It is with pride that we submit our 2011-2012 Annual Report to our members. It is you, our members, who are responsible for the continued success of the program we all value. We are dedicated to maintaining our commitment to excellence and, as a membership organization, we feel it is our responsibility to make certain that the progress and financial aspects of OLLI are readily available. Our books are always open.

I want to thank all of you for your positive interest and participation as we move continually forward with on-line communication. For those just learning the intricacies of the web, we appreciate your determination and patience. We are always available to assist you.

We are extremely proud of OLLI at DU and are delighted with the comments we continue to hear from our members. We love hearing praise, but also want to make certain that you feel comfortable in relating areas that you feel can be improved upon. And, also let us hear of your good ideas!

Vonnie Wheeler, Executive Director
OLLI at DU

I was surprised to find my daughter, Marcela, among the OLLI facilitators at the appreciation dinner; but yes, of course, she did the OLLI course on glass art. Time to ‘pass the torch to a new generation,’ and that’s exactly what I’m doing as I retire in June. It’s been a pleasure to watch OLLI grow and to know it is in such great shape.

Jim Davis
Dean of University College at the University of Denver
(commenting after his presentation at the annual OLLI Facilitators Appreciation Dinner, May 2012)
Some Highlights from Our Year

• Our first Annual Appeal was initiated in November 2011. OLLI members were given the opportunity to designate where they preferred their contribution to go, OLLI General, OLLI Central, OLLI South, or OLLI West. We are pleased and very gratified to report that a total of $34,849 was raised from this first appeal.

• This year OLLI at DU saw a record number of members – over 3,000 – enjoying classes at all three sites.

• Our OLLI website was beautifully redesigned by OLLI member, Khosrow Badiozamani, and an informative new video was included that was produced by another OLLI member, Charles Holt.

• We added nine “Speakers Series” classes to the OLLI wide curriculum. These popular presentations not only dramatically increased enrollment, but provided additional opportunities for our Community Partners program.

• OLLI at DU began the process of looking into the future with the formation of the OLLI 2020 Committee. This committee, composed of the director, OLLI site managers, and several OLLI members from each site, started looking at future growth demands as it relates to facilities, curriculum development, and fee structure. OLLI at DU will be in a much better position to accommodate the academic and social needs of the upcoming baby boomer generation through the year 2020. The theme for the committee is this – “Visions are rooted in reality, but focused on the future, enabling us to explore possibilities.”

• The “OLLI Summer Seminars” featuring one-time presentations by University professors and prominent regional professionals, attracted a record number of participants, including a number of paying guests.

• Six facilitators were promoted to “Senior Facilitator” status having facilitated 15 classes, and two were promoted to “Master Facilitator” status having facilitated 20+ classes. Each received an engraved silver or gold name tag.
Special Highlights from Our Three Sites

OLLI Central
OLLI Central offered 123 classes during the 2011-2012 academic year with 1,960 members participating. A total of 3,627 chairs were occupied in the two OLLI Central sites – Central Christian Church and Highline Community Church. The Central Speaker Series classes continue to attract large audiences with over 150 members attending for each series offered. Additionally, former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm continued his support of OLLI by presenting his Public Policy course which draws nearly 200 people each term it is offered.

The first OLLI Central fund raiser was held in November at the Shaffer Ramsey Gallery with a presentation of Agatha Christie’s “The Unexpected Guest.” This successful event was sold-out and netted close to $3,000.

Les Jordan and Joe Woodson were honored as Master Facilitators as the facilitator dinner in May.

OLLI South
OLLI South nearly doubled its enrollment during the 2011-2012 academic year with a total of 341 members enjoying 59 courses. Nearly twice as many classes were offered from last year to accommodate the additional members – which resulted in 1,221 occupied seats for the year. The first speaker series was introduced to OLLI South with great success. Over 150 members participated in the Active Minds® and Energy Colorado series.

At our end of year Facilitator’s Dinner, Sandra Alinger received the OLLI Spirit Award for her many contributions to OLLI South as well as OLLI at DU. She has served on the Curriculum Committee, the Advisory Council, the Marketing Committee at DU, and the OLLI 2020 Committee. Her tireless efforts in shaping the future of OLLI at DU will be sorely missed, as she and her husband Roger will be moving to Upstate New York to be near family. We know that there will be another lucky OLLI program in her future!

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OLLI West

OLLI West had 724 members enjoying 74 classes with 1,476 seats being occupied during the three-term year. Long-time OLLI member, Leonard Cole, was awarded the Senior Facilitator distinction because he has facilitated ten classes for OLLI West and was one of the very first OLLI West facilitators.

OLLI West facilitators, Kirsten Morgan and Linda Ropes created and presented the first *OLLI Memoirs in the Mountains* weekend retreat held in August in Winter Park. Participants from all three OLLI sites enjoyed two days of writing, sharing, laughing and came away from the weekend with the tools and strategies to design their own individual journey down memory lane.
Along with 122 other Osher Lifelong Learning Institute programs nationwide, OLLI at the University of Denver continues to grow substantially every year. Joining our Central campus located at Central Christian Church in the heart of Denver, our West campus opened in 2007 at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden. In 2009, with the generous funding from Osher, we opened our South campus at Valley View Christian Church in Littleton.

Our OLLI members are a diverse group from every walk of life and profession. Our smaller classes encourage lively and often heated discussion on current events, history, science, the arts, literature, politics and nearly every subject matter that interests our OLLI members. Our “Speakers Series” classes with presentations by experts in their field, provides the opportunity for an unlimited audience. Our members have the opportunity to take classes at any of our three sites for one tuition fee – we are pleased at the increasing number of those OLLI members who are willing to drive the distance to do so.

As a member-led organization, each OLLI site is directed by its own OLLI Advisory Council (9 members) and classes are determined by a site Curriculum Committee. Officers of the three Advisory Councils meet together as the Executive Committee several times throughout the year to discuss common issues. All Advisory Council members from the three sites come together at the Annual Strategic Planning Retreat in November.

We are very proud of the direction of our OLLI program – we continue to add new and excited members each term; our academic class offerings are unsurpassed and rival any college course offered; we have strong support from the University of Denver and our OLLI staff and member leadership teams are dedicated and forward thinking. And now, with the creation of our OLLI 2020 Committee we are looking toward a future with unlimited possibilities.
Our OLLI Community Partners

OLLI is assisted by our local community partnerships that each help to provide space, events, or information to members. We thank the following community partners:

• The Museum of Nature and Science
• Denver Public Library
• Opera Colorado
• The Colorado Symphony
• Active Minds
• Colorado Jazz Group
• Colorado Heritage Center
• Cherokee Ranch and Castle Foundation
• The Denver Art Museum
• The Newman Center

Our OLLI at DU Auxiliaries

OLLI at DU Auxiliaries were designed for people living in residential retirement communities who desire to hold classes for their residents in their own community facility where the schedule is developed to meet the resident’s interests. They have their own curriculum committee and facilitators.

OLLI at DU supports the auxiliary by:

• Providing auxiliary members with items in the OLLI Library at no cost
• The auxiliary members are invited to attend all OLLI at DU events at member prices
• Provide facilitating instruction and support

“OLLI represents the finest ingredients necessary in a learning environment. The recipe includes stimulating classes & lectures, spirited discussions, and a collegial atmosphere for learning & forming friendships. Every year the added dessert is the Summer Seminars of OLLI which this year has been simply outstanding. I look forward to the 2012 Fall Term with great anticipation & excitement.

David Winfrey”
Giving Opportunities

In 2007, the Osher Foundation presented the University of Denver and the “VIVA” (Vibrant, Intellectual, Vivacious Adults) program with a grant to assist in the growth of their lifelong learning program. VIVA was changed to OLLI, and OLLI West and OLLI South were soon born. Thereafter, the Osher Foundation continued its grant funding until 2011 and then presented the OLLI at the University of Denver a $1 million dollar endowment. Our OLLI program is able to receive interest annually from that generous endowment. Additionally, we continue to receive generous in-kind support from the University of Denver in the form of office space/equipment, financial accounting and website assistance.

The Osher previous grant funds have paid the salaries of the OLLI Administrative Assistant and both OLLI West and OLLI South managers. All three sites are now depending upon member tuition revenue and other fund raising efforts to contribute to their annual budgets to make up for the grant revenue.

In addition to the annual appeal to OLLI members, the University of Denver has created a planned giving program that offers options structured to interested OLLI donors’ specific needs and objectives such as gifts of stock, bonds, mutual funds, life insurance, bequests and retirement plan asset gifts.

For more information about these donor opportunities, contact Leigh Elliott, at 303-871-7469, Office of University Advancement at the University of Denver.
Our Financial Picture

OLLI Total

**Revenue**
- Registration Fees 65% $280,215
- Osher Endowment 12% $50,000
- Osher Gift 4% $16,776
- Events 11% $47,288
- Donations 8% $34,849

**Expenses**
- Salaries, Support 40% $138,973
- Facilitator Support 16% $54,252
- Rent 17% $59,265
- Postage, Print 10% $34,011
- Meetings, Functions, Travel 11% $37,576
- Office Supplies 6% $20,351

OLLI Central

**Revenue**
- Registration Fees 90% $170,965
- Donations 10% $18,369

**Expenses**
- Salaries, Support 46% $74,927
- Facilitator Support 20% $31,998
- Rent 18% $30,100
- Postage, Print 8% $13,478
- Meetings, Functions, Travel 2% $3,220
- Office Supplies 6% $10,273
**Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

**OLLI West**

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*Note: The OLLI Administrative Assistant position's salary is reflected in the OLLI West expense budget for DU accounting purposes only. The OLLI grant made this position possible.*

**OLLI South**
Our OLLI 2011-2012 Advisory Councils

**Central**
Tom Brightwell
Amy Davis, Community Partners
Bill Elfenbein, Marketing Liaison
Jerry Gordon, Financial Liaison
Jerry Henderson
Al Lackner, President
Deanna Manchion, Internal Communications
Katherine Tamblyn, Nominating Chair
Karen Weslar, Community Projects

**South**
Sandra Alinger
Sherry Abbink
Bob Armstrong, Financial Liaison
Jim Horner
Susan Long
Jerry Raskin, President
Ira Rifkin
Ellen Sloan
Jerry Wischmeyer

**OLLI West**
Carol Anthony
Jim Elliott, Vice President
Ted Gooding, President
Alicita Hamilton
Frank Kaplan
B. J. Meadows
Linda Ropes
Jane Vanderkolk
Al White, Financial Liaison (Ad hoc Member)
Pat Yingst, Nominating Chair

“To me, OLLI opens new doors to the world around me. As Socrates said, “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel”. OLLI kindles the flame in me to learn more.

Bob Armstrong
**Our OLLI Management Team**

**Vonnie Wheeler, Executive Director**
Vonnie was President of Wheeler and Co., Inc., a major program development firm for corporations, educational institutes and state offices when she co-developed the Lifelong Learning Institute for DU. Before forming her company she was Vice President of First National Bank of Denver (now, Wells Fargo) where she directed the bank’s Corporate Foundation and was Directing Officer of the Community Affairs Department.

**Allyson Hodges, Administrative Assistant**
Allyson Hodges is an alumnus of the University of Colorado at Boulder and University of Denver College of Law. She has worked for OLLI at DU since March, 2011.

**Cathy Stevens, OLLI Central Facilities Manager**
After 25 years with American Heart Association, Cathy retired in 2005 as Vice President of Operations. During her tenure with AHA she participated in its expansion from serving only Colorado, to serving a nine-state area. She was particularly active in the areas of finance, information technology and operations. She completed several advanced training courses in meeting management, corporate planning and facilitation with Interaction Associates Inc.

**Jennifer Fortenberry, OLLI South Manager**
Jenny Fortenberry has been involved in education for many years. She has a BS in Elementary Education and a MA in Counseling as well as Administration and Supervision. Getting involved in Lifelong Learning was a natural progression for her. *It’s the best job ever for an educator; all of our students want to learn, all of our facilitators are volunteers, and I don’t have to deal with parents. It’s an educator’s dream job!*

**Karen Kalabany, OLLI West Co-Manager**
Karen has over 11 years Fortune 500 marketing and member retention experience with Dun & Bradstreet, Prodigy and Citibank. Upon moving to Colorado from the east coast 20 years ago, Karen moved to the non-profit world, specializing on marketing, special events, program and sponsorship development. Karen joined OLLI at DU Golden Campus 2 years ago and thoroughly enjoys working with members, facilitators and the many other volunteers.

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Our OLLI Management Team (cont.)

Karen Thorne, OLLI West Co-Manager
Karen has over 30 years experience in private and non-profit management, development, marketing and community relations. Highlights of her career include being director of community relations for an AMEX-listed oil/gas company and executive director for two Colorado foundations – the Lake Dillon Foundation for the Performing Arts and the Douglas County Educational Foundation. She has also worked as a consultant to numerous organizations to develop strategic plans, marketing plans and development campaigns.

Dottie Amber, Volunteer Librarian
Dottie holds a Masters degree in Library Sciences and was a former librarian. She worked for the Tattered Cover bookstore in Denver for 27 years until her retirement and has volunteered with OLLI for nearly 10 years.

“\nI was born to be retired, and it’s everything I thought it would be due in no small part to OLLI. “

Harry Cullis
December 2, 1931 ~ April 21, 2012
Harry Cullis will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him. He was an OLLI member since the beginning of the program and graced OLLI with his wit and wisdom.
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