



2010
Annual Report

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Barrier Island
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Dear Conservancy Members and Supporters,

2010 started with economic uncertainty both nationally and locally, on Bald Head. The real estate market continued to stagnate on the island as did Conservancy fundraising and store income at Turtle Central. The Board of Directors felt it was make or break for our Barrier Island Study Center Campaign and directed the staff to finish the fundraising as a top priority.

I don't think anybody would have believed how our community stepped up when we were able to communicate the vision behind the Study Center. The vision for the Center is clear — it will be the place to find answers to YOUR questions. It is an education and research facility that responds to the needs of individuals and our BHI community, and the research that will be done there will, first and foremost, help Bald Head Islanders live in a sustainable environment. During our campaign, when we were able to sit one-on-one with island residents, show them our business plan and share the vision for the Center, people responded with enthusiasm and leadership.

Over the course of the year close to \$1 million was raised thanks to the commitment of a number of families on the island. In August the Board of Directors had completed a detailed study of how the facility would impact Conservancy operations. They concluded that we would need to raise an additional \$260,000 to ensure that building the Barrier Island Study Center would not require any operational funding. They bravely approved a groundbreaking, which occurred in October. We had a wonderful event, celebrating the commitment and enthusiasm of our donors and supporters. The event seemed to be blessed by our turtles when about 20 hatchlings, rescued from an eroding nest, needed to be released that evening.

Construction has commenced and the Conservancy is growing from a small organization that met the needs of a small community to a medium sized organization with the resources to meet our growing community.

Many of you know about our educational programs, our turtle conservation, and our store. I've found, however, that you don't know about how our talented staff meets the conservation needs of the community. Our staff has strong scientific credentials and are here to respond to your questions about how to best live in harmony with nature. We monitor island habitats and try to anticipate the coming needs of our environments. We have provided input for several neighborhoods, like erosion in Killegray Ridge and algae management in the Villas.

Through a public-private partnership with the Village of BHI we provide expertise to help the village manage the beaches, natural resources, and even protect your freshwater resources. Yes, they could find this expert advice from entities off the island, but the costs would be 2 to 3 times what the Conservancy charges and the level of expert input, we believe, would not be as talented. The BHI Conservancy delivers reports and information to the Village. In 2010 we continued to work with Village attorneys as they developed strategies to respond to the ongoing crisis on our beaches.

Our Public-Private Partnership with the Village is a tool that benefits our community. First the Conservancy's ability to pursue our mission of Barrier Island Conservation, Education, and Preservation is enhanced when we have a close and productive relationship with island decision makers. Secondly, the Village benefits from our objective approach to dealing with environmental issues. A point in case is the aquifer monitoring project where we provide quarterly measurements of the quantity and quality of water in our underground water supply and then report to the Village. The Village is able to use this independent information to support their state permit application to manage water on the island at build-out. The permitting agency is reassured when an environmental non-profit is taking measurements. We welcome your questions and concerns on our partnership.

2010 started with uncertainty but has ended with a sense of optimism. The BHI Conservancy shares that optimism. We have never been in a better position to serve our community. Our talented staff, dedicated Board of Directors, and many volunteers are here to support our members. We are grateful for the many blessings YOU provide the BHI Conservancy. You are the heart of our organization and you are the reason for our many successes.

Thank you,



Suzanne E. Dorsey, Ph.D.
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FINANCIALS SUMMARY

Year-ended December 31, 2010 with comparable totals for 2009 and 2008.

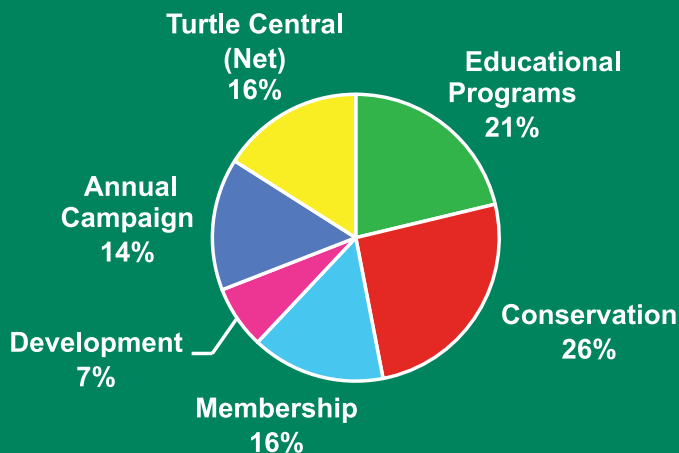
REVENUE	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	
Educational Programs	145,841	125,872	120,147
Conservation	176,467	176,676	142,400
Membership	103,325	92,314	139,980
Annual Campaign	102,368	117,738	91,236
Development	48,612	77,527	99,127
Turtle Central (Net)	109,863	80,073	147,715
Total Revenue	\$686,476	\$670,200	\$740,605

EXPENSE			
Educational Programs	153,986	149,579	167,993
Conservation	84,720	88,043	84,847
Membership	7,703	6,125	18,451
Development	42,274	33,654	79,334
Facilities & Equip & Depreciation	199,884	197,123	197,412
Administrative	299,627	269,865	269,588
Total Expenses	\$788,194	\$744,389	\$817,625

Operating Net Income (Loss)	(\$101,718)	(\$74,189)	(\$77,020)
add back depreciation expense	63,954	64,185	65,264
Operating Net (Loss) excluding depreciation	(\$37,764)	(\$10,004)	(\$11,756)

BALANCE SHEET	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assets	\$2,711,057	\$2,051,084	\$1,836,132
Fixed Assets:			
Land	7,519,210	7,519,210	7,519,210
Buildings & Equipment	1,571,197	1,617,157	1,681,530
Construction in Progress	401,091	206,012	199,588
Total Assets	\$12,202,555	\$11,393,463	\$11,236,460
Total Liabilities	\$224,171	\$178,600	\$229,403
Equity	11,978,384	11,214,863	11,007,057
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$12,202,555	\$11,393,463	\$11,236,460

BHIC Operations Revenue Chart



A copy of the audited financial statements is available by contacting the Conservancy.

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2010 Groundbreaking for Barrier Island Study Center



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Left to right: David Jessen, Brooke Williams, David Berne, Ricki Grantmyre, Larry Jones, John Fisher, Ann Cathcart, Ron Hutton, Adie Coy, Ken Miller, Gene Douglas, Dick Johnston, Bob Ketels, Jane Johnson, John May, Thad Wester, Butch Farabow



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Over 100 property owners, visitors and guests joined together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the BHI Conservancy's Barrier Island Study Center on Friday, October 15th. This momentous event marked the official start of the \$2.4 million project which will be the first community-based barrier island research and education facility in the nation.

The celebration was lead by Ann Cathcart, chair of Project 20/20, which honored the community of Bald Head Island for their environmental leadership and dedication to sustainability. Speeches were given by Dr. Thad Wester and Adie Coy followed by a blessing and toast given by Dick Johnston. Dick Johnston, Ann Cathcart, Adie Coy, Thad Wester and John May turned the first shovel full of sand, to a warm reception by the audience. "The reality of the Barrier Island Study Center is the materialization of the Bald Head community's vision to live in harmony with nature. It could not have been possible without the commitment and foresight of our founders and directors." said Suzanne Dorsey, Executive Director.

The Barrier Island Study Center fulfills the BHI Conservancy's mission of barrier island conservation, preservation and education and is expected be completed in the Spring of 2012.

The center will host research specific to Bald Head Island and relevant to all barrier islands. The center will provide the community of Bald Head Island with the information needed to continue to live sustainably on this constantly changing island.



Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.
—Albert Einstein

Royal Terns on Bald Head Island
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