



DURANGO WINTER SPORTS FOUNDATION

2009-2010 Annual Report

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Dear Durango Winter Sports Foundation Supporter,

In the last fiscal year, Durango Winter Sports Foundation (DWSF) raised \$98,462 and has \$65,662 in savings. DWSF exceeded their budgeted income by \$32,000. Including this year, DWSF will have disbursed \$250,000 to the Durango community ski teams. This amount of money could not have been achieved without the generous donations, help, and support from the local community businesses and individual sponsors and donors.

The mission of the Durango Winter Sports Foundation (DWSF) is to help young skier athletes achieve great things as individuals and as competitors by providing financial, developmental, and organizational support to the athletes, their coaches, clubs, and programs. A Snowboard Freestyle Team is forming for this next winter season, and they will participate in some of the fundraising events with DWSF. DWSF is excited that snowboarding competitions will be available to local young athletes.

Snowmaking was installed at Chapman Hill last year, and a new state of the art snowcat was purchased by the City of Durango to groom the Chapman hill slopes. DWSF is working closely with the City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department to have the Chapman Hill building cleaned up, repaired, painted, and operating for the general public and for the ski team members. The viability of Chapman Hill will help immensely with providing an additional training venue for the DWSF ski teams. It also is a great facility to continue to introduce the Durango community to the sport of skiing.

To date, DWSF will have disbursed \$25,000 in funds for scholarships to skiers of the community ski teams. DWSF has always maintained that one of its goals is to help the Durango community ski teams keep tuitions the lowest in the state of Colorado for their respective sport.

2009/2010 Durango Winter Sports Ski Teams Highlights

Nordic

- ✿ Durango Nordic Ski Team (DNSC) had 10 skiers qualify for Junior Nationals in Presque Isle, Maine.
- ✿ Four of those skiers recorded eight top 10 finishes to include a bronze medal.
- ✿ DNSC has won the Colorado Cup awarded to the top Nordic Team in Colorado six of the last 13 years. They have been second the last two years to Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Freestyle

- ✿ Durango Freestyle had three skiers qualify for the Junior Olympics including the bronze medalist for girls combined event.
- ✿ They also had the USSA Rocky Mountain Division girl's aerial and combined champions.
- ✿ They won seven medals at Rocky Mountain Devo State Championships for skiers age 13 and younger.

Alpine

- ✿ Purgatory Alpine Ski Team had two qualifiers for the J3 Junior Olympics in Vail, Colorado.
- ✿ They also had two top ten finishes in those Junior Olympics.
- ✿ The Alpine team had two skiers qualified for the Elite FIS Spring Series where four of the US Olympic Team members were racing.

Since the beginning of DWSF, graduating DWSF skiers are now currently attending Dartmouth University, Colorado School of Mines, Northern Michigan University, Colorado University, Colorado State University, Colorado College,

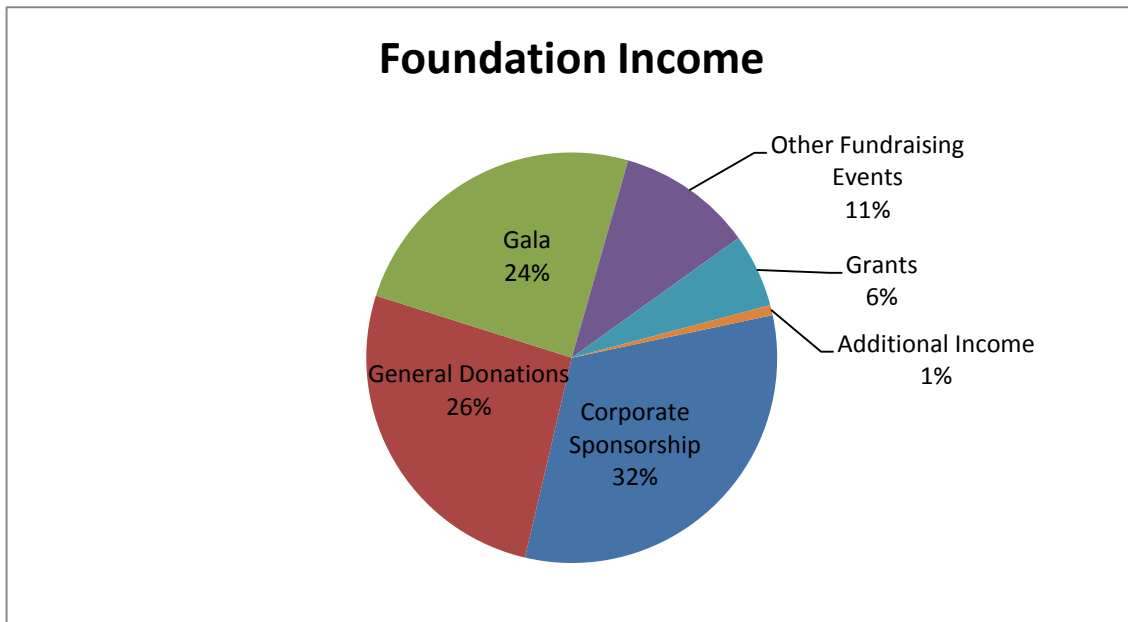
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Denver University, Washington University, Lewis and Clark University, Montana State University, Fort Lewis College, and other colleges.

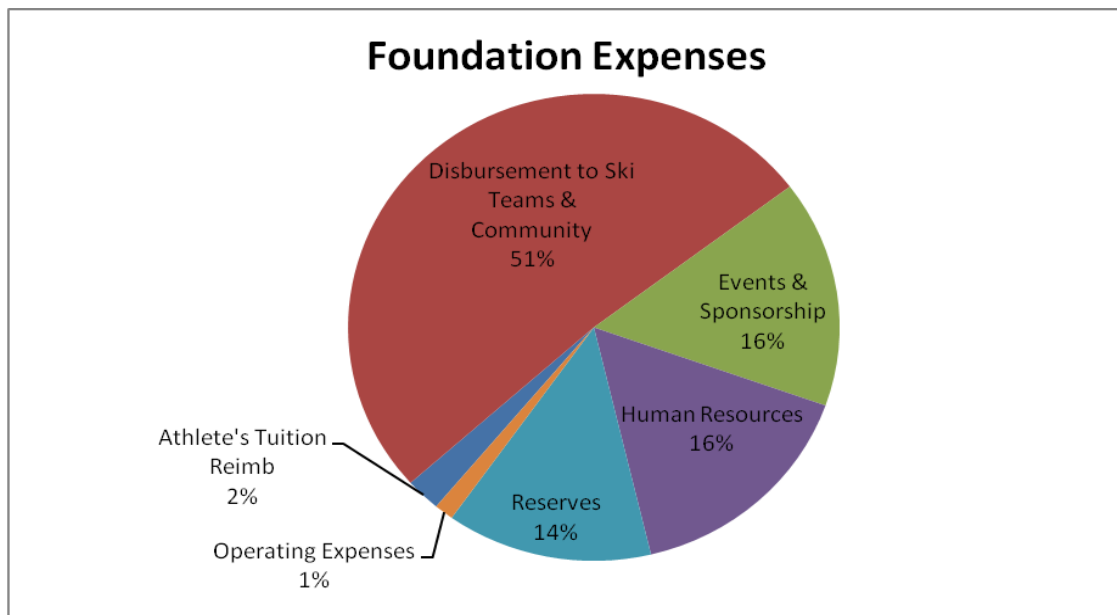
Durango Winter Sports Foundation wishes to extend a special thanks to Durango Mountain Resort (DMR) for selecting DWSF to receive funding from the annual Benefit Day at DMR. Also DMR works closely with DWSF and the four winter sport teams in providing a first class facility for hosting training and races for the respective ski team members.

2009-2010 Annual Financial Report

The following outlines income and expenses for our most recent fiscal year, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010:



In fiscal year 2009-2010 DWSF distributed 62% of all funding directly to teams or athletes and placed an additional 14% of earnings in reserves.



Summary

This year DWSF is again hosting the following special events:

- ❄️ **The Warren Miller Film.** Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the Smiley Theater. There will be one showing at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6pm for a social cocktail hour with door prizes and giveaways.
- ❄️ **The Annual DWSF Gala.** Saturday November 6, 2010, 6pm at Purgys at Durango Mountain Resort. Everyone is cordially invited to a nostalgic party to celebrate the skiing history of Durango and welcome the 1964 Junior National Gold Medal Relay Team from Durango Colorado (Clark Matis, Bob Griffith, Richard Flock, and Allen Small) as the new inductees to the DWSF Hall of Fame. Mickey Hogan will also be inducted. Mr. Hogan was the acting coach for the Gold Medal Relay Team because Adolph Kuss was with the US Olympic Ski Team as a coach. Mr. Hogan also purchased the first family pass to Purgatory Ski Resort. He was the president of the Durango Ski Club and was a huge help in raising money for the San Juan Development Company that borrowed money for the SBA and then lent the money to Durango Ski Corporation.
- ❄️ **The SnowDown Spaghetti Dinner.** Friday February 4, 2011. This annual event is held downstairs of the Elks Club with two sessions. One before the SnowDown Parade and one after the parade.

DWSF invites all people wanting to help “Local Kids Doing Great Things” in the Durango community to participate in the foundation and ski and snowboard clubs in the future. Go to www.durangowintersports.org for more information. The Foundation Volunteer Executive Committee is always available for comment and will certainly welcome your input, feedback and opinions. We hope to see you on the slopes and trails this winter!



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