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Gas expenses: The Organization owns a 15-passenger van that has been used for pickup and drop-off of program participants as well as AmeriCorps members on a daily basis (6 to 7 days a week.) Additionally, as part of our biodiesel program, gas is purchased to do hybrid mixes with unleaded fuel and recycled cooking oil for experimentation and distribution.

Soft Touch Express Wash: The passenger van requires regular maintenance.

October 2009, Expenses for travel to Florida: The purpose of the Florida trip was related to the publication of the book, *Parents Left Behind*. The time in Florida included meetings with writing teams and editors. Universal Publishing published the book. This resulted in the Organization receiving an investment of \$19,000 from New Orleans public schools.

July 2009, Related to travel to Fort Lauderdale: These cost are also related to the writing and publication of the book, *Parents Left Behind*.

September 2009, Travel to Oxford, Mississippi: A staff person was married. The staff collected money and the Organization matched the collected amount to buy the bride and groom a wedding gift. The Organization made the purchase. Three staff persons traveled to Oxford for the ceremony.

October 2009, Rooms at Embassy Suites: During this time, the Organization held its annual Youth Change Awards Dinner and the 10th year anniversary celebration. Lodging was provided to the 10 to 15 AmeriCorps members from Georgia and Alabama, along with site supervisor and staff who attended the event as well as a keynote speaker of national prominence. The speaker and his family were taken to Ruth's Chris Steak House. The arrangements and charges were coordinated by the CEO's executive assistant at the time.

Mignon Facet: This was a gift purchase for Annette Howell, an attorney and activist. The gift was given to her in lieu of an honorarium for leading a one-day workshop for our Gulfsouth Youth Biodiesel Program, post the 2010 BP oil spill. The gift was a collectable Gulf oyster charm (symbolic of her presentation topic.)

Meal purchases in general: Every executive staff person is provided a reasonable allowance to have meetings over meals. The bank card was controlled to the degree that the authorized managers could obtain and use the card to conduct meetings over a meal. There also were occasions where the entire staff was treated to lunch meetings and celebratory lunches were held for departing staff.

Porter Stevens purchase: The Organization has traditionally purchased professional dress apparel as gifts.

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February 2011, The Restaurant Store: The Organization operates a full, commercial kitchen. The childcare center requires regular purchases of supplies and equipment to accommodate the growing number of students.

CEO's Living Allowance: \$1700 is a reconciled to the CEO's living allowance.

Joy Howell: A confidential assistance, who is consulted and paid on an as-needed basis.

CNCS clothing purchase: The CEO purchased a tuxedo for a black-tie event where he was receiving an award on behalf of the Organization. The CEO is routinely invited to such events, and the purchase was part of his executive allowance.

February 2011, **House of Seafood**: Approximately 10 AmeriCorps members, who lived outside of the state, were treated to the House of Seafood to experience good Louisiana seafood. This was a part of the cultural experience provided by ORI for its out-of-state corps members.

Millcreek Country Store: Supplies purchased to wrap cupcakes that were given away free to students and parents of the Knowledge Garden Childcare Center. Would-be cost of cupcakes was approximately \$900. Former director of the center verifies the free give-away.

The Webster Group: For the first eight years in the Organization's history, the CEO was a volunteer. As the Organization transitioned, the CEO was and received payment as a consultant.

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