

## BOULDER/JALAPA FRIENDSHIP CITY PROJECTS

### REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL for 2011

February 29, 2012

1. Friendship City Projects is a 501(c)(3) corporation.
2. The Board of Directors meets once per month in or near Boulder. The board currently numbers 8 directors, who were elected by the membership at the December 2011 annual meeting. No member of the board is a part of any commercial venture in Jalapa. The current directors are:

Zuza Bohley	Boulder
Greg Bowles	Boulder
Sophia Laguna	Boulder
Gary Mills	Boulder
Tasia Poinatte	Washington DC
Narayan Shrestha	Superior
Brian Underhill	Boulder
Phil Wegener	Boulder

3. The criteria for membership are established by the By-laws which were adopted in 1992, as amended in 2008. Members are those who have paid current dues of \$25. Honorary members are those who have been designated as deserving by the FCP board. Members are non-voting for the first year that they are a member, and active members after that. The board may deny membership status to anyone, but does not intend to do this except in very unusual cases.

4. Copies of the budget and fundraising report for 2011 are attached. The current status and work plan for 2012 are as follows:

In 2011 we did not have an in-country representative from Boulder. We are now supporting the work of Karla Pozo, a very talented community organizer who lives in Jalapa. Karla's skills have been developing for the last few years, and she is now able to carry on FCP's work in Jalapa by herself. She is continuing to promote FCP's work in Jalapa and build relationships between FCP and the people of the Jalapa valley. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of relying more on Nicaraguan representatives and less on North Americans.

We have been trying to increase local involvement in our work for some time. To that end, FCP works through a local counterpart board, Pueblos Unidos, which FCP worked for several years to establish. Pueblos Unidos is made up of people active in community development in the Jalapa valley. All decisions on projects undertaken and work plans are made together with Pueblos Unidos.

In 2011 FCP and Pueblos Unidos continued the Huertos Familiares (Family Garden) Program in which family members grow the food they need for a well balanced diet. The program includes using organic fertilizer made by the community, and also organic pest control solutions made from local plants which don't depend on imported chemicals.

In 2010 we began collaboration with Travis Ramos on a water system for the community of Pasmata. This system will incorporate automated metering technology to improve accountability. In 2011, two volunteers, Jeff Walters and Jessie Freer, spent 4 months in Jalapa finalizing the design for this system.

It is now “shovel ready” and we expect to make progress on building it in 2012, as funds become available.

Jeff and Jessie's planning process has been state-of-the-art, with all design information being posted on line. In addition, internet access and cell phones are now widely available in Jalapa. These factors bring about a major improvement over FCP's earlier process for building water systems.

In response to a need in Jalapa for better health care for women, our previous representative Tamara Czyzyk helped to organize a Women's Foundation, which advocates for lower cost health care with more integrity. Among many other goals, the members are especially interested in doing statistical studies to gain more insight into the causes of the high rates of cancer in the Jalapa valley.

The scholarship fund originally created by FCP members Vivian Underhill and Kelsey Batson is now called Project FE, and is managed by Tasia Poinatte, Helen Vernier, and Sophia Laguna. It enables needy Jalapa children and adults to enroll in school. Although tuition is free at public schools, many people do not have the money to pay for materials, uniforms, transportation and other necessities- this can cost as little as \$100 per student for one year. The program is entirely run by high school and college age people and has great energy going with it.

In May of 2011 a representative from the Jalapa municipal government, Reyna Zeledon, visited Boulder and conferred with FCP about the Pasmata water project. We expect to receive significant assistance from the municipality on this project.

We have seen an important trend developing in Jalapa over the years. In FCP's early years, we focused on fairly large projects which involved large amounts of money and presented the community with completed schools, water systems, and so forth. The trend now is toward much more community involvement and initiation of projects. Resources are still required, of course, but the process is much more one of collaboration than of gift giving. This trend is only for the better, and promises to continue.

In the last few years, international aid organizations have increased their level of giving for infrastructure projects in the Jalapa region. This is helpful in the short term, but unfortunately it promotes a culture of trying to attract gifts as opposed to taking the initiative to start long-term sustainable development. We continue to encourage and promote locally initiated sustainable programs. Not only does FCP lack the resources to fund large gifts, but also we feel that local initiative is the only approach which is sustainable in the long term.

## Background Information

Jalapa is located in northern Nicaragua close to the Honduran border. Geographically, it is similar to Boulder in that it is located in a broad valley, near mountains covered with pine and other trees. The soil and tropical climate make the area agriculturally productive. The people of Jalapa share a love of music and the arts with the people of Boulder.

Boulder Jalapa Friendship City Projects (FCP), a sister city organization, was formed in Boulder in 1984 and is dedicated to building peace and understanding between the people of Jalapa and Boulder. FCP funds projects

that have a social contract to create community and work for the greater good of its residents and fosters people-to-people diplomacy through organizing delegations to and from Nicaragua. The project provides the framework which enables skilled volunteers to work in the Jalapa area of Nicaragua providing direct services and/or technical assistance. FCP is responsible for the creation of a preschool and five potable water projects in the municipality of Jalapa and has maintained a full time representative in the Jalapa area most of the time since 1990.

FCP's constituency is not limited to the city of Jalapa, but includes the whole of the Jalapa valley (in Nicaragua, this is known as the Jalapa Municipality).

More information about FCP is available on the Web at [www.boulderjalapa.org](http://www.boulderjalapa.org)

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## BUDGET- 2011

Rep. Stipend	6,232
Travel	0
Project expenses	1,900
Fundraising expenses	0
Cost of goods sold	0
Printing & Postage	300
Miscellaneous	0
Total	8,432

## FUNDRAISING REPORT- 2011

General donations	8,815
Grants	0
Total	8,815

# 2011 History of Boulder Kisumu Sister City Activities

1. **Project: Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program (AUPAP) project continuation –**
  - a. **Partner** – Kisumu Boulder Sister City, Boulder Kisumu Sister City, Sister Cities International
  - b. **Results** - Migosi sanitation block in Migosi Slum is open and being run by a women's group and a youth group. A small fee is being collected for shower use and toilet use. Proceeds go to sustain toilets and supplies and pay groups for their time. Kudho school toilets and sanitation were in use, but there has been a leak and is being evaluated by the engineer and contractor for repair. Two fellows were stationed in Kisumu and were performing monitoring and evaluation, however M&E at the Khudo school is on hold until the repairs are completed.
2. **Project – AUPAP documentary Film Completion-** January 2011 AUPAP documentary Film Crew follows Boulder and Kisumu Delegation throughout Kisumu.
  - a. **Partner-** Kisumu Boulder Sister City, Boulder Kisumu Sister City, Sister Cities International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
  - b. **Results** - Completion of AUPAP documentary film viewed at the Sister Cities International conference in Washington, D.C. March 2011 and released on the SCI website.
3. **Project – Movement Bikes** - May - July 2011, Bikes are sent and distributed throughout Kisumu at a low cost/high quality
  - a. **Partner-**Movement Bikes, Kisumu Boulder Sister City, Ogra Foundation
  - b. **Results** – 140 bikes are shipped to Kisumu. The bikes are high quality and easily maintained. Bikes allow the user to transport people and goods easily. This is a social entrepreneur effort.
4. **Project** - August 2011 – **Orbis Institute Fellows leave to teach at Oasis of Hope in Kisumu.**
  - a. **Visits** – Jennifer Armstrong, Jayne Du
  - b. **Results** – Jennifer Armstrong teaches leadership skills at the Oasis of Hope school until December 2011. Jayne Du is still at the Oasis of Hope teaching Leadership and critical thinking skills to Students. The first ever Oasis of Hope yearbook is produced by this project.
5. **Project** - October 2011 - **Boulder Committee visit to Kisumu.**
  - a. **Visits** – Darryl Brown, Sally Fistler
  - b. **Results** – Review and assistance in organizing AUPAP M&E. Visits to 1 Rehab Clinic, 1 school for the disabled, Met with widow's self-help groups to identify future projects. Delivered condolences and small gift to the widow and family of Jack Osiro, Kisumu Boulder Secretary who passed this last year of tuberculosis. Observed Orbis Fellows teaching at the Oasis of Hope school. Reviewed Oasis of Hope sanitation block project.
6. **Project** - October 2011 - **Oasis of Hope sanitation block.**
  - a. **Visits** – Darryl Brown, Sally Fistler Jared Odhiambo, Haggai Khadiri.

- b. **Partner** - Boulder Rotary, 5 rotary district in 5450, Winam Rotary and the Ogra Foundation.
  - c. **Results** – Flushable toilet block at the Oasis of Hope school. Project built and plumbed with running water. Difficulty with septic field due to black cotton soil and cracking. Contractor to repair.
- 7. Project** - November 2011 – **Visit Hosting of Kisumu President**
- a. **Partner**- Kisumu Boulder Sister City, Boulder Kisumu Sister City, Sister Cities International
  - b. **Visits** – Jared Odhiambo visited Boulder, Colorado and met with Matt Apelbaum, toured Boulder, Met with the Church of Christ and Don James formerly of James Travel Points.
- 8. Project** - December 2011 –Christmas Fund Raiser at Uni- Hill Elementary School in Boulder
- a. **Partner**- Kisumu Boulder Sister City, Uni-Hill
  - b. **Results** –Sold Kisumu Crafts at Christmas Market and educated the population about Sister Cities and Kisumu.

# BOULDER-LHASA SISTER CITY PROJECT

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR CY2011 1 March 2012

### **2011 Accomplishments**

#### **LHASA EDUCATION DELEGATION EXCHANGE IN BOULDER**

On 20-24 February 2011, Boulder-Lhasa Sister City Project (BLSCP) hosted an education exchange in Boulder with a delegation from Lhasa, Tibet. The delegation was:

Mr. Chunda - Deputy Director General of Education Bureau of Lhasa Municipality  
Ms. Feng Xingjuan - Principal of Experimental Primary School of Lhasa Municipality  
Ms. Nyima Tsamchuo - Principal of No.2 Primary School of Chengguan District of Lhasa Municipality  
Luoluo (sixth-grade boy) - Student of No.2 Primary School of Chengguan District of Lhasa Municipality  
Peyang (sixth-grade girl) - Student of No.2 Primary School of Chengguan District of Lhasa Municipality  
Ms. Sonam Dekyi - Interpreter of Foreign Affairs Office of Lhasa Municipality

The purpose of the exchange was to consult on school management, teaching methods, and curriculum research and development. Lhasa educators observed classrooms and met with Boulder educators to discuss their lessons, curriculum, and teaching methods. Lhasa students participated with Boulder students in classrooms.

The delegation resided at Missions House Lodge in Chautauqua Park at the base of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Built in 1911, the superbly renovated Missions House Lodge features a spectacular great room with a stone gas fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, eight guest rooms with private baths, and a screened-in front porch. The arts & crafts interior and furnishings provide a warm, luxurious setting. BLSCP members Bill Warnock and Carrie Hartman resided with the delegation at the lodge during the exchange.



When the delegation arrived at the lodge, Luoluo proclaimed, "It's beautiful!"  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]



Nyima Tsamchuo, Luoluo, Bill Warnock, Sonam Dekyi, Chunda, Peyang, Carrie Hartman, Feng Xingjuan (left to right) on Flagstaff Mountain  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

#### Feb 21 afternoon

The delegation ate lunch at China Gourmet restaurant and then enjoyed some sightseeing and shopping. They visited Flagstaff Mountain, Sister City Plaza at Boulder Municipal Building, Pearl Street Mall, and the Chocolate Factory.

Feb 21 evening - Welcome Dinner

BLSCP and Tibetan Association of Colorado (TAC) co-sponsored a Welcome Dinner for the delegation, which featured several choices of catered Tibetan food and a few song & dance numbers by the TAC Cultural Troupe, composed of ten youths. The dinner was held in the Grand Assembly room at Chautauqua's Community House. Around 70 BLSCP members and friends, including about 25 Boulder-area Tibetans, welcomed the delegation with speeches, gifts, khata, and conversation. Welcome remarks were given by Bill Warnock, BLSCP President; Susan Osborne, Mayor, City of Boulder; Suzy Ageton, Council Member, City of Boulder; Lorrie Shepard, Dean, School of Education, University of Colorado at Boulder; Tenzin Jigme, President, Tibetan Association of Colorado; and Jigme Tenzin, Vice President, Tibetan Association of Colorado.



**Mayor Osborne offering gifts to Peyang and Luoluo.**

[photos courtesy: Carrie Hartman]



**TAC Vice President Jigme Tenzin offering khata to Mr. Chunda.**



**TAC Cultural Troupe performing traditional Tibetan dance.**



**Peyang and Luoluo with CHOICE student hosts**  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

Feb 22 morning - Platt CHOICE Middle School (hosted by Boyd Brown)

The visit went very well. The students from Tibet became more comfortable and interactive as the visit progressed. They spent part of their time alone with CHOICE students touring the building and attending classes and part of their time with the delegation adults learning how CHOICE operates. Even though the language barrier made communication difficult, as is often the case, kids will overcome such challenges with energy and nonverbal commonalities.

The delegation adults spent time touring as well, along with designated time in conversation with the CHOICE Team and Platt's principal, Dr. Kevin

Gates. This conference time enabled the CHOICE Team to give a detailed overview of their program and allow the Lhasa delegation an opportunity to ask specific questions regarding their own priorities. As is usually the case, there was far too little time compared to the need for information.

The Lhasa delegation, the staff of CHOICE, and Platt's Administration appeared to be very pleased with the visit.

Feb 22 afternoon - Casey Middle School (hosted by Lisa Wertz)

The sixth-grade students very much enjoyed organizing a welcome reception for the delegation from Tibet. Here are samples of notes that the sixth graders at Casey wrote to the visitors:

Coco: "I feel very special that you came all the way to America to see us."

Patricia: "I really like the fact that you came here to see how we study - maybe next time you can come and meet our families."

Erin: "I was surprised that the Tibetans knew so much English. I hope next time there will be more students."

Angie: "I liked learning how to say 'hello' in Tibetan."

Sam: "I really liked getting cards from you. - Thanks"

Gage: "Your culture is so cool."

Josh: "I am honored to have you flown halfway across the world to visit us. I appreciate how nice you were to us."



**Meeting sixth-grade students**  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

A story about the visit was published in the February 23 issue of the local newspaper, the Daily Camera.

Feb 22 - Dinner at the home of Stanley Goldberg



**back: Feng Xingjuan, Chunda, Nyima Tsamchuo, Sonam Dekyi (left to right)**  
**front: Luoluo, Peyang**



**Chunda, Bill Warnock, Carrie Hartman (left to right)**  
[photos courtesy: Carrie Hartman]



**Stanley explaining a book of Boulder photos given by BLSCP to Mr. Chunda.**

Feb 23 morning - Nederland Elementary School (hosted by Johanna Gangemi)

Nederland was very pleased to be included in the visitation schedule. Nederland's teachers were welcoming to all, and the Lhasa delegation especially warmed to the younger (K, 1, 2) children. Music, art, and physical education are universal to most schools. The comfort level went way up when everyone



**Meeting second-grade music students**  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

climbed on the gymnastics equipment and did a few tricks and had an impromptu concert with the second graders.

Since time was short, the Lhasa delegation was only able to tour the building and visit classrooms. However, everyone enjoyed the visit. An article ensued in the March 4 issue of the local newspaper, The Mountain-Ear.

Feb 23 morning - Gold Hill Elementary School (hosted by Boyd Brown)

This visit was the shortest time-wise but very interactive. After a short time of program description, everyone sat in a circle. Interactions between the students of Gold Hill and Lhasa were facilitated through interpretation and clarification by the adults. This process was fun and enlightening.



**Interactions among students**  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

Feb 23 - Lunch at the home of Boyd Brown & Johanna Gangemi



**Johanna receiving khata from Mr. Chunda**  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

Feb 23 afternoon - Whittier International Elementary School (hosted by John LeClair)

Principal Becky Escamilla and John LeClair guided the delegation on a building tour. They visited Cindy Bigelow's first-grade class and listened to a description of their garden studies. They followed that with a visit to the fifth-grade instrumental music session and then moved upstairs to visit Breida Geesaman's second-grade class. The delegation asked questions about postings of student work throughout the classrooms and hallways. They then visited the kindergarten wing of Whittier and looked closely at Jennifer Shepard's Art classroom and her display of student art throughout the school. One Whittier parent, Bambi Wineland (Tibetan born), joined the tour group and answered questions from the delegation about the school.

The delegation was invited to a question/answer session in the staff lounge. They were offered tea, fruits, and cookies. About ten faculty members, including the school principal, were present. Questions centered on the length of school days, size of classes, the elements of required curriculum, and structures of local and state and federal governance in our educational system.

Gifts were exchanged between the delegation and the faculty. The faculty was especially gratified to provide the two student delegates with a selection of books in English. The culturally significant gifts brought by the delegation will be put on display in the school library with the many other artifacts reflecting Whittier's international outlook.



**Peyang and Luoluo receiving books from the school**  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

The school enjoyed the visit for the graciousness and openness of the delegation. The faculty and students look forward to future contact with BLSCP and the new friends they have gained in Lhasa.

Feb 23 afternoon - University of Colorado School of Education

This visit was organized by Dr. Lorrie Shepard, Dean of the School of Education, and Dr. Guillermo Solano-Flores, Professor of Bilingual Education at the School of Education. In combination, Ms. Sonam Dekyi and Ms. Chao Wang, a doctoral student from the school, acted as interpreters. Eight professors of the school, one professor from the School of Education and Human Development, University of Colorado Denver, and about 20 graduate students and invitees attended the 90-minute session.



**Dean Lorrie Shepard (far left) greeting the Lhasa delegation.**  
[photo courtesy: School of Education]

During the first half of the event, members of the Lhasa delegation asked the professors questions about education in the U.S. and, more specifically, about topics related to curriculum design, bilingual education, and special education. An important part of the discussion was the realization that an important difference between the American system and the education in Tibet is the level of centralization of decisions concerning

curriculum. Unlike many countries in the world, in the U.S. a great deal of the decisions concerning curriculum and educational policy are made at the state, school district, and school level.

During the second half of the event, professors and students asked members of the delegation various questions concerning the preparation of teachers and the assessment of students. An important part of the discussion was the realization that student failure is, to a large extent, a social construction. Unlike Tibet, in the American education system student promotion and retention decisions are made almost exclusively based on standardized test scores without taking into consideration contextual and social factors that may shape the performance of students on tests—which brings with it the implicit assumption that success or failure is the sole responsibility of the students.

Both the professors and students from the school were impressed by the sophistication of the reasonings used by the two students from the delegation, when they were asked to share their impressions from their visits to schools in Boulder.

The event was a success. It contributed to promote among professors and students from the School of Education an enriched view of the challenges and strategies relevant to education in the world. It also helped both parties to identify some of the commonalities and differences in the education in Tibet and the U.S. Most importantly, the event contributed to strengthen the relationship of cooperation and friendship between Lhasa and Boulder.

#### Feb 23 evening - Dinner at the home of Kevin & Elizabeth Martin

During the dinner conversation Mr. Chunda invited Bill Warnock, BLSCP President, to lead a group of Boulder-area professors, teachers, and students to Lhasa for a reciprocal education exchange on 4-8 July 2011.



Elizabeth Martin exchanging gifts with Mr. Chunda  
[photo courtesy: Carrie Hartman]

#### **MEETINGS IN LHASA**

On 23-30 September 2011, BLSCP members Bill Warnock and Carol Delker traveled to Lhasa to continue the development of future sister city exchanges on several topics. They met with Lhasa Mayor Dorji Tsedrup and leaders of the Foreign Affairs Office of Tibet Autonomous Region, Tibet University, Lhasa Municipal Education Bureau, Lhasa Municipal Agriculture & Animal Husbandry Bureau, Lhasa Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau, Lhasa Municipal Culture & Arts Bureau, Lhasa Municipal Tourism Bureau, and Lhasa Municipal Commerce Bureau. Lhasa Municipal Education Bureau apologized for not being able to host a reciprocal education exchange during July 2011 and invited BLSCP to bring a Boulder education delegation to Lhasa during summer 2012 for the reciprocal exchange.

#### **NAMLING COUNTY SCHOOLS PROJECT**

BLSCP continued to be an official sponsor for Namling County Schools Project (NCSP). NCSP was founded in 1991 by Tashi Tsering, project director. More than 50 elementary schools, built by this project

in rural Tibetan villages, provide some basic education for local children. These schools are simple earth-brick structures with dirt floors. Job training for young adults at the Ema-Gang Vocational Training School will also help to alleviate poverty. BLSCP has been an official sponsor for this project since 1994. Funds are needed for school facilities, teacher training, and student supplies.

### **LHASA KUNGSHON LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

BLSCP continued to be an official sponsor for Lhasa Kungshon Language School (LKLS). LKLS was established in 1988 by Lhobsang Pandan, school principal. The school provides young adult Tibetans with language and computer classes. Students learn skills which help them to qualify for better jobs. The school has given more than 1,200 scholarships to students with disabilities and financial difficulties. BLSCP has been an official sponsor for this school since 1995. Funds are needed for scholarships, supplies for language classes, and equipment.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

BLSCP has continued to be a resource for the Boulder community, by providing outreach activities on our programs in Tibet and information regarding the geography, climate, high-altitude effects, travel accommodations, and culture of Tibet. BLSCP maintained and updated its own Web site at **[www.boulder-tibet.org](http://www.boulder-tibet.org)**. Throughout the year, BLSCP continued to participate in Boulder Sister City Alliance, which is an effective, informal organization of Boulder's seven sister city organizations.

### **IRS Status**

BLSCP has maintained a 501(c)(3) status, as a private, non-profit corporation.

### **Board of Directors**

The BLSCP Board of Directors is Boulder-based, with the board elected by the membership, and with no member of the board being a part of any commercial venture in Lhasa. The current Board of Directors is:

Bill Warnock	President
Carol Delker	Vice President
Carrie Hartman	Secretary
Stanley Goldberg	Treasurer

### **Membership Criteria**

Membership in BLSCP is not denied based upon race, religion, nationality, membership in a minority group, membership in a particular social group, or because of the expression of unpopular political opinion.

### **Fund-raising / Contributions (CY2011)**

Solar Electricity Program	20.00
Parasite Medical Program	15.00
Namling County Schools Project	00.00
Lhasa Kungshon Language School	1,015.00
General Use	1,250.00
Membership Dues	<u>140.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,440.00

### **2012 Work Plan**

We will work to develop further exchanges on health care, education, environmental protection, science & technology, agriculture & animal husbandry, and culture & art. We will identify the human and financial resources required to implement the most effective exchanges for helping Tibetans in Tibet.

### **RECIPROCAL BOULDER EDUCATION DELEGATION TO LHASA**

We are now developing plans to lead a group of Boulder elementary school teachers and several student-children to Lhasa during June 2012 for the reciprocal exchange.

NAMLING COUNTY SCHOOLS PROJECT

We will continue to sponsor Namling County Schools Project.

LHASA KUNGSHON LANGUAGE SCHOOL

We will continue to sponsor Lhasa Kungshon Language School.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We will continue to maintain and update our Web site at [www.boulder-tibet.org](http://www.boulder-tibet.org) and respond to the inquiries which it generates.

**2012 Budget (estimated)**

RECEIPTS

Contributions for Reciprocal Education Exchange	\$28,000.00
Solar Electricity Program	0.00
Parasite Medical Program	0.00
Namling County Schools Project	100.00
Lhasa Kungshon Language School	100.00
General Use	500.00
Membership Dues	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$29,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Reciprocal Education Exchange	\$28,000.00
Solar Electricity Program	0.00
Parasite Medical Program	0.00
Namling County Schools Project	100.00
Lhasa Kungshon Language School	100.00
Operating Expenses	500.00
Community Outreach	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$29,000.00



## **Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities – 2011 Annual Report**

### **Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities activities**

- Don Mock continues to do monthly free tours of the Boulder-Dushanbe Teahouse with occasional help from other volunteers.
- Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities supported an annual spring equinox Navruz (Persian New Year) celebration on the plaza north of the Teahouse with the local Tajik community. There were many cultural events with dancing, food, and other traditional Central Asian Navruz activities.
- BDSC hosted the US State Department sponsored “International Sports Programming Initiative for Tajikistan” for a week in Boulder. We provided home-stays for the eight delegates, arranged the local professional and cultural program, and gave them a chance to experience family and American life in Boulder. Many Boulder organizations, the City of Boulder and businesses were generous with their support.
- Our board member Jode Brexa traveled to Tajikistan for a US State Department sponsored teaching program. While in Dushanbe Jode met with Dushanbe City officials to discuss the status of the Friendship Center and the search for a new manager. She also met with US Embassy officials regarding the status of the Friendship Center and possible future use of the Center for programs and trainings.
- We worked on updating our database and moving it to a web based format.
- We produced two newsletters for our membership and supporters.
- We hosted a social event at the Teahouse for a visiting Tajik teacher/ Fulbright scholar who has offered much support to board member Jode Brexa and BDSC while in Tajikistan.
- In the fall of 2011 we submitted a proposal to host Tajik elected officials participating in a Open World program in May 2012. This proposal was accepted by Open World.
- In November we hosted an annual meeting and elected a board of directors for 2012.
- BDSC continues to participate in Sister City Alliance meetings. Our board volunteered to help clean the small Sister City Plaza garden.

BDSC supported the creation of a Russian/English documentary video ”A Tale of Friendship, A

Boulder Perspective” created by three CU students regarding the establishment of our sister city relationship and creation of the Friendship Center.

We have updated and approved our by-laws in accordance with the Colorado Revised Statutes and City of Boulder Resolution as amended 631.

*The following sections of this report are required by City Council Resolution No. 631*

**A(1): IRS Status**

BDSC has maintained its 501(c)(3) status as a private, non-profit corporation.

**A(2): Board of Directors**

The BDSC Board of Directors, none of whom is a part of any commercial venture in Dushanbe, is elected by the membership each year at the BDSC Annual Meeting in November. Members of the current Board for 2011 included:

Joe Stepanek, President  
Peter Stoller, Vice President  
Miriam Allen, Secretary  
Aldona Siczek, Treasurer  
Jancy Campbell  
Susan Osborne, Mayor, City Council Member and our Representative  
Leto Quarles, M.D.  
Scott Raderstorf  
Sophia Stoller  
Ron West  
Jode Brexa  
Judy Frey

**A(3): Membership Criteria**

Membership in the BDSC is not denied on the basis of race, religion, nationality, membership in a minority group, sexual preference, membership in any particular social group, or because of the expression of unpopular political opinion. Specifically, the BDSC by-laws provide that active members “shall include any individuals who are interested in the purpose and objectives of the corporation and who have paid current dues.”

Aldona Siczek was treasurer in 2011.

**Financial Reports:**

The financial report to the Colorado Secretary of State, the 2011 profit and loss statement, and the 2011 balance statements are attached.

A(4)a: Annual Budget

BDSC annually adopts a budget for its account. The proposed 2011 and 2012 budgets are attached.

Submitted by:  
Peter Stoller

Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2011

	<b>Total</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Cyber Cafe Bank Accounts	22,223.69
Operation Bank Accounts	20,012.10
Total Bank Accounts	\$42,235.79
Total Current Assets	\$42,235.79
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$42,235.79</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	44,058.04
Retained Earnings	0.00
Net Income	-1,822.25
Total Equity	\$42,235.79
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$42,235.79</b>

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Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities  
Profit & Loss  
January - December 2011

	<b>Total</b>
Income	
Donations	1,912.00
Fundraising	1,816.44
Membership Dues	1,000.00
Total Income	\$4,728.44
Expenses	
Accounting	156.04
Bank Charges	193.82
Data Base	630.00
Educational Programs	1,722.00
Events	600.00
Gifts	239.84
Hosting	1,186.96
Insurance	954.00
Office Expense	79.44
Printing, Publishing, Supplies	705.20
Taxes & Licenses	31.02
Total Expenses	\$6,498.32
Net Operating Income	\$ -1,769.88
Other Income	
Interest Earned	47.63
Total Other Income	\$47.63
Other Expenses	
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total Other Expenses	\$100.00
Net Other Income	\$ -52.37
Net Income	\$ -1,822.25

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Boulder Dushanbe Sister Cities - Budget 2012

Proposed

Balance 01/01/2012                      \$20,000.00

Revenue:

Membership      550.

Donations      1,500.

Events      2,150.

Interest      10.

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**\$ 4,210.00**

**Expenses**

Accounting      160.

Bank charges      50.

Cyber café      0.

Navruz      800.

Gifts      300.

Hosting      1,000.

Tax & Fees      100.

Insurance      1,000.

Publishing      300.

Website      500.

4,210.00

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**Balance** to 2013

**\$20,000.00**

## BYFC Annual Report 2011

March 1, 2012

--April 30. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Sakura Project.

The group of citizen volunteers with the expertise provided by the staff of Boulder Forestry Service Department, we added 35 more new Somei Yoshino Sakura cherry trees in the Martin Acer Park.



Osborn proclaimed the April 30 to be the Sakura Day and handed a proclamation certificate to Minori Murata, an executive officer of the Sakura Project. Mayor Osborn also dedicated a bench to the Sendai earthquake and tsunami victims.

Following the day of earthquake and tsunami, the situation in victim was changing by the day, improving in some areas while in other areas are worsening. In Yamagata, there were over 300 internally displaced students who were living in city's temporally evacuation centers.

The good news is that, in April a donation totaling 500,000yen (\$6,200) was delivered to our friends in Yamagata-Boulder Sister City Association. They and city staff worked together, offered some comfort and assistance how ever small yet so appreciated.



Mayor Ichikawa of Yamagata was particularly grateful to receive this show of friendship and generous gesture coming from their sister city, Boulder. He wishes to extend his heartfelt thank you to all the people who contributed to the fund.

### **2011 BYFC Financial Statement**

Cash Balance December 31, 2010	\$	<b>720.24</b>
Total income into Earthquake Fund	\$	8,172.46
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Secretary of State	\$	10.00
Total Cash donation to Earthquake victim:	\$	7,686.57
Japan America Society of CO membership	\$	45.00
<b>Total Cash Balance December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,151.13</b>

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## BOULDER MANTE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

### ANNUAL REPORT

“Our Sister City relationship is a long-term relationship—  
“We are filled with concern for the safety of your citizens and would like to reiterate our desire to continue our  
friendship and mutual support” Norris Hermsmeyer, Chair

**March 1, 2012**

**Background:** The Boulder Mante Sister City relationship is an outgrowth of an annual medical mission to Ciudad de Mante, Mexico developed by Boulder Community Hospital (BCH) and several outreach programs with Boulder Rotary and First Presbyterian Church in Boulder. A formal proclamation uniting the cities of Mante and Boulder in a Sister City relationship was signed in January, 2000.

**Medical Mission Suspended:** Shortly after the medical team had been in Mante in 2010, reports became available of drug related gang activity in the Mante area. Boulder Community Hospital began monitoring the situation in Mante in later that spring. In the summer of 2010, David Gehant, Boulder Community Hospital CEO cancelled the 2011 mission. He called Dr. David Rodriguez and explained the need to cancel the mission because there was no way to guarantee the safety of the 100 medical personnel that comprise our team. Subsequently, the medical mission for 2012 was also cancelled.

Over the years, as each medical campaign occurred, new equipment was brought to Mante for use during the campaign and then stored for the subsequent year. Because items in storage were vulnerable to pilferage, David Gehant informed Dr. David Rodriguez that he should begin the process of distributing the equipment to clinics in the area, wherever the need was greatest.

Elfa Rodriguez, sister of the founder of the medical campaign, Dr. David Rodriguez, reports for the citizens of Mante, that the decision to cancel the medical missions has left a huge “gap” in the community and region around Mante. In many cases, it is the only option for medical service that the poor and underserved have. Elfa continues, “that Dr. Rodriguez has reached out to the medical community in Monterrey asking them to visit the city of Mante to pick up some of the slack caused by the void in medical services to the needy in Mante.”

As to the current situation, we understand that Mante seems normal during daylight hours. A 5:00 p.m. curfew has pretty much shut down evening and nighttime activities. Weekly meetings, such as the Rotary Clubs in Mante have been suspended. The military is fairly prominently in place and seeks to keep order as best they can. It is the opinion of the chair of the Mante Sister City committee that small groups (medical, teacher or visitor) would be welcome and safe during the daytime in Mante, but should stay indoors in the evening.

**Visitation:** Our partners in Mante have informed us that a delegation from Mante will visit Boulder in early April, 2012, hopefully led by the current Mayor (President) of Mante, Humberto Flores and Dr. David Rodriguez. Additionally, up to 10 teachers who have been part of the teacher exchange between our two communities will also visit. Highlights of events for the group follow:

- Dairy Center for the Arts: It has been 11 years since the Mural painted by Florian Lopez was completed on the north face of the Dairy Center Building at Walnut and 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Today, many people are unaware that the purpose of the gift by the City of Mante to Boulder was to honor the medical teams that had visited Mante over a 20 year period. A committee made up of members from the Dairy Center and the Sister City committee are developing a plaque or signage which will tell visitors to the Dairy Center about the origins of the Mural. It is planned that a ceremony will occur on April 1 to mark this new addition to the north wall of the Dairy Center.
- First Presbyterian Church: Dr. David Rodriguez has been invited to give a “temple talk” at the 9:30 a.m. service on at Boulder First Presbyterian church on April 1. He will present a plaque to express thanks for the close relationship between the church and citizens of Mante over the years.
- Boulder Community Hospital: The delegation will bring a piece of art to donate to Boulder Community Hospital in appreciation for the medical campaign led by BCH over the years. At the time of the dedication on April 2, the Boulder Mante Sister City committee will present a plaque to Erick Diaz of Mante. Erick has been a faithful servant to coordinate all 20 medical campaigns and an indispensable liaison to foster Sister City relationships for the past twelve years.
- City Council Proclamation: The Mante delegation will visit City Council at the beginning of its meeting on April 3. A Proclamation will be read declaring April 1-7, 2012 Boulder Mante Sister City week.
- Additional visits: Specific meetings are being arranged for the delegation to meet with Boulder dentists who wish to continue dental missions in the Mante region, with Boulder Rescue Service which has emergency response items to donate to the Red Cross (Cruz Roja) in Mante and with teachers in various bi-lingual programs in Boulder Valley Schools.

**Musical Instruments:** In 2008, the Boulder Mante Sister City committee was able to collect various used band instruments that were donated to a Community Band in Mante. The Sister City committee in Mante has asked for additional band instruments to be donated to add to the collection of instruments.

**Ryan Elementary:** In early Dec, 2011, Celeste Landry and Jeannie DeMarinas made several presentations at Ryan Elementary in Lafayette regarding the culture of Mexico and life in our Sister City community of Mante. Subsequently, these two board members received over 60 thank you notes from students at Ryan Elementary for their presentation.

**Host family:** In early 2011, the family of one of the long-term supporters of the medical mission requested help in hosting his children in the Boulder area. These two children were received by two Boulder families and the Boulder Valley School District.

**Administration:** In conformance with the requirements of City of Boulder resolution 631, the following information is provided:

A(1) Copy of Dept. of Treasury letter stating determination of status of organization under section 501(c)(3) is available for inspection, upon request.

A(2) List of Board members:

The Boulder Mante Sister City committee is delighted that Tim Plass has been named Council liaison to its Sister City Committee and welcomes his active involvement in its activities.

Norris Hermsmeyer, President  
Pam Hyink, Secretary  
Chan Mortimer

Jean Bedell, Vice-President  
Rich Lopez, Treasurer  
Celeste Landry

Rod Tuenge  
Elfa Rodriguez  
Lester Lurie

Jesper Frant  
Jeannie DeMarinas

A(3) By-laws of the Boulder Mante Sister City Committee state that membership is open to anyone with an interest in the work of the committee and membership shall not be denied to anyone base on race, religion, nationality, membership in a minority group, membership in a particular social group or because of expression of unpopular political opinions.

A(4) Financial report:

Starting balance Jan. 1, 2011                      \$ 7,527.17

No activity

Ending balance (12/31/11) \$ 7,527.17



## 2011 Annual Report

The Boulder-Cuba Sister City Organization is an all-volunteer non-political 501(c) (3) charitable organization. Membership is open to all regardless of race, religion, nationality, political beliefs.

- **City of Boulder Resolution 631 Compliance**  
Boulder-Cuba Sister City Organization maintains compliance with all provisions of Resolution 631 regarding: (1) 501(c)3 status; (2) board of directors; (3) membership; (4) financial responsibility. Documents are available for public inspection by contacting Kathleen Hennessey 2835 LaGrange Circle, Boulder, CO 80305.

Highlights of the year 2011 include:

- **Receiving an Educational/People to People travel license** from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to engage in non academic educational travel to Cuba. This is the first time we have been able to obtain a travel license in the 10 years of our existence. We traveled with a group of 18 Boulder residents to Cuba in January 2012 for 10 days, and have another delegation planned for early June 2012.
- **Hosting "Cuba Day"** in cooperation with the Boulder Senior Center, July 23. Activities included: talk by Harlan Abrahams, attorney and co author of the upcoming book, *Raul Castro and the New Cuba: a Closeup View of Change*; talk about the origin of the Cuba sister city program by Spense Havlick; Powerpoint presentations about eastern Cuba and preservation and renewal in Old Havana; exhibits of photographs, paintings, sculptures and musical instruments; Latin dance lesson; Films: *Salud* about Cuban health outreach; *Yank Tanks* about Cubans keeping old American cars going and *The Kingdom of the Bee Hummingbird* about Humboldt National Park; tapas (little plates) of rice and beans, vegetarian empanadas, fruit, and coconut

cookies prepared by Spice of Life and donated by Boulder Municipal Action for Immigrant Integration.

- **Public meeting** and election of officers, May 10.

Featured speaker was Mark Rucker co author of *Smoke. The Romance and Lore of Cuban Baseball*.

No officer or member of the board is a part of any commercial venture in Yateras. Officers of the Board for 2011 are:

Kate Hennessey	President
Jennifer McDonald	Vice President
Ellie Friedman	Secretary
Pat Comer	Treasurer

- **Financial report:**

At the beginning of 2011 we had a cash balance of \$5,326.26. At the end of 2011 we had a cash balance of approximately \$13,500.

Kathleen Hennessey  
February 28, 2012