

2009 annual report



**Fighting pesticide pollution
since 1986.**



TOXIC FREE KIDS

Avoiding Big Risks for Small Kids

In 2009, Toxic Free NC released the results of an in-house study on pest control in childcare. The report, "Avoiding Big Risks for Small Kids," reveals a serious problem. The majority of childcare facilities still use high-risk pesticide sprays to get rid of their bugs and weeds, even though our state's public schools are phasing out conventional spray programs in favor of safer, more cost-effective IPM (Integrated Pest Management) programs. Spraying pesticides in child care poses too many hazards, and research suggests that exposure to pesticides - even relatively small amounts - can increase a young child's risk for learning and behavioral disorders, asthma, and some forms of cancer. What's more, pesticide use may also pose a serious workplace health hazard for childcare employees, most of who are women of childbearing age.



Babies and children in child care deserve a toxic-free place to learn and play just as much as schoolkids! Toxic Free NC has been giving workshops all across the state to get the word out to parents and child care providers about safer options for pest control.

But with over 8,000 registered providers in NC, we could use all help we can get! Please contact our staff at 877-NO-SPRAY to get our easy-to-use guide to share with parents and childcare providers, or to book us for a Toxic Free Kids workshop.

This project is part of our Toxic Free Kids Program. Learn more at: www.toxicfreenc.org/programs/kids.html

JUST & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

A Win for Sustainable Agriculture in NC

In 2009 Toxic Free NC and our allies won legislation to create a council dedicated to strengthening the local and sustainable food movement in North Carolina. The NC Sustainable Local Food Policy Council brings together a diverse array of people involved in the food system to set the course for NC food and agriculture policy into the future. The Council's job is to advise the NC General Assembly on building a local food economy that protects the environment and improves food security and access to fresh, locally-grown foods for everyone in our state.

Toxic Free NC staff mobilized grassroots support to help push the bill through the legislative process, and advocated successfully for several appointees from the NC sustainable agriculture movement. The Council's 27 members are a mix of citizens, government officials and community groups representing all components of the food system—from consumers and farmers to chefs and nutritionists. The Council will report its recommendations annually to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Commissioner of Agriculture.

This effort is part of our Just & Sustainable Agriculture Program. Learn more at: www.toxicfreenc.org/programs/justandsustainable.html





FARM WORKER DOCUMENTARY

Cultivating farm workers as agents for change

Last year was the second season for our Farm Worker Documentary Project. The project seeks to strengthen farm workers' voices in the discussion with decision-makers about pesticide pollution in NC, through documentary interviews and grassroots engagement. In 2009 we had the good fortune of working with intern Laura Valencia through Student Action with Farmworkers' "Into the Fields" summer internship program. Laura spent her summer at Toxic Free NC recording workers' stories and taking photos of them on the job and in their homes. Some of her beautiful photography of NC farm workers recently won a national PhotoPhilanthropy award.

Check out the fantastic web video she made from their stories - Pesticides: A Farm Worker Perspective - on our YouTube page at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ToxicFreeNC>





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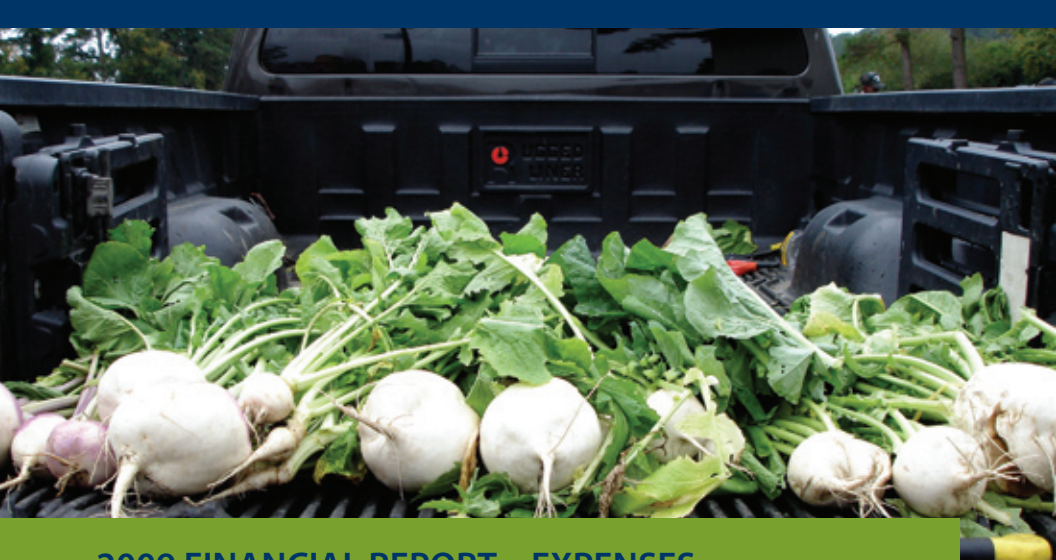
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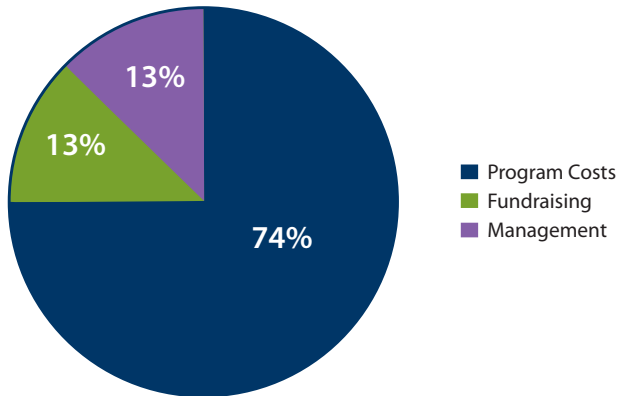




2009 FINANCIAL REPORT – EXPENSES

Toxic Free NC's total budget in 2009 was \$195,890. More than \$33,000 of our income came from individual supporters.

Toxic Free NC's budget for 2010 is \$183,000. We need to raise \$50,000 of that total from people just like you who want to make a difference and fight pesticide pollution in North Carolina. Join us - from \$10 to \$10,000, every gift matters!



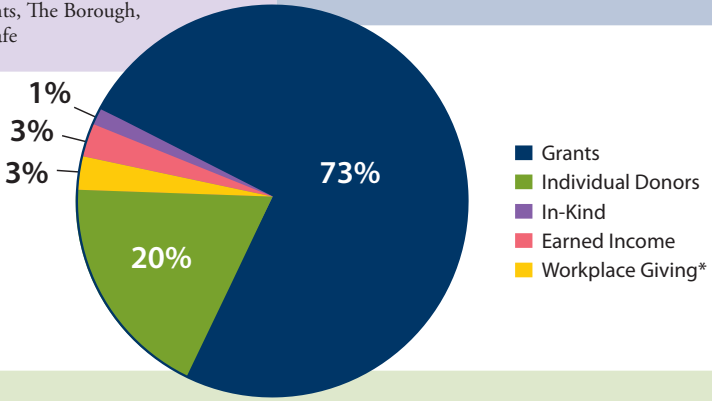
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Thank you for your support!

Join us in 2010!

Toxic Free NC needs you to be a part of this movement. In 2010, our goals include:

- Eliminating pesticide hazards from childcare centers.
- Making agricultural work safer for farm workers and their families.
- Getting more locally grown, pesticide-free foods to children in at-risk families.
- Teaching people from all walks of life to become advocates by organizing with their neighbors for change in their neighborhoods, in North Carolina and our nation.
- Spreading the word about solutions to pesticide hazards in your home and garden through social events all across the state.