



Annual Report 2011





A letter from President **David O'Fallon**

Dear Friends,

Let's look back on a very special year. Not only did the Minnesota Humanities Center increase its unique service to schools, districts, and communities across the state, I was fortunate enough to play a role in this work as new President and CEO.

A key word for this year is "new". Aside from my being the new President and CEO, the Humanities Center started *new* collaborations. We conducted *new* work with our Legacy partners, formed *new* partnerships, such as with the Northwest Suburban Integration School District and communities across the state through Museum on Main Street. We created and rolled out *new* technology featuring online videos, learning portals, and digital resources for professionals across the state, free of charge.

The Humanities Center received *new* Legacy funding from the legislature. The funding made possible *new* partnerships with the state's children's museums, civics education groups, and the following councils: the Chicano Latino Affairs Council, the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, the Council on Black Minnesotans, and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.

It is my belief that the humanities are at the heart of a healthy and thriving society. By focusing on our shared humanity, the humanities help guide us through challenges and opportunities, regardless of our origin or our journey. They help us to connect with each other and to the place we call home. They stand as valuable resources from which we create a vibrant, sustainable future.

My first year at the Humanities Center has been an exciting one. I look forward to growing the Humanities Center's active role in the state's future.



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The Minnesota Humanities Center: Our Work and Its Impact

The Humanities Center is committed to bringing Minnesotans together to address real needs facing us today. It partners with educators to strengthen learning and improve the student-teacher relationship, and it helps Minnesota better see its cultural richness as an asset for our future. Through collaborations across the state, the Humanities Center's ultimate goal is to help create a more thoughtful, literate, and engaged society.

Strengthening Education

The Humanities Center offers an innovative approach to professional development for Minnesota's K-12 educators. This approach – **Absent Narratives** – amplifies the contributions, histories, and stories of those too often left out of the conversation. Informed by its experiences and partnerships, the Humanities Center's work enables educators and administrators to gain valuable content knowledge and pedagogical perspective needed to teach the full range of students in Minnesota's diverse classrooms.

Community Partnerships

Organizations across the state choose to partner with the Humanities Center to strengthen the way they work, identifying new partners and audiences, and helping stimulate meaningful dialogue within their communities. These strong partnerships include work with **Museum on Main Street**, a traveling exhibition series of the Smithsonian Institution Exhibit Service. The Humanities Center partners with the Smithsonian and with communities across the state to engage Minnesotans on our nation's cultural heritage. In 2011, the Humanities Center also partnered with the Minnesota Historical Society to offer the **American Indian Museum Fellowship Program**. This paid residential summer fellowship exposed American Indian undergraduate students to the museum field, emphasizing American Indian cultural and historical preservation within historical organizations and tribal governments.

Building Capacity

The Humanities Center also leverages support from Minnesota's Legacy Amendment to build the capacity of its partner organizations such as the Chicano Latino Affairs Council, the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, the Council on Black Minnesotans, and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. Together they create and make available unique community programming that celebrates and preserves the abundant contributions made by Minnesota's rich cultural heritage.

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Statement of Activities

Support and revenue	
<i>Support:</i>	
Contributions	\$211,430
In-Kind	\$2,981
Grants from government agencies:	
Federal grants	\$966,930
Other government agencies	\$3,624,000
<i>Revenue</i>	
Investment income	\$3,498
Publication sales	\$1,585
Conference center rental income - program related	\$319,724
Conference center rental income - non-program related	\$45,606
Conference center rental costs - non-program related	(\$48,829)
Program income	\$73,200
Miscellaneous income	\$497
Subtotal	\$395,281
Net assets related from restrictions	-
Total support and revenue	<u>\$5,200,622</u>
<i>Expenses:</i>	
Program services:	
MHC educational programs	\$2,694,888
Conference center rental costs - program related	\$342,314
<i>Total program services</i>	<u>\$3,037,202</u>
Support services:	
Management and general	\$531,994
Fundraising	\$157,361
<i>Total supporting services</i>	<u>\$689,355</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$3,726,557</u>
Change in net assets	\$1,474,065
Net assets at beginning of year	\$4,685,780
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$6,159,845</u>

Statement of Financial Position

Assets:

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$775,155
Accounts receivable	\$77,910
Pledges receivable - current	\$180
Grants receivable - current	\$3,320,284
Prepaid expense	\$1,537
Inventory	-
Total current assets	\$4,175,066

Land, building and equipment

Land lease	\$235,000
Building	\$2,550,295
Office equipment and furniture	\$627,754
Total land, building and equipment	\$3,413,049
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(\$1,572,909)
Net land, building and equipment	\$1,840,140

Other assets:

Investments	\$376,159
Total other assets	\$376,159
Total assets	\$6,391,365

Liabilities and net assets:

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$54,190
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$14,757
Deferred revenue	-
Accrued expenses	\$104,849
Total current liabilities	\$173,796

Long-term debt	\$57,724
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Total liabilities **\$231,520**

Net assets:

Unrestricted net assets:

Unrestricted - undesignated	\$696,469
Unrestricted - designated	\$1,840,140
Total unrestricted net assets	\$2,536,609

Temporary restricted	\$3,623,236
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Total net assets \$6,159,845

Total liabilities and net assets **\$6,391,365**



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In fiscal year 2011, the Minnesota Humanities Center received a total of \$4,805,341 of support from institutional, individual, and in-kind contributions. The Humanities Center Board of Directors and staff wish to thank the State of Minnesota, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the following organizations and individuals for their generous support. Thanks to them, the Humanities Center continues to make a difference in the lives of students across the state.

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- The Bdote Memory Map is a resource created to recognize, express, and nurture the traditional relationships of the Dakota people to the area now called Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota and to deepen the relationships of non-native people to the Bdote area. Image by ThisClicks with Allies: media/art.
- Arthur “Art” Blakey Jr. speaks about being crowned the first black St. Paul Winter Carnival King in the documentary *Firsts: Minnesota’s African American Groundbreakers*. Photo provided by SPNN.
- A young dancer from the company Ketzal Coatlicue showcases Aztec dance in the documentary *Latino Arts: A Community Vision*. Photo provided by tpt.
- Museum on Main Street’s *New Harmonies* exhibit traveled to the Dassel Area Historical Society in Fall 2011. Photo by Elizabeth de Soto.
- Denise Sweet discusses her writing influences and lived experiences in the collection of videos *Stories Make Us Human: Contemporary Dakota and Ojibwe Authors*. Photo by John Ratzloff.
- *Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations* exhibit at White Earth Tribal Headquarters. Photo by Gary Padrta.
- Executive Director from the Chicano Latino Affairs Council, Hector Garcia interviews Jose Varela and Ricardo Marchiani of 3M in the documentary *Latinos, Business, and the Arts*. Photo provided by SPNN.
- Dancers celebrate the Cambodian New Year at Watt Munisotaram in the documentary *Prayers on the Prairie*. Photo by Alex Nok Phasy.
- In addition to its extensive programming, The Minnesota Humanities Center operates a full service meeting and event center, serving businesses and nonprofits from around the region. Photo by Nicole Youngvorst.