



# ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING FOR KIDS

## Annual Report 2010



## Mission

Environmental Learning for Kids cultivates a passion for science, leadership, and service in a diverse community of learners.

## Vision

ELK envisions a world in which all people are caretakers of themselves, each other and the natural world.

## Values

- Life-long learning
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Direct experience in the outdoors
- Development of human potential

## Focus Areas

- ELK introduces underserved youth to Colorado's natural resources
- ELK immerses youth in science and education, career development, and mentoring
  - ELK invests in developing youth as stewards and engaged citizens, while cultivating a strong educational value to ensure high school and college graduation

## Our Programs

In 2010, ELK served more than 19,800 people in Adams, Arapahoe, and Denver Counties with our programs:

**School-based Programs** offer a selection of science and natural resource programs to public and private schools, youth organizations, home school groups and other community-based groups in Colorado. Program fees vary depending on length, location and size of group. We can customize a program for you.

**Denver Youth Naturally (DYN)** brings youth ages 5-18 together in a hands-on, active program that provides opportunities for them to experience and learn about Colorado's great outdoors. DYN ignites curiosity and inspires youth in their academic studies, leadership development and career exploration.

**Youth in Natural Resources (YNR)** encourages youth, ages 14-25, to explore career options, gain work experience in the natural resource and science fields, and continue their education after high school.

**Learning Environmental Activities for Families (LEAF)** brings families into ELK's community of learning. LEAF strengthens the support system for youth to succeed by providing a multi-generational mentoring system. Participants take part in healthy outdoor activities and establish strong family bonds while learning about science and community stewardship.



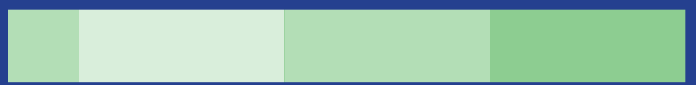


### Our Accomplishments

- We have a 98% graduation rate for our high school seniors in the year-round program
- We have raised more than \$423,000 in college scholarships for our students
- We organized and conducted 78 educational program days in 2010
- We reached 19,849 youth and their families in 2010 (7,689 in educational programs, 12,160 in outreach)

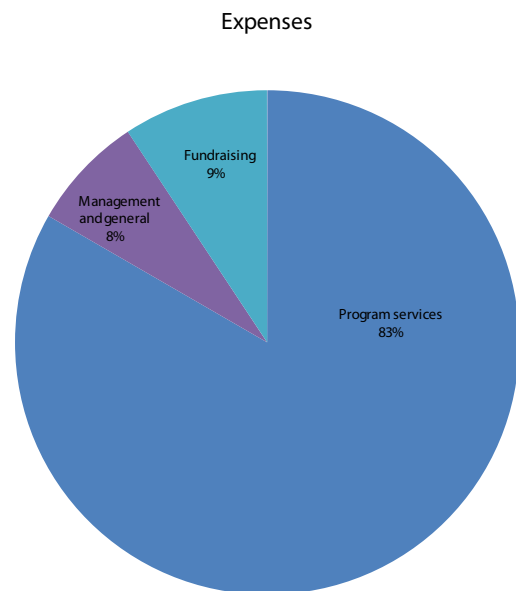
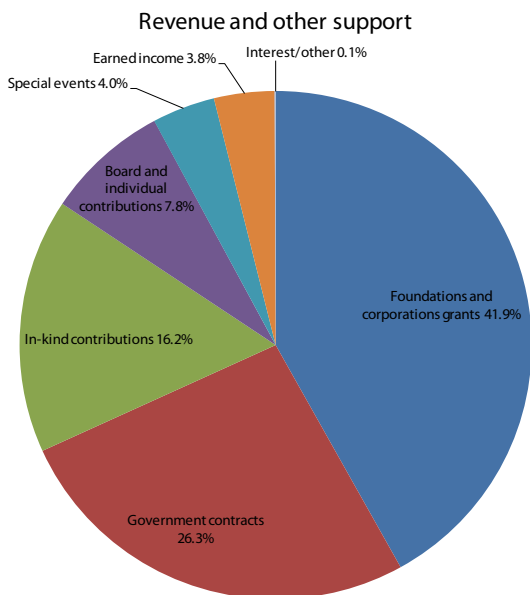
### “Who We Serve” ELK Demographics:

- 50% African American
- 40% Latino
- 10% Asian/White/Other
- 52% Female and 48% Male
- 83% of students in ELK’s school-based programs qualify for free or reduced lunches



### 2010 Financial Activity (Year Ending December 31, 2010)

<u>Revenue and Other Support</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Foundations and corporations grants	\$163,100	Program services	\$278,006
Government contracts	102,354	Supporting services	
In-kind contributions	63,055	Management and general	24,591
Board and individual contributions	30,317	Fundraising	31,007
Special events	15,442	Total expense	<b>\$333,604</b>
Earned income	14,854		
Interest/other	247		
<b>Total revenue and other support</b>	<b>\$389,369</b>	Change in net assets	<b>\$55,765</b>



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