

Voices of the Young

ANNUAL REPORT

2014-15

QUICK FACTS:

- **Almost 200** high school students participated
- **In existence for 8** years
- **Lead by award-winning, professional photographer, Paul Calhoun**
- **Participating schools are Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Ronald Reagan IB School and Pulaski High School**
- **“Guest schools” this year were Homestead High School and University School of Milwaukee**
- **Primary supporters were: Mary L. Nohl Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Helen Bader Fund of Bader Philanthropies.**

Two Successful Projects

Voices of the Young implemented two projects in the 2014-15 school year. The first, with the support of the Mary L. Nohl Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, was called “Immigrant Voices.” This project sought to create a link between students and Milwaukee’s past, specifically as it relates to immigration. The project launched with a docent-lead tour of the Jewish Museum Milwaukee’s permanent collection. In the weeks following the tour, we brought representatives of immigrant populations to speak about their immigration history with the students. Students



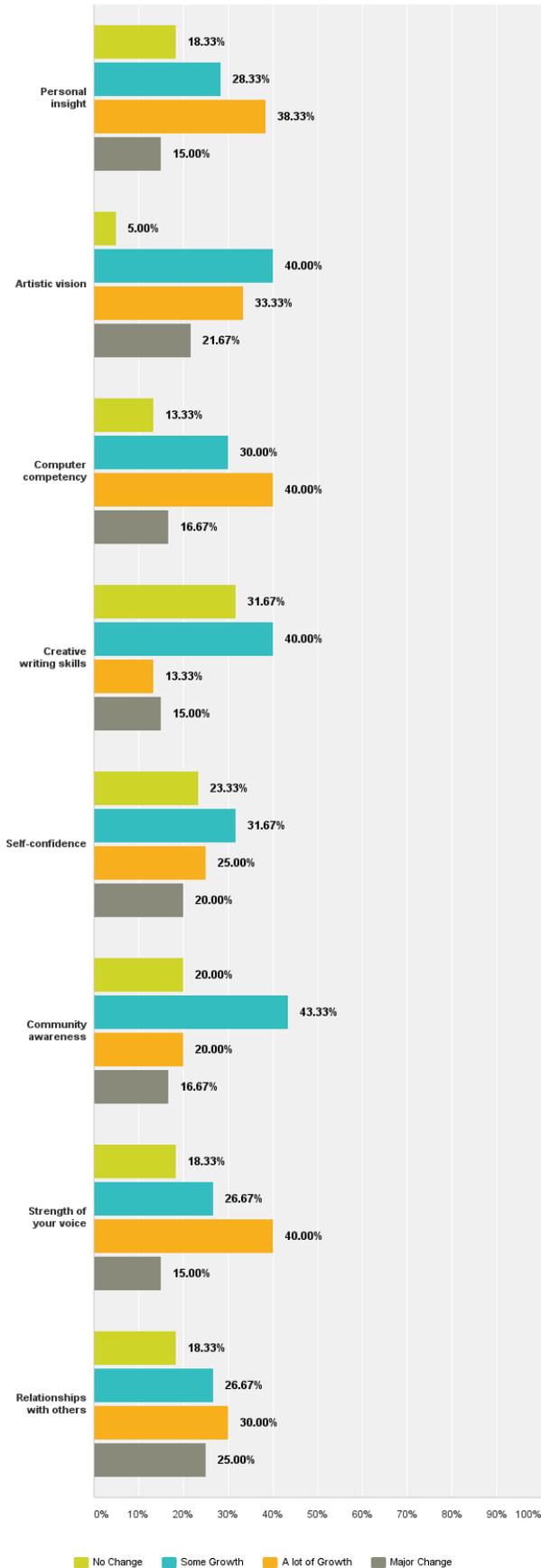
interviewed individuals to hear their personal stories. They then worked together to create murals to represent the stories they heard. Through this project, students developed and sharpened technical, writing, artistic and interpersonal communication skills. Also, by making students more aware of each other’s unique culture and history, we hoped to lessen misunderstandings and tension among them.

The second project, with funding from the Helen Bader Fund of Bader Philanthropies, was called “Suburban and Urban Voices.” Taking our normal curriculum of using photography and writing to allow students to articulate their world view, we expanded our focus to include the views of suburban students, as well. We wanted to learn how these disparate groups of students would see the world differently and what they would see the same. The project culminated in a powerful and stunning unified exhibit at the 88.9 Radio Milwaukee building, with the works displayed side-by-side. The opening reception had over 200 people in attendance, and the project was aired as part of Radio Milwaukee’s “Community Series,” reaching tens of thousands of people.



Q2 Students' Self-Assessment On Rate Of Growth In Goal Areas

Answered: 60 Skipped: 3



Voices of the Young is very successful in achieving its objectives, namely: to strengthen students' voice and confidence; improve their writing, technical and artistic competencies; and deepen their awareness of and relationships with their community.

As the chart at left shows, in every single one of our goal areas, an overwhelming majority of students report growth; and in five of the eight, more than 50% of the students report "a lot of growth" or "major change." This means that we are not only changing their lives, we are doing it to a significant degree.

Financial Statement

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July 2014 - June 2015

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Grants	26,449.04
Individual Donations	<u>613.66</u>
Total Income	\$ 27,062.70
Gross Profit	\$ 27,062.70
Expenses	
Program Delivery	21,108.49
Program Administration	<u>4,087.26</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 25,195.75
Net Operating Surplus	\$ 1,866.95
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