abundance foundation
annual report 2009

photo by Trace Ramsey
Abundance Foundation, Piedmont Biofarm & Briar Chapel held the 2nd Annual Amazing Pittsboro Pepper Festival on October 18th. This year we had over 20 different restaurants, vendors and farms participate by creating dishes out of the 40+ varieties of peppers that Farmer Doug Jones (Farmer of the Year 2009!) researches and grows. The point behind the festival is to create awareness around the sweet pepper which grows exceptionally well in our climate and is a huge source of vitamins and nutrition.

Typically October is a beautiful time of year with sunshine, fall colors and a great month to throw an event. We were blessed to know that even when the day is freezing cold, slightly raining and grey, that the people still come out to support local food efforts. Habanero beer by Triangle Brewing Company made the day especially fun. With a hoard of volunteers, a stunning cast of chefs and some hard core local foodies, we pulled off a marvelous event. We gathered data for Farmer Doug’s research, we ate incredible dishes and we danced to Howie Dewitt music!
on behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors

Abundance even in recession.

Local food, renewable energy and community are even more important when times are tough.

2009 was tenuous as we started the year in a deep recession. We had lots of hope bringing in a new administration in January and lots of fear that maybe one person could not do it all. More and more people are becoming interested in taking action now and becoming part of the solution rather than standing by passively. We saw in increase in the need for education around sustainability. People looking for new green jobs, people looking at how to decrease their carbon footprint, people wanting to increase their quality of life, people wanting to make extreme changes in their day to day lives. People are beginning to question the status quo. The health of our planet is at stake and the existence of our species.

Deeper connections are being made.

Community is what keeps us strong and the tighter a community is, the easier things become. 2009 was a year of events, a year of fun and a year of meaning. Abundance held events that celebrated the accomplishments of our fellow artists and environmentalists. We dressed in masquerade and danced hard in the dark and cold February with the 2nd Annual Mardi Gras, we surprised ourselves and others with a Drag Show Burrito Bash in May. (I have not laughed that hard in a long long time!) We held a 5K race sponsored by Briar Chapel in May and brought the county business and government leaders together for Opportunity Chatham with Chatham Economic Development One of the more memorable evenings was the premier showing of Mark Barroso’s Paper Hand Puppet documentary film showings. Complete with red carpet and “paparazzi”, the outdoor showing was a smashing success.

Abundance is good at getting things done.

Our staff and board of directors is not really interested in lots of meetings. But give us juicy ideas and we get it done! Brainstorm a little and start implementing. We feel the urgency at hand and with the world changing quickly, we will be leading our community into a low carbon future. We are thankful for our partners; Shakori Hills, Pickard’s Mountain, The ReCYCLEry, The Plenty, Chatham Marketplace, Piedmont Biofarm and Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance and Piedmont Biofuels. Wait and see what 2010 holds! Tami Schwerin, ED
on behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors

2009 Income: $178,806.65
2008 Income: $127,445.96
2007 Income: $95,968.00

2009 INCOME
$178,806.65 year to date
(January - December 5, 2009)

Tchotchke 3%
Intern Housing 0%
Interest 0%
Workshops 11%
Events 13%
Donations 13%
Programs 54%

2009 EXPENSES
$170,385.61 year to date
(January - December 5, 2009)

Tchotchke 3%
Intern Housing 6%
Programs 50%
Operations 14%
Workshops 14%
Events 13%
We could not have accomplished our goals this year without the staff, board, many partners, instructors and volunteers that make up The Abundance Foundation. A huge thank you to you all.
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So Much Talent!
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mistletoe and glitter, Tami Schwerin