

A Catalyst for Social Change in Oregon

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McKenzie River Gathering Foundation McKenzie River Gathering Foundation ANNUAL•REPORT JULY 1, 1987•JUNE 30, 1988



MRG GRANTEES, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

The Waldo Wilderness Council protects the environmental integrity of this special area which includes one of the three purest lakes in the world; The Willamette AIDS Council educates Lane County communities about AIDS issues; The Gleaning Network of Jackson County organizes low-income people through a program gathering and distributing surplus produce.

(PHOTOS/WALDO WILDERNESS COUNCIL, WILLAMETTE AIDS COUNCIL AND THE GLEANING NETWORK OF LANE COUNTY)

Cover

The educational work of the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee includes public outreach through humanitarian aid campaigns. This photo shows a teacher and her pupils, one of whom is her father, using PCASC-furnished supplies. They represent the remarkable success of Nicaragua's literacy campaign. (PHOTO/NANCYWEBSTER)

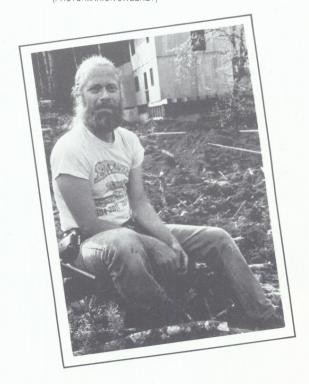
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Dedication

To the memory of Paul Bestler. He was a well-loved and integral part of MRG since the first gathering on the McKenzie River. Paul's vision of a peaceful, cooperative and just society lives on in the many community groups who benefitted from his commitment and active participation.

(PHOTO/MARION SWEENEY)



Introduction

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) exists to financially support the efforts of people working together to change the world. This annual report highlights the work and accomplishments of thirty-nine 1987-88 MRG grantees who are central to the fight for social justice, peace and environmental preservation in Oregon.

The groups that MRG funds are threads in the fabric of social change. Each time people act in their own behalf, name their own experience, speak with their own voice, another thread is woven into the fabric. This weaving transforms separate struggles into a strong and brilliant tapestry that tells the stories and celebrates the victories of countless people struggling for self-determination, economic justice and freedom.

As individuals, our fates are inextricably linked with those of other people, as well as with the

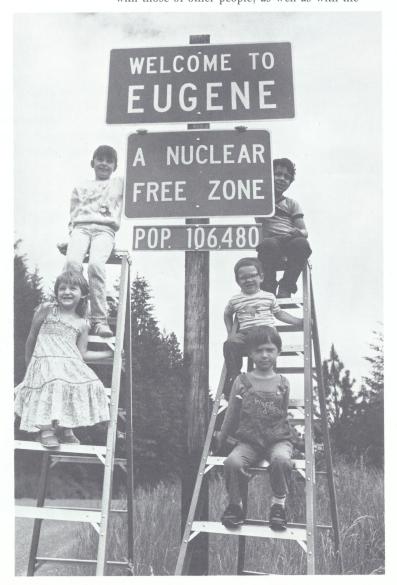
health of our planet. During the past year, MRG funding has supported farmworkers organizing in Southern Oregon to reduce pesticide abuse that threatens the health of themselves and their families, rural women realizing a long-held dream of opening the South Coast's first shelter for battered women, Columbia River Indians speaking out to defend tribal fishing rights and their way of life, and a multi-racial coalition forming to take up the fight to abolish the death penalty. All of these efforts are connected; all are threads in the same tapestry.

MRG is an important part of Oregon's long history of political activism. The foundation's mission is to help build progressive movements by funding projects which promote institutional change and challenge the vast inequities that create and perpetuate poverty, war, racism, sexism and environmental destruction.

MRG is uniquely structured to accomplish this mission. Control of the grantmaking process is vested in the hands of grassroots activists. We are directed by and accountable to the communities we fund. As a non-endowed foundation, all of the money given away is raised each year through the efforts of many people. MRG is sustained by a dynamic partnership between donors and activists who share a common vision—and the commitment to see that vision realized.

This is MRG's twelfth year as Oregon's social change foundation. We are proud of our role as a resource for the state's peace, human rights and environmental movements. As we look toward the 1990's, MRG reaffirms our commitment to fund critical emerging issues and to help sustain the work of existing organizations which have little access to traditional funding sources. We will continue to respond to misdirected governmental priorities that value corporate profits over human life. And we will continue to support self-determination and economic justice, both locally and globally.

Over 1,000 Oregonians have helped build MRG during the past twelve years. The work outlined in this annual report reflects their hope, vision and determination. We thank the donors, volunteers and activists who have given so much of themselves; they are some of the thoughtful committed citizens who are changing the world.



Eugene's Nuclear Free Zone (NFZ) activists helped establish the Eugene International NFZ Conference Organizing Committee which is bringing officials from international NFZ cities to Oregon to promote nuclear disarmament. (Photo/John Bauguess)

MRG funds organizations which educate and bring people together to work for progressive social change. We support groups challenging the vast social, economic and political inequalities around us. Our funding is aimed at creating a peaceful, just, and environmentally sound society.

MRG will consider proposals for funding from groups which:

- educate and organize for progressive social change;
- are located in the state of Oregon;
- practice affirmative action; and
- have little access to other funding sources, e.g. United Way, government, church, and other foundation grants.

MRG does not fund co-ops, health centers,

schools, or social service agencies—unless their projects promote change beyond their basic function. As a tax-exempt foundation, we cannot fund groups lobbying for political candidates, ballot initiatives, or legislative bills.

MRG funds peace and solidarity, human rights, and environmental protection work. Within these areas, MRG grants are supporting projects affecting: nuclear disarmament, Central America, South Africa, mid-east peace, people of color, women, lesbians and gay men, low-income organizing, pesticide reform, wilderness protection, and progressive media.

MRG encourages prospective applicants to discuss the suitability of their projects with the Eugenebased Program Director, who is also available to assist them with their applications to the foundation.

The Funding Criteria

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

MRG's funding cycles occur semi-annually, in the fall and in the spring, and take three months to complete. Application packets are distributed at the beginning of each cycle (by September 5th and Feburary 15th) to qualified organizations that have contacted MRG's office or were funded during the previous two funding cycles. MRG staff and volunteers also identify and send applications to groups doing strategic social change work in Oregon that may not know to apply to the foundation.

MRG's grantmaking committee consists of activists with expertise in the issues we fund. Each grantmaker reads and evaluates all of the applications submitted. The grantmakers then meet to share their evaluations and determine the funding cycle finalists.

Each finalist receives a field visit from an MRG grantmaker. The interviewer asks for additional information on the group's proposal, answers any questions they may have about MRG's funding process, and assists the group in its preparation for Presentation Day.

Presentation Day is the capstone of MRG's funding process. At these meetings, representatives of finalist groups give a brief description of their project and then answer questions from the grantmakers and other applicants. Presentation Day provides a rare opportunity for activists in a range of issues from throughout the state to learn from each other's work. Participants leave with a sense of the dynamism, success, and potential of Oregon's social change community.

The grantmakers meet after the presentations to decide on the final grantee roster and grant amounts. Grant recommendations made by the

committee are submitted to the MRG Board of Directors for approval.

Grantees submit a project evaluation report at the end of their grant term (usually six months to a year). Groups with overdue grant reports are ineligible for future funding.

MRG's funding process is unique. We know of no other foundation that gives prospective grantees the opportunity to make their case before all of the funding decision-makers. And, MRG is one of the few funding organizations nationwide whose grantmaking is done by activists with direct experience in the issues funded. We believe that this democratic, informed process benefits both the applicant organizations and MRG's decision-making.

The Funding Process



The Grassroots News staff is training ''stringers'' from communities of color throughout Northwest Oregon for their KB00-FM radio broadcasts. (Photo/Richard Brown)

Services to Grantees

MRG's support for Oregon's progressive social change organizations goes beyond our primary mission of providing funding through our grantmaking process. Our services to grantees include:

Donor-advised Grants

These grants are made to groups nominated by MRG donors who wish to support specific social change work and make use of our grants administration services as well as the option of anonymity in their giving.

Fiscal Sponsorship

MRG serves as the fiscal sponsor for organizations seeking support for their tax-exempt activities; this service is designed to assist the fundraising efforts of emerging groups and issues.

Technical Assistance

Applying to MRG is often our grantees' first foundation experience and, as such, we help them use our funding process as a training ground in foundation fundraising. In addition to helping groups with their MRG applications, MRG's Program Director assists grantees in researching appropriate foundations to apply to and critiques their funding proposals. MRG also informs groups about non-foundation fundraising strategies and helps them with organizational development issues.

Leveraging Grants

MRG staff serve as references for our grantees in their proposals to other foundations and advocate on behalf of Oregon social change groups in meetings with foundation representatives.

Grantees



Participants in the Media Project's Rainbow Film Festival discuss the challenges they face in producing and distributing films focusing on people of color. (Photo/Rich Iwasaki)

I. Human Rights

Ashland Big Mountain Support, Ashland, \$885 and \$1,330/ MRG funded outreach and organizing work in Native and non-Native Southern Oregon communities on the cultural genocide inherent in the forced relocation of 12,000 Big Mountain Navajo and Hopi peoples. While this group focuses on Big Mountain, they organize educational events on many Native American issues.

Black United Fund of Oregon, Portland, \$1,900/MRG provided a grant for general operating expenses for BUF to assist them as they develop finanical self-sufficiency. Once on-line, their payroll deduction-based fundraising will support their technical assistance program and grantmaking to projects furthering the social and economic development of Oregon's Black community.

Clergy and Laity Concerned, Eugene, \$1,900 and \$650/CALC is an interfaith, multi-racial peace and justice organization which has developed their focal Racism Free Zone campaign by working with government agencies, school districts, and media. The first grant funded their new membership program which is increasing their organizing effectiveness and financial self-sufficiency. The second grant supported a week-long day camp teaching children multicultural appreciation and an understanding of peace and justice issues.

Columbia River Defense Project, Portland, \$1,900/ MRG funded information packets and presentations by Mid-Columbia chiefs at the 1988 International Indian Treaty Council Conference which brought 1,500 indigenous people to Ceililo, Oregon. CRDP addressed the government's harassment of the Columbia River native community for exercising their fishing rights and refusing to relocate to off-river reservations. Coos County Women's Crisis Service, Coos Bay, \$1,900/ The Crisis Service recently opened the South Coast's first shelter for women and children, which has generated increased interest by mainstream organizations in domestic violence issues. MRG funded the Crisis Service's expanded public education work and their outreach to isolated rural women in Douglas, Curry, and Coos Counties.

Eugene Big Mountain Support, Eugene, \$1,000/ MRG funded an educational outreach and material aid campaign to assist Big Mountain Hopi and Navajo peoples. These Native Americans are facing forced relocation from their traditional homelands in order to allow unrestricted coal and uranium mining.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Roseburg, \$1,500/MRG funded GALA's newsletter which serves as a primary organizing and fundraising tool for this group active in conservative, rural Southern Oregon. GALA is an important resource for new lesbian and gay groups in the region.

Grassroots News, Portland, \$1,900/MRG funded training of a network of "stringers" for a radio features production project covering issues affecting people of color. Reporters are based on the Warm Springs reservation, the mid-valley Hispanic community, and Portland's Black community, all served by KBOO-FM which will air the programs.

HONEY, Eugene, \$1,000/ MRG funded Honoring Our New Ethnic Youth or HONEY, a group composed of bi-racial families. HONEY promotes appreciation for cultural diversity and organizes opposition to racially motivated incidents.

Lavender Network, Eugene, \$1,900/MRG funded this group publishing a magazine serving Oregon's lesbian and gay men's community. Their grant allowed them to increase their volunteer pool, develop a resource library, improve their fundraising base, and do outreach in Southern Oregon.

The Media Project, Portland, \$1,900/ The Media Project's promotion of the independent film and video community includes improving the quality and

diversity of Oregon's social and cultural environment. MRG funded their "Rainbow Film Festival" which challenged racism in media production and programming by showcasing works by people of color within communities of color; presentations were planned and programmed by a committee composed of representatives from these communities, thereby helping to solidify multicultural links while developing these important cultural events.

Northwest Big Mountain Support, Portland, \$1,900 and \$1,000/ MRG funded this organization's statewide networking, public education, fundraising, and volunteer coordination. Northwest Big Mountain groups have been among the most effective in the national network of support groups.

Northwest Native American Writers, Portland, \$1,850/ Published, award-winning Native American writers began this organization to develop social and political awareness through exploration of Native cultural perspectives that have withstood time, missionaries, and education. MRG provided start-up costs which produced a Northwest Native American writers directory and network, as well as a fundraising series of art quality broadsides of Native poets' work.

Oregon NARAL, Portland, \$1,500/ MRG funded a needs assessment survey on the impact of rightwing, anti-choice groups on access to abortion services in small towns. The Oregon chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) will use this data for decision-making on organizing projects in targeted communities; the project's goal will be to insure that abortion services and information on reproductive rights are available to all women.

Salem Lesbians in Concert, Salem, \$800/SLIC received seed funding for a production company whose concerts counter the isolation and homophobia experienced by mid-valley lesbians. These events also educate and organize women in support of progressive social change issues.



The director of the Coos County Women's Crisis Service and a supporter at the opening celebration of the South Coast's first shelter for women and children. (Photo/ Coos County Women's Crisis Service)

Grantees

II. Peace and Solidarity

Grantees

Ben Linder Peace Tour, Portland, \$1,465/The death of Ben Linder, the first U.S. civilian killed in Nicaragua, forced his family into the national spotlight as they sought answers from the U.S. government on the circumstances of Ben's death and were compelled to inform the nation about the U.S.-funded Contra war in Nicaragua. This group received funding for the Linder family's Oregon speaking tour.

CALC Southern Africa Program, Eugene, \$500/ CALC received funding to begin a public education project on the United States' role in Southern Africa, and the South African government's military and economic destabilization of Mozambique and Angola. The project emphasizes outreach to schools and religious groups and includes a humanitarian aid campaign.



Athletes from the U.S. and U.S.S.R. after a non-competitive track meet cosponsored by Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament's citizen diplomacy project. (Photo/WAND)

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene, \$1,750/Because of the rapidly developing situation in El Salvador and the surge in growth of the U.S. anti-intervention movement, CISCAP is expanding their organizing through an MRG-funded membership development campaign. This project is creating new leadership and a more broadly based grassroots organization.

Corvallis Central America Task Force, Corvallis, \$1,900/MRG provided seed money for CCATF's first staffperson who is supervising office tasks, newsletter production, educational events, and fundraising. The staffperson also coordinates volunteers, including an active high school contingent.

Draft and Pre-Enlistment Counseling Project, Eugene, \$1,900 and \$1,900/As the poverty draft and "Rambo" propaganda lessens the need for military recruiters, the work of this nationally recognized group provides a vital counterpoint for military age youth. MRG funded educational outreach, counseling of youth and parents, and continuation of their successful equal access (with military recruiters) project in Eugene high schools.

Eugene International Nuclear Free Zone Conference Organizing Committee, Eugene \$1,000/MRG funded a project to increase the participation of women and people of color in a conference educating officials from international Nuclear Free Zone (NFZ) cities on disarmament issues. The conference, which is being held in Eugene, will provide Oregon disarmament groups with speakers and informational materials and will stimulate momentum for NFZ's in the state.

North Pacific Witness for Peace, Eugene, \$1,900 and \$1,900/MRG's grants funded a staff position and a multi-cultural outreach project for this group organizing delegations to Nicaraguan war zones. Delegates use their first-hand experience witnessing the results of the U.S.-sponsored contra war as the basis for their educational work in their home communities.

Oregon Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, Portland, \$1,900/MRG funded a project to increase the effectiveness of Oregon's network of Central American solidarity groups. The project will provide technical assistance to local groups, coordinate Oregon groups in national campaigns, expand the network to new communities, and develop funding support.

Oregon Coast Peace Alliance, Coos Bay, \$1,900/MRG funded two projects of the Alliance:
1) monthly educational programs for this multi-issu peace and justice organization, and
2) press equipment to expand their ability to do printing for progressive groups.

Palestine Solidarity Committee, Portland, \$1,000/MRG funded a series of educational programs directed at clarifying the concerns of the Palestinian people. This group coordinates a network of statewide activists responding to events in the Mideast.

Peace House, Ashland, \$1,000/ Peace House is an umbrella organization for twelve Southern Oregon peace and justice groups. MRG funded an "economics of peace" project that describes the impact of national defense spending on the depressed Southern Oregon economy, promotes the strategy of consumer boycotts, and monitors investing of local government funds.

Portland, \$1,450/The "Conference in the Spirit of Ben Linder," co-sponsored by PCASC, was an overwhelming success: 1,500 people attended, ove \$5,000 was raised for the Ben Linder Memorial Fund, a network of Portland-area Central Americal solidarity groups was reactivated, 20 radio station nationwide broadcasted tapes of the conference—and PCASC has been inundated with information requests. PCASC received funding to build on the interest generated by the conference; the project includes expansion of their speakers bureau and a campaign to contact all conference participants.



Grantees

The Conference in the Spirit of Ben Linder, co-sponsored by the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, brought 1,900 people together to carry on the non-intervention work of the first U.S. citizen killed in Nicaragua. (Photo/PCASC)

Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean, Portland, \$1,500/MRG funded printing of a brochure to be used in a labor campaign to defend the Salvadoran hospital workers' union. It is being distributed to public and service sector union members.

Salem Committee on Latin America, Salem, \$1,900/MRG funded expansion of this group's networking and educational outreach to Hispanic groups, churches, peace organizations, and newly targeted groups in the mid-valley region.

Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Eugene, \$600/WAND co-sponsored a citizen diplomacy exchange of Northwest community college athletes with their USSR counterparts as a way to discuss the connections between militarism, disarmament, racism and cultural stereotyping. They received funding to produce public education materials for the Russian athletes' tour of Oregon which featured non-competitive track meets as well as events with mainstream organizations.

III. Environment and Community Organizing

Clients in Action, Eugene, \$1,500/Low-income people have little power in the welfare system individually; working together they have an effective voice. MRG funded a project organizing low-income people into working groups to: 1) help shape social services to better meet the survival needs of clients, and 2) counter the myth that poverty is an individual fault rather than inherent in the economic structure.

Gleaning Network of Jackson County, Medford, \$1,900/ The Gleaning Network organizes low-income people through a program gathering and distributing leftover farm produce. MRG funded their outreach to Southern Oregon's Hispanic community.

KB00-FM, Portland, \$1,810/KBOO, Portland's community radio station, provides public affairs programming for most of the issues addressed by MRG grantees. Their grant enabled them to assign a reporter to the "social change beat," thereby furthering reporting and training in this area and increasing the access of progressive groups to the large KBOO audience.

New Jewish Agenda, Portland, \$1,700/ NJA is a progressive voice in the Jewish community and a Jewish voice in the progressive community. They received funding for their monthly newsletter which informs and rallies their members in support of peace and justice issues, and notably, is unique in Portland for its accounts of progressive Arab and Jewish Mideast activities.

Oregon Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Portland, \$1,500/ The primary determinant of the death penalty is the race of the victim and the offender, followed closely by socio-economic class. Until recently, Oregon was one of the only states with an active death row and without an opposition coalition. This group received start-up funding to remedy this situation; they are establishing an office, producing educational materials, developing the participation of communities of color, and initiating a Death Row Watch to monitor death row cases/conditions and organize vigils.



Three farmworkers at a migrant camp listen to SALUD outreach staff discuss pesticide health and safety issues. (Photo/Helga Motley)



Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens, Salem, \$1,000/MRG funded a statewide educational project on universal health care conducted by this grassroots organization of seniors. Universal health care would extend adequate medical coverage to the 500,000 Oregonians without health insurance, and to the elderly whose Medicaid covers only half of their medical costs.

SALUD, Jacksonville, \$1,900 and \$1,900/This group works to protect farmworkers from abusive pesticide practices. With MRG funding, they are expanding their farmworker legal rights and remedies program, watchdogging training of Hispanic pesticide applicators, serving as liaisons between farmworkers and regulatory agencies, recording problems arising from violations of

farmworker protection laws to prepare for follow-up action, and educating the public on groundwater contamination from agricultural pesticides.

Shanti in Oregon, Eugene, \$1,900/ Shanti provides support for people with AIDS or ARC, community education on AIDS, and a referral service. They received funding to organize a network of regional centers in Southern Oregon that will support AIDS patients who want to live out their lives in their own communities.

Willamette AIDS Council, Eugene, \$1,900/MRG funded volunteer training through an AIDS Educator Training Project. Emphasis is on effective peer education for populations disproportionately affected by AIDS.

I. Donor Advised Grants

1. Donor Marioda Granto	
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Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People Deadwood Creek Services Environmental Studies Program Eugene Big Mountain Support Eugene Emergency Housing	8,862.00 304.00 4,000.00 341.00 1,000.00
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Pacific Peace Fund

and the Caribbean

Portland Rainbow Coalition

Portland Sanctuary Coalition

Portland Women's Crisis Line

Santiago Freedom Committee

Postal Workers for Peace

Waldo Wilderness Council

Women's Funding Alliance

World Peace Organization

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Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament

Pacifica Radio

Teatro Nuestro

Women of Color

Worker's Fund

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Witness for Peace

UNICEF

Whitebird

People of El Salvador

Oregon Environmental Council

Oregon Natural Resources Council

Open Adoption

Northwest Big Mountain Support

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives

Oregon Committee in Solidarity with the

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee

Portland Labor Committee on Central America

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Grants List

Total Donor Advised Grants Total Grants for Fiscal Year 1987 / 88



Junior high school students declare their school an official Racism Free Zone following their work with Clergy and Laity Concerned's racial justice program. (Photo/ Register Guard)

Donor Information

How can I make the most informed decisions on which social change groups to give my money to?

How can I possibly prioritize one issue over other important issues?

How can I have assurance that my donation will be used effectively and as specified by the group I want to fund?

How can I maintain anonymity in making my donations?

MRG donors have these and other philanthropic concerns answered by giving to MRG. They participate in funding progressive social change through MRG because:

• One gift supports many issues and groups.

- MRG grantmaking decisions are informed by the collective expertise of activists knowledgeable in the issues MRG funds.
- MRG's grantmaking process elicits specific information needed to make the most strategic and viable grants.



Children participating in CALC's Multicultural_Kids' Camp learn about peace and justice issues. (Photos/CALC)

 Many of Oregon's most effective groups and important issues have gotten off the ground because of seed grants from MRG.

 The funded project and its effectiveness are monitored by grant reports which also serve as one basis for evaluating any future funding requests from that grantee.

• MRG supporters retain their privacy as donors.

While MRG's grantmaking process is the major service we provide, we also assist our donors in other ways. MRG administers and evaluates ''donoradvised'' gifts, in which the donor nominates grantees. As in any MRG grant, donor anonymity is assured and grants are monitored. MRG staff is available to help donors identify groups doing effective work in the areas of the donor's concerns.

MRG frequently sponsors meetings and events addressing specific donor interests. These include formal and informal groups addressing social change, personal, and money-related issues affecting people with inherited wealth or surplus earned income. Plans for the coming year include donor meetings in both Eugene and Portland and a conference in February, 1989 for people with

inherited wealth. Donors are encouraged to become involved with the work of MRG and to participate in donor events. For more information, contact the Eugene or Portland offices.

MRG has played a pioneering role in informing Oregonians about Socially Responsible Investing (SRI). We sponsored three major statewide SRI conferences, which were among the most successful nationally. An educational and networking organization, SRI/Northwest, is an outgrowth of a recent conference. MRG, in conjunction with SRI/NW, will be offering future SRI conferences and workshops of interest to investors and investment professionals. A national SRI directory, published by the Funding Exchange, and MRG's own Northwest Socially Responsible Investing Directory are available from the foundation.

MRG donors can set up special accounts known as "donor pools" with the foundation. These accounts are advantageous to the donor who wants to make a large charitable contribution before they have decided specifically how they would like to give the money. Many people choose to set up donor pools in a year when they are required to sell appreciated stocks which result in high capital gains. A donor may make one large gift to an MRG donor pool and later transfer gifts to MRG's general fund or nominate other organizations to be the ultimate recipients of grants from this pool.

Last year, the generosity of MRG donors enabled the foundation to distribute \$288,000 in grants, (\$71,000 through funding cycles and \$217,000 in donor advised gifts). While that's a lot of money, the funding needs of Oregon's peace, human rights and environmental protection groups are much greater. MRG is committed to growth because of the important role we play in contributing to the development and success of these groups. Please contact either of our offices if you're interested in learning more about MRG and how you can support progressive social change in Oregon.





The Funding Exchange

Staff from Funding Exchange (FEX) member funds and national office at the 1988 FEX staff skill development conference. (Photo/FEX)

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 Baltimore, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Southwest Ohio, and Wisconsin. In addition to MRG, other members of the Funding Exchange and the regions they serve are:

- Appalachian Community Fund, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky
- 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
- Live Oak Fund, Texas
- 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 general fund or National Commmunity Funds (NCF) program. NCF staff advise individual donors in grantmaking and provide a central clearinghouse for local and national proposals. By administering grants for 120 donor-advised funds last year, NCF distributed more than \$3,000,000 to a wide range of national and international projects, and to grassroots organizations outside the regions of its member funds.

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 monthly, quarterly or semiannually 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 an IBM

- compatible computer, a typewriter, 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 longrange 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.

Ways to Contribute to MRG

Board of Directors

MRG Members

Johanna Brenner is chair of MRG's Board. She is the coordinator of the Women's Studies Certificate Program at Portland State University. She has been active in feminist, trade union, anti-apartheid, and Central American issues.

Bill Farver is MRG's treasurer. He is an attorney and a staff assistant to a Multnomah County commissioner. He has been active in education issues and Central America work.

Bobbi Gary has been active in issues affecting the Black community, low-income people, and older women.



Grantmakers and grantee representatives at MRG's Spring, 1988 Presentation Day. (Photos/MRG)

Luz Gutierrez is director of the Northwest Communities Project. She has been active in Hispanic, low-income, migrant worker, and rural community issues.

Maria Marin has been active in Hispanic, feminist, low-income childcare, and migrant worker issues.

Jan Oliver is Director of the University of Oregon's Council for Minority Education. She has been active in Black, multi-cultural, AIDS, feminist, childcare, and domestic violence issues.

Mary Sellin owns a small business. She has been active in environmental, feminist, domestic violence, and progressive media issues.

Cathy Siemens is an organizer in the lesbian community. She has been involved in lesbian/gay, racial justice, disarmament, and anti-intervention issues.

Joy Spalding is a clinical social worker and gerontologist. She has been active in issues affecting older people, the disabled, and refugees.

Grantmaking Committee

Doreen Binder is the administrator of the Women's Crisis Service of Coos County. She has been active in feminist, domestic violence, anti-semitism, and peace issues.

Guy Burton is the development director of Clergy and Laity Concerned and staffperson for the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People. He has been active in disarmament issues, Big Mountain support, and racial justice work.

Bobbi Gary (See Board of Directors)

Steve Goldstein is a supervisor for Oregon Children's Services Division. He has been active in community organizing, low-income, and racial justice issues.

Midori Hamilton is on the staff of the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. She has been active in the Japanese-American community and in racial justice and domestic violence issues.

Dian Million is a political poet. She has been active in Native American, domestic violence, and lesbian-feminist issues.

Jawea Mockabee is the director of the Lesbian Community Project. She has been active in feminist, lesbian, and racial justice issues and has done support work for political legal cases.



Norman Riddle has been involved in Native American, low-income organizing, racial justice, and environmental issues.

Cheyney Ryan teaches at the University of Oregon. He has been active in anti-militarism work, trade union organizing, migrant worker issues, and political theater.

Cary Schaye is an organizer with the United Mine Workers Union. He has been active in antiapartheid, Central American, and labor issues.

Karen Timentwa is on the staff of Bradley-Angle House, a woman's shelter. She has been active in Native American, disarmament, and domestic and sexual violence issues.

Vickie Valdez teaches migrant worker children. She has been active in Hispanic, low-income organizing, racial justice, migrant worker, anti-militarism, and Central American issues.

Development Committee

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MRG Grantmakers: Back row—Steve Goldstein, Cary Schay, Midori Hamilton, Norman Riddle, Cheyney Ryan. Front row—Bobbi Gary, Jawea Mockabee, Doreen Binder, and Guy Burton. (Photo/MRG)

MRG Members



MRG grantmakers bring their expertise as social change activists to their work determining MRG grantees: Guy Burton tabling for the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People. Jawea Mockabee (far right) working on a newsletter for the Salem area's lesbian community. Norman Riddle speaking at a peace and justice rally. (Photos/CISCAP, Mid-Valley Lesbian Organizing Committee, CALC)





Financial Report

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The Board of Directors McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

We have examined the Balance Sheet of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1988, and the related Statements of Support. Revenue and Expenses and of Changes in Fund Balances for the year then ended. Our 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 we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1988, 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.

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Eugene, Oregon September 5, 1988



David Linder, Ben Linder's father, and a union activist in El Cua, where Ben Linder worked on a hydro-electric project for the Nicaraguan people. (Photo/Ben Linder Peace Tour)

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1988

ASSETS

Current assets Cash in bank—unrestricted (Note 2) Cash in bank—restricted Pledges receivable	. 17,3
Total current assets	. 98,8
Loans receivable, long-term (Note 3)	. 60,1
Investment property—donated real estate (Note 4)	12,0
Equipment and furnishings (Note 1) Less: accumulated depreciation	
(Note 1)	
Net fixed assets	. 2,9
Total assets	. \$173,9
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Current liabilities Payroll taxes payable	\$ 1,2 7,6 3,3
Total current liabilities	12,5
Fund balances Restricted, West End Co-operative Fund Restricted, Office renovation Investment in equipment Unrestricted—Undesignated .\$44,805 —Designated for donor-advised grant purposes (Note 2)23,251	89,8 2,9
Total fund balances	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$173,

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1988

	RESTRICTED		_		
	WEST END FUND	OFFICE RENOVATION	INVESTMENT IN EQUIP	UNRESTRICTED	TOTAL FUND BALANCES
Fund balances, July 1, 1987 Excess (deficiency) of support and revenues	\$ 86,288	\$1,181	\$3,611	\$111,003	\$202,083
over expenses	3,609	(335)	(1,048)	(42,599) (348)	(40,373)
Fund balances, June 30, 1989	\$89,897	\$ 846	\$2,911	\$ 68,056	\$161,710

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, 1988

Support and revenues	
Contributions—undesignated	\$142,030
Contributions—donor-advised	163,022
Interest—restricted fund	1,871
Interest—unrestricted	4,766
Other revenues	5,304
Donor-advised administrative charge	3,878
Total support and revenues	320,871
Direct expenses	
Grants made—general	71,313
Grants made—donor-advised	216,866
Broker fees	2,327
Fundraising expense	4,912
Total direct expenses	295,418
Administrative expenses	
Salaries and wages	36,000
Rent	2,402
Telephone	4,342
Staff child care	420
Payroll taxes and insurance	4,742
Health insurance	3,068
Other insurance	250 1,354
Postage	1,354
Office supplies	898
Copying and printing	1,083
Meetings and conferences expenses	1,323
Professional fees	3,300
Miscellaneous expense	4,174
Restricted fund expense	67
Depreciation (Note 1)	1,048
Total administrative expenses	65,826
Total expenses	361,244
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenues over expenses (Note 5)	\$(40,373)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— JUNE 30, 1988

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Donated Assets — Assets received as contributions are stated at the fair market value of the assets at date of contribution. Permanent decreases (but not increases) in values of such assets are recorded as losses in the year when the decrease in value is definitely determinable.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation—Fixed assets are depreciated by the straight-line method of depreciation over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

NOTE 2—FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR DONOR-ADVISED GRANT PURPOSES

At June 30, 1988, \$23,251 of cash funds were available from donor funds for subsequent donor-advised grants.

NOTE 3—LOANS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 1988, loans receivable consisted of:

Loans from the West End Co-operative Fun	d
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative	\$11,058
Surata Soyfoods, Inc	25,678
Organically Grown Co-operative	21,698
Solstice Bakery Collective	1,928
Growers Market	254
Earthright Livelihood Co-operative	1,694
Juice Bar	1,674
Kestral Cafe	9,251
Welkin Woodland Mushrooms—	
Equipment Loan	125
Total WEF Loans	\$73,360

NOTE 4—DONATED REAL ESTATE

In the year ending June 30, 1985, McKenzie River Gathering received as an unrestricted contribution a parcel of land in Lane County, Oregon. The real estate parcel is valued at its estimated current market value of \$12,000, and is being held for resale.

NOTE 5—CURRENT YEAR DEFICIT

The deficiency of revenues over expenses in the amount of \$40,373 is attributed principally to \$53,844 in current donor-advised grants which were paid from designated donor pools collected and recorded as revenues in the previous year.



Tools sent by an Oregon material aid campaign to complete Ben's project at El Cua. (Photo/Ben Linder Peace Tour)

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A member of the Northwest Native American Writers (NNAW) displays his organization's directory at a NNAW event. (Photo/NNAW)

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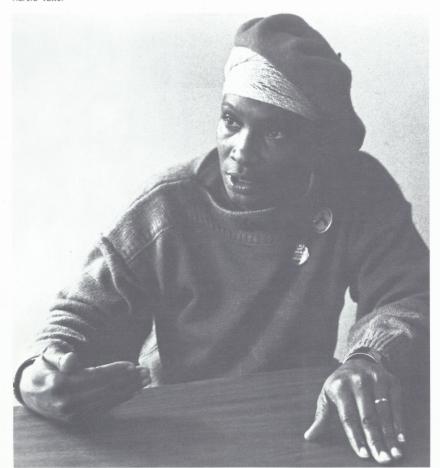


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Makini Coleman, from the National Witness for Peace office, spoke throughout Oregon on the U.S.sponsored Contra war in Nicaragua. (Photo/Richard Brown)

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