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To the memory of Al Szymanski, scholar, political activist, and tireless worker in the cause of social justice. From the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960's to the current struggle for peace and self-determination in Central America, Al identified with the oppressed and made their cause his own. As a scholar, his teaching and writing helped many to see the need and the possibilities for progressive social change. His dedication and generosity will be missed by all who shared his vision of a more just and egalitarian society.

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INTRODUCTION

The ninth year of the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation was an exciting year of growth. We raised more income than planned, and we increased the number of grants given. Oregon peace work, communities of color, low-income organizing, women's issues and protection of the environment all received critical MRG support. MRG's work as a catalyst for social change in Oregon continues.

Here's where we are going. We surpassed our fiscal year 1984/85 goal of raising \$120,000 in general, uncommitted funds—we raised close to \$140,000. We had budgeted a 20% leap over the year before, and we reached 30%! This encourages us to set a much higher goal for next year: \$200,000. We look ahead to the next two years, hoping to double the size of the foundation. We plan to double the amount we raise, double the amount going out in grants, and double the number of people actively working with MRG. Our successes this year lead us to believe, with your help, that we can set and reach much higher goals.

This fiscal year, MRG operated with a total budget of \$235,269, with \$151,927 going to grants to support 101 projects, \$37,009 for administrative expenses, and \$36,800 in low-interest loans made from a restricted revolving loan fund. We are pleased that we have kept the foundation grants to administrative ratio among the lowest in the nation. In the past nine years, MRG has supported more than 825 projects with grants and loans totalling almost \$1,300,000. (Descriptions of projects funded this year begin on page 5.)

More people from Oregon wrote us checks than ever before. In the coming year, we are going to call on all of them to do something more than they did last year for MRG. We will ask people to 1) have more face to face meetings with us to talk about social change in Oregon and MRG, 2) provide more financial support, and 3) take on more volunteer tasks that fit into MRG's strengthened organization.

MRG's work this year was done by volunteers and one full-time director and a half-time associate director. Because of our successes and future plans, the MRG Board recently increased our staff to two full-time positions: a development director and a program director. MRG staff work for and help coordinate the work of over 50 volunteer Board members, grantmakers, fund-raisers, planners and skilled social change consultants. The highlights of this year demonstrate why we are planning for significant growth:

- 459 people contributed \$219,167, more support from Oregon donors than ever before
- general income increased by another 30% over last fiscal year
- administrative costs were kept at 20% of total expenses, while the total for grants rose to \$151,927, over \$70,000 of that in general grants made during regular funding cycles
- hundreds of copies of MRG's own *Oregon Directory of Socially Responsible Investments* and the Funding Exchange's national *Directory of Socially Responsible Investments* were distributed

- state-wide tax-exempt sponsorship was provided to 39 Oregon projects
- \$36,800 in loans from the West End Co-operative Loan Fund were made to co-op providers of food for low-income people in Lane County
- MRG's organization was clarified through a series of steering committee meetings involving 15 people from all parts of MRG to establish a sound basis for growth
- MRG staff was expanded to two full-time people
- our memberships in coalitions with other foundations in Oregon, the Northwest and the nation was continued through consultations with other foundations, participation in a Northwest funders group, the National Network of Grantmakers and the Funding Exchange
- state-wide media attention was continued; for example, *Northwest*, Sunday magazine of the *Oregonian*, and monthly ads donated by *Willamette Week*
- MRG's slide show was updated and improved for our presentations
- proposed changes in laws governing tax-exempt deductions were researched and critiqued as changes discriminating against smaller donors as well as those who give appreciated non-cash donations
- MRG's role as an information clearinghouse on all the issues we fund was continued as was our service as a networking facilitator among Oregon social change groups.

This year we raised more money, helped several Oregon groups receive large grants from out-of-state foundations, and set up a structure to accommodate future growth. We hope that this annual report will address your need for information about MRG and our support for social change in Oregon. As MRG approaches its first decade, we all realize the vital importance of building a state-wide progressive network that will outlast the temporary power of the New Right. All of the issues we fund have been adversely affected by the current Federal Administration, but to our amazement and joy, that hurt has produced stronger local organizing, many local victories and increased public support for social change and for MRG and other community-based foundations like us.

MRG's important role in supporting Oregon's social change community is very comprehensive and also full of potential. The key to our stability and future growth is you, the readers of this report. We hope you will join in or increase your support in whatever ways you feel fit your abilities. As the folk singer Si Kahn wrote:

"It's not just what you're given,
It's what you do with what you got."

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 into 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. It is also one of the few opportunities activists in a range of issues from throughout the state have to learn from each other's work. The community presentations are always an exciting event for those who participate.

After the presentations, the grantmakers meet again to evaluate all the information and prioritize the funding requests. Grant recommendations made by this committee are submitted for approval to 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's funding process is one of the few in the nation that gives grantees an opportunity to directly communicate with those who make the actual funding decisions. We believe this democratic process benefits both our grantees and MRG's funding decisions.

Multi-issue social change demonstration/Photo supplied by the Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean.

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, nondiscriminatory 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 people of color 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 co-ops, health centers, alternative schools, or social services unless these projects are promoting social change beyond their basic function.

GRANTS LIST

I. Human Rights

Butler Support Group, Portland	\$1,500
Chicano Affairs Center, Eugene (2 grants)	950
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene	500
Columbia River Defense Project, Portland (2 grants)	3,050
Ebone Eyes, Eugene	700
ENTOS, Corvallis	400
FILMA: Portland Women's Film Forum, Portland	490
International Women's Day Committee, Portland	1,300
Japanese American Citizen's League, Portland	1,400
Klamath Tribe, Chiloquin	1,000
PROTECTS, Ashland	1,150
Rape Crisis Network, Eugene	1,500
Sapsikw't Tichamki, Warm Springs	1,750
Society Against Battering, Rape, and Abuse, John Day	1,300
Willamette Valley Immigration Project, Woodburn	1,750

II. Community Organizing and Environment

Alliance For Social Change, Portland (2 grants)	\$2,800
Blue Plate Special, Eugene (2 grants)	3,050
Clatsop Community Action Project, Astoria (2 grants)	2,600
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene	1,300
Coalition to Keep Oregon Families Together, Portland	1,300
Coastal Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Newport	1,300
Friends of Cathedral Forest, Corvallis	1,000
Hanford Clearinghouse, Portland	1,750
KBOO-FM, Portland (2 grants)	2,800
Lane Co. Clients Council, Eugene	1,100
Oregon Environmental Council/Right to Know Coalition, Portland	1,100
Pacific Fisheries Enhancement Corporation, Charleston	700
Southern Oregon Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Grants Pass	3,250

III. Peace and Solidarity

Alert for Latin America, Portland	\$ 400
Alliance to Counter Militarism, Eugene	3,150
Citizen Action for Lasting Security—Lane Co., Eugene	1,000
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene	1,750
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene (2 grants)	3,000
Interfaith Sanctuary Committee, Eugene	1,500
Lincoln Co. People for Peace, South Beach	1,500
New Clear Vision, Portland	1,500
North Coast Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Nehalem	1,500
Northwest Draft Counseling Center, Forest Grove	1,400
Oregon Coast Peace Alliance, Coos Bay	1,450
Peace House, Ashland	1,400
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland (2 grants)	3,000
Portland-Corinto Sister City Committee, Portland (2 grants)	1,695
Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, Portland (2 grants)	1,650
Portland Sanctuary Coalition, Portland	1,500

IV. Donor-Advised Grants

Alliance to Counter Militarism, Eugene (3 grants)	\$1,179
American Friends Service Committee, Portland	1,000
Amnesty International, Portland	500
ARABLE, Eugene	700
Artistas Indigena, Madras	2,300
Birth to Three, Eugene	1,000
Blue Plate Special, Eugene	400
Brightwings, Eugene	1,000
Central American Television Project, Portland	2,000
Chiapas Project, Eugene	250
Citizen Action for Lasting Security—Lane Co., Eugene (2 grants)	1,300
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene (5 grants)	3,671
Columbia River Defense Project, Portland	500
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene (4 grants)	1,786
Deadwood Creek Services, Deadwood	725
Fair Share Research and Education Project, Portland	2,000
Forelaws on Board, Boring (2 grants)	200
Foundation for National Progress/Mother Jones, San Francisco	1,000
Friends of the Hot Springs, Eugene	25
GRACIAS, Eugene (2 grants)	1,321
HOPE/Ethiopia, Eugene, (3 grants)	12,387
KBOO-FM, Portland (4 grants)	19,950
Lane Co. Clients Council, Eugene (3 grants)	7,250
Lane Co. Voter Registration Project, Eugene	23
Lucy Booth, Eugene	500
Mayan Refugee Relief, Eugene	439
Nicaragua Witness, Eugene	285
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene (2 grants)	2,025
Oregon Biological Control	500
Oxfam/Ethiopia, Boston (2 grants)	1,000
Performers for Nuclear Disarmament, Portland	2,900
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland	110
Portland Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, Portland	100
Portland-Corinto Sister City Committee, Portland	100
Portland Sanctuary Coalition, Portland	225
Rape Crisis Center, Eugene	115
Saturday Market, Eugene	585
Al Szymanski Fund, Eugene	375
Tilth, Eugene	500
Willamette Valley Immigration Project, Woodburn	500
Women's International Educational Exchange, Stanford, CA	4,850
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Portland	525
WOW Hall, Eugene	2,000

V. Board of Directors Grants

Funding Exchange	\$1,643
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VI. Totals

Total Funding Cycle Grants	\$70,185
Total Donor Advised Grants	80,100
Total Board of Director Grants	1,643
Total Loans (Restricted Fund)	36,800

Total Grants and Loans for FY 84/85 \$188,728

I. HUMAN RIGHTS

Butler Support Group, Portland, \$1,500

This group is concerned with Native American justice issues including religious freedom and protection of burial grounds. Educational forums and legal expenses were funded.

Chicano Affairs Center, Eugene, \$250 and \$700

The prison project from this center has bettered the conditions for Hispanic prisoners and alleviated racial tensions at major Oregon penitentiaries. It has also organized new community-based support for these prisoners. MRG grants helped with a funding search and public outreach.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene, \$500

CALC, an organization of Eugene's progressive religious community, addresses a range of peace and economic/social justice issues. Funding was provided for CALC's multi-cultural camp for children which fosters multi-cultural appreciation, rejection of racist stereotypes, and support for world peace.

Columbia River Defense Project, Portland and Hood River, \$1,300 and \$1,750

This project is defending the First Amendment rights of a group of Native American fishers that the federal government wants to ban from traditional salmon fishing areas on the Columbia River. Public outreach and legal costs were supported by both grants. The second also assisted renovation of the Celilo longhouse, the cohesive political and cultural center of the Columbia River Native American community.

Ebone Eyes, Eugene, \$700

This Black women's group organizes support for Black families facing racism, especially those new to the Eugene area. MRG's grant supported their annual cultural and political event during Black history month.

ENTOS, Corvallis, \$400

An apartment house for men just released from prison is owned and run by this group. Funding was for public outreach to explain corrections alternatives: either offer more community support to people newly released or build much more expensive prisons.

Filma: Portland Women's Film Forum, Portland, \$490

Filma was formed to explore and promote a feminist perspective through the medium of film. This grant supports the Portland Women's Film Festival's showing of multicultural feminist films.

International Women's Day Committee, Portland, \$1,300

This committee organizes one of the most important annual social change events in the Portland area. It was attended by 3,000 women, men and children celebrating the solidarity of women. Funding for a co-ordinator's position was provided.

Japanese American Citizen's League, Portland, \$1,400

The Portland chapter of JACL has been concerned with racism and discrimination since its founding in 1928. A speaker's bureau for public outreach on the issue of internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II and the attainment of redress for internees was supported by this grant. This project is basic to their long-range goals of strengthening constitutional protections for all people.

Klamath Tribe, Chiloquin, \$1,000

The Klamath Tribe did not consent to termination of their federal tribal status and subsequent loss of health, economic development and other badly needed programs. This grant supported the Klamath's public education work on their efforts to seek a legal decision concerning their right to restoration of their tribal status. These efforts also responded to the federal government's current attack on their treaty rights concerning hunting, fishing and water.

PROTECTS, Ashland, \$1,150

Frustration with Jackson County's criminal justice and treatment systems in cases of child and sexual abuse led to the recent formation of PROTECTS. This grant assisted organizing of victims, their families and others to obtain needed changes, printing of a bi-lingual (Spanish and English) pamphlet on victim's rights, and efforts toward bringing about a more sensitive way of handling this abuse.



An attorney for the Columbia River Defense Project is welcomed as a tribal member in appreciation for his legal support/Photo supplied by Celilo Longhouse.

GRANTEES



Project for Chicano prisoners meets inside the walls/Photo supplied by the Chicano Affairs Center.

Rape Crisis Network, Eugene, \$1,500

This crisis intervention/counseling group educates its primarily volunteer staff on the links between racism, oppression and sexual violence. Funding was for the Network's efforts to become a more multicultural organization, both in terms of staff and the women served.

Sapsikw't Tichamki, Warm Springs, \$1,750

This grassroots organization's goal is to assist the survival of Native American culture and the right to self determination of their people. Seed funding was granted for a quarterly newspaper on the Warm Springs reservation that will provide previously unavailable information on important reservation, regional, national and international issues.

Society Against Battering, Rape and Abuse, John Day, \$1,300

SABRA's work on domestic violence and sexual abuse issues is in the geographically vast Eastern Oregon area. This grant funded their newsletter which, due to the extremely rural nature of their organization, is an important organizing and educational tool.

Willamette Valley Immigration Project, Woodburn, \$1,750

The Project's Reforestation/Farmworker Membership Organization exists to improve the working conditions of Hispanics in the Willamette Valley. Funding was provided for this organization's newsletter which serves as an organizing tool and includes information on such issues as worker health and safety and legal rights.

II. COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND ENVIRONMENT

Alliance for Social Change, Portland, \$1,300 and \$1,500

The *Alliance* is a non-profit newspaper which publishes a calendar of progressive events and news of the Willamette Valley, from Portland to Eugene. The first grant was given to strengthen their accounting system and provide production expenses. Increasing the *Alliance's* subscription base and financial self-sufficiency was supported by the second grant.

Blue Plate Special, Eugene, \$1,300 and \$1,750

The host/producer of this half-hour long noon news program on KLCC-FM has made this show the most consistently accessible media to social change news in Lane County. Blue Plate's eight-part "Nicaragua Witness" series was re-broadcast to public radio stations nationally. These grants supported staff.

Clatsop Community Action Project, Astoria, \$1,100 and \$1,500

The Community Action Project is a new organization in two large, rural Northwest Oregon counties. The first grant sponsored two organizing workshops to involve low-income people in projects that will help meet their needs. The second grant followed up on the first by training three CCAP members as organizers for a legal advocacy group, a tenant association, and a newsletter.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene, \$1,300

CALC, a multi-issue organization, was instrumental in developing the Community Action on Poverty coalition. This grant supported CALC staff's organizing and public education work on this project.

Coalition to Keep Oregon Families Together, Portland, \$1,300

Until 1979 in Oregon, fathers did not have to leave so that families could receive public assistance. MRG's grant helped this coalition educate the public about the social damage done in breaking up families needing aid and the Federal dollars still available for assistance to two parent families.

Coastal Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Newport, \$1,300

MRG previously granted this group money to buy a high-density air sampler to test for toxins in coastal communities during slash burning in the forests. This follow-up grant paid for testing of the samples taken as well as public outreach work on the findings. The resulting data, which confirmed the suspected presence of cancer-causing polyhydrocarbons and herbicide residues in the smoke, was used in their successful campaign for closer monitoring of the burns and increased enforcement of laws limiting pollution.

Friends of Cathedral Forest, Corvallis, \$1,000
Old growth forests are not renewable resources, and the Cathedral Forest in the Santiam Pass is one of the last areas of its kind. This grant paid for an educational poster and for costs of organizing local meetings to mobilize support for protecting this special forest.

Hanford Clearinghouse, Portland, \$1,750
Two-thirds of Oregon's population is downriver of Hanford, site of the world's largest nuclear facility. This grant supported the Clearinghouse's public education campaign on the permanent, high level radioactive nuclear waste repository proposed as an addition to the Hanford reservation.

KBOO-FM, Portland, \$1,100 and \$1,700
The first grant supported a series of radio shows covering: 1) what Oregon social change activists will be working on during Reagan's final term in office, 2) homelessness in Oregon, 3) who runs Portland, and 4) the likely choice of Hanford, Washington (upriver from Portland) as a permanent high level radioactive waste storage site. The second grant sponsored KBOO's subscription to the Pacifica News Service, recognized as the only alternative radio service covering social change issues nationally and internationally.

Lane County Clients Council, Eugene, \$1,100
Poverty and homelessness have increased in Oregon during the last six years. Funding supported the council's local organizing efforts to educate and empower low-income people whose basic services have been reduced.

Oregon Environmental Council/Right to Know Coalition, Portland, \$1,100
Labor unions, consumer groups and environmental organizations are working together to inform workers and residents of their "Right to Know" what toxic substances they are exposed to both in their workplace and neighborhoods. The coalition's work to mobilize public support to obtain this basic right was supported by the grant. Community right to know is now the law in Oregon.

Pacific Fisheries Enhancement Corporation, Charleston, \$700
The salmon resource now returning to Oregon Coastal streams has been reduced to two percent of what it was one hundred years ago. This grant supported a newsletter to further the organizing efforts of this coalition working for a comprehensive salmon habitat restoration/economic development program on the 6,000 miles of Oregon Coastal streams.

Southern Oregon Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Grants Pass, \$1,500 and \$1,750

Migrant workers, communities surrounding orchards and fields, and consumers who eat sprayed foods all potentially face exposure to toxic pesticides. The medical recognition, treatment, documentation and prevention of pesticide poisoning are all areas in critical need of improvement. Both grants provided seed funding for SONCAP's bilingual migrant worker program focusing on these interrelated issues as they affect Southern Oregon's primarily Hispanic migrant community.

The West End Co-operative Loan Fund, c/o MRG, Eugene, \$36,800 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-op and the Willamette Peoples' Co-op and has supported democratically-managed farms, restaurants, food producers, food distributing co-ops, and food researchers with \$144,300 in aid since early 1979. Peter Jensen at the MRG office acts as volunteer contact person for this loan fund. Loans made this fiscal year include:

Earthright Farm, loan	\$ 2,000
Genesis Juice Co-operative, loan	4,000
Starflower Co-operative, loan	10,000
Organically Grown Co-operative, loan	8,500
Solstice Co-operative Bakery, loan	9,175
Thistle Organics, farm, loan	1,000
Saturday Market, loan	2,000
Mother Pearl Mushrooms	
loan of equipment	125

TOTAL FY 84/85 LOANS: \$36,800



A citizen researcher uses a high density air sampler bought with a grant from MRG to detect cancer-causing particles in forest slash burning/ Photo supplied by Coastal Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.

III. PEACE AND SOLIDARITY

Alert for Latin America, Portland, \$400

This youth theater group performs short pieces in public places and for special events that focus on violence against civilians in Central America and the arms budget versus human need. Funding provided props and printing costs for educational materials to help make their skits even more effective.



Speakers at a conference on the links between the arms build-up, U.S. military intervention and cuts in domestic programs/Photo supplied by Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Alliance to Counter Militarism, Eugene, \$1,400 and \$1,750

This group does public education work on the increasing militarization of U.S. society, counseling of military age youth and their families, and outreach on the growing possibility of a military draft. These grants funded their staffperson, a Vietnam Vet.

Citizen Action for Lasting Security—Lane County, Eugene, \$1,000

An educational canvass and other public education work on a proposal to make Lane County a nuclear free zone is sponsored by this grant. If adopted, Lane County would join nine other nuclear free counties in Oregon.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene, \$1,750.

CALC, a peace and justice resource center for Lane County, helped create People for Southern African Freedom in 1977. Continuing CALC's work in raising community consciousness on South Africa's racist apartheid policy was the focus of this grant.

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

Strengthening this group's ability to educate and respond to the expanding wars in Central America was the focus of these grants. Citizens in Eugene voted overwhelmingly against U.S. military intervention in Central America, and CISCAP is mobilizing this public support for peace.

Interfaith Sanctuary Committee, Eugene, \$1,500

The conditions of refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala and the oppression and death squads that have caused them to flee their homelands is the focus of this committee. Funding was for this group's local and state public education efforts.

Lincoln County People for Peace, South Beach, \$1,500

This group is organizing and educating around a range of peace issues, from Central America to nuclear disarmament to draft counseling. Funding supported establishment of an office serving as a center for social change work in their coastal area.

New Clear Vision, Portland, \$1,500

Many communities have declared themselves nuclear free zones, attempting to outlaw the nuclear arms race in their local jurisdictions. This grant supported a public education campaign that explained that, unlike previous free zones, a proposed measure for a "Nuclear Free Portland" could be effective and constitutionally binding.

North Coast Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Nehalem, \$1,500

North Coast CALS concentrates on nuclear and peace issues. Funding was for a peace fair attended by 1,500 primarily rural people. The fair presented a public education forum on peace issues through literature, speakers, theater, graphic art, and film.

Northwest Draft Counseling Center, Forest Grove, \$1,400

This grant supported a rural outreach project, with emphasis on the Hispanic community of Northern Oregon. Its program educated young people and their communities about the "poverty draft" and the role increasing U.S. militarism plays in de-emphasizing problems of social justice.

Oregon Coast Peace Alliance, Coos Bay, \$1,450
Sixty-four percent of Coos County voters decided for a nuclear free zone. This grant supported the Alliance's public education on peace issues, emphasizing networking and outreach to rural communities.

Peace House, Ashland, \$1,400

While Peace House activists have been primarily involved in educational work on the nuclear arms race, they are now focusing much of their efforts on the "deadly connection" of the widening war in Central America. A Southwestern Oregon public education program on Central America involving presentations to schools, religious groups, community organizations and the general public was funded by this grant.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland, \$1,500 and \$1,500

PCASC's emphasis on grass roots organizing and networking with other social change organizations was expanded by both grants. This project involves statewide outreach and coordination of Central American solidarity activities, from public education to provision of humanitarian aid.

Portland-Corinto Sister City Committee, Portland, \$775 and \$920

Corinto, Nicaragua is a port city and one of those illegally mined by the Reagan Administration. These grants supported public education on the establishment of a formal sister city relationship between Portland and Corinto, thereby promoting peace and understanding through cultural exchanges, aid projects, and community outreach. Portland adopted Corinto as a sister city in Spring, 1985.

Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, Portland, \$925 and \$725

This committee organized the Oregon contingent of a Fall, 1984 high-level labor delegation investigating Nicaragua's union movement, the national elections, and the impact of U.S. military involvement in the region. Printing a nationally-distributed report of the delegation's findings—challenging the official AFL-CIO position on Nicaragua—was funded by the first grant. A mass mailing to labor, third world, women's, religious, and community organizations across Oregon on Central American labor issues was supported by the second grant.

Portland Sanctuary Coalition, Portland, \$1,500

The coalition educates Portland residents about the violence in Central America that makes it impossible for El Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugees to return home. Funding for public outreach to schools, communities of color, and low-income groups was provided.



The Oregon portion of the peace ribbon that surrounded the Pentagon hangs on the wall at the Peace Fair in Seaside/ Photo taken for North Coast Citizen Action for Lasting Security by Peter Jensen.

MRG MEMBERS



Four members of the MRG Board meeting in Portland: (from left to right) Misa Joo, Paul Bestler, Sharon Hashimoto and Howard Shapiro/Photo by Peter Jensen.

BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Albrecht, Chairperson, works against war, for Hospice and for alternative mental health programs such as Halfway House Services, Inc. Judy is presently working at Open Adoption, helping people to plan adoptions that involve both the birth and adoptive parents in the child's life.

Paul Bestler, Treasurer, works as a contractor. Paul is also on the boards of OUR Federal Credit Union, White Bird Clinic and Grower's 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 is active in the Asian community particularly on pan-Asian and multi-racial issues with such groups as *Asians Together Newsletter*, Japanese/American reparation/redress committee and the Eugene anti-apartheid coalition. Misa promotes multicultural education as a middle school teacher.

James L. Mason, also a Grantmaker, researches grants and social service delivery at Portland State University. James also does grantwriting for Black community groups.

Mary H. O'Brien, also a Grantmaker, is a botanist, and editor/information coordinator at Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides. Mary specializes in translating scientific information for laypeople. She has been active on several women's political campaigns.

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

Howard Shapiro is also a Grantmaker and a member of the Development Committee. Howard is a media consultant in the Portland area with a special interest in social change in Oregon.

GRANTMAKERS

Tom Bowerman is a designer/builders, gardener, and forester. He specializes in small energy-efficient homes and sustainable living systems.

Debra Cook is a Lane County Clergy and Laity Concerned staffperson and co-chair of national CALC's human rights/racial justice program. She is active in the Rainbow Party, an anti-apartheid coalition, and Ebone Eyes, as well as being an artist and cable access television producer.

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

Bill Farver is a lawyer and a staff assistant to a Multnomah County Commissioner. His activities include alternative education and Central American solidarity work.

Sharon Hashimoto (see Board of Directors listing).

Diane Hess is active in Central America solidarity work and is a staffperson for the Portland American Friends Service Committee.

Peter Jensen, MRG Development Director.

Vic La Course, active in Native American issues for thirty years, works as a health programs advocate for 37 Northwest federally-recognized tribes. As a nuclear disarmament activist, he is involved in Asian-Pacific, radiation victim, and Hanford nuclear reservation issues.

James Mason (see Board of Directors listing).

Mary O'Brien (see Board of Directors listing).

Linda Reymers, MRG Program Director.

Cheyney Ryan (see Board of Directors listing).

Ada Sanchez is a consultant on disarmament and women of color for the national Fellowship of Reconciliation. She has served on the Funding Exchange's Board of Directors and is active in Third World, non-intervention, civil rights, and feminist issues.

Mary Sellin is a small business owner and mother who works on pesticide reform and violence against women. She is also involved with a North Coast community radio station.

Howard Shapiro (see Board of Directors listing).

Ruben Sholander Cota is the director of the Chicano Affairs Center. His work there focuses on jails, prisons, and alcohol/drug problems.



Nine members of the MRG Steering Committee: (from left to right) Sharon Hashimoto (Board and Grantmaker), Doug Sherman (Development Committee), Mary O'Brien (Board and Grantmaker), Sarah Cook (standing, Grantmaker), Linda Reymers (MRG Program Director, Grantmaker and Development Committee), Howard Shapiro (Board, Grantmaker and Development Committee), Paul Bestler (Board), Mary Sellin (Grantmaker), and Misa Joo (Board). Not pictured: Peter Jensen (MRG Development Director, Grantmaker and Development Committee), Judy Albrecht (Board)/Photo by Peter Jensen.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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 Development Director.

Howard Shapiro, member of the Development Committee this year. See his write-up as an MRG Board member. Also a 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 Program Director.

STAFF

Linda Reymers, MRG Program Director, has been involved with the foundation for six years—as the representative of a grantee organization, as a grantmaker and, since 1983, as staff. She is a single parent to five-year old Nicholas and has been involved in non-intervention, feminist, and pesticide reform issues. Linda was fundraising staff for the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides for six years and has been a grants consultant for social change groups.

Peter Jensen, MRG Development Director. Peter has worked as MRG staff and as an MRG fund-raiser since 1976. His social change interests are peace, non-intervention and local economic development for jobs based on care for the environment. He works as volunteer contact person for the West End Co-operative Loan Fund. Peter is a published poet.



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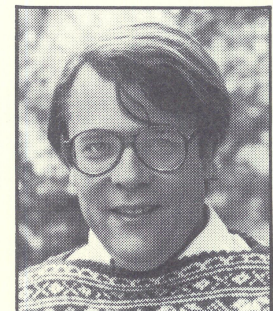


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FINANCIAL REPORT

MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1985

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash in bank—unrestricted (Note 2) ..	\$ 58,001
Cash in bank—restricted	3,701
Accounts receivable— brokerage account	4,646
Interfund receivable	6
Loans and note receivable, current (Note 3)	17,125
Total current assets	83,479
Loans and note receivable, long-term (Note 3)	90,337
Investment property— donated real estate (Note 4)	19,620
Equipment, at cost (Note 1)	1,495
Less: accumulated depreciation (Note 1)	(632)
Total equipment	863
Total assets	\$194,299

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Current liabilities	
Interfund payable	\$ 6
Payroll taxes payable	1,938
Grants payable—funding cycle	24,295
Grants payable—donor-advised	4,403
Total current liabilities	30,642
Fund balances	
Restricted, West End Co-operative Fund	109,657
Restricted, Office renovation	1,500
Investment in equipment	863
Unrestricted—Undesignated \$48,758 —Designated for donor-advised grant purposes (Note 2)	2,879
Total fund balances	163,657
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$194,299

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES for the year ended June 30, 1985

Support and revenues	
Contributions—general	\$219,167
Contributions—restricted	1,625
Interest—restricted fund	1,815
Fund raising income	280
Grant returns	556
Other revenues	161
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(254)
Total support and revenues	223,350
Direct expenses	
Grants made—general	151,927
Broker fees	742
Fund raising expense	8,791
Total direct expenses	161,460
Administrative expenses	
Salaries and wages	22,082
Rent	922
Telephone	1,834
Staff child care	288
Payroll taxes and insurance	3,216
Health insurance	758
Postage	705
Office supplies	286
Copying and printing	735
Staff transportation	842
Meetings and conferences expense	2,466
Professional fees	1,366
Miscellaneous expense	875
Restricted fund expense	136
Fees and licenses	275
Depreciation (Note 1)	223
Total administrative expenses	37,009
Total expenses	198,469
Excess of support and revenues over expenses	\$24,881

MRG members at annual meeting: (from left to right) Madeline Moore, Cheyney Ryan (back row), Judy Albrecht, Marion Sweeney with daughter Cama, and Bill Farver.



FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 1985

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES for the year ended June 30, 1985

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OR SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization—McKenzie River Gathering Foundation 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 lives of the equipment.

NOTE 2—FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR DONOR- ADVISED GRANT PURPOSES

At June 30, 1985, \$2,879 of cash funds were available from a donor fund and designated for subsequent donor-advised grants.

NOTE 3—LOANS AND NOTE RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 1985, loans and note receivable consisted of:

Loans from West End Co-operative Fund	
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative	\$14,562
Thistle Organics	1,000
Surata Soyfoods, Inc.	16,998
Organically Grown Co-operative	23,600
Solstice Bakery Collective	8,806
Genesis Juice Co-operative	4,834
Growers Market	207
Earthright Livelihood Co-operative ..	1,918
Starflower Co-operative	8,659
Saturday Market	1,753
Mother Pearl Mushrooms	125
Subtotal—WEF Loans	\$82,462
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
Total loans and note receivable ..	<u>\$107,462</u>

NOTE 4—DONATED REAL ESTATE

In the year ending June 30, 1985, McKenzie River Gathering Foundation received as an unrestricted contribution a parcel of land in Lane County, Oregon. The real estate parcel is valued at its estimated market value at the date of contribution and is being held for resale.

	Restricted				
	West End Fund	Office Reno- vation	Invest- ment in Equip.	Unre- stricted	Total Fund Balances
Fund balances, July 1,					
1984	\$107,853	\$0	\$1,086	\$29,837	\$138,776
Add—Excess of support and revenues over expenses	1,804	1,500	(223)	21,800	24,881
Fund balances, June 30,					
1985	<u>\$109,657</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$863</u>	<u>\$51,637</u>	<u>\$163,657</u>

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The Board of Directors
McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

I have examined the balance sheet of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1985 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, included 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 Foundation as of June 30, 1985, 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
August 30, 1985

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Children at CALC's multi-cultural kids' camp learn about social change and have fun/Photo supplied by Clergy and Laity Concerned.

DONOR INFORMATION

SERVICES TO DONORS

Do you feel deluged by mail solicitations from groups doing important progressive work? Do you have trouble deciding where to send your checks? MRG can help you clear the pile off your desk. By sending a contribution to MRG, you can contribute to a broad array of local groups working for social and economic justice in Oregon—grantmaking is our primary service to donors. We see far more than the assorted appeal letters on your desk. A state-wide committee, representing the issues we fund, receives objective information to evaluate groups. They also draw upon each other's experience and knowledge of groups and issues. Our goal is to insure that your donations go to the most viable and timely projects each cycle. Follow-up reports monitor grant effectiveness. (See funding cycle grant write-ups beginning on page 5.) MRG's thorough grantmaking works along with the accountability and anonymity we provide as a service highly valued by MRG's donor community.

MRG also administers and evaluates donor-advised gifts. (See FY 84/85 list on page 4.) The donor chooses the issue areas (within MRG granting criteria) and the geographic area and may nominate grantees. In FY 84/85 MRG administered over \$80,000 in donor-advised gifts. MRG staff works with donors to insure that the donor's intentions and the purposes of MRG are carried out. This year, for the first time, an Oregon corporation, which tried to divest from dealings with South Africa and had their efforts stymied, gave 100% of their profits from sales in South Africa to MRG to grant to anti-Apartheid work in Oregon. We hope to nurture and see much more of this kind of socially responsible corporate giving!

MRG's donor group is made up of people who have contributed \$250 or more in the last fiscal year. This group meets formally to elect two donor representatives to the grantmaking committee and to plan both formal and informal donor group events. These donors also form support groups for people who meet to discuss social change, personal and money issues. This fiscal year, 80 people were eligible to go to both the donor group meetings and the MRG annual meeting.

Alan Siporin of the Blue Plate Special news show on KLCC-FM interviews Nicaraguans for a series from Nicaragua that was partially paid for by donor-advised grants through MRG, including a grant to put the series on the National Public Radio satellite/Photo supplied by Alan Siporin.



MRG's growth over the past nine years has been made possible by consistent, long-term supporters as well as new people who all share a commitment to fund change, not charity, in Oregon. Although donors with inherited wealth were among MRG's earliest supporters, they have been joined by many professionals, retired people and activists who care about quality of life in Oregon. Larger donors encourage many other gifts by the size of their donations, while smaller donors encourage others by their numbers. MRG needs the support of all and plans to expand are based on increased giving by increased numbers of people.

This year MRG has continued to help people and groups explore socially responsible investing. While South Africa and nuclear weapons investors have received much negative publicity, MRG is determined to help people find positive and inclusive information that will help them "do well while doing good." We continued to sell hundreds of copies of the Funding Exchange's national *Directory of Socially Responsible Investing*, and we have distributed several hundred of our own *Oregon SRI Directory*. MRG plans to sponsor another SRI forum this year called: "Socially Responsible Investment Opportunities in Oregon."

FINDING NEW DONORS

More people from Oregon wrote checks to MRG this year than ever before! 459 people donated more than \$220,000 through MRG. We surpassed our most important goal for the second year in a row: we planned to raise \$120,000 in contributions to the general fund, and we raised almost \$140,000. This coming year we plan to raise \$200,000 in general donations. Reaching that goal involves a significant increase in MRG fund-raising. We will ask all donors and contacts to help us strengthen our roots in their Oregon communities. As we approach our tenth year of work in Oregon, MRG's members realize that our goal of building a state-wide social change foundation is growing on a schedule determined by the collective "you" to whom this report is addressed.

Current donors play a very important part in our outreach to new donors. You can host a showing of the MRG slide show to your friends, followed by a discussion of social change issues and resources in your community. You can ask friends and relatives to become involved with MRG. You can gain valuable fund-raising experience by working with one of MRG's local committees. We hope you'll make your donation even more effective by helping MRG with outreach to new donors.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MRG

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

- *cash*—MRG will provide a receipt for tax purposes for any cash donations
- *checks*—please make payable to the 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
- *office equipment*—MRG needs a computer, new office equipment and furniture

- *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 and part of a future endowment for the foundation
- *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 exempt from tax by donating to the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation for social change in Oregon.

THE FUNDING EXCHANGE

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 development stage:

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

In time, we'd like to see similar funds in all parts of the country.

Over the past seven years, the Funding Exchange has provided technical assistance and \$334,000 in development grants from the larger funds to the smaller and newer funds. This has enabled these 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 Exchange 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 \$2,300,000 in 1984.

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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