the use of a storage facility to house museum collections.

At a Glance:

45,823 Museum Visitors

6,000 volunteer service hours

4,982 children attending 143 tours

3,154 adults attending 143 tours

9,986 people attending 81 events

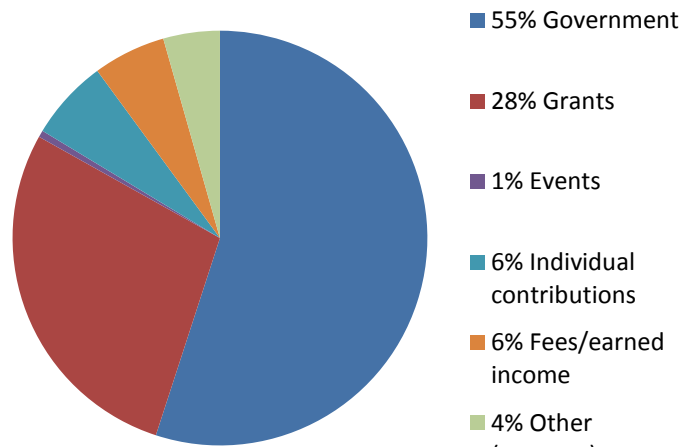
600 people attending 60 community meetings

Financial Support

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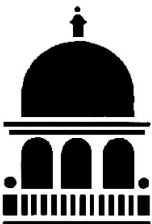
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