



*Central American
refugees speak out at an
event organized by MRG
grantees.*

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To the memory of George Streisinger, citizen-scientist, whose research and testimony on pesticides before the EPA, Congress, the courts and school boards was critical in decreasing public exposure to toxic substances. George educated many community activists about the scientific complexities involved in protecting public health. He was also a passionate opponent of the nuclear arms race and an active supporter of racial and social justice.

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Here is our new annual report, which sums up our second very successful year as an Oregon foundation, following six years as a Northwest foundation. We have strengthened every category of our work. Most importantly, our grants to social change groups in Oregon increased by 50% over last year! We think you will enjoy reading about our grantees this year and will agree that their work in all areas is vital.

We are writing this before the critical election of 1984. Many social change issues will be heavily impacted by the results of this election. MRG has found support and made grants to voter registration drives in Oregon, hoping to increase the numbers of people who vote this year, especially those people who most need social change! We have also funded many educational groups, who have much to say to citizens in Oregon about issues of:

- nuclear weaponry
- military solutions imposed on human problems in Central America
- racism in Oregon
- women's rights
- local community building and media
- creation of the homeless through budget cuts
- dangerous public debt
- unemployment
- gay peoples' rights
- effectiveness of the death penalty
- human and environmental exposure to toxic substances.

These and many other Oregon issues are fully explained in this report. Our funding supports groups organized to activate Oregonians.

No matter which way this election goes, these are the unanswered questions and needs of our time. For the last eight years, we in MRG have raised and granted out over \$1,110,000 for all kinds of important work. We have grown, as have many of the groups we have been able to support. There is no doubt that this election is critical. Oregon, especially, seems to have suffered more than our share. But not a single group that is working for change has limited what they must do to the fate of politicians. Survival, progress, peace and quality of life are all far too important to think we could leave them solely to government.

The groups we fund are helping to invent the future. They need our support as a social change foundation, and we need your support to make these grants. All of us receive appeal letters. What is different about MRG is that we solicit state-wide for

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funding proposals, which are evaluated by a committee of fourteen grant-makers active in the issues we fund. The sum total of the issues and projects represented in the appeal letters on your desk probably does not add up to what MRG grantmakers must evaluate each funding cycle. That is why a gift to MRG supports peace, social justice and protection of the environment all with one donation. And you will certainly hear about the groups we fund! So many of them are in your local communities and media that you will have almost instant feedback and see your money at work.

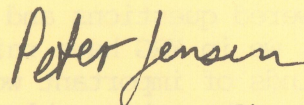
The past fiscal year is spread out before you in our annual report. Over 500 people wrote checks to MRG, and over 50 more gave us their time and their expert help. Last year we planned to raise \$100,000 in general donations, and we raised over \$106,000. This year we plan to raise \$120,000. Help us grow even more this year. Send us a donation now, or make a pledge that fits your plans. Show our report to your friends and relatives. We hope that you will also refer your favorite social change group to us so they can apply to our next funding cycle, and then, please help us make that funding more successful with a contribution.

As we grow, we are sure that both the size of your donation and the numbers of people who give to MRG are related. When more people give, some will give more. When some people give larger donations, they encourage many more Oregonians to give.

As you read this letter, we are in the middle of our Fall 1984 Funding Cycle. We are reading proposals and hope to grant at least \$30,000 to the groups we are now considering. Actually, we would like to grant \$40,000 or more. If you make a donation soon, you will add to our Fall grants. If you need to wait a while before you give, you will increase the size of our Spring 1985 Funding Cycle.

Please donate or pledge your donation soon! Thank you.

For change and MRG,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peter Jensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter Jensen, director

P.S. Remember, many of the social change groups in Oregon were able to reach you and a wider public thanks, in part, to grants from MRG!

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(Above) Attorneys and Native American fishers meet at traditional salmon bake on the Columbia/Photo supplied by Columbia River Fishers Defense.

(Below) Feminists in Astoria enjoy access to the air waves on KMUN-FM/Photo supplied by North Coast Community Radio/KMUN-FM.



(Right) Draft age students look over sculpture donated to Alliance to Counter Militarism/Photo supplied by Alliance to Counter Militarism.



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INTRODUCTION

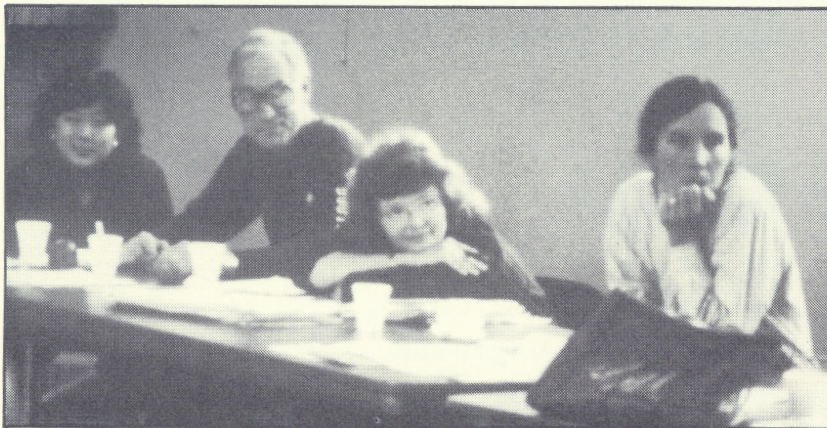
The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) is now eight years old. This annual report sums up our second full year as an Oregon foundation. Our funding previously included the state of Washington. This role was assumed by the Seattle-based Common Wealth Fund in 1982. We continue to raise funds in Oregon to grant to community groups working for social and economic justice, for a freeze on nuclear weapons, for peace in Central America, as well as protection of the natural environment in order to protect many of Oregon's jobs.

In this fiscal year, we operated with a total budget of \$187,407 with \$141,641 going to grants to support 88 projects, \$32,890 for administrative expenses, and \$36,354 in low-interest loans made from a restricted revolving loan fund. (Description of projects funded begins on page 5.) In the past eight years, MRG has supported more than 727 projects with grants and loans totalling over \$1,110,000.

These figures translate into greater success as a fund-raising, tax-exempt foundation in Oregon than ever! We have a growing state-wide base of contributors and members. Our roots in Oregon come from and return to many large and small communities.

The 1983-1984 Fiscal Year: July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984

MRG's work this year was done by one full time director and a half time associate director and over 40 volunteer grantmakers, fund-raisers, bookkeepers, planners and skilled social change consultants. This year surpassed the highly successful fiscal year 1982/83 accomplishing another significant jump in MRG progress.



MRG members at a state-wide oral grantee presentation meeting. (Left to right) Sharon Hashimoto, MRG Board member, Howard Shapiro, MRG Grantmaker and member of the Development Committee, Linda Reymers, MRG Associate Director and Grantmaker, and Mary O'Brien, MRG Board member/Photo by Peter Jensen.

The highlights of this year include:

- 507 people contributed \$207,356.50
- increased income by another 33% over last fiscal year
- increased grant dollars by another 50% to more groups throughout Oregon
- kept administrative costs at 19%, half of the national average of foundations like MRG
- sponsored the most nationally successful event on Socially Responsible Investing (SRI)
- received more state-wide media attention than ever, which included an *Oregonian* analysis of MRG's social change role in Oregon philanthropy and wide-spread coverage of SRI event and concepts
- published the first SRI directory for Oregon
- co-sponsored the formation of a Northwest network of progressive foundations with interest in Oregon and Washington
- established relationships with SRI groups such as Working Assets Money Fund, South Shore Bank of Chicago, and the Oregon Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO
- continued our active memberships in the Funding Exchange and the National Network of Grantmakers
- represented social change funding concerns through panel presentations with major Oregon foundations covering foundation grants in this state
- provided national tax-exempt sponsorship for the Pacific Peacemaker Project and sponsorship of many Oregon groups
- made \$36,354 in loans from the West End Co-operative Loan Fund to co-operative food businesses in Lane County.

Our second year as an Oregon foundation, and our eighth year as a funding source, has brought us very gratifying successes. Our main purpose, to increase grants made to grassroots groups in Oregon, is where we continue most growth. Our grantmakers were given more funds to grant, and MRG donors gave more both through our two funding cycles and through donor-advised grants. We continue to network donors and activists, share information, impact the media, and train social change activists seeking foundation grants. MRG's role as a foundation comprehensively serving the Oregon activist community continues and expands.

We hope that this annual report strengthens your understanding of social change work in Oregon that addresses all the difficult and necessary issue areas we fund. We also hope this report conveys our excitement with the work of our grantees. We hope that you are moved to begin, continue or increase your support of MRG. As you will see, this foundation can be a very flexible and wide-ranging agent for social change.

THE FUNDING PROCESS

The McKenzie River Gathering funding process is designed to involve grantmakers and grant applicants in constructive, evaluative dialogue.

When a new funding cycle is announced, applications and granting criteria are mailed to groups throughout the social change community in Oregon. Our grantmaking committee reads and evaluates each of the proposals that comes in to the office. At a screening meeting to narrow the number of proposals, grantmakers share their evaluations and add other information that they may have about the group or its proposal.

An MRG grantmaker visits or calls each finalist. During this interview, MRG members ask the group for additional information. This interview is a time to offer observations about the group's program and budget plans. The interviewer also answers questions about MRG and offers assistance to the applicant group in preparing its oral presentation.

The community oral presentation is a crucial part of the funding process. At these open meetings, each applicant group gives a brief description of the project they want funded, and then responds to questions from the grantmakers and other applicants. Many groups find this day helpful in developing program presentation skills and in networking with other community activists. The community presentations are always an exciting event for those who participate. It is an opportunity for activists from around the state to learn together about the impacts of Oregon's social change community.

After the presentations, the grantmakers meet again to evaluate all the information and prioritize the funding requests. Grant recommenda-



tions made by this committee are formally approved by the MRG Board.

At the end of the grant term, usually six months to a year, grantees submit a project evaluation. The group is asked to evaluate both the success of their project and the quality of their planning. If a group applies for another grant, this evaluation is part of their field interview, and no new grant is made unless the evaluation of their past grant is complete.

MRG members at a statewide oral grantee presentation meeting. (Left to right) Susan Santos, MRG Grantmaker, Vietta Helmle, MRG Grantmaker, and James Mason, MRG Grantmaker and Board member/Photo by Peter Jensen.

THE GRANTING CRITERIA

McKenzie River Gathering funds organizations which bring people together to work for progressive social change. We support groups involved in educating the community and challenging the vast social, political and economic inequalities around us. Our funding is aimed at moving us toward a democratic, non-violent, decentralized, ecologically sound society.

MRG will only consider proposals for funding from groups:

- Working actively for social change
- Operating in a democratic, non-discriminatory manner which is responsive to the constituency served
- Located in the state of Oregon
- Unlikely to receive sufficient funding from other sources

In order to more clearly describe our definition of "working for social change" MRG particularly supports projects which:

- Promote grassroots organizing of women, people of color, and low-income and working people.

- Work against violence, racism, sexism, anti-gay attitudes and economic exploitation.
- Organize for economic self-control and confront our corporate dominated society.
- Work to promote an environmentally sensitive society
- Focus on non-violent social change actions
- Encourage networking of similar social change groups.
- Support the self-determination of Third World and low-income people.
- Oppose over-consumption in our society.
- Connect local problems with the overall issues of social change.
- Work for peace conversion or reduction of the military.
- Present cultural and artistic work with social change impact.
- Conduct social change research.

MRG generally does not fund food co-ops, health centers, alternative schools, or social services unless these projects are promoting social change beyond their basic function.

THE GRANTS

I. Human Rights

Aristas Indigena, Warm Springs (2 grants)	\$3,100
Black United Fund of Oregon, Portland (2 grants)	2,750
Cascade AIDS Project	1,500
Chicano Affairs Center, Eugene (4 grants)	4,950
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene (2 grants)	2,900
Cochrane Custody Appeal Committee, Eugene	1,330
Columbia River Fishers Defense, Portland and Hood River	1,500
Comunidad Unida para Justicia, Woodburn	1,700
Ebone Eyes, Eugene	700
Edison Chiloquin Support Committee, Chiloquin	1,000
First People's Coalition, Eugene	1,400
Friends of Kuiz Kalkzoatl, Eugene	700
Intertribal Council of Douglas County, Roseburg	1,105
JAZMIN Marching Band, Portland	1,000
Lesbian and Gay Pride, Portland	1,400
Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, Salem	500
Native American Heritage Association, Fort McDermitt	1,000
Oregon National Abortion Rights Action League, Portland	1,000
Oregonians Against the Death Penalty, Portland	1,500
People for Southern African Freedom, Eugene	270
Portland Black United Front, Portland	1,500
Portland Lesbian Forum, Portland	1,000
Six Directions, Portland	600
Valley Cultural Awareness, Milton-Freewater	1,000
Vietnamese Association of Eugene	1,500
West Women's Hotel, Portland	1,250
Willamette Valley Law Project, Woodburn	1,150
Women's Press, Eugene	185
World Music Foundation, Portland	1,700

II. Community Organizing

Burnside Community Council, Portland	\$1,000
KBOO-FM, Portland	1,000
Lane County Clients' Council, Eugene	1,250
Lane Unemployment Project, Eugene	1,200
North Coast Community Radio, KMUN-FM, Astoria	1,500
Northwest Working Press, Eugene	850
Oregon Human SERVE Voter Registration, Portland	1,400
West End Co-operative Loan Fund, Lane County: (see p. 8 for loan list)	

III. Peace and Environment

Alliance to Counter Militarism, Eugene (2 grants)	\$3,100
Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Eugene (2 grants)	2,600
Coastal Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Waldport	1,500
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene (2 grants)	2,900
Forelaws on Board, Boring	1,600

Guatemalan Refugee Alliance Consciously Involved Action and Service, Eugene	600
Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, Eugene	1,400
N. Coast People in Solidarity with Central America, Astoria	300
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene	1,500
Peace House, Ashland	1,000
Peoples Test Ban, Portland	1,400
Portland Central American Solidarity Committee, Portland	1,400
Southern Oregon NW Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Grants Pass	1,200

IV. Donor-advised grants:

ARABLE, Eugene	\$1,250
Asians Together, Eugene	440
Birth to Three, Eugene	1,000
Black United Front, Portland	200
Blue Plate Special, Eugene	1,200
Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Eugene (2 grants)	950
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene (2 grants)	1,900
Coalition for Democratic Alternatives, Bend	485
Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft, Eugene	10
Cochrane Custody Appeal Committee, Eugene	873
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene (3 grants)	1,660
Community Advocates for Safety and Self-Reliance, Portland	1,956
Forelaws on Board, Boring	250
GRACIAS, Eugene (2 grants)	3,049
KBOO-FM, Portland (3 grants)	5,800
Lane County Clients' Council, Eugene (3 grants)	15,125
Lane County Food Bank, Eugene	1,000
Light Valley Waldorf School, Medford	500
Mayan Relief Fund, Eugene	645
Northwest Action for Disarmament, Portland	1,885
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene (4 grants)	3,030
Northwest Working Press, Eugene (2 grants)	900
Organically Grown, Eugene	1,000
Oregon Low-Income Voter Registration Project, Portland	2,000
Pacific Peacemaker Project, Seattle, WA	17,984
Peace House, Ashland	1,327
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland (3 grants)	570
RAIN, community building project, Portland	3,000
Rape Crisis Network, Eugene	132
Sahallie Publishing, Country Fair Project, Eugene	500
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Portland	130

V. TOTALS FY 83/84

Total Funding Cycle Grants:	\$70,890
Total Donor-Advised Grants:	\$70,751
Total Loans (Restricted Fund):	\$36,354

TOTAL GRANTS AND LOANS FOR FY 83/84:

\$177,995

Artistas Indigena, Warm Springs, \$1,700 and \$1,400

Indigenous women's art shows organize around women's issues, the preservation of Native cultures, protection of Native resources, and opposition to wars of intervention. These grants support three organizing/art shows of visual, performing and literary works of Native women from throughout the Americas and the Pacific Islands.

Black United Fund of Oregon, Portland, \$1,500 and \$1,250

These grants provide seed funding for the Oregon chapter of Black United Fund to replicate the success of Fund chapters in other parts of the country. These Funds rely on work place fundraising in corporations and governmental agencies to benefit Black activist groups.

Cascade AIDS Project, Portland, \$1,500

Fourteen known cases of AIDS with two deaths were reported in Oregon at the time of this grant. This project educates about AIDS risk reduction in the Gay community and provides educational seminars for medical personnel, the media and the general public.

Chicano Affairs Center, Cultural Project, Eugene, \$1,150 and \$1,950

The first grant funded a series of Hispanic and Native American cultural events which fostered an understanding of their common heritage and encouraged organizing within these communities. Issues of importance to Chicanos in the November, 1984 elections were the focus of an events series supported by the second grant.

Chicano Affairs Center, Prison Project, Eugene, \$1,500 and \$1,500

The only prison outreach and public education project in Oregon for incarcerated Hispanics was supported by these two grants. The project educates church and community groups about the structural economic and language problems facing Chicanos and Central American refugees that result in the large number of Hispanics in Oregon prisons.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene, \$1,500 and \$1,400

The first grant supported Eugene CALC's Multicultural Kids Camp and curriculum materials for teachers which foster multicultural appreciation, the rejection of racist stereotypes, and support for world peace. The second grant funded CALC's Racial Justice Task Force which collects and disseminates information about racist practices in Lane County and mobilizes pressure on public institutions (e.g. schools and police) to change these practices.

Cochrane Custody Appeal Committee, Eugene, \$1,330

This grant supports public education work on a custody case in which the judge awarded custody to the father only because the father remarried. If this decision is allowed to stand, it could be used to discriminate against women since men remarry more often and sooner and have higher earning potential.

Columbia River Fishers Defense, Portland and Hood River, \$1,500

Funding for defense of Umatilla and Hood River Native Americans arrested for fishing convictions in their traditional waters was provided by this grant. It will help to insure a fair trial and will emphasize public education on the excessive force and electronic surveillance used in the arrests.

Comunidad Unida para Justicia, Woodburn, \$1,700

This group was formed following the police killing of Jose Inez Munoz-Medina in October, 1983. Although one-third of Woodburn's 12,000 people are of Mexican descent, there are no Spanish-speaking police. This grant supports a campaign for community investigations of alleged police abuses, officer education in the Spanish language and more representative hiring practices within the department.



Native American women show their art across Oregon as a way of organizing support for Native struggles/Photo supplied by Artistas Indigena.

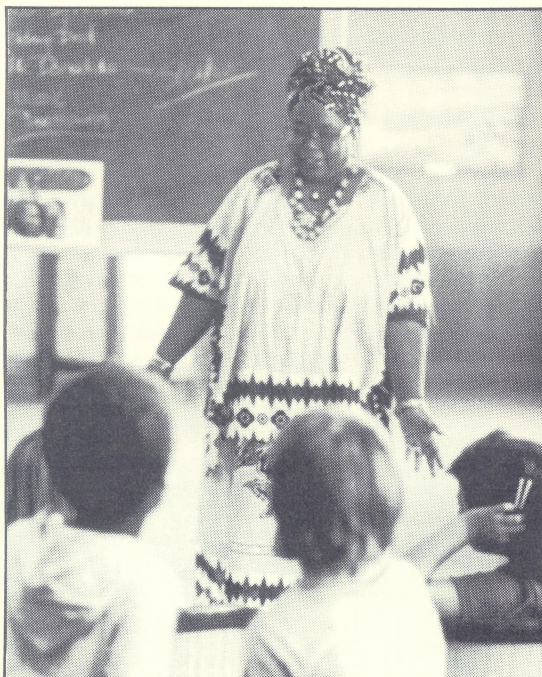
HUMAN RIGHTS

Ebony Eyes, Eugene, \$700

This grant sponsored an annual cultural event organized by Black women to organize and unify Lane County's Black community by celebrating Afro-American achievements.

Edison Chiloquin Support Committee, Chiloquin, \$1,000

This grant funded a traditional celebration on the sacred land Edison saved for the Klamath Indians in order to protect and support the indigenous culture. The event promoted the tribal unity necessary to obtain the restoration of tribal status by the federal government and, subsequently, sorely needed economic benefits.



Children learn about many progressive cultures from throughout the world/Photo supplied by Clergy and Laity Concerned's multi-cultural children's program.

First People's Coalition, Eugene, \$1,400

MRG-sponsored forums fostering solidarity among Native Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Blacks in Lane County explored issues that affect these communities. Special focuses were on promoting multi-cultural curriculum in the public schools and educating the public on the effects of the Simpson-Mazzoli bill.

Friends of Kuiz Kalkzoatl, Eugene, \$700

The Oregon appearance of this major Mexican-Indian artist and unity spokesperson promoted multi-cultural understanding and organizing, especially between the Chicano and Indian communities. Kuiz' discussion of his Central American peace mission emphasized the common bond among Indian peoples throughout the Americas.

Intertribal Council of Douglas County, Roseburg, \$1,105

This grant funded a newsletter to link Native Americans in conservative Douglas County on issues of cultural education, health, mutual support and community building; it also promotes better understanding between Indian and non-Indian communities.

JAZMIN Marching Band, Portland, \$1,000

This grant supported the N/NE Community Music Association's new Afro-American drum project to reinforce the positive cultural heritage of black youth. The JAZMIN Marching band has been a dynamic addition to social change events in Northern Oregon.

Lesbian and Gay Pride, Portland, \$1,400

Organizing for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in June, 1984 was funded. This annual event included over 2,000 people in cultural presentations, voter registration and education, and gay rights issues in order to promote gay pride and educate the heterosexual community away from gay/lesbian stereotypes.

Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, Salem, \$500

The development of a public education project on the links between pornography and violence against women and children was funded.

Native American Heritage Association, Ft. McDermitt, \$1,000

This grant supported the Paiute Tribe of South-eastern Oregon's sponsorship of an intertribal Sun Dance to promote cultural survival and organizing under the difficult conditions of this large rural desert area east of the Cascades.

Oregon National Abortion Rights Action League, Astoria, \$1,000

This funding was for coordination of house meetings in the Northwest corner of Oregon concerning preservation of the Constitutional protection of the freedom of choice and focusing on accessibility and funding of abortions for low-income, rural women.

Oregonians Against the Death Penalty, Portland, \$1,500

A pamphlet and other public education on the disproportionately large number of people of color executed was the focus of this grant. Outreach to Hispanics, Blacks, Native Americans, and low-income whites is being emphasized.

People for South African Freedom, Eugene, \$270

PSAF was able to expand the readership for their newsletter focusing on anti-apartheid economics work because of this grant.

Portland Black United Front, Portland, \$1,500

Seed money was provided for the first two issues of the national Black United Front newspaper. *The Front Page*, published by the Portland chapter of BUF, covers issues affecting Black communities throughout the country.

Portland Lesbian Forum, Portland, \$1,000

This grant will enable a well-known speaker/performer who records and documents Lesbian culture to participate in the first of a series of major annual events to strengthen the Lesbian community and counter homophobia.

Six Directions, Portland, \$600

Two multi-cultural forums sponsored by this Native American group were funded. Their focus was to foster unity among people of color and support for the respective cultural traditions represented.

Valley Cultural Awareness, Milton-Freewater, \$1,000

Crisis and mediation work to prevent racial violence and to promote understanding between Hispanics, Native Americans and Whites in Northeastern Oregon was made possible by this grant.

Vietnamese Association of Eugene, Eugene, \$1,500

This is an independent association and the only one nationally with a woman president. The association will sponsor a series of seminars to assist the Vietnamese with acculturation (e.g. the changing roles of women and men) while preserving their cultural identity. Specific information on the process for becoming U.S. citizens will be given.

West Women's Hotel, Portland, \$1,250

This grant supports a childcare worker/parent educator to enable residents at an emergency shelter for women to seek employment and obtain the resources available to them.

Willamette Valley Law Project, Woodburn, \$1,150

This grant helped WVLP find effective legal council for twelve Guatemalans and four Salvadoran refugees which resulted in their cases for asylum, based on fear for their lives, being sent to the U.S. State Department. All sixteen cases are still pending, thereby preventing deportation by immigration officials. This project is compelling serious examination of the dangers faced by Central American refugees.

Women's Press, Eugene, \$185

Funding for a women's graphics service and a progressive news/feature service to improve publication of the oldest feminist newspaper on the West Coast.

World Music Foundation, Portland, \$1,700

Because of this grant, Portland's annual celebration of the world's music and cultural diversity included the El Salvadoran exile group, Yolocamba Ita, which was one of the hits of this festival attended by 3,500 people. Their traditional music conveying the spirit of the Salvadoran people will subsequently be featured on KBOO, Portland's public radio station.



Yolocamba Ita, El Salvadoran musicians in exile played at the World Music Festival in Portland thanks to a grant from MRG/Photo supplied by the World Music Foundation.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Burnside Community Council, Portland, \$1,000

This grant supported the annual Hobo Parade. The homeless, unemployed and their supporters gathered afterwards for a rally in which speakers addressed issues affecting low-income people, the public record of candidates, and the need for voter registration.

Lane County Clients Council, Eugene, \$1,250

This grant educated low-income people about the issues of importance to them, particularly candidates' positions on the social service safety net. The Client Council's newsletter and a series of workshops were the vehicles for this effort.

Lane Unemployment Project, Eugene, \$1,200

Funding was provided for this project which organizes the unemployed in an area where many jobs in the dominant timber economy have disappeared. This grant was used to establish a store front office to give the unemployed an organizing center.

Northwest Working Press, Eugene, \$850

Press rollers for Lane County's press cooperative were purchased because of this grant. The Press assists social change group's access to mass distribution of their public education materials.

Oregon Human SERVE Voter Registration, Portland, \$1,400

This organization conducts voter registration drives in low-income communities. Their Hispanic Outreach Project, funded by this grant, includes publication of voter education and registration materials in Spanish to stimulate increased involvement of Hispanic people in the November, 1984 elections and, subsequently, greater recognition of their concerns.

The West End Co-operative Loan Fund, c/o MRG, Eugene, \$36,354 FY Aid

This fund is a restricted revolving loan fund for programs aimed at providing high quality, low cost nutrition in Lane County. It was created by the organizers of the West End Food Co-operative and the Willamette Peoples' Co-operative and has supported democratically-managed farms, restaurants, food producers, food distributing co-operatives, and food researchers with \$107,500 in aid since early 1979.

Surata Soy Foods, loan	\$ 7,062
Riverbrook Co-operative	
Farm, loan	12,292
Genesis Juice Co-operative,	
loan	9,000
Groundwork, EPA forestry research	
on edible brush and how it protects	
fir seedlings from deer and	
mountain beaver, loan	1,500
Organically Grown Co-operative,	
loan	6,000
Grower's Market Co-operative,	
loan	500
TOTAL FY 83/84 LOANS:	<u>\$36,354</u>



High school age women learn radio skills and gain access to the air waves at KMUN-FM in Astoria/Photo supplied by North Coast Community Radio/KMUN-FM.

North Coast Community Radio, KMUN-FM, Astoria, \$1,500 and \$1,000

KMUN is a publicly owned FM station serving the Lower Columbia River Region. Their local public affairs programming was funded to expand the number of social change groups trained to use the station's facilities. The second grant enabled area activists to confront candidates with social change issues on the air.

Alliance to Counter Militarism, Eugene, \$1,400 and \$1,700

This grant supported outreach by the Alliance (formerly Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft) to high school and college students about their rights when faced with draft registration. Public education on the increasing militarization of U.S. society and foreign policy was also conducted.

Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Eugene, \$1,400 and \$1,200

The first grant focused on public outreach about the U.S. nuclear arms race budget. The second enabled educational canvassing on the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

Coastal Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Waldport, \$1,500

Research has shown ten times the Los Angeles levels of cancer-causing particulates in smoke from forest slash burning along the Oregon coast. More immediate effects include increased incidences of pneumonia and other respiratory illnesses. This grant provides for air testing equipment and analysis as well as public education support and investigation into the effects of the forest herbicides present in the smoke.

Committee is Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene, \$1,500 and \$1,400

CISCAP's first grant provided general support for this information and action network confronting U.S. involvement in Central America. CISCAP's organization of an educational canvassing drive focusing on human rights, refugees, and U.S. military intervention in Central America was supported by the second grant.

Forelaws on Board, Boring, \$1,600

Statewide educational work about the dangers of radioactive waste disposal in Oregon, particularly the Teledyne Wah Chang radioactive wastes that leak into the Willamette River near Albany, was sponsored by this grant.

GRACIAS, Eugene, \$600

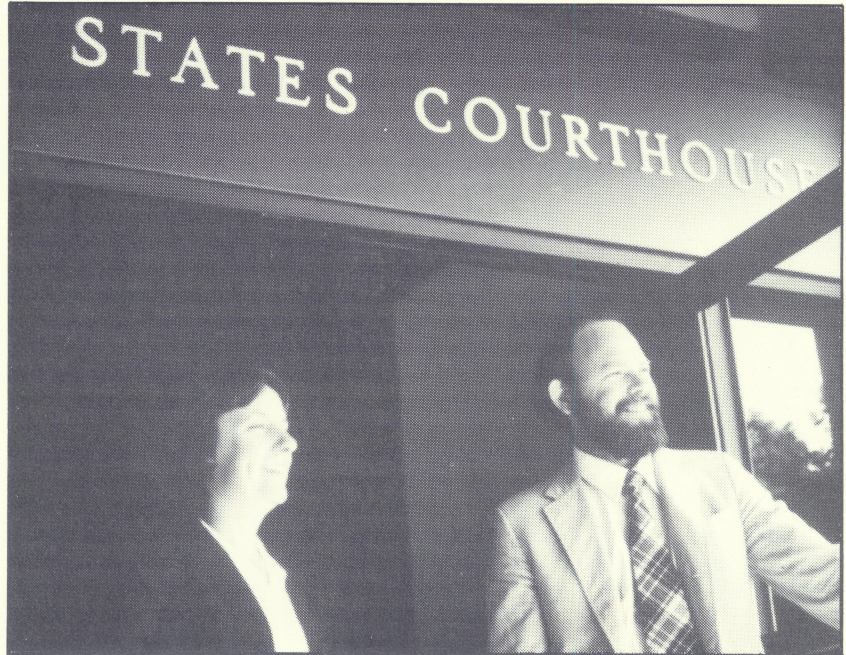
GRACIAS raises refugee relief funds for Guatemalans living in Southern Mexico's camps and educates the public about the human rights violations the refugees are subjected to.

Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, Eugene, \$1,400

A public education "road show" to churches, Native American reservations, and community groups about the human costs of U.S. intervention in Central America as documented by refugees and church workers was funded by this grant.

North Coast People in Solidarity with Central America, Astoria, \$300

This grant supports outreach to high schools, churches and labor groups in Northwestern Oregon about Central America.



Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene, \$1,500

NCAP's recent court victory stopped toxic herbicide spraying on federal timber land in Oregon and Washington and the U.S. Forest Service's aerial spraying of herbicides nationwide. This grant supports an education drive about the Reagan Administration's EPA record on toxic substances, which emphasizes the often questionable economic benefits of chemicals over risks to humans.

Norma Grier, NCAP Director, and Ralph Bradley, environmental attorney, following their major court victory based on the failure of federal timber agencies to acknowledge potential risks of pesticide exposure/Photo by Peter Jensen.

Peace House, Ashland, \$1,000

This grant provided support for the annual Southern Oregon Peace Festival. It insured participation by Native American and Third World speakers, as well as coverage of Central American and Nuclear Free Pacific issues.

People's Test Ban, Portland, \$1,400

This grant supported the Oregon Outreach Project of this organization focusing on Canadian-U.S. coalition work to ban the testing of Cruise missiles across terrain similar to that of Russia.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland, \$1,400

A staff position to coordinate public education about U.S. intervention in Central America and raise funds for refugees was supported.

Southern Oregon Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Grants Pass, \$1,200

This grant supported pesticide reform organizing and public education in rural Southern Oregon, with development of grassroots fundraising as an emphasis. Initial outreach for an Hispanic migrant worker project was included.

BOARD MEMBERS

MRG Board of Directors:
front row, left to right:
Judy Albrecht, President
and Co-chairperson,
Sharon Hashimoto, Misa
Joo. Back row, left to
right: Cheyney Ryan,
James L. Mason, also an
MRG Grantmaker, Ray
Willard, and Paul
Bestler, Secretary-
Treasurer. Not pictured:
Mary O'Brien and Ben
Priestly, Co-chairperson/
Photo by Peter Jensen.



Judy Albrecht, Co-chairperson; works against war, for Hospice and for alternative mental health programs such as Halfway House Services, Inc.

Paul Bestler, Treasurer; works as a carpenter. Paul is also on the boards of OUR Federal Credit Union, White Bird Clinic, and Growers Market.

Sharon Hashimoto works within the Asian community and against racism. She has also worked with women in the prison system and with children in the Black community at the CRIB. Sharon grew up in Hawaii.

Misa Joo, a member of the Asian community. Misa does anti-racism work, multi-cultural education and work for an anti-racist peace movement. Misa is a school teacher.

James L. Mason, also a Grantmaker; works with alienated youth and the administration of justice in the Black community. James can be seen in productions by the Portland Opera company.

Mary H. O'Brien, a botanist, is editor and information coordinator at Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides and an activist with disarmament and reproductive rights groups. Mary works on women's political campaigns and, each summer, backpacks in wilderness areas.

Ben Priestley, Co-chairperson; social worker active in community organizing primarily in the Black community. Ben is a Vietnam veteran. He edits the national Black United Front newspaper, *The Front Page*.

Cheyney Ryan, does anti-military and anti-racism work, active also in trade union organizing and local theater. Cheyney teaches college.

Ray Willard works for civil rights, racial equality, equal opportunity in employment and housing for Third World communities. Ray is a grower of Bonsai trees.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Leslie Brockelbank, was a member of the Development Committee this year. Leslie is active with Clergy and Laity Concerned and works against war.

Jack Gray, former Board member; a farmer and member of the MRG Development Committee. Jack is active in fund-raising for MRG.

Peter Jensen, MRG Director, see inside back cover.

Howard Shapiro, member of the Development Committee this year. See his write-up as an MRG Grantmaker.

Doug Sherman, is also a member of the MRG Development Committee, active in planning and fund-raising. Doug is a school teacher.

Linda Reymers, MRG Associate Director, see inside back cover.

GRANTMAKERS



Debra Cook works with a Black women's cultural group, Ebony Eyes and with Clergy and Laity Concerned on racial justice issues.

Sarah Cook works with a community radio station and is active in lesbian rights and other feminist issues.

Mary Lynn Cumings worked as an MRG consultant in 1983. She was on the Grantmaking Committee for two years. Beginning Fall, 1984 she will help edit *Eugene Magazine*.

Vietta Helmle works on issues of poverty and women and is director of a Salem area women's crisis center and shelter.

Diane Hess is active in Central American solidarity work and is a client-advocate for low-income people in the Portland area.

Peter Jensen, MRG Director. (See inside back cover.)

Robin Johnson is active in the Native American community and with women's issues.

James Mason (see listing in Board of Director's section).

Linda Reymers, MRG Associate Director. (See inside back cover.)

Ada Sanchez is national disarmament field coordinator for Fellowship of Reconciliation, and is on the Board of Directors for the Funding Exchange. She is also active in Third World, non-intervention, civil rights and feminist issues.

Susana Santos is a Native American artist working with Artistas Indigena. She is active in feminist, Native American, peace and non-intervention issues.

Ruben Sholander works with the Chicano Affairs Center in Eugene addressing the needs of the Spanish-speaking community.

Mary Sellin is a small business owner who works on pesticide reform, violence against women and is involved with a north coast community radio station.

Howard Shapiro is a media consultant in the Portland area with a special interest in social change in Oregon. Also on the Development Committee.

Michael Stoops works with low-income people in Portland's Burnside community and does draft and military counseling.

MRG Grantmaking Committee: front row, left to right: James Mason (also on the MRG Board), Ada Sanchez, Vietta Helmle, Linda Reymers (Associate Director), Michael Stoops. Middle row, left to right: Gloria Ojeda, Robin Johnson, Mary Sellin, Howard Shapiro, Sarah Cook. Back row, left to right: Ruben Sholander, Mary Lynn Cumings, Diane Hess, Debra Cook, Susana Santos. Not pictured: Peter Jensen, Director/Photo by Peter Jensen.

ATTORNEY AND CPA

Jill Heiman, Attorney, a consultant for non-profit and tax-exempt public interest organizations. Jill has served as MRG's attorney since its inception in 1976.

Patrick V. Ventura, CPA; besides doing our annual audits, Pat has served as technical advisor to MRG. He also works as an auditor and consultant for several other non-profit organizations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1984

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash on hand	\$ 915
Cash in bank—unrestricted (Note 2)	37,198
Cash in bank—restricted	21,014
Accounts receivable—brokerage acct.	4,102
Interfund receivable	513
Loans and note receivable, current (Note 3)	16,329
Total current assets	80,071
Loans and note receivable, long-term (Note 3)	70,226
Equipment, at cost (Note 1)	1,495
Less: accumulated depreciation (Note 1)	(409)
Total equipment	1,086
Total assets	<u>\$151,383</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 8
Interfund payable	513
Payroll taxes payable	1,901
Grants payable—funding cycle	8,300
Grants payable—donor-advised	1,885
Total current liabilities	12,607
Fund balances	
Restricted, West End Co-operative Fund ..	\$107,853
Investment in equipment	1,086
Unrestricted—Undesignated .. \$26,458	
—Designated for donor- advised grant purposes (Note 2)	3,379
	29,837
Total fund balances	138,776
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$151,383</u>

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES for the year ended June 30, 1984

Support and revenues	
Contributions—general	\$181,357
Contributions—restricted	26,000
Interest	11
Restricted fund interest	2,353
Fund raising income	6,063
Other revenues	64
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(1,088)
Total support and revenues	214,760
Direct expenses	
Grants made—general	141,641
Broker fees	795
Fund raising expense	12,081
Total direct expenses	154,517
Administrative expenses	
Salaries and wages	18,804
Rent	1,206
Telephone	1,967
Staff child care	144
Postage	719
Office supplies	288
Copying and printing	816
Transportation	565
Meetings and conferences expense	2,145
Equipment maintenance and expense	35
Professional fees	1,820
Health insurance	771
Payroll taxes and insurance	1,659
Miscellaneous expense	933
Depreciation (Note 1)	200
Restricted fund expense	193
Fees and licenses	565
Total administrative expenses	32,830
Total expenses	187,347
Excess of support and revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 27,413</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

One of many small MRG meetings in the office. (Left to right) Leslie Brockelbank, Member of the MRG Development Committee and one of the founding donors, Peter Jensen, MRG Director, and Linda Reymers, MRG Associate Director / Photo copyright 1984 by Warren Morgan, used with permission.



FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 1984

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization—McKenzie River Gathering is a non-profit publicly supported foundation exempt from income taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Donated Assets—Assets received as contributions are stated at the fair market value of such assets at date of contribution.

Equipment and Depreciation—Equipment is depreciated by the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful life of the equipment.

NOTE 2—FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR DONOR-ADVISED GRANT PURPOSES.

At June 30, 1984, \$3,379 of cash funds were available from two donor funds and designated for subsequent donor-advised grants.

NOTE 3—LOANS AND NOTE RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 1984, loans and note receivable consisted of:

Loans from West End Co-operative Fund	
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative	\$16,300
Thistle Organics	1,072
Surata Soyfoods, Inc.	18,730
Amity Foundation	757
Organically Grown Co-operative	17,501
Solstice Bakery Collective	1,822
Genesis Juice Co-operative	4,873
Growers Market	500
Subtotal—WEF loans	61,555

Note receivable from Zoo Zoo's Natural Foods Restaurant Collective, assigned to the West End Co-operative Fund by a donor in June 1984	25,000
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Total loans and note receivable \$86,555

NOTE 4—PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The unrestricted fund balance at July 1, 1983 has been adjusted to correct the amount of grant commitments reported in the year ending June 30, 1983. Had the grant commitments been correctly stated in the year ending June 30, 1983, the excess of revenues over expenses for that year would have been increased by \$3,905.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES for the year ended June 30, 1984

	Restricted	Investment in equipment	Unrestricted	Total fund balances
Fund balances, July 1, 1983, as previously reported	\$ 79,700	\$1,076	\$26,682	\$107,458
Prior period adjustment—				
correction of grants reported as payable at				
June 30, 1983 (Note 4)	—	—	3,905	3,905
Fund balances July 1, 1983, as restated	79,700	1,076	30,587	111,363
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenues over expenses.	28,160	(200)	(547)	27,413
Fund transfers—net	(7)	210	(203)	—
Fund balances, June 30, 1984	<u>\$107,853</u>	<u>\$1,086</u>	<u>\$29,837</u>	<u>\$138,776</u>

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The Board of Directors
McKenzie River Gathering

I have examined the balance sheet of McKenzie River Gathering as of June 30, 1984 and the related statements of support, revenues and expenses and of changes in fund balances for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, include such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of McKenzie River Gathering as of June 30, 1984, and the results of its operations and the changes in its fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Patrick N. Ventura

Eugene, Oregon
September 14, 1984

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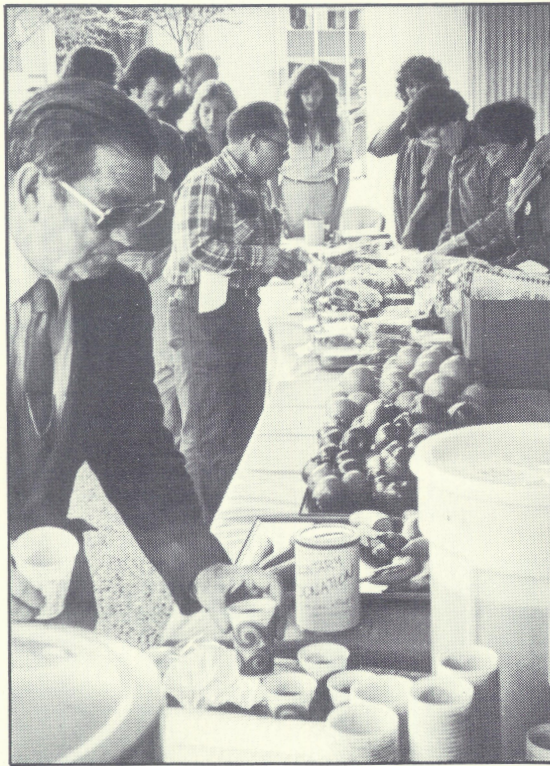
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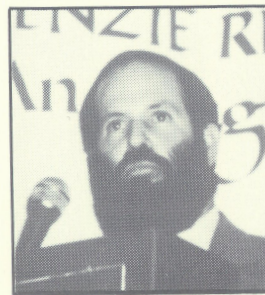
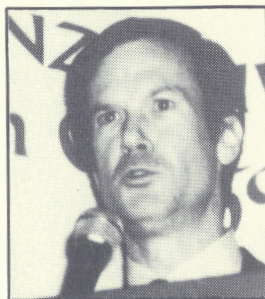
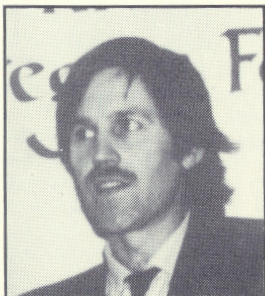
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Four speakers at MRG's forum on "Socially Responsible Investing in the 1980's" in Portland, attended by 180 Oregonians on April 8, 1984 (top to bottom) George Pillsbury, of the FUNDING EXCHANGE, Boston office, Jerome Dodson, of the Working Assets Money Market Fund of San Francisco, Joan Shapiro, Vice-President of Development Deposits of the South Shore Bank of Chicago, and Roger Auerbach, President of the Oregon Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, Portland/Photos by Peter Jensen.

MRG's growth over the past eight years was made possible by the consistent support of its growing and diverse group of donors in Oregon. Although donors with inherited wealth are MRG's traditional supporters, most MRG donors are not wealthy, and their contributions come from their salaries and savings. Larger donors encourage many other gifts by the size of their donations, and smaller donors encourage others by their numbers. What MRG donors have in common is a commitment to funding change, not charity, in Oregon. MRG enables you to fund vital groups close to home rather than have your money go to taxes. This is a very effective form of opposition to current government priorities and budgeted deficits—perhaps even as powerful as your vote!

Services to donors

MRG grantmaking is our primary service to donors. Wide outreach throughout Oregon is done for each funding cycle—we see far more than the assorted appeal letters on your desk. Local Oregon activists, with state-wide interests and experience, thoroughly evaluate all proposals while making funding decisions. Follow-up reports monitor grant effectiveness. Your donations go to the most timely and viable projects. (See funding cycle grant write-ups beginning on pages 4 and 5.)

MRG also administers and evaluates donor-advised gifts. (See FY 83/84 list on page 4.) The donor chooses the issue area (within MRG granting criteria), the geographic area, and nominates grantees. In FY 83/84 MRG administered over \$70,000 in donor-advised gifts. MRG staff work with donors to insure that the donor's intentions and the purposes of MRG are carried out.

There is an MRG donor group made up of people who have contributed \$250 or more in the last fiscal year. This is a support group of people who meet to discuss personal and money issues. This year, forty-seven people were eligible to go to these meetings. Coming out of this group's interest in investments that "do well while doing good," MRG sponsored a forum on "Socially Responsible Investing in the 1980's" on April 8, 1984. 180 people attended, making this the most successful forum of its kind nationally this year. Four speakers (see photos above) covered topics such as the weaknesses of traditional investment advisors, the proven earning power of good politics, creativity when choosing investments, new socially-conscious money market funds, local economic development by banks with socially responsible investment policies, and how unions apply socially responsible investment criteria to their large pension funds. For follow-up in this next year, MRG would like to sponsor more Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) activities such as: SRI opportunities in Oregon, Women and Money, and new national and regional developments for investors.

Our main work, however, continues to be creative community, tax-exempt grantmaking. As a member of the FUNDING EXCHANGE and the National Network of Grantmakers, MRG can put donors in touch with other community-based

funds and national and international projects that are worth funding. MRG can provide active donors with information about national and regional donor meetings.

In addition, MRG has several publications that are useful to donors. The *1983-84 Funding Exchange Directory of Socially Responsible Investments* and MRG's own *SRI Directory for Oregon* give potential investors contacts in this rapidly maturing field. The *Gift Giving Guide* outlines methods and tax implications of making donations, and *Robin Hood Was Right* addresses a wide variety of issues involved in having money and being for social change.

Finding New Donors

Over 500 people donated more than \$207,000 through MRG this fiscal year. We surpassed some of our most important goals for this year: for example, we planned to raise \$100,000 in general contributions, and we raised over \$107,000! Two hundred more people wrote out checks to MRG this year than last. These MRG donors come from more communities in Oregon than ever. Our dream of being Oregon's state-wide social change foundation becomes more real with each passing year.

Current donors play an important part in our outreach to new donors. They do this by hosting informational meetings about MRG, asking friends and relatives to become involved with MRG, and working with one of two MRG fund-raising committees and staff. You can make your contribution even more effective by helping MRG find new donors.

Ways to Contribute

Since MRG is not a currently endowed foundation, we must continually raise money for on-going grant making. There are many ways to contribute to MRG: cash, checks, pledges, stocks, property, donor agreements and bequests through wills.

- **checks**—please make payable to McKenzie River Gathering Foundation
- **pledges**—gifts pledged for specific amounts at specific times allow MRG to plan ahead more effectively
- **stocks and property**—there are very favorable tax consequences of giving appreciated stocks and/or property directly to MRG
- **donor agreements**—agreement terms with individuals or incorporated donors can be designed to fit social change purposes and MRG tax-exempt program
- **wills**—a bequest to MRG can be part of your will
- **endowments**—we are hoping to become an endowed, public foundation and have prepared ourselves to manage long-range resources

We hope you will contact us with new ideas about creative donations and grantmaking. We suggest verifying details of specific arrangements with your accountant or lawyer as we do at MRG. Remember, up to 50% of adjusted gross income can be exempted from tax by donating to the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation for social change in Oregon.

While MRG may be unlike most foundations, we are not unique—not in our social change perspective nor in our source of support nor in our activist grantmaking committee. Instead we have been in part created by and the creator of many similar foundations throughout the country. These foundations, now nine in number, formally interact and reinforce each other through the Funding Exchange.

- **Bread and Roses Community Fund,** Philadelphia
- **Common Capital Foundation,** Washington, D.C.
- **Crossroads Fund,** Chicago
- **Fund for Southern Communities,** Atlanta, serving the Carolinas and Georgia
- **Haymarket People's Fund,** Boston, serving New England
- **Liberty Hill Foundation,** Los Angeles, serving Southern California
- **McKenzie River Gathering Foundation,** Eugene, serving Oregon
- **North Star Fund,** New York City
- **Vanguard Public Foundation,** San Francisco, serving Northern California

When MRG was just starting in 1976, the existing other funds pooled their experience and donor contacts to help create our growing base of support. Since then, the Funding Exchange has played a role in creating community-based funds that are now in the developmental stage.

- **Common Wealth Fund,** Seattle, serving Washington State
- **Live Oak Fund,** Austin, serving Texas
- **People's Resource of Southwest Ohio,** Dayton, serving Dayton, Cincinnati and SW Ohio
- **Wisconsin Community Fund,** Madison, serving Wisconsin

There are also funds beginning in Baltimore and Minnesota. In time, we'd like to see similar funds in all parts of the country.

Over the past six years, the Funding Exchange has provided intensive technical assistance and \$270,000 in developmental grants from the larger funds to the newer and smaller funds. This has enabled the newer funds to develop their fund raising potential while maintaining a solid level of grants.

Over the years all member funds have been strengthened by working together. Often one fund will learn of a potential donor in another fund's region and pass along the information. Publicity generated by the national office has brought in additional donors. Publications such as the *Gift-Giving Guide: Methods and Tax Implications of Giving Away Money* and *The Directory of Socially Responsible Investments* both provide invaluable information and insights for donor financial planning.

Each year, staff members from funds in the exchange meet for professional skills workshops. The Funding Exchange also started similar meetings for activist grantmakers and board members in 1984. In the past four years, the Funding Ex-

change has built up its largest project—National Community Funds—which makes donor-advised grants to projects nationwide. This fully self-sufficient program now employs a three and a half member staff and made grants of more than \$1.6 million in 1983. These grants tend to go to regions in which we do not have a community-based fund. These grants also complement the funding of local foundations by funding projects with national and international scope. In 1983, the Funding Exchange Board established a general fund for National Community Funds to make unrestricted grants to underfunded areas to complement its existing donor-advised funds.

Like all member funds, MRG has committed a substantial portion of staff and volunteer activist time to the Funding Exchange. For social change work in Oregon to have lasting impact, similar work throughout the country must be supported.

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Linda Reymers has been involved with MRG for five years as the representative of a grantee organization, as a grantmaker, and now as Associate Director. She has been active in feminist and non-intervention issues. Linda has been a staffperson/fundraiser for the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides for six years and is a grantwriting consultant for social change groups.



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