

# A Message from Raúl A. Martínez, M.Ed.

President and Chief Executive Officer, ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.

It is an honor to present ASPIRA of Florida's Year-End Executive Summary Report for the 2008-2009 season. This report covers audited fiscal and program numbers, as well as major activities of the corporate offices in the areas of board development, facility master planning, programs, staff, and other operations. Among the highlights of this past year were, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies at the ASPIRA North new construction, the ASPIRA South Ground Breaking Ceremonies, the Board Fundraising FANIA All Star Concert Benefit, program execution and the on-going progress of our facility master planning. It is also my responsibility to highlight the negative impact the Great Recession of 2007-08 has had on all ASPIRA operations and the corporate response to restructure.

## Miami-Dade County Division

ASPIRA Greater Miami & the Beaches Division was consolidated for this report under the new leadership of Daisy C. Franklin, MSW. This youth Division served a total of 911 youth through 21 ASPIRA Leadership Clubs located in ten high schools and nine middle schools, a community-based outreach club & one college club. These Leadership Clubs continue to have a strong focus on college readiness for first generation college bound, low-income, at-risk students and are operated by the US Department of Education federally funded Educational Talent Search TRIO Program, including Leadership Development and Promotion and Prevention Programs, which continue to be funded through the Miami-Dade County Department for Human Services, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, The Children's Trust, United Way, and North Miami CDBG.

ASPIRA also organized its annual series of community events, including Cultural Diversity Days, Increase the Peace Week (a response to youth violence) Young Muchachos Conference and Muchachos Conference. The APPLP took a group of Aspirantes to the State Capitol in order to meet with legislators, and learn about the political processes. ASPIRA South Campus which serves the Homestead/Leisure City areas, expanded the ETS programming (APPLP), which was funded through United Way.

## Broward County Division

Leadership, prevention and family enrichment services continued to be provided to approximately 377 students through 13 clubs/groups, 11 schools and the Miramar Civic Center in the area of South Broward. This Division is also lead by newcomer Director Sandra Sanchez,

who has been able to reposition ASPIRA Broward as the Latino Youth program of choice in Broward. Program initiatives include an educational component with an emphasis on leadership skills, post secondary education and college preparation. The Broward Children's Services Administration, Department of Children and Families, Jim Moran Foundation, Commission on Substance Abuse (Byrnes Grant), Broward Community Foundation, Sun-Sentinel, and CDBG of Hollywood are strong strategic partners. In addition, educational field trips are provided to State Universities including Florida State University, University of Florida, and University of Central Florida among others. ASPIRANTES developed volunteer projects and forums on prevention topics that served to mobilize the community as well as to encourage parental involvement.

## Palm Beach County Division

Palm Beach County served a total of 308 youth via the ASPIRA Clubs at 10 public schools, a College Club at Palm Beach Community College, a Parent Education Program and a Parent Outreach Program. The program focused on leadership and skills building and dropout prevention. Understanding that partnerships provide a seamless continuum of services for the community, in 2008-09, ASPIRA Palm Beach continued its partnerships with the Children's Services Council, Quantum Foundation, the Starbucks Foundation and the City of West Palm Beach (through our Leadership and After School programs) and with the Department of Juvenile Justice through our Delinquency Prevention efforts. This year's Youth Awards Ceremony was planned, implemented and hosted completely by the youth in our program. The success of ASPIRA Palm Beach lays with its Director Cathy A. Anaya, who has developed the Division with the support of the Local Advisory Council members. The Palm Beach Division has been awarded the grant to be the exclusive and sole provider into the Palm Beach Hispanic Community for PB Children Services Council's Parent Child Home Program.

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., continues to develop and promote educational reform through innovations in the development of charter schools, pre-college awareness programs, prevention and academic intervention services. ASPIRA has developed the next cycle of its business plan by endeavoring to maintain or increase services through a capital construction program, which is building three, state-of-the-arts Community Education Campuses serving as educational safe havens or youth centers. During this year, ASPIRA started to realize this dream to meet the growing educational and developmental needs of youth. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., is a non-profit and tax-exempt 501(c)3 corporation associated with the ASPIRA Association, Inc., in Washington, D.C., and its other associates and affiliates. ASPIRA® and the ASPIRA logo are registered trademarks of the ASPIRA Association, Inc.

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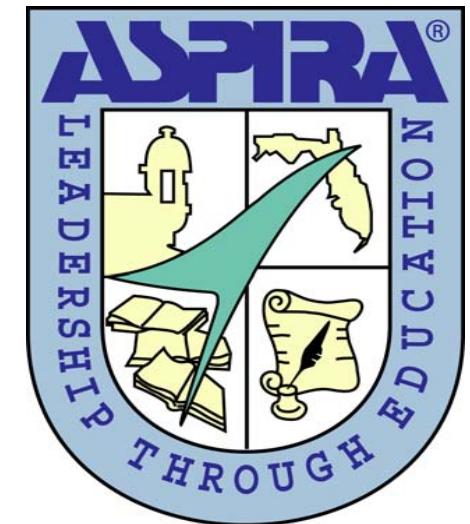
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# ASPIRA of Florida, Inc. ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009



## The ASPIRA Club System ASPIRA Charter Schools and other programs



United Way  
Miami-Dade  
& Broward Counties



Miami-Dade County  
Public Schools

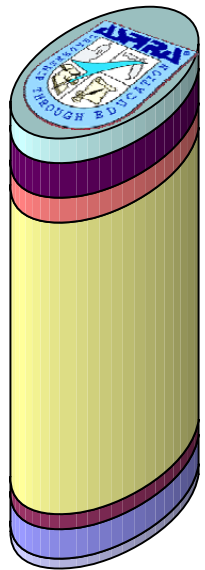


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Districts 10 & 11

## MISSION

*The mission of ASPIRA is to foster the social advancement of Puerto Rican youth & others, to pursue education goals through the ASPIRA Process, an Educational Peer Leadership Model for High School Graduation, College Access and Community Service.*

## PROGRAM REVENUES



- The Children's Trust of Miami Dade County, 5%
- Miami-Dade County & City: CDBG & Alliance, 7%
- Private Contributions: Clubs, UW, Board Fundraising & Investments, 5%
- M-DCPS Charter Schools: Basic Middle School Education and Title I, 59%
- Broward County: Children's Services Administration, Hollywood and DJJ, 3%
- Palm Beach County: Children's Services Council, City, County & DJJ, 6%
- Federal Funding: Free/Reduced Price Lunch, US-ED Talent Search, 13%
- State Funding: Florida Department of Education & Dept. Children & Families, 2%

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES & IMPACT

The ASPIRA Clubs System utilizes the ASPIRA MIS, an integrated Data System, to support the work of the ASPIRA Advisors as a Case Management Tool of Program Management and Evaluation. These are the results:

Intense individual and group activities contributed to 95% of the ASPIRA Club participants (1375) staying in school. Of the 252 participating high school seniors, 99% graduated and 91% enrolled into post-secondary institutions.

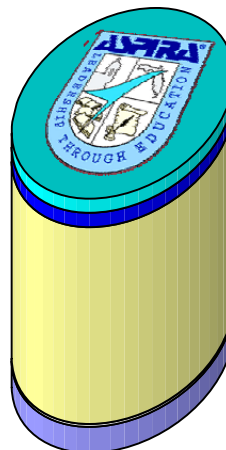
During 2008-2009, 146 adults attended the ASPIRA Night School at ASPIRA South for GED, ESOL, Family Literacy and Adult Basic Education, and Advocacy Training.

The ASPIRA Charter Schools maintained very high attendance rates and strong parental involvement. During the school year, ASPIRA Charter Schools continued to serve the most economically disadvantaged students in the state and are designated as Title I Schools. Significantly all subgroups at De Hostos Charter made "Adequate Yearly Progress" in Mathematics, all subgroups made AYP in Reading at ASPIRA North Youth Leadership Charter and 97% of the 8th graders at ASPIRA South Charter are writing at or above proficiency level. High attendance rates and strong parental involvement had been instrumental in the schools success.

The State awarded ASPIRA South Charter a grade of "A"; ASPIRA Eugenio Maria De Hostos Charter received a grade of "B" and ASPIRA Youth (North) Charter School a grade of "C".

Other outcomes included a strong partnership with Miami-Dade College (MDC) Pathways to Success Mentoring Program, created by Dr. Danixia Cuevas, Citizen Science Urban Bird Project with Cornell University, and the African American Read Program at MDC North Campus, as well as renovated presence throughout Broward County Chambers of Commerce, most notably the Latin Chamber and Broward Community College.

## PROGRAM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS



- The Children's Trust of Miami Dade - After School & Prevention Programs 5%
- YLD/Outreach Division: student activities, field trips, club meetings, conferences for MD, Broward & PB 16%
- Charter School Program: teachers, school supplies, after school tutoring, teaching materials 69%
- Fundraiser and General Solicitations 1%
- Management and General: program support services, MIS, clerical staff, accounting 9%

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Audited As of June 30, 2009

### ASSETS

Cash & Investments	\$ 2,210,405
Due from MDCPS	187,829
Receivables	1,043,774
Property, Plant and Equipment	14,258,229
Other Assets & Prepaids	107,738
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,807,975</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	799,877
Compensated Absences	194,013
Long Term Debt/Mortgage Debt	11,769,883
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 12,763,773</b>
Net Assets - Unrestricted	4,889,656
Net Assets - Temp Restricted	154,546
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>5,044,202</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,807,975</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Audited For The Year End June 30, 2009

### REVENUES, GRANTS AND OTHER SUPPORT

Private Contributions & Inkind	\$ 529,833
Federal, State and Local Grants	3,458,714
Charter Schools (FTE)	6,863,138
United Way Miami-Dade	112,239
The Children's Trust (TCT)	607,932
Bwr. Children's Services Administration	68,598
Interest and Other Income	41,892
<b>Total Revenues and Other Support</b>	<b>\$ 11,682,346</b>

### PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

Miami-Dade ASPIRA Clubs	\$ 862,389
Broward ASPIRA Clubs	372,250
Palm Beach ASPIRA Clubs	669,896
TCT - After School & Prevention Charter Schools, Title I & Supplemental	8,127,272
<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>10,639,739</b>
Management & General & Fundraising	1,009,363
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 11,649,102</b>

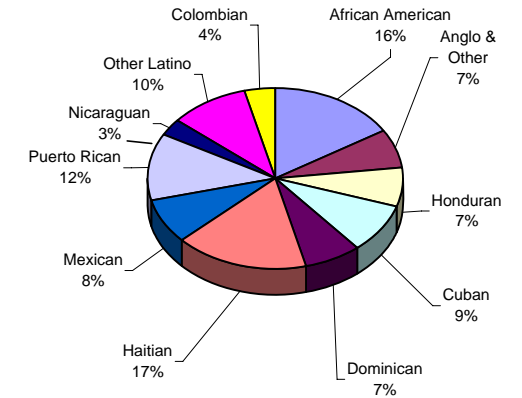
### CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING</b> (restated)	\$ 5,010,958
<b>NET ASSETS, ENDING</b>	\$ 5,044,202

Upon request a copy of the audited financial statements may be obtained at the ASPIRA Corporate Program Offices, 4100 NE 2nd Ave., Suite 302, Miami, Florida 33137  
305-576-8494 Fax: 305-576-6217  
Florida Website: [www.aspirafi.org](http://www.aspirafi.org)  
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## OUTPUTS Total Caseload = 2,672

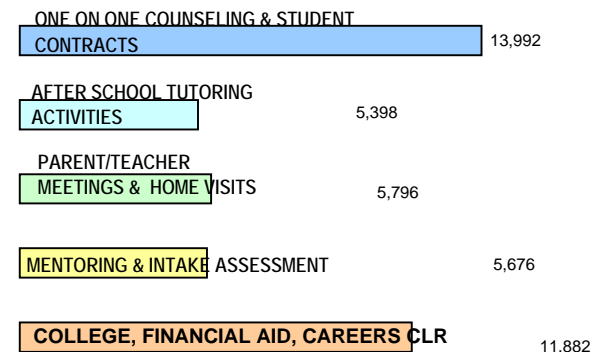
### Client Ethnicity



Females: 1,565 Males: 1,107

### Individual Advisement

Total Counseling Sessions = 45,380



Total Hours of Individual Advisement Sessions = 18,409  
Including 2,636 hours of Community Service

### Group Advisement

Total Group Sessions = 5,458

TYPE OF GROUP SESSION	NUMBER OF SESSIONS	ATTENDANCE
Club Meetings	3,409	48,427
Workshops	1,790	26,636
Sm Grp Advisement	134	796
Conferences	22	1,022
Educational Trips	88	3,219
Recreational Trips	15	1,267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,458</b>	<b>81,367</b>