



# the abundance foundation annual report 2008



On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff of The Abundance Foundation

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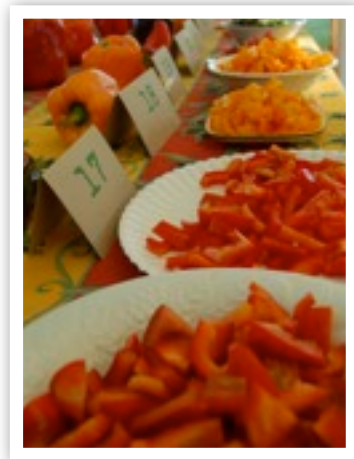
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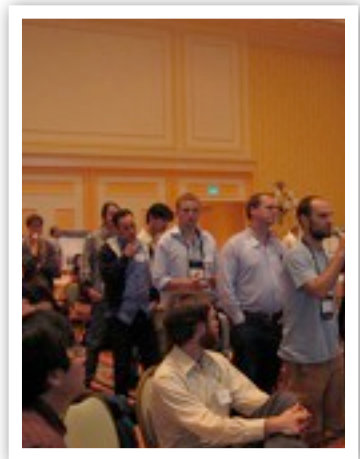


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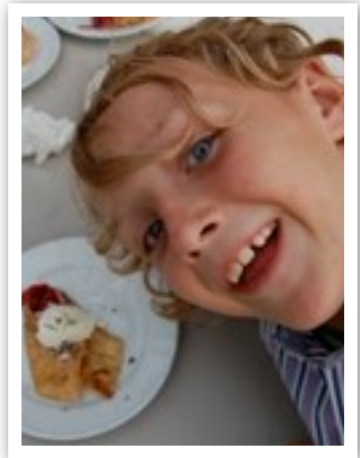


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# Sustainability Workshop Series 2008



Public Education is a priority for The Abundance Foundation. The [Sustainability Workshop Series](#) began with 2 Vermiculture Workshops taught by Brian Rosa and Amanda Sand. From there, we stretched out into Compost Tea, AlterNative Lawns with Deborah Eagle, a Mushroom Workshop by Bob Armantrout and Sami Grover, Seed Saving with Doug



Calhoun. We were so thankful for all the instructors and also for the attendees. We learned from both. Special Thanks goes to the Fenwick Foundation, Organic Valley and Larry's Beans for their generous donations. We reached hundreds of people on the subject of local food and renewable energy this year. 2009 is sure to be bigger with more topics!



Jones and Rob Jones (no relation) and Stream Stewardship with the Haw River Assembly. In October we partnered with Piedmont Biofuels Coop and Solar Energy International to host one week of Biodiesel Fundamentals. We finished the year with another Vermiculture Workshop (people go nuts over worms!) and then Herbal Self Care with Kim





# 2008 was a year of growth.

The Abundance Foundation champions vibrant, diverse and innovative ideas surrounding renewable energy, local food systems, and community-aware businesses that create abundance and bring people together, and educates and empowers others to do the same. In a changing world, we help connect the dots. 2008 was a year in which we implemented many new programs, tours and

workshops with the goal of reaching further out to touch people around the topic of sustainability. With more and more volatility in both our environment and our

economy it is critically important that we learn sustainable practice now. By learning, we mean DOING. The Abundance Foundation is proud of our accomplishments and our ability to get things done. Our world needs less discussion on the subjects, less study and more implementing and that is exactly what we are doing. It must be effective because we are growing every day. The philosophy from our board of directors and our staff is make it simple and "just do it".

**Children's Sustainability and Energy Tours** We started the tours for the children with the help of the Rolander

Family Foundation. It was apparent that the kids needed to know where their energy and their food come from and they need to understand conservation and renewable energy as well as sustainable agriculture. We feel these topics are crucial to their education the school groups have been pouring in....please see our website if you'd like to schedule a tour.

Collaboration has been a huge

part of our success this year we truly value our partners such as Whole Foods, Shakori Hills Festival, Pickards Mountain ECO Institute, Chatham Arts Council, Piedmont

Biofuels Coop, Solar

Energy International, Piedmont Biofarm, Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance, Land in Common, Spence's Farm, the Pittsboro Mural Group and many others who have helped volunteer to make things happen. The gift is always in the human interactions and working together to make our world a better place. 2009 has already proved to be filled with more partners, more projects and programs and more education for both adults and kids alike. Stay tuned for more ideas to push us further along on the sustainability journey.



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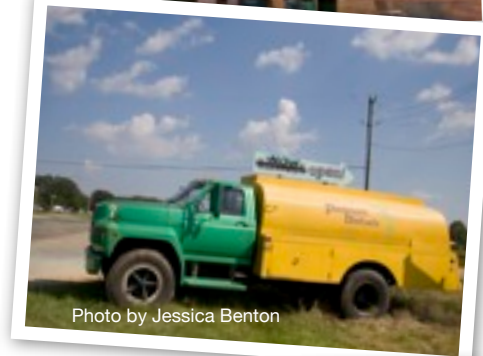


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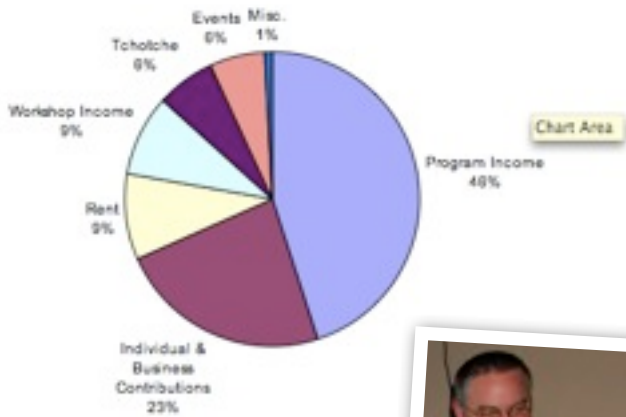
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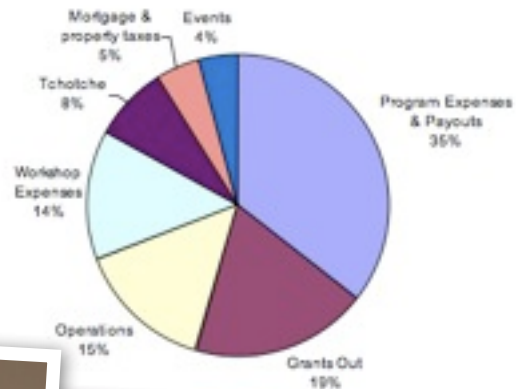


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