
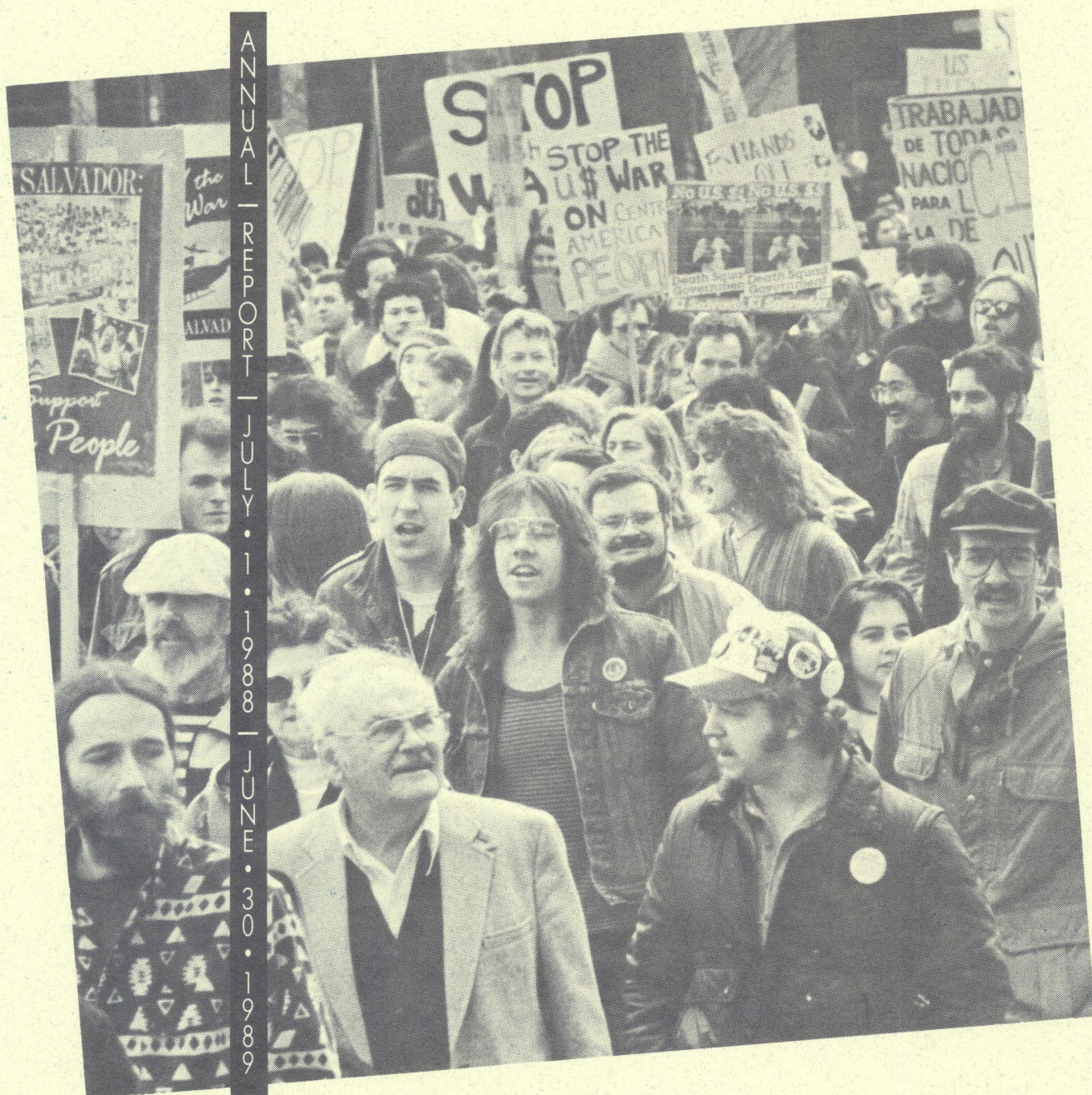


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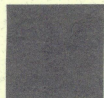


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PHOTOS

MRG GRANTEES, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

Portland Central American Solidarity Committee event in support of self-determination for Central America; Participants in the Willamette AIDS Council program to protect unborn children from HIV transmittal; Columbia River Defense Council activists address an International Treaty Council gathering about their work in support of fishing and land rights for Columbia River Native Americans.

(PHOTOS/PCASC, WILLAMETTE AIDS COUNCIL, AND LAURIE MEEKER)

COVER

Old growth forest at Opal Creek. MRG grantees organize grassroots support to save the remaining 10% of Oregon's ancient forests. These groups emphasize the importance of our state's environmental integrity to building a sustained, diversified economic base.

(PHOTO/J. STEEN, FRIENDS OF OPAL CREEK)

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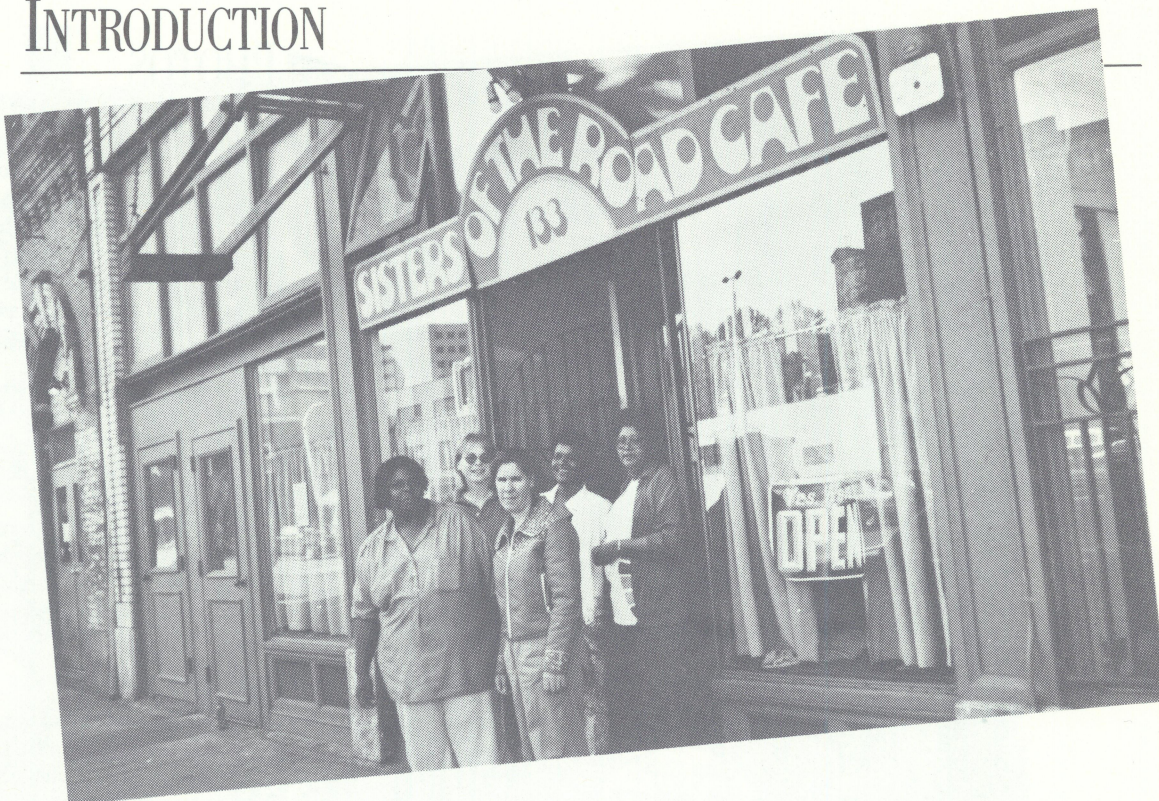
DEDICATION

To the memory of Caryn Daschbach and Michael Smith. Both shared the dream of a peaceful and just society. They lived their lives in a way that brought us all closer to making that dream a reality. Their enthusiastic participation in MRG remains with us as we carry on their spirited commitment to social change.



INTRODUCTION

Sisters of the Road Cafe provides a refuge and does advocacy work for homeless women and children in Portland's Burnside neighborhood. (Photo/Sisters of the Road Cafe)



The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) is pleased to present this annual report to the progressive community of Oregon. It chronicles the accomplishments and vision of many of the most effective grassroots community groups in our state. We hope you will find this work inspiring and that you will be heartened by the creativity and diversity of the activism reflected in these pages.

MRG funds a broad spectrum of social justice, environmental, and peace organizations. The agenda of these groups often places them on the cutting edge of progressive social change. Much of their work focuses on fundamental political and social transformation. Their efforts cut through traditional boundaries, open new ground, and challenge our society to imagine and accept new possibilities and solutions.

MRG was founded in 1976 by a group of activists at a gathering on the banks of the McKenzie River. It is fitting and perhaps prophetic that this first meeting took place in such a beautiful, natural setting. Thirteen years later we are facing a global environmental crisis. We have dangerously depleted the ozone layer, acid rain threatens our forests, oil spills routinely devastate ocean ecosystems, toxic waste threatens the health of our communities, and natural resources are being exhausted at an alarming rate.

During the past year, MRG has funded eight grassroots organizations working on local solutions to environmental problems. Many have had significant success in saving local watersheds and pristine forest lands from development and clear-cutting. Others have done groundbreaking work in alerting consumers and organizing farmworkers to confront the dangers of pesticide poisoning. And some, such as Headwaters, have had national

impact; they were one of the first groups to review the environmental assessment statement that brought the fate of the spotted owl to the forefront. Their research has been a major catalyst for national environmental organizations to take up the fight to save this species and thus, our remaining old growth forests.

During the past year, we also funded forty other grassroots organizations doing equally important work. The breadth of this activism represents the wide-ranging concerns of progressive Oregonians. Included were: ANPO, working to support the Portland Indian community's self-determination and cultural survival; Blue Sage Ecumenical Ministries, organizing in eastern Oregon to confront corporate take-over of family farms and support sustainable agriculture; Sisters of The Road Cafe, providing a safe haven and referrals for homeless women and children; and the Eugene Minority AIDS Coalition, educating both adults and youth on the prevention of AIDS/HIV transmission in communities of color.

At the heart of MRG funding is a belief that all progressive social change issues are connected. Throughout our grantmaking process we encourage grassroots organizations to examine how their experience and work fits into the larger struggle for survival, justice, equality, and freedom.

MRG is an extraordinary partnership of donors and activists. It is people who share a vision, crossing race, class, and cultural lines to create an institution which promotes and supports fundamental social change.

The work of the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation and our grantees touches the imagination, the heart and the spirit—it changes people's lives. We deeply thank each of you who make this work possible.

THE FUNDING CRITERIA

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

MRG considers 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 traditional funding sources, e.g. United Way, government, church, and mainstream foundation grants.

MRG generally 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 international solidarity, human rights, and environmental protection groups. Within these broad areas, MRG grants are supporting work on issues including: nuclear disarmament, Central America, Southern Africa, the Middle-East, people of color, women, lesbians and gay men, low-income organizing, pesticide reform, wilderness protection, and progressive media.

MRG encourages groups to discuss the suitability of their projects with our Eugene office staff, who can also assist prospective grantees with their applications to the foundation.

THE FUNDING PROCESS

MRG's process is designed to involve our grantmaking committee and applicants in constructive, evaluative dialogue, and to assist novice grantseekers in learning about foundations.

Funding cycles occur semi-annually, in the fall and in the spring, and take three months to complete. Interested organizations apply by contacting the Eugene office.

MRG's grantmaking committee consists of activists with expertise in the issues we fund. After evaluating all of the submitted applications, the committee determines the funding cycle finalists. Each finalist is then interviewed by a grantmaker to learn more about their project and to help them participate effectively in our process.

During Presentation Day, which caps our information-gathering process, finalists present their proposed projects and answer questions about them. MRG is one of the only foundations nationally that gives applicants the opportunity to make their case before all of the decision-makers.

Presentation Day is also one of the few occasions that brings activists together from throughout the state to learn from each others' work. Participants leave with a sense of the dynamism, success, and potential of Oregon's social change community.



*KB00-FM staff and volunteers
produce social change
programming for the Portland
area. (Photo/Gary Twain)*

SERVICES TO GRANTEEES

MRG's support for Oregon's progressive social change organizations extends 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.

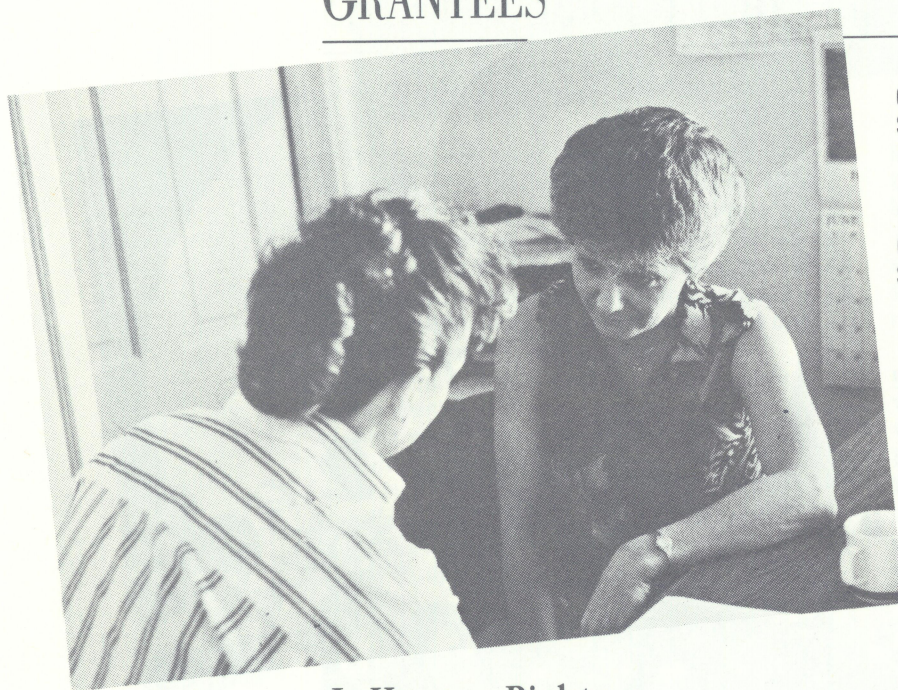
- **Technical Assistance**

Applying to MRG is often a group's 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, we assist grantees in researching appropriate foundations to apply to, and critique their funding proposals. We also train groups about non-foundation fundraising strategies and other organizational development issues.

- **Leveraging Grants**

MRG staff provides references for grantees in their proposals to other foundations and advocates on behalf of Oregon social change groups in our contacts with foundation representatives.

GRANTEES



*Battered Person's Advocacy volunteer with a client.
(Photo/Battered Person's Advocacy)*

I. Human Rights

ACT-UP, Portland, \$1,500/ACT-UP received funding for a monthly newsletter used in educating and organizing around AIDS/HIV issues. Concerns covered include discrimination against people with AIDS, racism and misrepresentation of AIDS demographics, and government inaction.

ANPO, Portland, \$1,905/ANPO encourages Native American "urban sovereignty" by applying traditional teachings to their work in support of the Portland Indian community's self-determination and cultural survival. They received basic support funding for their office.

Battered Persons Advocacy, Roseburg, \$1,000/In addition to their program work, BPA provides an active, organized feminist presence in Douglas County. MRG funding supported a volunteer coordinator who is soliciting, training, and coordinating the volunteers essential to BPA's work.

Clatsop County Women's Crisis Service, Astoria, \$1,250/MRG funding supported a training project for local police departments to educate them about their responsibilities in responding to domestic violence calls in this rural coastal county.

Columbia River Defense Project, Portland, \$1,900/Through the Project's efforts, the Native river communities are being recognized as a distinct Native American people. MRG funded public education on issues including fishing and land rights, attempts to evict traditional families from river sites, and nuclear waste/transportation on the river.

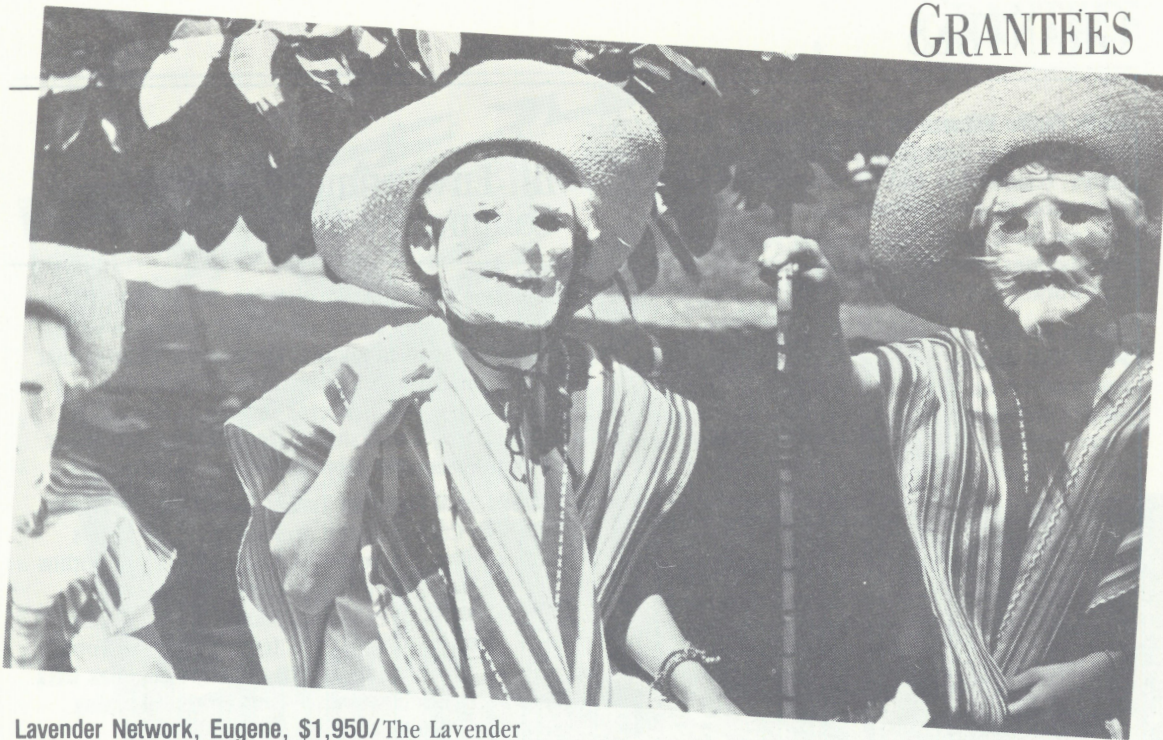
Eugene NAACP, Eugene, \$1,950/The Eugene NAACP chapter has quadrupled in size over the last year with this group's leadership in addressing local racial harassment incidents. They received seed funding for an office to centralize organizational development, outreach, and educational activities.

Eugene Minority AIDS Coalition, Eugene, \$1,950/EMAC is comprised of people of color working to prevent HIV transmission in the local minority community. Their grant is for a series of age-specific workshops on AIDS/HIV issues.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Roseburg, \$1,515/GALA provides an organizing center for lesbians and gay men in this rural county. They received funding for their hotline, which is a primary educational and outreach tool for GALA.

HONEY, Eugene, \$1,950/HONEY is a multi-racial group promoting appreciation for racial diversity and organizing opposition to racially-motivated incidents. MRG provided funding for their office and newsletter, and for technical assistance in organizational development.

Lakota Oyate Ki, Salem, \$1,000 and \$1,000/This Native American Club at the Oregon State Prison provides a cross-cultural voice for all people of color confined there. They received funding for their annual publication and to bring in traditional leaders to help reinforce Native cultural identity.



Participants in Proyecto de la Comunidad's folkloric dance program reinforce pride in Hispanic culture.
(Photo/Proyecto de la Comunidad)

Lavender Network, Eugene, \$1,950/The Lavender Network publishes a newsmagazine with a circulation that has risen from 400 to 8,000 in three years. MRG funding helped develop organizational and fundraising structures to accommodate their phenomenal growth.

Proyecto de la Comunidad, Independence, \$1,900/MRG funded a program teaching Mexican folkloric dance as a basis for increasing understanding and pride in Hispanic culture. This program is directed at broadening participation in Proyecto's efforts to unite Hispanic people in confronting community problems.

Ruby House, Dillard, \$1,900/MRG supported fundraising development and public education on AIDS/HIV and homophobia by this AIDS hospice. Their project included working with media, religious organizations, schools, public officials, and health professionals in Douglas county.

Shanti in Oregon, Eugene, \$1,900/MRG funded this AIDS support group's program educating health care providers about people with AIDS and their families. All too often, health professionals refuse to take on AIDS patients out of fear, prejudice, and misinformation.

Tateyah Topa, Portland, \$1,950/Tateyah Topa sponsors activities connecting the political and cultural concerns of urban Indians. They received funding for Piya-Wani, an elder and youth gathering which applies traditional Native American perspectives in addressing contemporary human rights and cultural preservation issues.

Willamette AIDS Council, Eugene, \$1,900/MRG funded a grassroots education program focusing on protecting unborn children from HIV infection. The program includes outreach to prostitutes, needle sharers and their partners, and incorporates volunteers from these communities at risk.

Women's Crisis Center, Tillamook, \$250/MRG funded a research project for this domestic violence organization to design and implement their "Non-violent Parenting in Rural Communities Project."

Youth Unlimited, Portland, \$1,500/This group's goal is to address health and pregnancy issues affecting at-risk youth of color. They received funding for a video by young people which portrays positive attitudes and counteracts negative media images.

II. Peace and International Issues

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People, Eugene, \$1,500/MRG helped fund CISCAP's membership campaign, volunteer development, and emergency response network—all of which are directed toward organizing a strong grassroots opposition to U.S. intervention in Central America.

Draft and Pre-Enlistment Counseling Project, Eugene, \$1,000/The Project is involved in anti-militarism education, counseling of youth and parents, and their equal access (with military recruiters) program in schools. MRG provided a matching grant to stimulate their fundraising efforts.

Lane County CALC/Southern Africa Working Group, Eugene, \$1,950/This program's goal is to provide a consistent educational presence on Southern Africa. MRG funded their outreach to the religious community which emphasizes sister church and synagogue relationships between anti-apartheid congregations in the U.S. and South Africa.

Lane County WAND, Eugene, \$1,500/Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament was funded for a Kids Peace Camp. The camp focuses on international peace issues, multi-cultural appreciation, and conflict resolution strategies.

New Jewish Agenda, Portland, \$1,900/NJAA is a progressive voice in the Jewish community and a Jewish voice in the progressive community. MRG funded their monthly newsletter which mobilizes their members in support of peace and justice issues, and promotes a meaningful dialogue between Jews and Arabs in the Middle-East.

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North Pacific Witness for Peace, Eugene, \$1,950/This organization is dedicated to changing the United States' relationship with Nicaragua from one of aggression to one of friendship. They received funding for a media campaign in 17 Oregon communities, and for a project connecting U.S. farmworker and Central American issues.

Oregon Nuclear Awareness Co-op, Depoe Bay, \$400/MRG funded public education in coastal communities on nuclear disarmament issues. The project included working on implementation of a peace curriculum in public schools, and organizing through house meetings.

III. Environment and Community Organizing

Blue Sage Ecumenical Ministries, Burns, \$1,300/MRG funded this social action association in rural Eastern Oregon to address agricultural policies that push small farmers out in favor of corporate agribusiness. The concerns include land loss, concentrated ownership, degraded food and water, and unredeemable debt burdens.

Citizens Task Force on Timber Sale Review, Eugene, \$1,898/Cutting at the present rate, our state's unprotected old growth forests will vanish within ten years and with them, resources vital to developing a diversified economic base. To help prevent this scenario, MRG funded the Task Force's work to provide Oregonians with the complex data needed to participate effectively in the planning processes for our region's national forests.

Clients in Action, Eugene, \$1,000/Clients in Action assists 1,000 low-income people annually in becoming advocates for themselves and others. MRG funded a campaign organizing low-income people to have a voice in making social services more responsive to the needs of their clients.

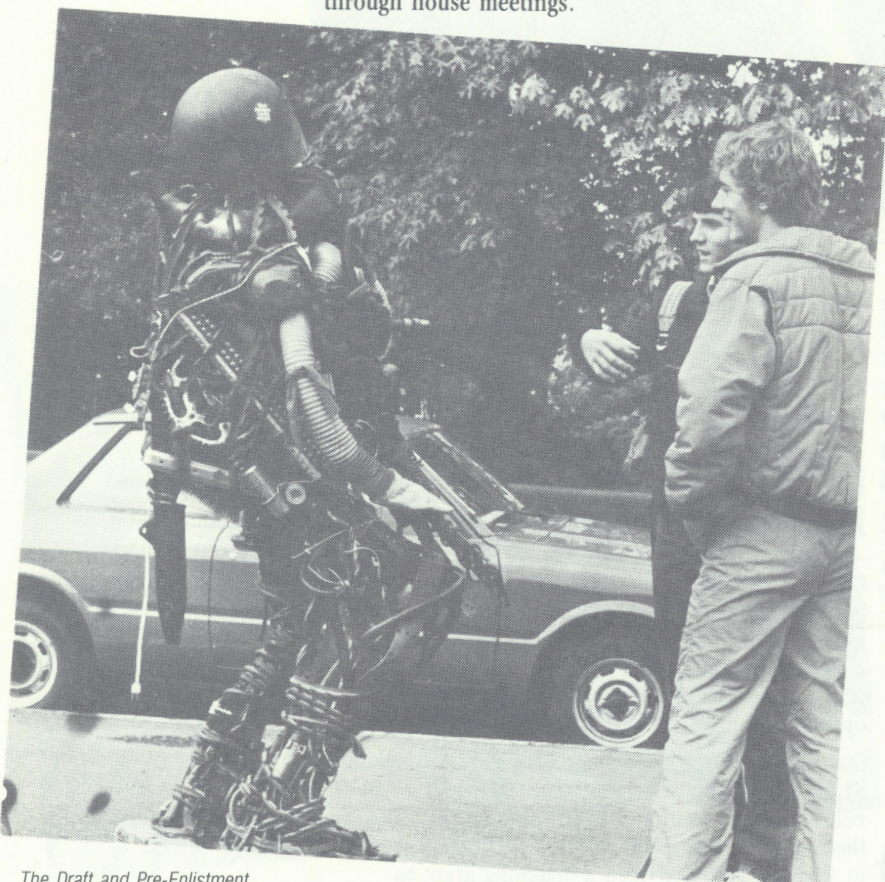
Forest Farm Association, Grants Pass, \$1,950/One-third of Oregon's productive forest land is on small wood lots that are adjacent to rural communities. MRG provided seed-funding for this new organization working to advance environmentally-sound forestry that avoids both pesticides and clearcutting.

Friends of the Green Springs, Ashland, \$750/This group's work promotes wilderness protection and a diversified economic base. MRG funding continued their organizing of rural residents in an area dominated by large corporate and government landowners.

Friends of Opal Creek, Mill City, \$1,950/The Opal Creek area has become a focal point for efforts to preserve dwindling ancient forests. This group received funding to coordinate public participation in forest agency planning, and for media and public education campaigns.

Headwaters, Grants Pass, \$1,900/Headwaters provides models for activists throughout Oregon challenging the Bureau of Land Management's policies and promoting sound resource management alternatives. MRG funded a "Citizen's Alternative" to be presented during the planning processes determining the BLM's management of Southern Oregon federal lands in the 1990's.

KBOO-FM, Portland, \$1,900 and \$1,950/MRG's two grants funded: 1) this community radio station's programming covering progressive social change issues and groups; and 2) the KBOO-Nicaragua Sister City Radio Project which, through their collaboration with Radio 19 de Julio, will provide a primary information source countering the mass media's biased portrayal of Nicaragua.



The Draft and Pre-Enlistment Counseling Project's anti-militarism sculpture sparks the interest of two young men. (Photo/Draft and Pre-Enlistment Counseling Project)

Oregon Peaceworks, Salem, \$1,900/While Oregon was the first state to mandate a nuclear age curriculum, determination of content was left to local control. With MRG support, Peaceworks is assisting their 21 state-wide chapters in promoting adoption of their comprehensive peace curriculum.

Portland Central American Solidarity Committee, Portland, \$1,900/MRG funded an outreach program targeting groups previously uninvolved in Central American issues. This program continues PCASC's work of providing a perspective on Central America generally unavailable in the mass media.

Portland-Corinto Sister City Association, Portland, \$1,520/MRG funded two programs designed by this Nicaragua solidarity group to develop links between social change communities: 1) joint projects with organizations representing people of color, and 2) a performance of "Requiem for Nicaragua" by lesbian and gay performers; the composer was active in gay issues before his death.



The Portland Alliance covers social change issues and groups, including the work of many Portland-based MRG grantees. (Photo/Portland Alliance)

KMUN-FM, Astoria, \$1,900/MRG funding provided the North Coast's community radio station with news services devoted to Latin American, Native American, and national progressive news coverage to complement their locally-produced social change programming.

Oregon Human Rights Coalition, Portland, \$1,900/OHRC brings together low-income advocates from throughout the state. MRG funding supported workshops and newsletters that provide low-income people with the skills and information needed to participate in the public processes affecting their lives.

Portland Alliance, Portland, \$1,950/The Alliance is a community newspaper covering progressive social change issues and groups. They received a grant for a new fundraising position; their objectives are to develop financial self-sufficiency and improve their publication.

SALUD, Phoenix, \$1,900 and \$1,950/SALUD received funding for: 1) a Pesticide Exposure and Farmworker Health Study; and 2) a program challenging the economic, political, and cultural barriers farmworkers face in reporting pesticide exposure. The latter project includes informing farmworkers about how to report exposures to SALUD without jeopardizing their jobs, and having SALUD serve as liaisons with public agencies charged with enforcing farmworker protection regulations.

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The Citizens Task Force on Timber Sale Appeals collects and disseminates data vital to activist efforts to save our remaining ancient forests. (Photo/Greg Twain)

Sisters of the Road Cafe, Portland, \$1,900/This non-profit cafe's homeless advocacy work is increasingly important as the availability of essential services to the Portland skid road neighborhood declines to make way for gentrification. MRG funded a program linking women and children in this community with appropriate services and resources.

Soda Mountain Wilderness Council, Ashland, \$1,950/The Council focuses on protection of the Southern Cascades area. MRG funded a campaign educating Southern Oregonians about the ecological values of the proposed Soda Mountain Wilderness Area; these values are generally ignored by government bureaucracies oriented toward extraction of private profit from public lands.

Sponsors, Eugene, \$1,900/Sponsors assists ex-prisoners' re-entry into the community. MRG funded a public education program countering

misinformation on Oregon correction issues and promoting an effective alternative correction model.

Teatro Nuestro, Eugene, \$1,950/MRG funded Teatro's tour of Oregon migrant camps and communities with their new Spanish-language musical comedy educating audiences about pesticide exposure and immigration issues. Local migrant worker organizations sponsor this acclaimed theater group as part of their organizing efforts.

Waldo Wilderness Council, Eugene, \$1,800/MRG funded the Council's program increasing public involvement in the governmental processes determining the fate of the ancient forest eco-system surrounding one of the purest lakes in the world. The timing is critical; next year the Forest Service will attempt to ratify plans to destroy 70% of the forests adjacent to Waldo Wilderness.

GRANTS LIST

I. Donor-Advised Grants

A Territory Resource	\$ 1,000	Musica Femina	835
ActFRA	500	McKenzie Riparian Setback	90
The Alliance	625	New Jewish Agenda	3,000
American Civil Liberties Union	2,300	North American Friends	285
American Peace Test	17,095	Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides	200
ARC/Armenian Relief	300	Northwest Environmental Advocates	500
Approvecho	5,000	Oregon CISPES	1,800
ARABLE	300	Oregon Movement Banning Apartheid	1,400
Asian House	100	Pacific Peace Fund	2,000
Big Mountain Support	125	Pacific Rim Task Force	510
Birth to Three	1,475	Portland Central America Solidarity Committee	7,545
Black United Front, Portland Chapter	500	Portland-Corinto Sister City Committee	2,000
Black United Fund, Portland Chapter	100	Portland Labor Committee on Central America and the Caribbean	630
Bradley-Angle House	500	Portland Women's Crisis Line	500
CCS/Food Distribution	750	Rape Crisis Network	250
Central American Peace Campaign	1,500	Santiago Freedom Committee	8,920
Chicano Affairs Center	500	St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter	500
Citizens Task Force on Timber Sale Review	250	Save Our eco-System	250
Clearinghouse on Human Rights and Psychiatry	1,090	Seeds of Peace	1,000
Clergy and Laity Concerned, Lane County	705	Shanti in Oregon	1,000
Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People	3,410	Tall Firs Project	1,500
Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador	400	TACS	1,000
Community Center for the Performing Arts	10,070	United Indian Women	750
Consensus Project	5,000	Western States Center	2,000
Deadwood Creek Services	660	Whitebird	200
EBF/Jirka Rydl	1,000	WISTEC	775
Earth First!, Portland Chapter	500	Willamette Valley Law Project	200
Eighth Mountain Press	5,250	Witnesses for Middle East Peace	2,850
Eugene Emergency Housing	750	Witness for Peace, North Pacific Region	500
Eugene Peaceworks	730	Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Lane County	90
Food First	1,000	Women's Funding Alliance	1,000
Food for Lane County	200	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Portland Chapter	1,065
Four Feathers Productions	1,500	Women's Place Bookstore	515
Friends of Cheryl McBride	710	Womenspace	250
Friends of Opal Creek	12,000		
Grassroots Leadership	2,000		
Guardian	2,000		
In These Times	1,000		
Interfaith Sanctuary Network	730		
KBOO-FM	2,000		
Lesbian Community Project	26,540		
Multi-Issue Fund	4,885		

II. Totals

Total Funding Cycle Grants	\$ 80,835
Total Donor-Advised Grants	\$166,560
Total Grants for Fiscal Year 1988-89	\$247,395



*Teatro Nuestro tours migrant worker communities with their Spanish-language musical addressing pesticide and immigration issues.
(Photo/Cliff Coles)*

DONOR INFORMATION

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) is a unique partnership of donors and activists building a permanent institution to support progressive social change in Oregon. Donors to MRG—many of whom are activists themselves—support the foundation with annual gifts ranging from \$5 to \$25,000. Every gift, whatever the size, is important and helps to build a diverse and vibrant grassroots social change movement.

MRG's general fund is the center of the foundation's work. People contribute to this

community-controlled fund for many reasons including: the opportunity to provide seed funding to emerging groups; a belief in the expertise and the accountability of an activist grantmaking committee; support for staff follow-up and evaluation of projects; the assurance of anonymity; the support for grantee technical assistance; and the desire to support many projects with one gift. Whatever the reason, the result is more money for social change in Oregon, and a strengthened institution to ensure the viability of future progressive efforts.



Mexican folkloric dancers help develop support for Proyecto de la Comunidad's program to confront community problems. (Photo/Proyecto de la Comunidad)

DONOR SERVICES

MRG has developed a range of resources and services in response to donor needs.

- **Donor-Advised Giving**/Donor-advised giving is a way for MRG donors to nominate grantees or designate a particular issue area to be the final recipient of their gift. As in any MRG grant, donor anonymity is assured and grants are monitored. MRG staff are available to help donors identify groups doing effective work in the areas of the donor's interest.
- **Donor Pools**/MRG donors can set up special accounts with the foundation known as "donor pools." These accounts are advantageous to the donor who wants to make a large charitable contribution before they have decided on the specific grantee(s). Many people choose to set up donor pools in a year when they are required to sell appreciated stocks or real estate which result in high capital gains. A donor may make one large gift to their 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.
- **Donor Events**/MRG sponsors a variety of events and meetings which address the interests of donors. These include formal and informal groups

addressing social change and money-related issues affecting people with surplus earned income or inherited wealth. Plans for the coming year include donor meetings in both Eugene and Portland and a conference for people with inherited wealth. Donors are welcome to participate in organizing these events and all other activities of the foundation.

- **Socially Responsible Investing**/MRG has played a pioneering role in informing Oregonians about Socially Responsible Investing (SRI). We have sponsored three major statewide SRI conferences, and sponsor workshops on various aspects of SRI. A national SRI directory, published by the Funding Exchange, and MRG's own Northwest Socially Responsible Investing Directory are available from the foundation.

MRG is a tax exempt public charity and all gifts are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law. Last year the foundation distributed \$243,000 in grants, (\$81,000 through funding cycles and \$162,000 in donor-advised gifts). We deeply appreciate the generous support that made these grants possible.

If you are interested in learning more about MRG and supporting progressive social change in Oregon, please contact one of our offices.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MRG

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 semi-annually assist MRG's planning.
- **Stocks and Property**/There are very favorable tax consequences in giving appreciated stocks and/or property directly to MRG.

- **Planned Gifts and Bequests**/MRG staff can provide information on charitable trusts and how to leave a gift to the foundation in your will.
- **Donor Agreements**/Agreement terms with individuals or incorporated donors can be designed to fit donor purposes and MRG's tax-exempt program.

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.

THE FUNDING EXCHANGE

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, a network-wide endowment campaign, and other development projects. It seeks to expand the number of community-based foundations by assisting developing funds in Colorado, Hawaii, 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 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 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.



Staff and Board members from the Funding Exchange national office and member funds at the Funding Exchange meeting hosted by MRG in Portland last August. (Photos/Lisa Stone)

MRG MEMBERS

MRG's Board of Directors:
Back—Brad Buvinger, Jan Oliver, Cliff Jones, Johanna Brenner, Connie Carley, and Doreen Binder. Middle—Val Font, Joy Spalding, Luz Gutierrez, Roberta Wong and Jason. Front—Bill Farver and Oscar Hernandez. (Photo/MRG Staff)



MRG Grantmaking Committee:
Front row—Johanna Brenner, Val Font, Doug Norlen. Back row—Norman Riddle, Paulette Ansari, Steve Goldstein, Doreen Binder, David Thornburg, Midori Hamilton, Tim Calvert.

Board of Directors

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

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

Brad Buvinger recently retired after five years as staff for the Columbia River Defense Project, an organization working on Native American fishing and land issues. He has been involved in housing, labor, Southern Africa, Central American, and Native American issues.

Connie Carley is Deputy Director of Youth Services for the Portland YWCA. She has been active in African-American, low-income, domestic violence issues, as well as progressive media and theater work.

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

Val Font is the organizer for a rural childcare program. She has been active in low-income, lesbian, feminist, Hispanic, and anti-nuclear issues.

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

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Roberta Wong is an artist who focuses on social change. She has been active in Asian and multi-cultural issues.

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

Jawea Mocabee 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 progressive legal cases.

Doug Norlen is director of the Waldo Wilderness Council. He is an environmental activist who works to connect environmental issues with other progressive social change work.

Norman Riddle is a homeless organizer for Whitebird Clinic, which provides services for low-income people. He has been involved in Native American, low-income, 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 progressive theater, including Teatro Nuestro.

Cary Schaye is the director of an organization addressing disability concerns. He has been active in anti-apartheid, Central American, and labor issues.

David Thornburgh is an attorney with Oregon Legal Services. He has been active in low-income, housing, Native American, and gay and lesbian issues.

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

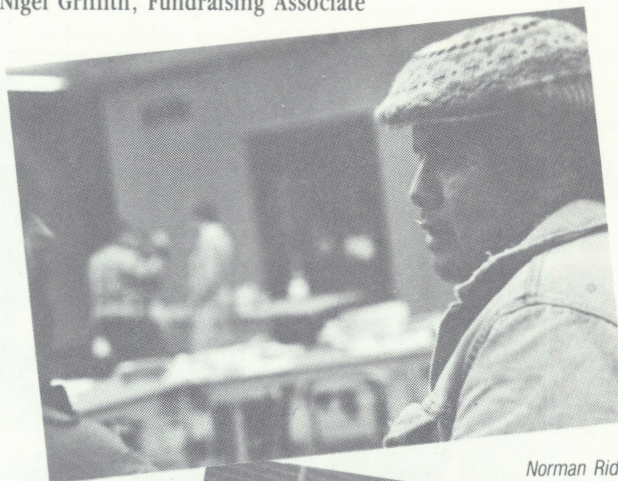
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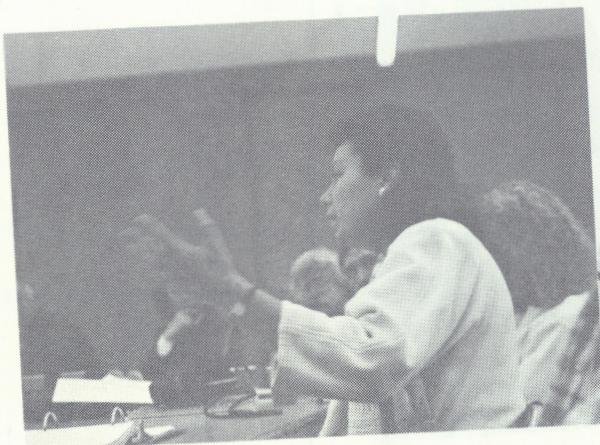
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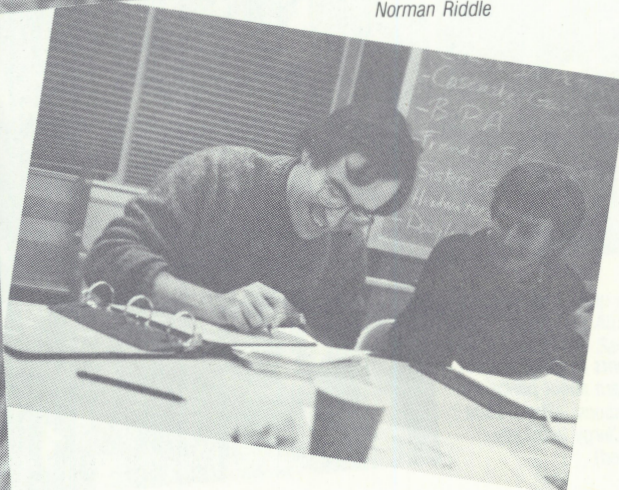
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The Board of Directors
McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1989, and the related statements of Support, Revenue and Expenses and of Changes in Fund Balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1989, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Wooten & Ventura

Eugene, Oregon
August 28, 1989

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1989

ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash in bank—unrestricted (Note 2) . . .	\$ 92,961
Cash in bank—restricted	23,182
Pledges receivable	1,125
Loans receivable, current (Note 3)	11,300
Total current assets	128,568
Loans receivable, long-term (Note 3)	57,899
Investment property—donated real estate (Note 4)	12,000
Equipment and furnishings (Note 1) . . .	5,816
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,950)
Net fixed assets	1,866
Total assets	<u>\$200,333</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current liabilities:	
Payroll and payroll taxes payable	\$ 1,788
Grants payable—funding cycle	14,550
Grants payable—donor-advised	9,043
Total current liabilities	25,381
Fund balances:	
Restricted, West End	91,766
Co-operative Fund	615
Restricted, office renovation	1,866
Investment in equipment	
Unrestricted—Undesignated . . . \$61,207	
—Designated for donor-advised grant purposes (Note 2)	19,498
Total fund balances	174,952
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$200,333</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



Participants in CALC's Kids Camp learn about peace and justice issues. (Photo/Lane County Clergy and Laity Concerned)

**McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1989**

	RESTRICTED				
	WEST END FUND	OFFICE RENOVATION	INVESTMENT IN EQUIPMENT	UNRESTRICTED	TOTAL FUND BALANCES
Fund balances, July 1, 1988	\$ 89,897	\$ 846	\$2,911	\$ 68,056	\$161,710
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	1,869	(231)	(1,045)	12,649	13,242
Fund balances, June 30, 1989	\$91,766	\$ 615	\$1,866	\$ 80,705	\$174,952

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, 1989

Support and revenues:	
Contributions—undesignated	\$162,875
Contributions—donor-advised	159,809
FEX Grant	17,000
Interest—restricted fund	2,027
Interest—unrestricted	3,686
Other revenues	2,424
Donor-advised administrative charge ...	4,742
Total support and revenues	352,563
Direct expenses:	
Grants made—general	82,933
Grants made—donor-advised	161,818
FEX grant expense	13,232
Fundraising expense	9,792
Total direct expenses	267,775
Administrative expenses:	
Salaries and wages	38,160
Rent	2,984
Telephone	5,251
Staff child care	474
Payroll taxes and insurance	4,391
Health insurance	3,474
Postage	1,926
Office supplies and expense	1,931
Copying and printing	1,745
Staff transportation	1,282
Meetings and conferences expenses ...	2,762
Professional fees	3,313
Miscellaneous	2,650
Restricted fund expense	158
Depreciation (Note 1)	1,045
Total administrative expenses	71,546
Total expenses	339,321
Excess of support and revenues over expenses	\$13,242

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—
JUNE 30, 1989**

**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 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 decreases in value are 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, 1989, \$19,498 of cash funds were available from donor funds and designated for subsequent donor-advised grants.

NOTE 3—LOANS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 1989, loans receivable consisted of:

Loans from the West End Co-operative Fund (WEF)	
Riverbrook Farm Co-operative	\$11,058
Surata Soyfoods, Inc.	23,164
Organically Grown Co-operative	18,821
Earthright Livelihood Co-operative	1,694
Juice Bar	1,209
Kestrel Cafe	5,811
Genesis Juice Co-operative	7,317
Welkin Woodland Mushrooms— Equipment Loan	125
Total WEF Loans	\$69,199

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 current market value of \$12,000, and is being held pending resale.

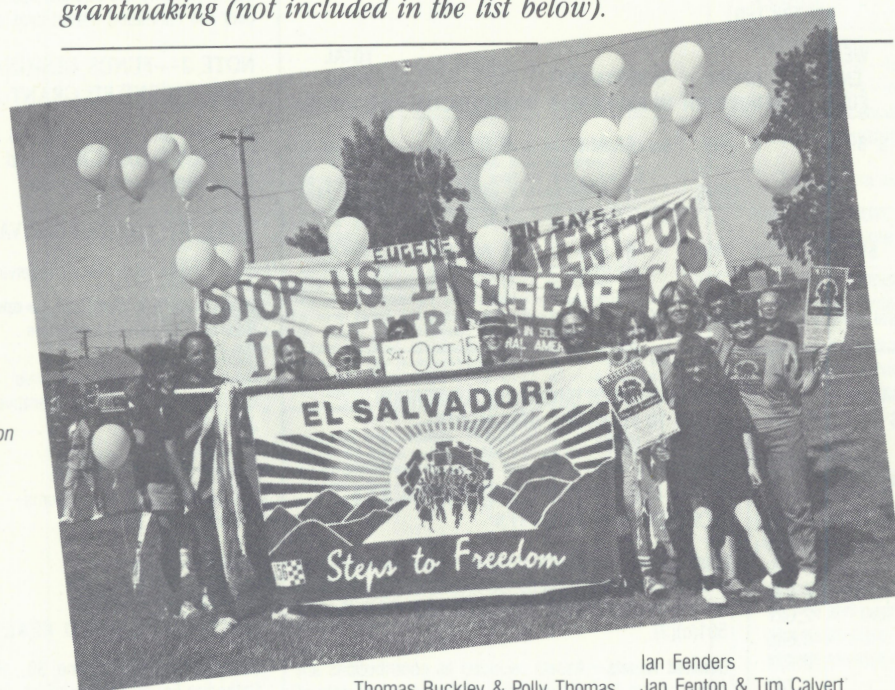


ACT-UP members keep public attention focused on AIDS/HIV issues. (Photo/Karin Sandwich)

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