

Cultural Crossroads, Inc



General Information

Contact Information

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At A Glance

How to donate, support, and volunteer

There are many ways to support our mission:

- Monetary donations may be mailed to Cultural Crossroads, 3605 Blue Ridge Blvd, Independence, MO 64052
- We are always interested in partnering with like-minded organizations in programs and projects. Contact us if your organization would like to partner on a specific program or a long-term project.
- Be a volunteer -- for one event or list as a volunteer for ongoing programs.
- We welcome all ideas for programs, whether for adult or children's programming, so share your ideas with us.
- Suggest a Cultural Crossroads program to your school, local library, or civic organization.

Mission & Areas Served

Statements

Mission Statement

To promote mutual respect and understanding of diversity through cross-cultural education by focusing on the commonalities among cultures, rather than the differences.

Background Statement

The term "culture" encompasses many influences – ethnic, generational, temporal, spiritual, regional – and all those "cultures" contribute to our joint heritage. All peoples share common life experiences which cross those cultural lines and provide focus points for understanding. Cultural Crossroads, Inc. promises hope for the future by:

- Promotion of understanding through education
- Appreciation of the cultural diversity in our community
- Establishment of a cultural heritage center as a permanent legacy even as the internet and global business promise closer connections between peoples, old fears and misunderstandings threaten our peace and security.

Now, more than ever, society is at a crossroads--- and the choice is ours between division and unity. Today is the right time and Kansas City is the right place. Cultural Crossroads, Inc. envisions a mosaic centerpiece of culture, history and area potential, blending the past, the present and the future into a continuum of the human experience in a unique Kansas City presentation....a grand junction of all the crossroads (geographic, historical and cultural) that have culminated in the Kansas City of today and tomorrow.

Impact Statement

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Current working library personnel to expand the *Human Spirit* library collection to include a children's section, including the donation of funds to the library for the purchase of such materials. In addition, we have maintained and enhanced the main *Human Spirit* library collection, a dedicated collection of over 180 books on multicultural and interfaith topics, housed at the Plaza Branch Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. More information about the collection can be found on the Cultural Crossroads website at www.culturalcrossroads-kc.org, under the Human Spirit tab.
- Produced the Friendship Fair in October 2016, providing space for 20+ nonprofits to interact with children and families from across the metropolitan area, to learn about other cultures in an interactive and "hands-on" environment. The event was without cost to either the participating organizations or the attending children/families. A full account of the event may be seen at <http://www.kcinterfaith.org/friendship-fair-travels-the-world-in-an-afternoon>.
- Created a blog, focused on multicultural topics, at <http://culturalcrossroadskc.wordpress.com>, with over 2 dozen postings by Cultural Crossroads staff and volunteers. The blog is published through both wordpress and through email and social media.
- Continued enhancement of monthly e-calendar of multicultural events through use of email service-provider and increase in mailing list.
- Continued partnership with Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council for the annual Table of Faiths program.
- Continued partnership with Heartland Alliance of Divine Love for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner.

GOALS:

- Complete expansion of *The Human Spirit* library collection to include materials for children and youth.
- Update and expand website, both for ease of use and to serve as multicultural resource.
- Financial development through direct campaign and grant applications Long-term goal remains the establishment of a physical cultural center open to the community.
- Continue to develop new programs applicable to adults and children and create programs appropriate for pre-school children, in response to requests from community organizations and by identifying and working specifically with educational institutions in need.

Needs Statement

1. Increase number of volunteers
2. Continue to receive donations for library collection, as an ongoing responsibility
3. Increase visibility of organization in community
4. Continue to form partnerships with community organizations and resources
5. Increase fundraising, through donations, grants, fundraising event or campaign

CEO/Executive Director/Board Chair Statement

Cultural Crossroads has created a presence in the Kansas City metropolitan area through the years, and, in particular, with the highly-visible *Human Spirit* library collection. Our programs are offered through libraries, churches, festivals, scout troops, and other gatherings. Our message is simple: Human beings across the world and across time are more alike than different. As we recognize our commonalities, we can create bonds that should create a more cohesive and peaceful world. Programs have served a dual purpose of bringing this message to the public as well as providing incremental income to the treasury. Through these nominal fees and contributions, we have been able to expand our vision into additional educational programs like Cultural Conversations. The major challenge, like with most non profits, is financial. The goal over the next several years is to increase our monetary through donations and grants. Another facet of our economic aim is a person or persons who are adept in the art of public relations. By promoting our successes we expect to encourage both corporate and individual donations. A secondary situation is to persuade more volunteers to participate particularly in the presentation of our programs. We urge involvement during our meetings, through email correspondence, by working with an online volunteer recruitment organization and in our newsletter publication. I expect that our organization will achieve continued success, particularly in the next year and grow over the following several.

Service Categories

Cultural & Ethnic Awareness

Children's Museums

Areas of Service

Areas Served

Areas

MO - Jackson County

MO - Clay County

MO - Platte County

KS - Wyandotte County

KS - Johnson County

MO - Eastern Jackson Co

MO - Jackson County Urban Core

KS - Wyandotte County Urban Core

Programs

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Educational programs offered at libraries, schools, etc.

Description	Interactive events that are focused on developing an increased awareness of the commonalities of people across age, geographic, cultural, or other diverse origins. Such events occur through specific programs and short-term displays, designed to fit with a library's overall program emphasis.
Category	Arts, Culture & Humanities, General/Other Cultural & Ethnic Awareness
Population Served	Families, Adults,
Short-Term Success	Students acquire increased knowledge and understanding of the commonalities of all human beings, as evidenced by the lively discussions and questions of the participants.
Long- Term Success	Engaged participants are exposed to the tools to live in a diverse social environment and exposed to the ideas and practices of other cultures.
Program Success Monitored By	Feedback from participants and hosting organizations.
Examples of Program Success	The number of programs have increased year over year. Many of the sponsors (libraries, schools, etc.) have requested our return and increased the number of programs each year. Our programs develop through requests and comments from employees of our sponsors.

Communications

Description	Cultural Crossroads has established a professional website that includes photographs from our educational programs, calendar of community events, and access to our newsletter. The newsletter contains quality articles of historic or cultural interest, in addition to information about Cultural Crossroads activities. Since 2009, we have produced a monthly email calendar of multicultural events, which is distributed throughout the metropolitan area, with a high rate of anticipation and use. In the past year, the monthly calendar has been enhanced by the addition of an online calendar, which allows for more comprehensive additions of events, in addition to the monthly email of exhibits.
Category	Arts, Culture & Humanities, General/Other Arts, Culture & Humanities, General/Other
Population Served	General/Unspecified, ,
Short-Term Success	Feedback from recipients of the newsletters and email calendar is positive and recipients often offer entries for inclusion on the calendar. The email calendar is distributed through a professional service, which provides details reports; according to those reports, the average rate of use varies from 22% to 25% of the total number of recipients, which is a high percentage for a mailing list of its type.
Long- Term Success	Our mailing list has increased year over year. We have expanded from a record of the educational programs offered to a newsletter that provides information to its readership.
Program Success Monitored By	The email calendar is distributed through a professional service, which provides details reports; according to those reports, the average rate of use varies from 22% to 25% of the total number of recipients, which is a high percentage for a mailing list of its type.
Examples of Program Success	We are requested by other organizations to help publicize multicultural events through our online and email calendars. We also often receive comments from our readers regarding their anticipation of receipt of the information and their use of that information.

Cultural Exhibits

Description	Short-term displays on a variety of topics, located in various locations across the metroplex. Each display utilizes a specific theme, with the goal of illustrating the commonalities and the diversity in a multicultural approach. (International dolls, clothing from different cultures, and everyday lifestyle objects are displays currently in use, with additional display themes in process.)
Category	Arts, Culture & Humanities, General/Other Cultural & Ethnic Awareness
Population Served	General/Unspecified, ,
Short-Term Success	Positive feedback from public and sponsoring facilities.
Long- Term Success	Expansion of exhibits to increased number of facilities.
Program Success Monitored By	The sponsoring facilities have requested development of additional exhibits around more themes.
Examples of Program Success	The international doll display in Dearborn, Missouri, provided a touching example of the impact of the exhibit -- two young boys (high school athletes) were stopped by the color and variety of the display and exclaimed how they had "never seen anything like it" before...and one boy was excited to go home and tell his younger sister to come to the library and see the exhibit.

Food and Thought - an interfaith and intercultural conversation

Description	After two successful years of producing this program on an annual basis in small groups, Cultural Crossroads and its partner, the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council, will expand the program to a quarterly event, hosted by organizations, thus providing more opportunity for more people to participate and discuss the issues of a pluralistic and multicultural society.
Category	Arts, Culture & Humanities, General/Other Arts, Culture & Humanities, General/Other
Population Served	General/Unspecified, General/Unspecified, General/Unspecified
Short-Term Success	In the near term, the organization is able to reach out to a new population, with educational opportunities.
Long- Term Success	The ultimate change will be increased understanding and respect of those of different faiths and cultures, through personal interaction.
Program Success Monitored By	Evaluations completed by participants indicate positive responses to the ideas presented within the discussion groups.
Examples of Program Success	New hosts volunteered during the second year of the program and are on a list to host during the coming year.

"The Human Spirit" library collection

Description	In 2014, Cultural Crossroads culminated a two-year project to create a public diversity library collection, raising the funds necessary to establish it. The collection, which opened in August 2014 at the Plaza Branch Library in Kansas City, MO, contains over 180 works of a multicultural and interfaith nature, designed to underscore the importance of both elements in forming human relationships. At the present time, both organization and the public library system are working to enhance the collection with the addition of materials for children and youth.
Category	Education, General/Other Library
Population Served	Adults, ,
Short-Term Success	Although the collection only officially opened in August 2014, books began to circulate as soon as they were placed on the shelves.
Long- Term Success	The collection is a permanent addition to the library and will continue to be enhanced, with additional volumes added, as well as a future component for children's literature.
Program Success Monitored By	The library plans to monitor circulation patterns, which will be analyzed by both this organization and library personnel to determine which volumes should be replaced and which retained.
Examples of Program Success	The collection continues to attract readership and research use. Following a reception, attended by over 200 people, to view the opening of the collection, a capacity audience attended a subsequent workshop to learn tips on how to research using the collection.

Blog: <http://culturalcrossroadskc.wordpress.com>

Description	By creating a blog which is focused on multicultural issues, Cultural Crossroads hopes to cause increased dialogue and interaction among people of differing opinions. It is a core belief that our society is strengthened by social interaction and the ability to hold civil discourse.
Category	Education, General/Other Education, General/Other
Population Served	General/Unspecified, ,
Short-Term Success	Short-term success can be measured by increased readership, even in the few short months of the program.
Long- Term Success	It is difficult to give a "long-term" assessment of this program, since it is only a few months old; however, there is increasing views and statements, indicating increasing readership.
Program Success Monitored By	Wordpress keeps tabulated results of readership by comments; in addition, staff receives comments both directly and through social media, indicating interest in the subject matter.
Examples of Program Success	In the first couple of months of blog production, Cultural Crossroads tabled at the event <i>One Community: Together in Solidarity</i> , and a blog post about that event was picked up by members of the Kansas City Coalition Against Hate Violence and forwarded to Valarie Kaur, the keynote speaker at the event, who shared that post with her mailing list.

CEO Comments

The education of children and adults are the cornerstone of our goals. Our ultimate goal is to have a building, a physical structure, where we can offer a greater variety of programs, including cooking, technical, and creative arenas. Until that ultimate goal is realized, we are realizing separate elements of that ultimate goal, by the production of programs and exhibits in libraries, adult dialogue programs in partnership with other civic organizations, the creation of the diversity library collection and the ongoing digital communication.

Leadership & Staff

Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director

Email

Board President is Executive Director

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Senior Staff

Ms. Mary McCoy

Title

Experience/Biography

• Real estate attorney with 30 years experience • Present and previous director and officer of various professional real estate associations • Founder and director of international performing dance troupe • Co-host of community-based ethnic dance organization • Co-chair of Scottish Highland Games standing committee • Past member/performer with numerous ethnic dance groups • Volunteer experience with arts and education programs

Staff

Paid Full-Time Staff	0
Paid Part- Time Staff	0
Volunteers	40
Retention Rate	100%
Paid Contractors	0

Plans & Policies

Organization Has a Fundraising Plan	Under Development
Organization Has a Strategic Plan	Under Development
Management Succession Plan	Under Development
Organization Policy and Procedures	Under Development
Nondiscrimination Policy	No
Whistleblower Policy	No

Collaborations

The organization works with several community and civic organizations to achieve goals in excess of its size. In the course of creating *The Human Spirit* library collection, the organization has partnered with the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council, Ten Thousand Villages, the International Visitors Council, KCPT-TV, the Raphael Hotel, Unity Temple on the Plaza, Aquarius Books, Travelscope, the Shumaker Family Foundation and both Kansas City and Mid-Continent Public Library systems.

In addition, the organization collaborates with the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council on several programs and with the Heartland Alliance of Divine Love for an annual event. In addition, the organization is a supporting organizations in several coalitions which work for the betterment of our community.

Government Licenses

Is your organization licensed by the government? No

CEO Comments

Day-to-day governance is under the auspices of the Permanent Executive Committee.

Board & Governance

Board Chair

Board Chair	Mrs. Mary Gibson McCoy
Company Affiliation	Retired
Term	Jan 2001 to Dec 2018
Email	culturalcrossroads@hotmail.com

Board Members

Name	Affiliation
Mrs. Barbara McAtee	Fire Consulting International, Inc.
Mrs. Mary Gibson McCoy	Retired
Mr. Gregory Lindsey McCoy	Kansas University Medical Center

Board Demographics - Ethnicity

African American/Black	0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Native American/American Indian	0
Other	2 Arab-American and part Native American

Board Demographics - Gender

Male	1
Female	2
Unspecified	0

Governance

Board Term Lengths	0
Board Term Limits	0
Board Meeting Attendance %	100%
Written Board Selection Criteria?	Under Development
Written Conflict of Interest Policy?	Under Development
Percentage Making Monetary Contributions	100%
Percentage Making In-Kind Contributions	100%
Constituency Includes Client Representation	No
Number of Full Board Meetings Annually	1

Standing Committees

CEO Comments

Day-to-day governance is under the auspices of the Permanent Executive Committee, which is also the current Board of Directors.

Financials

Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Start	Jan 01, 2017
Fiscal Year End	Dec 31, 2017
Projected Revenue	\$750.00
Projected Expenses	\$450.00
Endowment Value	\$0.00
Percentage	0%

Detailed Financials

Revenue and Expenses

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Revenue	\$943	\$1,076	\$11,440
Total Expenses	\$922	\$1,558	\$8,278

Revenue Sources

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Foundation and Corporation Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$11,229
Government Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local	\$0	\$0	\$0
Unspecified	\$0	\$0	\$0
Individual Contributions	\$871	\$555	\$0
Indirect Public Support	\$0	\$0	\$0
Earned Revenue	\$72	\$521	\$211
Investment Income, Net of Losses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Membership Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Events	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue In-Kind	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expense Allocation

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Program Expense	\$786	\$1,108	\$7,861
Administration Expense	\$136	\$146	\$284
Fundraising Expense	\$0	\$304	\$133
Payments to Affiliates	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue/Total Expenses	1.02	0.69	1.38
Program Expense/Total Expenses	85%	71%	95%
Fundraising Expense/Contributed Revenue	0%	55%	1%

Assets and Liabilities

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Total Assets	\$0	\$6,620	\$6,954
Current Assets	\$0	\$6,620	\$6,954
Long-Term Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Net Assets	\$0	\$6,620	\$6,954

Short Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Current Ratio: Current Assets/Current Liabilities	--	--	--

Long Term Solvency

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Long-Term Liabilities/Total Assets	--	0%	0%

Top Funding Sources

Fiscal Year	2016	2015	2014
Top Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	Individual Donors \$555	Individual Donor \$500
Second Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	Sale of Multifaith Calendars \$157	Ten Thousand Villages \$227
Third Highest Funding Source & Dollar Amount	--	Programs \$65	Individual Donor \$100

Capital Campaign

Currently in a Capital Campaign?	No
Goal	\$0.00
Capital Campaign Anticipated in Next 5 Years?	No

Organization Comments

While Cultural Crossroads does not have an "endowment" as that term is legally defined, the organization does have a segregated account for the sole purpose of supporting the *Human Spirit* library collection. Because that fund is totally segregated from the General Operating Fund, expenditures for the library collection do not depend upon the amount of the Operating Fund. Figures given above for the current fiscal year are for the Operating Fund only. The Library Fund, which has separate funds, is, therefore, able to expend funds for book purchases without affecting the Operating Fund.

Cultural Crossroads has generally accomplished its short-term goals without grants. In November, 2010, the organization received a Small Arts Grant from Francis Family Foundation, which allowed organization to expand the number of multicultural educational programs available to children and families throughout the metropolitan area. Through the judicious use of those funds, we were able to produce programs throughout the 2011 year and into the 2012 year, while other programs have been produced with volunteer support and donations. In

2013, Cultural Crossroads received a "challenge grant" in the amount of \$5000 from the Shumaker Family Foundation, to establish *The Human Spirit* library collection. Because of the extraordinary expenses associated with the creation of *The Human Spirit* library collection, the financial information for the years 2013 and 2014 reflect a higher-than-usual income and expense situation. As of 2015, the collection has been established and, except for expansion into a children's section (which is anticipated to be accomplished in 2017), the collection is in a maintenance status, which results in income and expenses in 2015 returning to a pre-2013 level.

Foundation Comments

- FY 2016, 2015, 2014: Financial data reported using the organization's internal financial documents.

