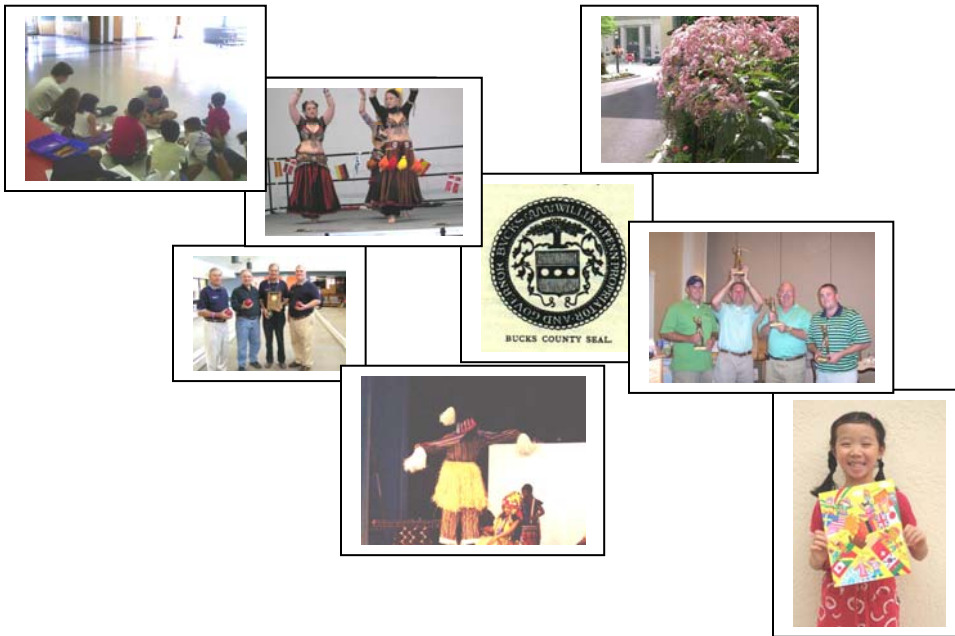




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The mission of the Children's Cultural Center is to enhance and preserve the historical and cultural education of Bucks County's youth through:

- Educational Programs
- Community Involvement
- Family Events



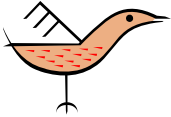
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Educational Programs

Workshops on Wheels programs travel to classrooms to enhance the social studies curriculum of preschool through 6th grade. The trained presenters lead the students in discussion about the subject followed by hands-on activities, games and crafts related to the topic. Each program is 45 minutes in length and meant to have an audience of 30 or less participants. Educators may choose any of four different programs:



Native Americans

The Lenape's were the first documented inhabitants of our beautiful region. This program emphasizes the daily life of the Woodland people. Folklore and customs are explored, while artifacts are passed amongst the participants. Crafts might include story skins, stick games, and clay Mesingaw.



Underground Railroad

Bucks County played an important part in assisting escaped slaves to travel from the southern states to Canada. The reality of slave life and the difficulties the slaves encountered as they tried to find their way to freedom are illustrated through storytelling and reproductions of slave quilts. Specific Bucks County sites of the Underground Railroad are also discussed. This program features creative activities related to the country of Ghana.



Architectural Fun and Games

The diverse building styles that surround our area are the focus of this popular program. Each presentation is developed in collaboration with the recipient teacher or group leader. Activities are designed to highlight basic architectural principles and styles, accomplished through building crafts and games.



Dinosaurs and Fossils

Did you know footprints of T Rex's cousin were found nearby? The program incorporates fossil study in conjunction with the study of dinosaurs. Clue gathering and reconstruction are among the topics of discussion. Creative activities allow participants to create models of dinosaurs and to handle and explore various fossils.



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Historic Treasure Chests is our newest program, a re-tooling of our popular *Workshops on Wheels* classroom programs to rentable treasure chests brimming with artifacts, informational exhibits and hands-on activities designed to inform and engage students as they learn. These multi-disciplined educational programs highlight significant local historic information. Use is for large groups and multiple classrooms. The materials and lessons support Pennsylvania Academic Standards.

Historic Treasure Chests are being developed for the same four *Workshops on Wheels* topics described above:

- Native Americans
- Underground Railroad
- Architectural Fun and Games
- Dinosaurs and Fossils

Thanks to funding from the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission, a fifth topic is now ready for use:



History of Education in Bucks County

This treasure chest brings history alive with digital learning tools such as a power point overview of 17th, 18th and 19th century education in Bucks County, pictures of school buildings, and vocabulary games.





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Community Involvement

Our **Youth Volunteer Program** continues to grow and reach many more teens. This program is designed to provide Bucks County's youth, ages 11-18, with the opportunity to learn responsibility while having fun with others their own age. During our 2006-2007 Fiscal Year more than 2,200 hours were donated by 54 volunteers. According to national standards in value of volunteers, this translates to nearly \$40,000 in donated time and services! The majority of our volunteer corps is our youth volunteers.

Student Volunteers (ages 11-14): This is a summertime program. Students volunteer one day per week to establish and maintain our award-winning community flower garden outside our office across from the Court House in Doylestown. Our Summer 2006 Student Volunteers took **First Place** for Children's Community Gardens in the Bucks Beautiful Garden contest. During our Volunteer recognition ceremony in April, the teens were given certificates from Congressman Murphy.



Youth Volunteers (ages 14-18): This program runs all year long and provides opportunities for leadership growth. These young people are encouraged to become candidates for the Congressional Youth Award.

High Tech Teens: This project revolves around narrowing the digital divide, enhancing access to learning essential educational and employment skills. Students apply to receive a computer which has been refurbished by our volunteers. An additional component was added this year through the initiative of **Vinay Trivedi**, one of our Congressional Youth Award candidates. His *SeniorLink* project utilizes donated computers for residents of area nursing homes. Vinay and his volunteers provide tutoring to the residents on a weekly basis.

Senior Link: This new program is the brain child of Vinay Trivedi, one of our Congressional Youth Awards Candidates. Begun in 2006 as a tribute to his grandfather, he and several of his friends also collect technology equipment, install it in Nursing Homes, and provide person to person training for residents to gain computer skills.





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International Day Celebration is a one day festival which celebrates the rich cultural diversity in our region. The focus of International Day is on education, providing an opportunity to showcase the unique cultures and heritages of those who make up our communities. Meeting, greeting, interacting with, studying, and being exposed to other cultures helps our young people, and thus the community, grow in understanding and lose fear.

Our Fall 2006 International Day Celebration moved for the first time to an indoor venue, held under one roof at Bucks County Community College's Newtown Campus. Festival attendees could wander the exhibits, games and children's activities between stage performances and sample the cuisine of many countries in the Food Court.



Special Events Series programs offer unique opportunities to experience live performances geared to families with young children. Our 2006-2007 season was one of our best ever, featuring five exciting programs of dance, music, storytelling, and puppetry:

Namorah Gayle Byrd – poet, writer, storyteller, singer, musician, and lecturer – was featured in a program of African American and Native American music, poetry and stories.



Punch & Judy's Night Before Christmas – Newtown puppeteer Alice Swann presented her original, non-violent holiday version of a Punch & Judy show with the theme of Peace on Earth replacing violence.



Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble – One of the largest professional African Dance & Drum ensembles in the country electrified Bucks County audiences with their sensational show, featuring Stilt Walkers and an exciting acrobatic show.



Cultures at Jamestown – In commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, this hands-on family program highlighted the housing, tools, clothing, food, and technology of the Powhatan Indians, English settlers, and Africans in 17th-century Virginia. This program was made possible through special funding from the Jamestown Foundation.



Funky Cool Jazz with Harlequin – The locally-based Harlequin jazz quartet presented a unique opportunity for families to enjoy live improvisational jazz.

These programs were made possible by grant funds, including generous support from the Five County Arts Fund.





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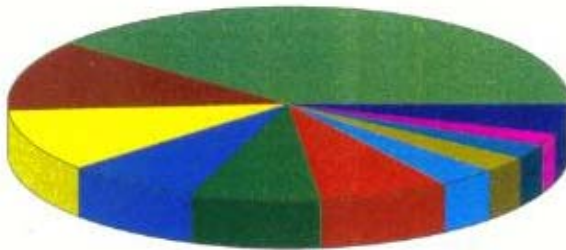
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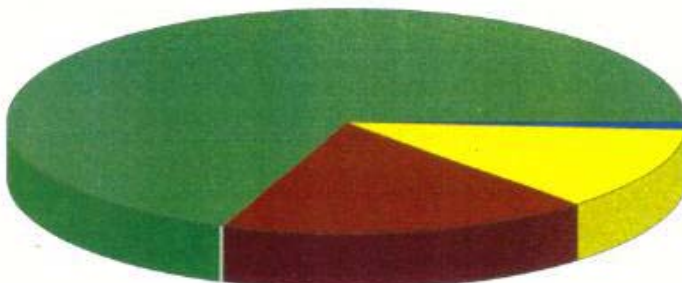
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Expense Summary
July 2006 through June 2007



7300 · Donated Expenses-Volunteers Hrs	%39.34
8200 · Occupancy expenses	11.91
7100 · Fundraising Activities	10.63
6560 · Payroll Expenses	7.91
7700 · Program Service Expenses	7.53
8100 · Non-personnel expenses	7.52
7400 · Clerk's salary-paid by FTP	3.36
8400 · Depreciation & amortization exp	2.86
8600 · Business expenses	2.59
7000 · Grant & contract expense	2.04
Other	4.30
Total	\$100,735.97

Income Summary
July 2006 through June 2007



4* · Contributed support	%69.09
4550 · Fundraising	17.87
5 · Earned revenues	12.11
4260 · Government Grants	0.93
Total	\$91,225.65