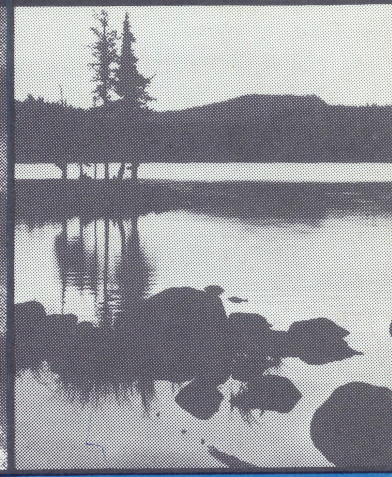
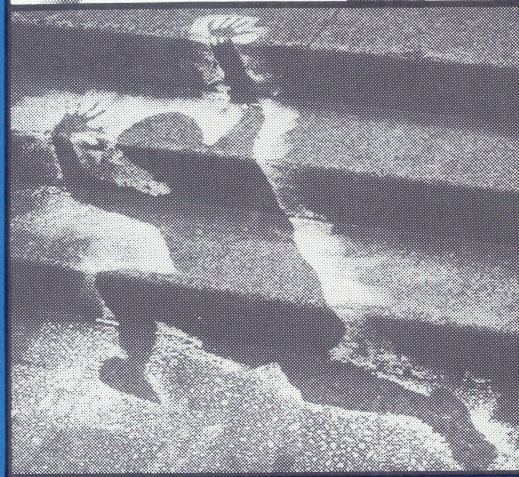
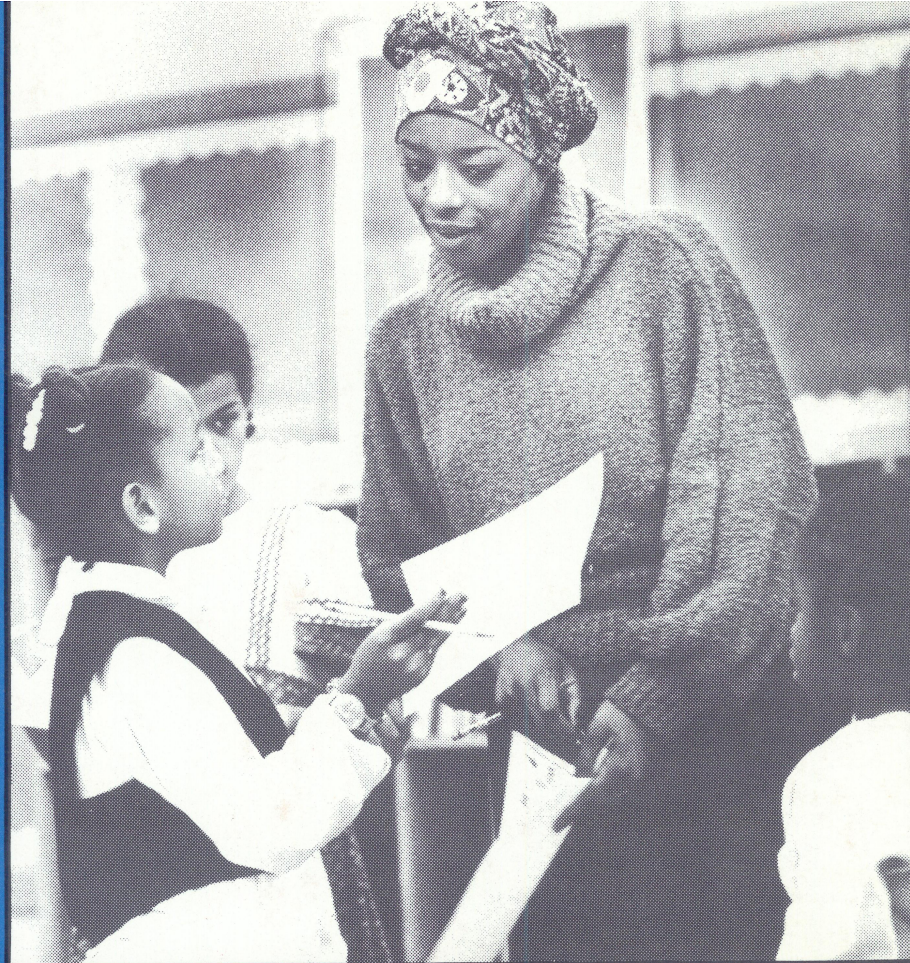


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ABOUT OUR COVER PHOTO

Photos from organizations active in MRG's three primary issue areas—Human Rights, Community Organizing and Environment and Peace and Solidarity—represent MRG's first decade as Oregon's social change organization. Top: Teacher and students at Portland's Black Educational Center/Photo supplied by the Black Educational Center. Bottom left: Waldo Lake, the purest lake on Earth, is being protected by efforts led by the Waldo Wilderness Council/Oregon Natural Resources/photo by Diane Kelsay. Bottom right: Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarmament's "Shadow Project" commemorated Hiroshima and Nagasaki/photo supplied by PAND.

Several of the major issues funded by MRG are represented in a photo supplied by the Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, 1985.

Introduction

This landmark annual report presents the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation's tenth year of work as Oregon's progressive funding source. MRG literally began with a 1976 gathering of community activists on the banks of the McKenzie River, a meeting convened by MRG's original donors, Leslie Brockelbank and Charles Gray. In the decade following, MRG grew by concentrating the financial and volunteer support of over 1,000 people in our highly organized and informed grantmaking process. Over 1,000 projects have been granted or loaned more than \$1,500,000. These grants have been responsible for initiating and sustaining a wide cross-section of our state's most effective peace, human rights and environmental organizations.

Many progressive victories and virtually all major social change issues of this ten year era in Oregon have received MRG support. From defending women's access to abortions to saving the world's purest lake to organizing a statewide network of Central America solidarity committees, MRG grants have advanced the work of our state's social change community. Our involvement in the following ten grantee success stories gives us cause to celebrate MRG's first decade:

- The threats posed by Hanford's nuclear wastes and WPPSS economics were not always widely understood. In 1979, MRG funded the Hanford Conversion Project which first drew public attention to these problems. MRG grants continue to support efforts to prevent Hanford from being selected as a permanent nuclear waste repository.
- The Klamath Indians' federal tribal status was terminated in 1954. A bill for recognition has been introduced in Congress in 1986. But when MRG made its first grants to the Tribe in 1978, only a few Klamath activists believed that tribal recognition—and the attendant urgently needed economic benefits—could be won back.
- Dioxin-containing defoliants, straight from the Vietnam War, rained down on Oregon's forests until the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides led efforts that won a national ban on the most toxic phenoxy herbicides. MRG grants helped NCAP gain this, as well as other public policy measures that have reduced Oregonians' exposure to pesticides.
- Legal victories by Japanese-Americans have drawn widespread attention to the racism involved in their illegal detention during World War II. These lawsuits, which strengthen first amendment protection for us all, build upon years of public education by groups such as the Japanese American Citizens League, whose recent efforts were funded by MRG.
- Latino community organizing in the Mid-Willamette Valley has increased significantly in these ten years, with support from MRG. This work began with MRG-funded projects stemming Immigration police harassment of Latinos.
- An early grant from MRG helped the Cascade Aids Project become a strong public education force combatting AIDS and the homophobia surfacing around this medical crisis.
- Shelter networks to protect victims of domestic violence haven't always enjoyed United Way and Marriage Tax support. MRG grants helped establish shelters in 13 urban and rural Oregon communities, before the funding of shelters was viewed as acceptable by mainstream agencies.
- A test case filed against the University of Oregon by its own Affirmative Action officer, a black woman, resulted in a settlement supporting affirmative action staff as they push for change. MRG grants funded the public education campaign on the issues raised by this case.
- The first of many grants to Oregon anti-apartheid (1977) and Central American solidarity (1979) groups encouraged local efforts that have built a public consensus opposed to U.S. support for oppressive South African and Central American regimes.
- GWEN is a military communications system designed for use in the execution of nuclear war. MRG's grants to the No-GWEN Alliance are helping this group challenge placement of the system in Eugene, Portland, and Klamath Falls through a nationally important lawsuit against the Air Force. No-GWEN is bringing nuclear disarmament issues home to Oregonians through their public education efforts on this test case.

There are many more reasons to celebrate MRG's first ten years, including our roster of 1985-86 grants presented in this annual report. You'll find an overview of this year's other accomplishments in the report. They include:

- Increasing both income and grants over the previous year. MRG, a non-endowed, fund-raising foundation, received the tax-exempt contributions of 815 donors which supported \$221,435 in grants.
- Keeping administrative costs to 19% of all grants—one of the lowest ratios among U.S. foundations.
- Sponsoring a major statewide Socially Responsible Investment Conference that was among the most successful in the nation.
- Holding workshops conducted by expert trainers on 1) Undoing Racism—to increase MRG's effectiveness as a multi-cultural organization, and 2) Grassroots Fund-raising—to help our grantees learn skills to improve their financial self-sufficiency.

We invite you to review our past year's work. And we encourage you to join us as we begin our second ten years as Oregon's social change foundation. The steady growth of MRG, a product of donor and activist support, will continue to be reflected in the work and successes of our next decade's grantees.

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.

Filma: The Portland Women's Film Forum celebrates opening night of their women's film festival/Photo supplied by Filma, 1985.

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.

Grantees

A member of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribe demonstrates corn husk weaving at a Portland International Women's Day Celebration. /Photo supplied by the International Women's Day Committee.



I. Human Rights:

Association of Professional Businesses, Portland, \$900. Portland-area government agencies' contracting practices have essentially ignored professionals who are people of color. MRG supported a directory educating public officials about the presence and qualifications of these professionals to improve the affirmative action record of government agencies.

Butler Support Group, Portland, \$1,143. Founded as a legal support group for three Native American activists, this organization educates the public about religious freedom, protection of burial grounds, and land-water treaty rights. MRG's grant was for fundraising expenses and a brochure on the problems of Native Americans in the judicial system.

Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC)/Big Mountain Witness, Eugene, \$1,500. This MRG-funded project sent a delegation of Oregon residents to witness the ordeal of Big Mountain Navajos first hand. With MRG grant support, these witnesses educated their communities about the massive human rights abuses involved in the forced relocation of 10,000 Native Americans.

CALC Multi-Cultural Kids Camp, Eugene, \$500. This grant helped support CALC's week-long day camp which helps children develop multi-cultural appreciation and an understanding of the concept "peace with justice."

CALC Racism Free Zone, Eugene, \$2,000. Seed money was provided for a model "Racism Free Zone" campaign. The project includes development of guidelines for self-assessment by institutions, educational materials, and workshops on "undoing racism."

Columbia River Defense Project, Portland, \$900. Columbia River Native Americans, without tribal recognition by the federal government, tenaciously maintain a way of life thousands of years old. MRG's grant supported education and legal work to obtain fishing rights, protection of ceremonial sites, and basic social services for them.

Comite Chicano-Latino en Contra de la Intervencion en Central America, Portland, \$1,500. MRG's grant provided seed funding for this bi-lingual group formed to address the impact of Central American issues on Latino community, including the likelihood that Latinos would be disproportionately represented in a U.S. military invasion of Central America.

Community Clinic Defense Coalition, Portland, \$1,700. Portland has one of the nation's highest levels of violence against and harassment of abortion providers and their patients. Funding was provided for this organization protecting women's access to reproductive health care through escort services and public education.

Comunidad Unida para Justicia, Woodburn, \$1,700. Mexican citizens, who comprise one-third of Woodburn's population, report frequent incidents of intimidation by local police. MRG helped sponsor a program of public education, advocacy for victims of civil rights abuses, and documentation of abusive practices.

Ebone Eyes, Eugene, \$850. Funding supported this women's group's seventh annual cultural fair, which brings together Lane County's dispersed Black community. "Families for Survival" was this year's theme.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Roseburg, \$365. MRG's grant purchased a letter-quality printer for GALA and other area social change groups. GALA's newsletter is the primary organizing tool for the Douglas County lesbian/gay community.

Harney's Hope, Burns, \$900. Hope confronts domestic and sexual violence issues in conservative, rural Eastern Oregon—an area of personal and physical isolation for many women. Funding allowed Hope to expand production of their newsletter to 1,000 copies and consequently alert more women to the work of the organization.



Lakota Oyate-Ki Culture Club, Salem, \$1,000. Native Americans are disproportionately represented in Oregon's prison population. MRG's grant supported this prison club's annual magazine educating the inmate and outside populations about the causes of and proposed solutions to Native American recidivism.

Lesbian Community Project, Portland, \$2,000. Seed money was provided for LCP, which was formed to increase participation of lesbians in social change work and represent the lesbian community in human rights issues.

Migrant Worker Pesticide Safety Project, Jacksonville, \$2,000 and \$1,700. The Project educates both medical providers and the largely Latino farmworker community on the recognition, treatment, documentation and prevention of pesticide poisoning. Both grants sponsored a bi-lingual outreach worker.

Native American Consortium, Eugene, \$1,000. Seed funding was provided for an organization bringing together Lane County's diverse Native American community to promote Native economic and cultural interests.

Northwest Big Mountain Support, Portland, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Public outreach and fund-raising expenses were granted to this group which organizes Northwest participation in a national effort to rescind the federal order forcing relocation of 10,000 Navajo people. Their educational work concentrates on issues including corporate exploitation of natural resources and preservation of traditional cultural identities.

On the Edge/Teatro Nuestro, Eugene, \$1,700. Teatro Nuestro was funded to produce a bi-lingual musical theater piece alerting migrant workers to both pesticide problems and educational alternatives for their children. The production traveled to migrant labor camps throughout Oregon.

Portland Chapter, National Black Women's Health Project, Portland, \$1,000. Seed money was provided for a survey of chronic adverse health conditions in Portland's Black community. The survey will be the basis for gathering informational and financial resources necessary to begin changing these conditions.

Rape Crisis Network, Eugene, \$2,000. With this support, RCN continued an outreach project among the Network's underserved populations, particularly women of color. The project also improved the network's understanding of the correlation between sexual violence and other forms of oppression.

Women's Prison Project, Eugene, \$2,000. MRG provided support for this project organizing and representing inmates at the Oregon Women's Correctional Center. The Women's Prison Project is sponsored by the Chicano Affairs Center's successful Latino prison project.

Members of the Chicano Affairs Center's (ChAC's) Prison Project at Oregon State Prison. ChAC is also sponsoring the Women's Prison Project/Photo supplied by ChAC, 1986.

II. Peace and Solidarity:

Anti-Apartheid Coalition of Eugene, Eugene, \$1,000. Seed funding was for a news bureau collecting, synthesizing, and distributing news about South Africa and international anti-apartheid work. The news bureau is a foundation for ACE's long-range organizing.

Grantees

The sign says it all/Photo supplied by Oregon Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, 1986.



Central America Action Committee, South Beach, \$500. MRG funds helped the committee educate the Mid-Coastal population about Central American issues, respond to human rights abuses in El Salvador and Guatemala, and raise funds for New El Salvador Today.

Central American Task Force, Corvallis, \$2,000. MRG's grant 1) expanded financial self-support and distribution of CATF's weekly 1,500 copy newsletter and 2) helped develop a community coalition center for anti-apartheid, feminist, and Central America sanctuary and solidarity groups.

Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Salem, \$1,000. Funding supported production and widespread distribution of a brochure on the economics of conversion from nuclear weapons production to useful consumer goods.

Committee for Self-Determination in Central America, Bandon, \$500. This grant supported broadening rural Southern Coastal residents' perspective on Central America through regional networking and educational materials.

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene, \$2,000 and \$1,500. These grants supported CISCAP's local coordination of the national "Peace and Justice in Central America" project. The first grant focused on an educational campaign on the bombing of the Salvadoran countryside, while the second expanded the project to include work in support of the broad popular movement in the cities of El Salvador.

Draft and Pre-Enlistment Counseling Project, Eugene, \$2,000 and \$1,700. This

group recently helped convince the Eugene school board to provide counter-recruitment counselors the same access to high schools as military recruiters. Both grants supported the resulting increase in the Project's educational outreach work, counselor training, and counseling of youth and parents.

Hanford Clearinghouse, Portland, \$2,000. The Clearinghouse furnishes resource materials to the general public and to a coalition of groups working to prevent the selection of Hanford as a permanent high-level nuclear waste repository. This grant supported literature publication and fundraising expenses.

Interfaith Sanctuary Network, Eugene, \$2,000 and \$1,700. Funding was for in-depth educational work with area churches on the war being waged against Salvadoran and Guatemalan civilians, a war which forces refugees to flee their homelands.

No-GWEN Alliance of Lane County, Eugene, \$2,000. GWEN is a communications network intended for use by the military when other systems have been disabled in nuclear war; towers are planned for Eugene, Portland, and Klamath Falls. MRG's grants sponsored the groundwork for a nationally important lawsuit No-GWEN is bringing against the Air Force to prevent placement of the towers and bring nuclear disarmament issues home to Oregonians.

North Coast Citizen Action for Lasting Security, Nehalem, \$840. Funding supported a ten-month public education campaign on the proposed selection of Hanford as a nuclear waste repository. The North Coast population has a special interest in this issue because of their susceptibility to contamination from Hanford.

Oregon Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, Eugene, \$2,000 and \$1,700. MRG funding was used to 1) implement statewide programs which contribute toward building a national non-intervention movement while reflecting local conditions, and 2) develop the internal organization and skills of solidarity committees throughout the state.

Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation, Portland, \$2,000. This grant supported a "First Strike Education Project" which explains why the U.S. is expanding its nuclear arsenal, how first strike capability relates to U.S. intervention in the Third World, and why Hanford is being developed as a nuclear waste dump.

Oregon Peace Council, Milwaukee, \$500. Funding was provided for production of a weekly public access television series covering peace and solidarity movements, people of color, women, low-income organizing, and environmental protection.

Peace Fair Committee, Corvallis, \$300. This grant helped fund a Peace Fair exhibiting art-work, essays, and performance pieces done by students in the Corvallis schools. The fair was the culmination of the children's study of peace and conflict resolution.

Peace House, Ashland, \$1,350. Funding supported a Southern Oregon peace and justice conference sponsored by nine regional social change groups. It was developed to increase participation in the groups' work and to encourage networking among Southern Oregon social change organizations.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland, \$1,700. One-third of El Salvador's people are internal refugees or have fled their country. PCASC was funded to coordinate the Portland area's participation in a national campaign drawing attention to the Salvadoran government's war against the civilian population.

Portland-Corinto Sister City Association, Portland, \$750. This grant supported a community education and outreach campaign promoting mutual understanding and peace between the seaport residents of Corinto, Nicaragua, and Portland, Oregon.

Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, Portland, \$920. Funding aided the committee's public education project on the repression of Salvadoran trade unions. Their program included passage of union resolutions, production of brochures and a slide show, and speaking presentations by U.S. and Salvadoran labor leaders.

Portland Sanctuary Coalition, Portland, \$750. MRG funding continued the coalition's public education work on the U.S. government's support of military violence in Central America. The coalition educates the religious community about issues common to the indigenous liberation movements of Central Americans, South Africans, and Native Americans in this country.

Portlanders Organized for Southern Africa Freedom, Portland, \$1,700. POSAF was funded for 1) development of the Pacific Northwest portion of a national South Africa Emergency Response Network, and 2) an educational campaign to stop movement of South African cargo to and from West Coast ports.

Viet Nam Veterans of America, Eugene, \$500. MRG's grant supported exhibition of a half-size replica of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall during the Eugene Celebration. The VVA used this potent symbol to educate the public about militarism, Viet Nam, and U.S. intervention in Central America.

III. Community Organizing and Environmental Protection:

The Alliance, Portland, \$1,000. The Alliance is a monthly publication describing itself as "an outreach tool and common information base for peace, environmental, and social justice activists and groups in Oregon." Funding was for a six-month promotional campaign to increase financial self-sufficiency.



Blue Plate Special, Eugene, \$2,000. Blue Plate, a weekday noon news magazine on KLCC-FM, has more news and features on Lane County's social change groups than any other local media. Funding was for general operating expenses.

Three visitors from Japan hold candles at a Eugene commemoration of Hiroshima Day, co-sponsored by Clergy and Laity Concerned/Photo by Peter Jensen, 1985.

Lane County Clients Council, Eugene, \$2,000 and \$1,000. LCCC organizes poor people around basic survival issues. The first grant enabled the Council to do public outreach and sponsor a workshop teaching planning skills to low-income people. The second grant supported their "Children at School Survival Campaign," a program helping parents challenge racism and the helplessness caused by despair at being poor, both of which frequently surface in their experiences with the public schools.

Low-Income Families Together, Bend, \$1,000. LIFT was recently formed to empower the one in three Central Oregonians living below the poverty line. MRG funded their self-help firewood project, which organizes low-income people working together to meet a basic need.

KMUN-FM, Astoria, \$1,920. This grant project linked KMUN's programming with the organizing work of North Coast social change groups. Issues covered on the air included radioactive waste storage, health and political implications of AIDS, and impacts of pesticides and food irradiation.

Neighborhood Association of Blue Ridge, Astoria, \$1,365. This grant provided start-up costs and technical assistance for NABR, a new group organizing and representing low-income Clatsop County residents.

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene, \$2,000. Funding provided technical assistance for NCAP's member groups to develop and implement grassroots fundraising strategies. Members are primarily located in rural, low-income areas.

Grantees



View of Waldo Lake in the Waldo Wilderness. /ONRC Photo by Jim Bourdein.

Radiation Education Council, Salem, \$1,373.

Funding provided information bulletins on radioactive waste in Lake County, which covered such topics as the battles of Native Americans against uranium companies, corporate destruction of forest and scenic lands, and pollution of farms and low-income neighborhoods. REC recently succeeded in convincing the government to transfer uranium tailings from a dump near Lakeview to a safer location.

Southern Oregon Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Grants Pass, \$1,700.

Funding was for a roadside spray educational campaign to 1) alert residents to the toxic substances used in roadside maintenance, and 2) build regional awareness of alternative pest management strategies and the problems associated with pesticide dependence.

Waldo Wilderness Council, Eugene, \$1,000.

Waldo Lake is the purest lake on earth. MRG's grant was used to encourage public involvement in the formation of the U.S. Forest Service's ten-year plan for the Waldo region; according to experts, the resource management policies in this plan will affect this area through the end of the next century.

Oregon Northern Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Lincoln City, \$1,250.

This two-part grant funded 1) a project educating Northern Oregon communities about non-chemical roadside management methods and potential health hazards from exposure to roadside herbicide spraying, and 2) a program to convince the Oregon State Accident Prevention Division to add farmworkers to those workers covered by worker right-to-know hazardous substance regulations.

Pacific Fisheries Enhancement, Charleston, \$1,000.

Funding was given for educational materials addressing development of a comprehensive coastal salmon habitat restoration program. Issues addressed by this project include economic development, preservation of regional Native American traditions, and corporate control of natural resources.

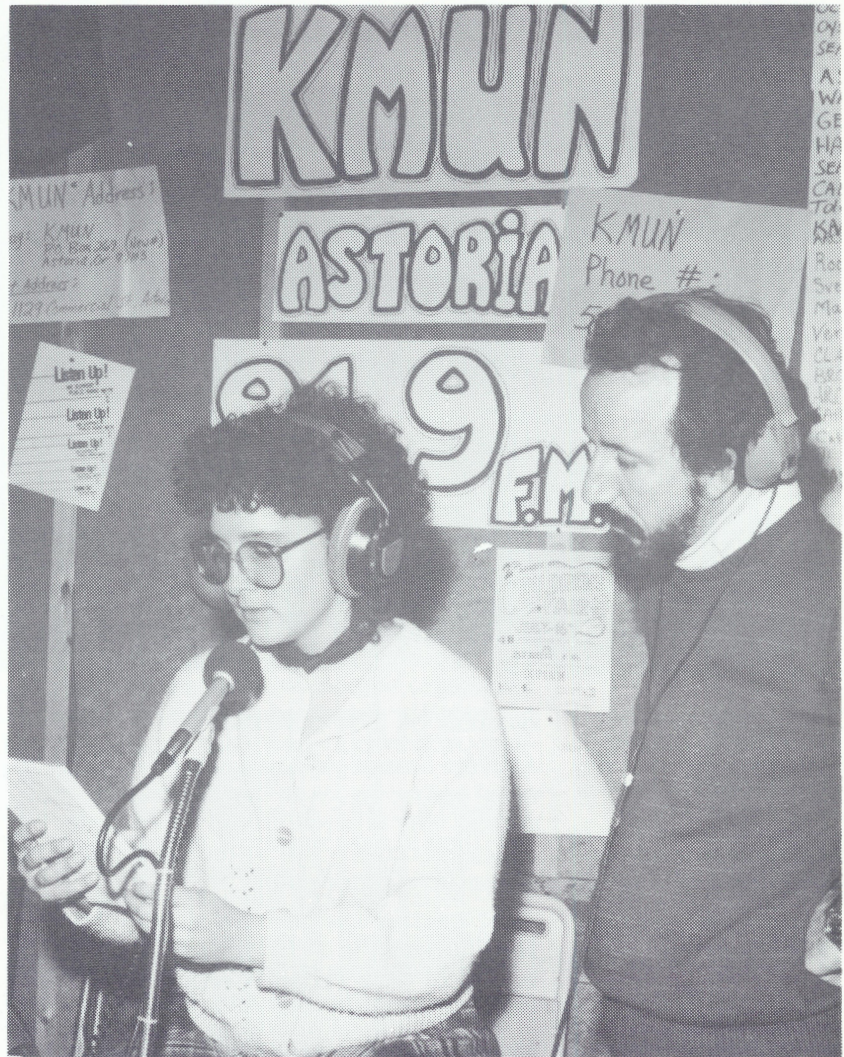
Portland Chapter, New Jewish Agenda, Portland, \$500.

This grant supported the newsletter of a group that is "a progressive voice in the Jewish community and a Jewish voice in the progressive community." The publication examines issues including racism, Central America, South Africa, disarmament, anti-Semitism, lesbian/gay rights, and the religious persecution of Native Americans.

Grants List

I. Donor Advised Grants

Al Szymanski Fund	\$ 230.00
The Alliance	750.00
Ambulances for Nicaragua	500.00
ACLU Foundation of Oregon	265.00
American Friends Service Committee	200.00
Americans for Peace in the Americas	200.00
American Peace Test (2 grants)	21,315.00
Anti-Apartheid Coalition of Eugene	362.00
Birth To Three	750.00
Blue Plate Special	275.00
Bright Wings (2 grants)	2,750.00
Capp Street Foundation	1,050.00
Cathedral Forest Action Group	37.50
Center for Constitutional Rights	400.00
Center for Development Policy	300.00
Center for Energy Research	2,500.00
Central American Action Committee of Lincoln County	160.00
Central Presbyterian Sanctuary Committee	300.00
Chiapas Project	500.00
Citizen Action for Lasting Security/Eugene (2 grants)	700.00
Clergy and Laity Concerned (6 grants)	5,598.50
Coalition for Safe Power (2 grants)	12,875.00
Columbia River Defense Project	5,000.00
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (4 grants)	5,011.65
Conference on Community-Worker Buyout	303.99
Deadwood Creek Services	505.00
Draft and Pre-Enlistment Counseling Project	200.00
Elegant Barge Theatre	75.00
Food for Lane County	1,250.00
Forelaws on Board (3 grants)	17,400.00
Friends of the Dunes	1,500.00
Friends of the Hot Springs	125.00
Generations for Peace	2,000.00
Gracias	500.00
Greensboro Civil Rights Fund	400.00
Guardian	200.00
Hanford Clearinghouse	750.00
KBOO-FM (2 grants) [1500]	3,500.00
Lane Extension Service	1,000.00
Lesbian Community Project	6,750.00
Mistover Productions	1,000.00
Mother Jones	1,000.00
Neighbor to Neighbor	200.00
NicaTech	2,315.00
No-GWEN Alliance	625.00
Northwest Big Mountain Support (2 grants)	4,837.56
Open Adoption Family Services	789.75
Oregon Freeze Campaign	2,639.00
Oregon Natural Resources Council (2 grants)	1,197.50
Oregon Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador	2,150.00
Peace Billboard	375.00
Point Foundation/Whole Earth Review	1,000.00
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee	2,930.00
Portland-Corinto Sister City Committee	1,980.00
Portland Feminist Women's Health Center	500.00
Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean (2 grants)	2,820.00
Portlanders Organized for Southern Africa Freedom	928.50
Riparian Setback Committee	2,637.50
Saturday Market	3,321.00
Shanti Project	100.00
Tewahnee Survival School	31,403.75
Threatened and Endangered Little Applegate Valley	800.00
Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (2 grants)	1,488.00
Women's International Exchange	4,850.00
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	1,160.00



II. Board of Directors Grants

Funding Exchange	2,491.52
KBOO-FM	480.00
San Francisco Mime Troupe	100.00

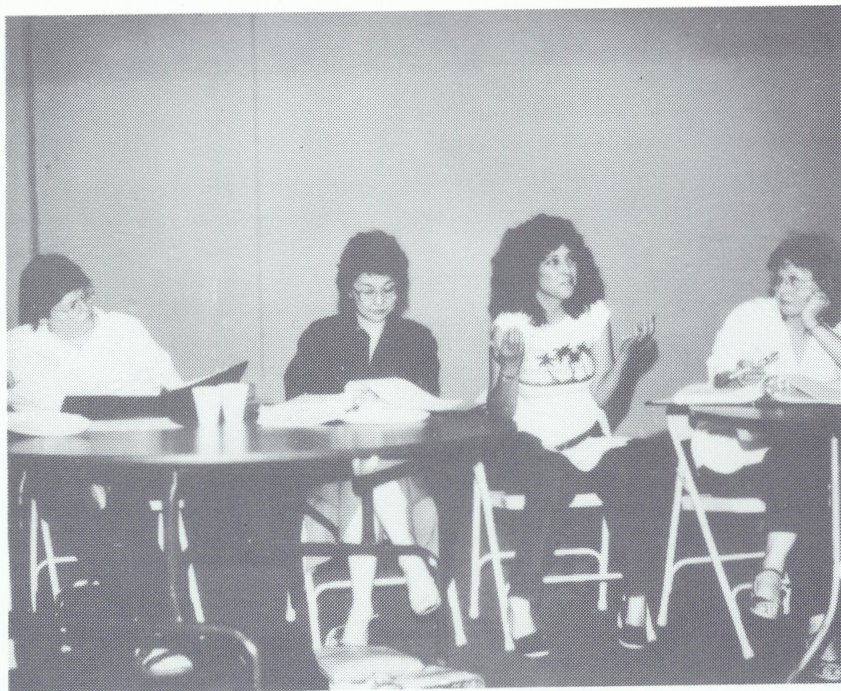
III. Totals

Total Funding Cycle Grants	85,376.00
Total Donor Advised Grants	171,536.20
Total Board of Director Grants	3,071.52

Total Grants for FY 85/86 \$259,983.72

KMUN-FM broadcasters work on programming complementing the work of North Coast social change groups/Photo supplied by KMUN-FM, 1984.

MRG Members



MRG grantmakers Deb Ross and Judy Murase and MRG Program Director Linda Reymers listen to a representative of Comité Chicano-Latino en Contra de la Intervención en Central American during MRG's Spring, 1986 Presentation Day/Photo by Peter Jensen.

Board of Directors:

Allison Sampson-Anthony is involved in racial justice issues in her community and abroad. She is active in the Free South Africa movement and in the liberation struggles of women of color.

Paul Bestler has been involved in MRG since it began in 1976. He also sits on the boards of OUR Federal Credit Union, White Bird Clinic, and Growers Market.

Sarah Cook works with KBOO-FM (a Portland community radio station), the Northwest Women's History Project, and the Lesbian Community Project. She teaches a course in women-identified-women at Portland State University.

Lita Furby is a research psychologist. She works on a variety of issues related to women's rights, environmental protection, and the use of social science for social change.

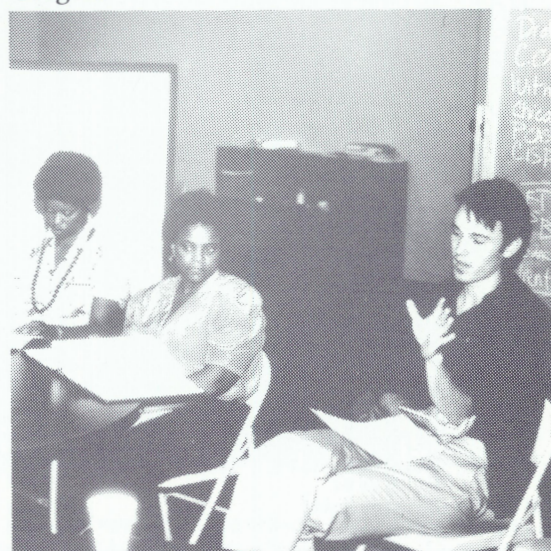
Avel Gordly is the director of the American Friends Service Committee's Southern Africa program and serves on the Board of the Funding Exchange. She has been active in issues affecting Oregon's Black community for many years and is involved in the Portland chapters of the Black United Front and Urban League.

Bill Lutz has worked in a wide range of progressive organizations in Oregon since 1973. He is the Development Director for Clergy and Laity Concerned and co-coordinator of the Oregon Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador.

Lupe Quinn is active in issues affecting Oregon's Latino community. She works in support of Big Mountain Native Americans and the Central American Sanctuary movement. Her involvement in Clergy and Laity Concerned includes serving as co-coordinator of CALC's Multicultural Kids Camp.

Mary Sellin owns a small business. She works on pesticide reform and women's issues and is involved in KMUN-FM, a North Coast community radio station.

Howard Shapiro has been active in fundraising for MRG. He is a media consultant with a special interest in social change in Oregon.



MRG grantmakers Debra Young and Sylvia Smith listen to a representative of the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee during Spring, 1986 Presentation Day/Photo by Peter Jensen.

Grantmaking Committee Members:

Tom Bowerman is a designer/builder who specializes in small energy-efficient homes and sustainable living systems.

Guy Burton is a staffperson for both Clergy and Laity Concerned and the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People. He has been active in nuclear disarmament work and Native American issues, including Big Mountain.

Bill Farver is a lawyer and a staff assistant to a Multnomah County Commissioner. He is involved in alternative education issues and Central American solidarity work.

Paquita Garatea is vice-president of the Hispanic Affairs Board at Portland State University. She is active in anti-apartheid work and in issues affecting the Latino and Black communities.

MRG Members



Board, grantmakers, fundraisers, and supporters at MRG's annual meeting (left to right): Front Row—Julie Sinai, Lupe Elenes, Paul Bestler, Allison Sampson-Anthony, Aday Sampson-Anthony, Lita Furby, Shelley McFarland. Middle Row—Bill Farver, Lupe Quinn, Sharon Hashimoto, Judy Murase, Linda Reymers, Nick Daniel, Mary Johnson. Back Row—David Sampson-Anthony, Doug Sherman, Bill Lutz, Guy Burton, Don Moccasin, and Craig MacPherson/ Photo by Peter Jensen, 1985.

Mary Johnson is an attorney and a founding member of an Eastern Oregon group working with battered women and victims of sexual abuse.

Vic La Course, active in Native American issues for thirty years, works as a health programs advocate for 37 Northwest tribes. His nuclear disarmament work has included involvement with Asian-Pacific, radiation victim, and Hanford nuclear reservation issues.

Don Moccasin is a counselor with Sweathouse Lodge and a consultant to the Multicultural Workgroup. As a Native American activist, he has been involved in issues including freedom of religion, treaty rights, and Native American prisoners.

Judy Murase is active in peace work and issues affecting communities of color. She is involved in the Japanese American Action League, the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, and an organization addressing the affirmative action practices of Portland-area public agencies.

Mary O'Brien is a botanist and the information coordinator for the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides. She specializes in translating scientific information for use by social change activists. Mary has been involved in nuclear disarmament and feminist issues.

Cydne Perhats is active in the Central American Task Force and women's issues. She recently helped develop a Corvallis community coalition center for anti-apartheid, feminist, and Central American solidarity and sanctuary groups.

Norman Riddle is involved in Native American issues and low-income organizing. He works with the Lane County Clients Council, Native American Consortium, and Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Deb Ross is a staffperson with the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. She is active in the Lesbian Organizing Project and feminist issues.

Cheyney Ryan teaches at the University of Oregon. He is involved in anti-militarism efforts and trade union organizing. Cheyney's participation in local theater includes work with Teatro Nuestro, a bilingual theater group addressing migrant worker issues.

Sylvia Smith teaches in the Eugene school district's multicultural program. She is involved with the Rainbow Coalition, Clergy and Laity Concerned, and Ebone Eyes.

Debra Young is active in issues affecting the black community. She has been involved in Ebone Eyes and Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Development Committee:

Lita Furby
Jack Gray
Peter Jensen
Bill Lutz
Linda Reymers
Howard Shapiro
Doug Sherman

Staff:

Peter Jensen, *Development Director*
Linda Reymers, *Program Director*

Financial Report

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1986

ASSETS

Current assets	
Cash in bank—unrestricted (Note 2) ..	\$138,287
Cash in bank—restricted	6,994
Accounts receivable—	
brokerage account	42,559
Dividends receivable	2,134
Loans and note receivable,	
current (Note 3)	20,069
Total current assets	210,043
Loans and note receivable,	
long-term (Note 3)	84,562
Investment property—	
donated real estate (Note 4)	19,620
Other assets—donated	180
Total other assets	19,800
Equipment (Note 1)	4,575
Less: accumulated depreciation (Note 1)	(947)
Total equipment	3,628
Total assets	\$318,033

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current liabilities	
Wages payable	\$ 1,069
Payroll taxes payable	3,222
Grants payable—funding cycle	27,950
Grants payable—donor-advised	42,916
Total current liabilities	75,157
Fund balances	
Restricted, West End Co-operative	
Fund	111,625
Restricted, Office renovation	1,352
Investment in equipment	3,628
Unrestricted—Undesignated \$40,360	
—Designated for	
donor-advised grant	
purposes (Note 2)	
.....	85,911
Total fund balances	242,876
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$318,033

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES for the year ended June 30, 1986

Support and revenues	
Contributions—undesignated	\$141,159
Contributions—donor-advised	
(Note 5)	254,068
Interest—restricted fund	1,961
Interest and dividends—unrestricted ..	3,927
Other revenues	3,556
Gain (loss) on sale of securities	(301)
Total support and revenues	404,370
Direct expenses	
Grants made—general	88,448
Grants made—donor-advised (Note 5) ..	171,036
Broker fees	421
Fund raising expense	9,460
Total direct expenses	269,365
Administrative expenses	
Salaries and wages	32,493
Rent	1,106
Telephone	3,356
Staff child care	506
Payroll taxes and insurance	3,899
Health insurance	1,693
Postage	1,445
Office supplies	825
Copying and printing	1,348
Staff transportation	1,621
Meetings and conferences expense ...	2,752
Professional fees	1,585
Miscellaneous expense	1,006
Restricted fund expense	13
Fees and licenses	270
Workshops	1,553
Depreciation (Note 1)	315
Total administrative expenses ...	55,786
Total expenses	325,151
Excess of support and revenues over	
expenses	\$79,219

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Financial Report

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 1986

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF 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, 1986, \$85,911 of cash funds were available from donor funds and designated for subsequent donor-advised purposes.

NOTE 3—LOANS AND NOTE RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 1986, loans and note receivable consisted of:

Loans from West End Co-operative Fund	
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative	\$12,885
Surata Soyfoods, Inc.	15,232
Organically Grown Co-operative	26,500
Solstice Bakery Collective	6,561
Genesis Juice Co-operative	1,904
Growers Market	1,788
Earthright Livelihood Co-operative	1,870
Starflower Co-operative	11,655
Welkin Woodland Mushrooms	1,111
Welkin Woodland Mushrooms— Equipment Loan	125
Subtotal—WEF Loans	79,631
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>104,631</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.

NOTE 5—DONOR-ADVISED INCOME AND GRANTS

Donor-advised contributions and grants made have been offset in the current year by a \$500 grant payable at the end of the previous year, but subsequently voided, with funds returned to the donor.

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES for the year ended June 30, 1986

	Restricted				
	West End Fund	Office Reno- vation	Invest- ment in Equip.	Unre- stricted	Total Fund Balances
Fund balances, July 1, 1985	\$109,657	\$1,500	\$ 863	\$51,637	\$163,657
Add—Excess of support and revenues over expenses	1,948	---	-315	77,586	79,219
Net Fund Transfers	20	-148	3,080	-2,952	
Fund balances, June 30, 1986	<u>\$111,625</u>	<u>\$1,352</u>	<u>\$3,628</u>	<u>\$126,271</u>	<u>\$242,876</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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I have examined the Balance Sheet of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1986, 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 financial statements referred to above, present fairly the financial position of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1986, 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 12, 1986

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The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador's contingent in the Eugene Celebration parade/Photo supplied by CISCAP, 1985.



We would like to express our appreciation to the people and organizations who contributed to MRG this year. Included in the list below are 320 donors to the MRG General Fund and 88 volunteers. An additional 495 supporters gave donor-advised gifts through MRG during the year. Our thanks to everyone.

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Panelists Lynn Youngbar, Sam Galbraith, Chuck Matthei, Steve Jones, and Amy Domini listen to Joan Bavaria, President of the Social Investment Forum, address MRG's 1986 Socially Responsible Investors' Conference. Photo by Peter Jensen.



As that pile of mail solicitations on your desk seems to grow with a life of its own, do you ever wonder how you can possibly make informed decisions on where to give your money? An increasing number of Oregonians are turning to MRG for just that kind of assistance—MRG's grantmaking is the major service we provide donors. Our funding decisions reflect our grantmaking committee members' knowledge and experience as activists in the issues we fund. MRG's grantmaking process elicits the information that the grantmakers need to separate out the most viable and timely projects for your donations to support. Through this process, MRG has frequently provided the initial funding that has gotten many of Oregon's most effective groups and crucial issues off the ground—groups and issues so new that most donors would not be in a position to know about them. Our required follow-up grant reports monitor grant effectiveness and serve as a basis for future funding decisions. And, by giving through MRG, our supporters maintain their anonymity and privacy as donors. MRG's thorough grantmaking, along with the accountability and anonymity we provide, is the reason why nearly 400 people relied upon MRG as their progressive philanthropy clearinghouse last year.

MRG also administers and evaluates donor-advised gifts. The donor chooses the issue and geographic area and nominates grantees. MRG staff can also help donors identify groups doing effective work in the areas of the donor's concern. Last year, we administered over \$135,000 in donor-advised grants. Many MRG donors complement their general fund giving with donor-advised gifts.

MRG's donor group consists 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 meeting to discuss social change, personal, and money issues. This year, 83 people were eligible to attend donor group meetings.

MRG has continued to be Oregon's major non-profit information resource on socially responsi-

ble investing (SRI). This includes distributing the Funding Exchange's second edition of the national *Directory of Socially Responsible Investments* as well as our own *Oregon SRI Directory*. MRG sponsored its second SRI event this year, which was one of the most successful in the nation. Socially Responsible Investors Northwest (SRI/NW), of which MRG is a founding member, was a direct outgrowth of the conference.

MRG's development over the past ten years has been made possible by consistent, long-term supporters as well as by new donors sharing a commitment to fund change, not charity. Although donors with inherited wealth were among MRG's earliest supporters, they have been joined by many professionals, retired people and activists.

More Oregonians wrote checks to MRG this year than ever before: 815 people supported \$220,000 in funding cycle and donor-advised grants. Channelling almost a quarter of a million dollars to Oregon social change groups is a fitting capstone to the year ending our first decade. While that is a lot of money, the funding needs of our state's peace, human rights and environmental groups are, of course, much greater. MRG is committed to growth, because of the important supporting role we play in the development and success of Oregon social change organizations.

If you're interested in learning more about MRG and how you can support the important work of our next decade's grantees, contact the MRG office. We'll arrange a meeting or phone call with staff or a member of our development committee.

Current supporters 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 groups in your community. You can ask friends and relatives if they'd like to find out about MRG. You can gain valuable fundraising experience by working with one of MRG's local development committees. We hope you'll make your donation even more effective by helping MRG with outreach to new donors.

Ways To Contribute To MRG

Because MRG is not an endowed foundation, we must continually raise money for ongoing grantmaking. There are many ways for you to make tax-exempt contributions to MRG:

- *Cash*—MRG will provide a receipt for tax purposes for any cash donations.
- *Checks*—Please make your checks payable to MRG.
- *Pledges*—Gifts pledged for pre-determined amounts at specific times assist MRG's planning.
- *Stocks and Property*—There are very favorable tax consequences in giving appreciated stocks and/or property directly to MRG.
- *Office Equipment*—MRG needs a com-

puter, new office equipment, and furniture; non-cash gifts are tax-deductible.

- *Donor Agreements*—Agreement terms with individuals or incorporated donors can be designed to fit donor purposes and MRG's tax-exempt program.
- *Endowments*—We are hoping to become a partially-endowed, public foundation and have prepared ourselves to manage long-range resources.

When appropriate, we suggest verifying details of specific arrangements with your accountant or lawyer as we do at MRG. MRG staff and development committee members are always available for consulting as you plan for your giving.



Staff from the Funding Exchange's member funds and national office at the 1986 staff skills session/ Photo supplied by Funding Exchange.

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 financial support nor in our activist grantmaking committee. In fact, MRG is a founding member of the Funding Exchange, a national network of regionally-based, similarly structured social change foundations. The Funding Exchange works to strengthen member funds through skills sharing, technical assistance, and development projects. It seeks to expand the number of community-based foundations by assisting developing funds in Appalachia, Baltimore, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Southwest Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin. In addition to MRG, other members of the Funding Exchange and the regions they serve are:

- Bread and Roses Community Fund, Philadelphia
- Crossroads Fund, Chicago
- Fund for Southern Communities, Georgia,
- North Carolina and South Carolina
- Haymarket People's Fund, New England
- Liberty Hill Foundation, Southern California
- North Star Fund, New York City
- Vanguard Public Foundation, San Francisco Bay Area

We would like to see social change foundations develop in every region of the country. Meanwhile, there are local and national projects that cannot be supported by existing Funding Exchange members. These projects are, however, eligible for grants from the Funding Exchange's National Community Funds (NCF) program. NCF staff advise individual donors in grantmaking and provide a central clearinghouse for local and national proposals. By administering grants for 58 donor-advised funds last year, NCF distributed over \$2,200,000 to a wide range of national and international projects, and to grassroots organizations outside the regions of its member funds.

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