



# 2013 Annual Report

October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013

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## A Message from the Board of Directors

**T**he past year has been an exciting and productive one for the Peace and Justice Center. The most momentous development is the hiring of Rachel Siegel as our executive director, but we are also proud of our ever-expanding range of mission-driven programs, the growing strength of our board of directors, and the fact that, once again, the Center has finished its fiscal year (October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013) financially in the black.

Rachel brings to her new role life-long involvement in the PJC and deep roots in the community. She has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the causes of economic, racial, and environmental justice. She has worked for positive change as an advocate for women and economic justice through both Vermont Works for Women, and as a founding member of Vermont Access to Reproductive Freedom. The PJC is already benefiting from her tremendous organizational and fundraising skills.

Our dedicated staff has steadily expanded our program offerings. Our focus has been in four areas: Human Rights/Fair Trade; Economic Justice/Livable Wage; Racial Justice/White Privilege; and Peace/Cost of War. A healthy development for the organization is that board members will now be able to turn over administrative responsibilities to Rachel and devote more of their attention to providing direct support to the staff members in charge of each of these areas. New to the board this year are Judy Yarnall, David Shiman, and Jake Schumann. The board has set a goal for itself to add racial diversity to the other strengths its current members bring to the organization.

We continue to rely on many volunteers and interns in both retail and programming activities. The dedication and hard work of our staff, interns, volunteers, and board members enabled us to end the financial year in a more secure position than we began it. The Peace & Justice Center is now positioned to carry out its mission with renewed focus and energy. We are dependent upon the continued support of our many members—financially, in attending our events, and in spreading the word about our programs—if we are going to achieve our ambitious goals for fiscal year 2014.

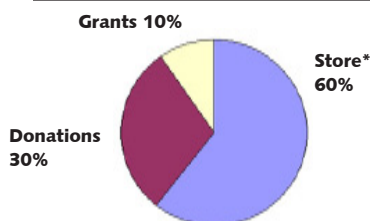
Spencer Putnam  
for the Board of Directors

*Our Mission is to create a just and peaceful world. To this end, we work on the interconnected issues of economic and racial justice, peace, and human rights through education, advocacy, training and non-violent activism, and community organizing.*

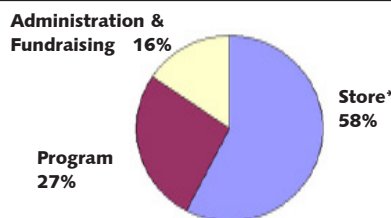


## Financial Statement: OCTOBER 1, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

### Revenue



### Expenses



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| Revenue  | \$230,409  |
| Expenses | -\$226,524 |
| Balance  | \$3,885    |

\* The Peace & Justice Store is one of the educational projects of the Peace & Justice Center.

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Assist Store Manager & Volunteer  
Coordinator, 5/2013 to presentKyle Silliman-Smith  
Program ManagerCarmen Solari  
Assist Store Manager, 10/12-5/13  
Peace & Justice Store Manager  
5/13 to present**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-2013**

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David Shiman

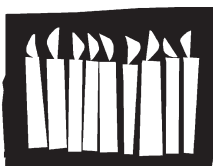
Nathan Suter

Andrea Swan

Judy Yarnall - Secretary

**VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS**

The PJC averaged 20 to 25 volunteers and interns per month. Some 125 different people over the year. More than 9,300 volunteer hours! We couldn't do this work without you! Thank you!

**ALLIED MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

The PJC provides resources to several activist groups.

**Peace & Justice Center Highlights Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013****ECONOMIC JUSTICE/FAIR TRADE**

- 3/22 Kyle speaks with 6th grade Edmonds Middle School class about Fair Trade and Cocoa Campaign.
- 5/11 World Fair Trade Day Celebration in City Hall Park organized by PJC and others.
- June 2012 Tabling on Church St to educate about fair trade and garment industry.
- 7/1 Screening of Girl Rising at the Roxy with talk by Carmen about fair trade collectives who address education of women and girls in the regions highlighted in the film.
- 7-7/20 Carmen goes to Mexico with Fair Trade Towns USA to meet with Fair Trade artisans and cooperatives.
- 8/5 Melinda Haselton, of Dolma Fair Trade talks about garment industry in India. PJC Fair Trade Interns Sam Sawyer and Rose Leshner give an introductory presentation.
- 8/12 The High Cost of Cheap Fashion with Jane Kolodinsky, UVM Professor and Director of Center for Rural Studies, Speaks about consumerism in the US and it's repercussions globally.
- 8/22 Screening of The Weather Underground with speaker, Ron Jacobs. Co-sponsor: Burlington Film Society.
- 9/21 Fair Trade New England Regional Gathering in Amherst, MA. Carmen helped in planning.
- 9/23 Carmen gives a fair trade presentation at Castleton College.
- 9/30 Film screening of China Blue at St. Mike's College. 10/2 Fair Trade Market at St. Mike's College.

**ANTI-WAR/PEACE WORK/COST OF WAR SERIES**

- 10/2012 Windows and Mirrors: Reflections of the War in Afghanistan. PJC hosted art exhibit.
- 10/11 Leah Bolger, President of Vets for Peace speaks: Making Peace Outside the Comfort Zone.
- 2012 Counter Recruitment: ● 10/29 Essex High School; ● 11/2 Burlington High School; ● 12/2 Mt. Mansfield Union HS; ● 12/18 Essex High School.
- Invisible War screenings: ● 10/20 with VTIFF at North End Studio. Discussion led by Veteran Adrienne Kinney; ● 11/28 at UVM; ● 1/30 Saint Michael's College; ● 4/8 UVM.
- 12/1 Kyle and Colleen talk to students about Civil Discourse at Edmunds Middle School, Burlington
- 1/16 The Road to Iraq: Origins and Evolution of US Interests in the Middle East by Professor Mark Stoler at City Hall.
- 1/7, 1/138 & 1/21 Peace is Possible workshops. Focus on defining peace, nonviolent communication and NV action.
- 1/23 An Intimate Conversation on Iraq by Omar Al-Mashhadani. Omar and others speak about their childhood, family, war, and experience in VT.
- 2/15 Overcoming Masculine Violence in War and at Home: A Call to Action, Kathleen Barry speaks in honor of 'One Billion Rising' on February 14th, the National Day of Action Against Violence on Women. Burlington City Hall.
- 2/4 Iran: Sanctions, War and the Middle East PJC and others host a teach-in at UVM.
- 3/20 Death of Empire with Chris Hedges. Ira Allen Chapel at UVM.
- 4/11, 4/18 & 4/25 Peace is Possible workshops.
- 4/15 Global Day of Action on Military Spending. Activist Medea Benjamin spoke about drone warfare.
- 4/28 PJC staff and volunteers go to Hancock Air National Guard for the Drone Resistance Rally.
- 2013 Counter Recruitment: ● 6/5 Milton HS; ● 6/6 Colchester HS
- 6/8 Creating Peace by Learning to Speak a Language of Life: Nonviolent Communication Seminar by Dr. John Reuwer.
- 5/6-5/8 PJC host book tour for Matt Kennard, author of Irregular Army, at Middlebury College, Johnson State College, and the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington.
- 8/9 Songs of Hope in Memory of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Gene Bergman, speaker. Addie Herbert, musician.
- 9/6-9/8 The PJC shows Reference for Radicals as part of the South End Art Hop.
- 9/11 PJC screens Dirty Wars at the Roxy.

**RACIAL JUSTICE**

- 4/7 Making Whiteness Visible Workshop at Brownell Library, Essex Jct. Over 50 people attend.
- 4/8 Making Whiteness Visible workshop attended by 13 police officers, community members, and TJ Donovan. Hal Colston & Robert Appel keynote the event.
- The PJC Kids' Club: ●7/7 Iraq & Syria. Halah Sharad, SMC student, speaks about childhood in Iraq. Anwar Diab Agha, the lead musician of the Anwar Ensemble from Syria, plays traditional music from Iraq and Syria.
- 7/13 Zeinab & Madina, Somali women teach traditional Somali Bantu style of dance as part of the Let's Dance Together Summer Series. ●7/14 Bosnia & Herzegovina. Nermin Bajrovic, a PJC volunteer from Bosnia, speaks about his life before moving to VT, his cultural traditions and memories from being in a war zone. ●7/21 Teasella Nguyen, UVM student, speaks about her childhood in Vietnam and some of her favorite Vietnamese stories and legends. ●7/27 Susmita & Goma, Bhutanese women teach a Bollywood dance. ●7/28 Bhutan & Nepal. Jeetan Khadka, young community leader from Bhutan who lived most of his life in Nepal, speaks about this culture and how his community maintains their traditions here in VT.
- 8/3 Anti-Racism Training with Mercedes Avila at PJC. 20 people attend.