



Working Together

An Annual Newsletter of the Women's Opportunity Center

WINTER 2010

Women's Opportunity Center Loses \$681,618 of State Funding

For the past nine years, the Women's Opportunity Center had received funding from the SUNY Research Foundation to operate the New York State Bridge Program, also known as the New York State Welfare to Work Program. The Bridge Program served heads of families who were living under the 200% Federal poverty guidelines and assisted them to obtain employment. This program was completely eliminated from the New York State Budget. The Displaced Homemaker program had funds reduced by 50%. These programs lost a total of \$681,618. At current funding levels, the center will be able to serve only 214 individuals this year, leaving an estimated 529 job-seekers without access to our services. With more jobseekers requiring assistance in the upcoming year, we will be unable to provide individualized services without the generous support from our community.

Come visit us at the Mary Durham Boutique!

**MARY DURHAM
BOUTIQUE**



A resale boutique for stylish women

110 W. Court Street, Ithaca, NY

607-256-9957

Tuesday-Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm

Bring this ad in to receive 25% off one item

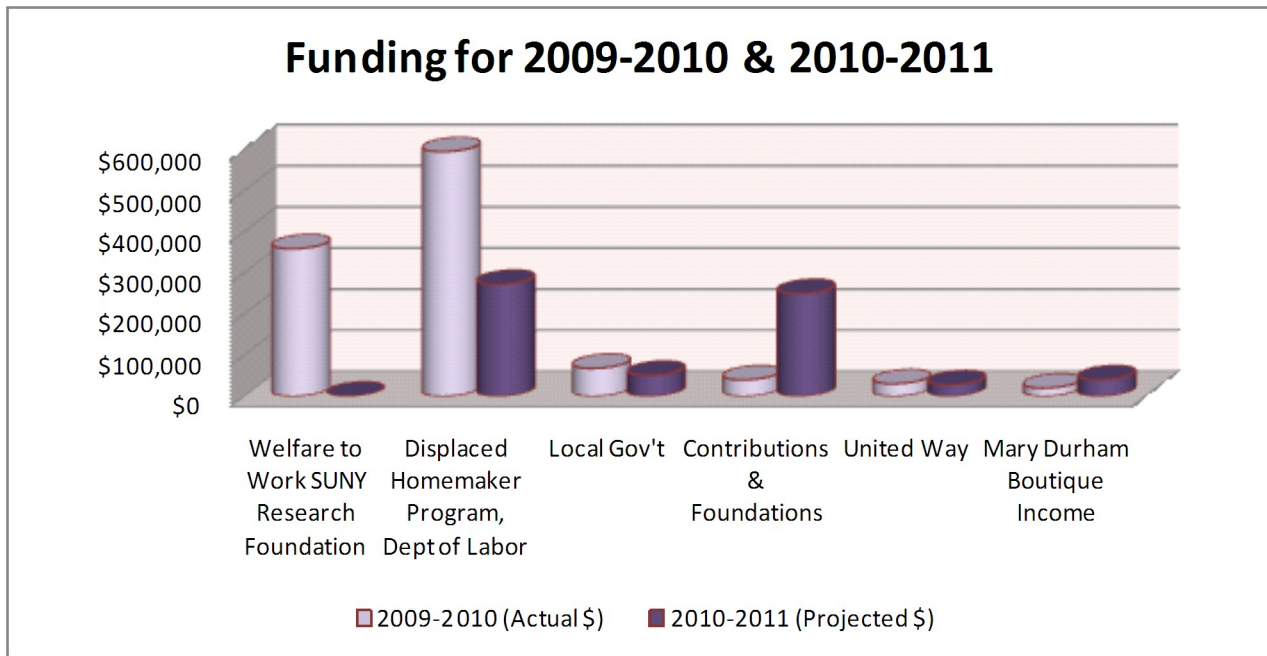
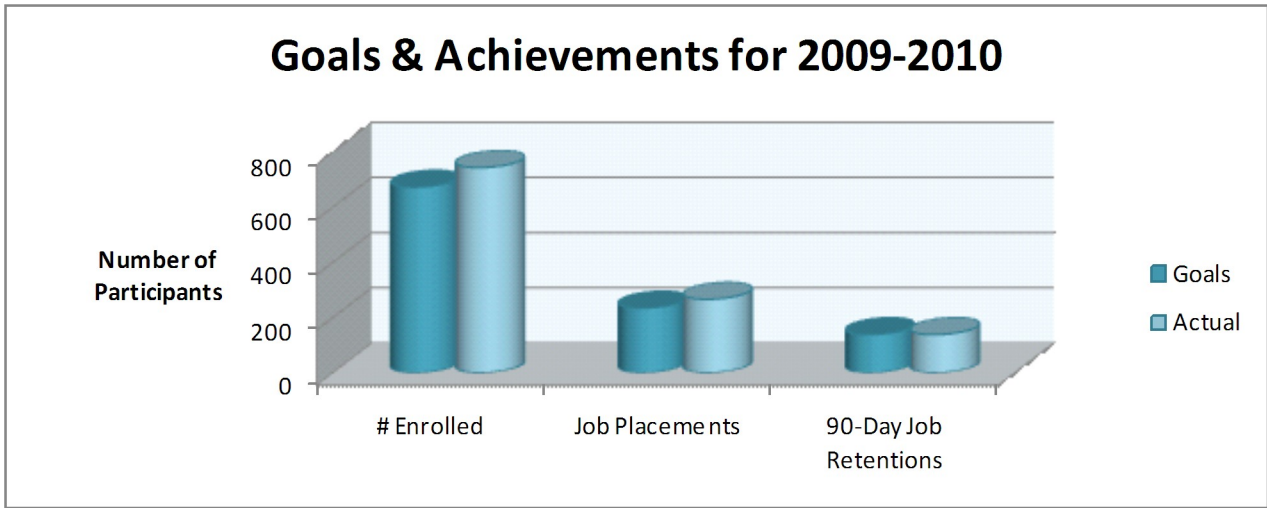


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Annual Report

2010 Snapshot of WOC

- 743 individuals (240 from the Syracuse Center) received career assistance
- 290 participants found employment
- 86 computer and career classes were offered
- 237 participants attended classes
- 46 bus passes were provided
- 71 students were trained at the Mary Durham Boutique
- 45 gift cards for gas or food were provided
- 151 job seekers received interview and work clothing
- 38 graduates from the Mary Durham Boutique found employment



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