Photos

MRG Grantees, from top to bottom:

MRG grantees organize support to save the remaining 10% of Oregon’s ancient forests. (Photo/Waldo Wilderness Council)

Musical comedies by Teatro Nuestro educate Hispanic farmworkers about pesticide and immigration issues. (Photo/Cliff Coles)

Cover

Staff of the Albina Neighborhood Murals Project together with the young artists who help produce murals inspiring their community with a dynamic African-American cultural panorama.

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A CATALYST FOR SOCIAL CHANGE IN OREGON

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This last year has been a wonderful time for MRG—a time when we have taken on new tasks and challenged ourselves to change without losing what is best in our heritage. We want and need to grow. The creativity and dedication of grassroots organizations working for social change in Oregon far outpaces our ability to help support their efforts. In this report you will read about the groups we were able to fund—and we hope you will be inspired as we have been by their accomplishments.

But consider that for every group we fund, there are many others whose work is also organizing people who have been marginalized, defending the integrity of our environment, and working for peace here and abroad. To help remedy this situation, MRG raised funds and gave away significantly more in funding cycle grants this year than we did last year. We’ve pledged ourselves to increase our grantmaking even more in the coming year. MRG’s growth is only possible with the financial support and participation of hundreds of progressive Oregonians like yourself.

Last year, MRG entered into a groundbreaking national project—a $15,000,000 endowment campaign with other members of the Funding Exchange (our national network). We are pleased to announce that the Funding Exchange has surpassed the $7,600,000 mark in this three-year campaign. MRG’s share of the endowment income will subsidize our administrative costs so that most of the money we raise each year can be used to support activist organizations. Strengthening the foundation in this way honors MRG’s historical commitment to evolving the organization to meet new demands and opportunities.

MRG’s grantmaking includes continuous evaluation and refinement of our process. This year, we identified several areas we wanted to focus on: Increasing applications from the African-American community and from organizations outside of the Portland-Eugene corridor. The grantees listed in this report reflect the success of our work. You’ll read about five strategic projects in the Black community that were funded and, you’ll find grantees from Burns, Astoria, Hood River, Ashland, Bend, Medford, Roseburg, and Grants Pass, in addition to Eugene, Corvallis, Woodburn, and Portland.

Like many of the grassroots organizations we fund, folks at MRG—our staff, board members, donors, and grantmakers—tend to stay away from blowing our own horn. But we’re proud of our work and realize that we need to be more visible. How do we tell the world about MRG in a way that is appropriate? We decided on an annual celebration at which we would honor individuals important to MRG’s development and selected grantees with Grassroots Victory Awards.

These awards are given to those groups who represent most fully MRG’s commitment to funding multi-issue organizing, coalition building, and the development of projects that are strategic to creating lasting social change. And, they provide one of the few occasions at which the effectiveness and successes of Oregon’s grassroots progressive community are publicly recognized.

This year’s celebration featured the San Francisco Mime Troupe’s courageous production, “Seeing Double,” about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. MRG donor-activist and co-founder Leslie Brockembeek and two grantees, Columbia River Defense Project and Teatro Nuestro, received awards. For the 100 donors and activists who attended the celebration, it was a moment for reflection, exchange, and the expression of solidarity.

As we head into the 1990s, MRG is completing a long-range planning process, consolidating our strengths and setting goals to carry us forward. Our greatest strength rests in the partnership of activists and donors that has brought us this far. Our hope for the future lies in the imagination and dedication of grassroots organizations, including the projects chronicled in this report.

From the Institute for Ecology and Economy in Ashland building common ground between timber unions and environmentalists, to the Portland Reproductive Rights Committee expanding abortion rights to include such concerns as childcare, health care, and economic and racial justice; from Harney County’s Peace and Justice Advocates connecting preservation of the land and rural life to a broader range of social change issues, to the Coalition of Black Men responding to the social and economic crisis in Portland’s Black community—MRG grantees represent the creative initiatives through which the movement for grassroots social change in Oregon will flourish.

As Oregon’s progressive foundation, MRG is an integral part of this movement. We look forward to further developing MRG’s ability to support its growth and accomplishments.

Chair, MRG Board of Directors
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 directed toward creating a peaceful, just, and environmentally sound society.

MRG considers proposals for funding from groups that:

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

Grantmaking is directed toward peace and international solidarity, human rights, and environmental protection groups. Within these broad areas, MRG grants are supporting work on issues including: Central America, Southern Africa, the Mid-East, racial justice, domestic violence, reproductive rights, lesbian and gay rights, low-income organizing, ancient forest and high desert protection, and progressive media.

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

Our fall and spring funding cycles each involve four months of evaluation activities. Organizations interested in submitting a funding cycle proposal begin by contacting the Eugene MRG office to receive an application packet.

MRG's grantmaking committee consists of activists with expertise in the issues we fund. After evaluating all of the submitted applications to determine the funding cycle finalist roster, committee members interview each finalist to learn more about their project and to assist them in participating effectively in MRG's process.

During Presentation Day, which caps our information-gathering efforts, finalists describe their proposed projects to the committee and answer questions. MRG is among the handful of foundations nationally that give applicants the opportunity to make their case before all of the decision-makers.

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

MRG's support for Oregon's progressive social change organizations extends beyond our primary mission of providing grants through the funding cycle process. MRG's other services to grantees include:

- **Donor-Advised Grants**
  
  These grants are made by MRG donors who would like to support specific social change groups, use our grants administration services, and have the option of anonymity in their giving. (See the donor-advised grants list on page 10)

- **Fiscal Sponsorship**

  MRG serves as the fiscal sponsor for organizations seeking financial support for their tax-exempt activities. This service is designed to assist emerging organizations.

- **Technical Assistance**

  Applying to MRG is often a group's first foundation experience; 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 other appropriate foundations and in developing their proposals. We also provide training in non-foundation fundraising and other organizational development issues.

- **Leveraging Grants**

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

Oregon Minority AIDS Coalition, Portland, $2,000.

OMAC's grant funded production of an educational video on AIDS for Native American communities who are generally isolated from AIDS's information. Interviews with urban, reservation, and homeless Native Americans from diverse tribes are interspersed with Native health providers presenting AIDS's information and prevention facts.

Harney County Peace and Justice Advocates, Burns, $1,500.

Among this group's successes is establishing Harney County as one of the nation's largest nuclear free zones. They received funding for a three-day conference on social change issues including racial justice, domestic violence, and land and water preservation.

KBOO-FM, Portland, $1,500.

Portland's community radio station provides programming by and for people traditionally underserved by mainstream media. They received funding to move their transmitter so that KBOO can stay on the air.

KMUN-FM, Astoria, $1,500.

KMUN provides the North Coast with progressive community radio programming. Their grant supported the broadcast of Pacifica Radio News Service and the development of a new weekly program, "Crossroads, Consider the Alternatives," focusing on local development and environmental issues.


The council relies on peer education to organize against AIDS and homophobia. Their grant helped fund programs including a gay/bisexual men's outreach program, and the Youth AIDS Prevention Theater.

OHRRC Human Rights Coalition, Portland, $2,000.

OHRRC's grant helped increase this statewide low-income coalition's membership and geographic diversity through a series of trainings in Portland, Eugene, and Pendleton. The trainings focused on developing effective leadership and group structure, organizing strategies, and statewide networking.

Portland Alliance, Portland, $1,500.

The Alliance is a community newspaper covering a wide spectrum of social change issues. They received funding for general operating costs and for a regular Spanish-language page by and for Hispanics in Oregon.

Portland Gray Panthers, Portland, $900.

MRG's grant funded recruitment of a younger and more racially diverse membership for this organization focusing on issues affecting older people. Their concerns include health and long-term care, housing, transportation, peace, and environmental protection.

Environment

Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Eugene, $2,000.

MRG provided seed funding for this organization of Forest Service employees promoting ecologically-sound resource management policies. AFSEE also protects the rights of Forest Service employees who "break the silence..."
concerning traditional agency practices favoring resource extraction over other national forestland uses.

**Columbia River United, Hood River, $1,000.**
CRU’s coalition includes sport fishers, Native Americans, and windsurfers working together to address dioxin contamination from pulp mills and the increasing pollution threat of the Hanford nuclear reservation. Their MRG grant continued their research and education efforts, and helped develop a water quality study at Columbia River sailing and tribal fishing sites.

**Environmental Study Group, Grants Pass, $500.**
This group sponsors conferences bringing together diverse segments of the Southern Oregon region for education and dialogue on critical environmental issues. They received funding for this year’s conference on water quality.

**Friends of the Greensprings, Ashland, $2,000.**
Their grant funded development of the “Greensprings Comprehensive Study”, which is generating data for FOG and other area residents to use to participate in federal agency resource-management planning processes.

**Headwaters, Grants Pass, $2,000.**
Headwaters provides models for activists throughout the state challenging the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. They received funding for an environmentally responsible “Citizens Alternative” resource-management plan to be presented during the planning processes determining the BLM’s management of Southern Oregon federal lands over the next decade.

**Institute for Ecology and Economy, Ashland, $1,500.**
The Institute is building common ground between timber sector unions and environmentalists by bringing them together to develop programs educating wood products workers and the community about job-creating sustainable forestry. They received seed funding for a program disseminating the results of their model forest management projects.

**Oregon Natural Desert Association, Bend, $1,900.**
The U.S. Bureau of Land Management’s anti-wilderness bias is reflected in the agency’s catering to livestock and mining interests in Central and Eastern Oregon. This group was funded to gather information on wilderness areas to counter BLM policy and promote preservation and rehabilitation of Oregon’s arid land environment.

**Sacred Earth Coalition, Portland, $2,000.**
MRG provided start-up support for this group of Native American and non-Native activists merging issues of environmental preservation, Native treaty rights, and religious freedom. Sacred Earth’s focus is on preventing the desecration of Native sacred land at WyEast (Mt. Hood) by logging and development interests.

**SALUD, Phoenix, $2,000.**
SALUD is a coalition of Southern Oregon environmental and Hispanic activists. They received general support for multi-issue organizing addressing the legal, economic, and health concerns involved in protecting migrant workers from pesticide exposure.

**Soda Mountain Wilderness Council, Ashland, $1,900.**
The Council’s goal is to preserve the Southern Cascades’ wilderness ecosystems by challenging the government to obey environmental laws and by encouraging informed public participation in land management planning. They received funding for a video to be used in their expanded public education efforts.

**Teatro Nuestro, Eugene, $1,900.**
Teatro tours migrant labor camps and communities with their Spanish-language musical comedies educating audiences about pesticide exposure and immigration issues. They received funding for the dialogues following their performances that enable local organizations to address social change opportunities raised by the play.

**Waldo Wilderness Council, Eugene, $2,000.**
This group received general support funding for their efforts protecting the Waldo ancient forest, which includes one of the purest lakes in the world. The timing is critical because of impending clearcutting threats.

**Western Cascades Working Group/Ancient Forest Alliance, Eugene, $2,200.**
The Alliance is the largest organization of grassroots activists working to protect Oregon’s ancient forests and, as such, has prompted national environmental groups to take more progressive positions. They received funding for a series of regional and statewide organizing meetings.

The Basque Hills are a Wilderness Study Area involved in the Oregon Natural Desert Association’s efforts to preserve the state’s arid land environment. (Photo/Oregon Natural Desert Association)
Gay and Lesbian

After 8, Corvallis, $1,200.
The passage of Ballot Measure 8 (which rescinded the executive order prohibiting discrimination in state employment based on sexual orientation) resulted in the formation of this group working to counteract homophobia. They received seed funding to promote their educational activities and to increase the visibility of the Corvallis-area lesbian and gay community.

Lavender Network,
Eugene, $2,200.
TLN is a networking organization of lesbian and gay men fighting homophobia and working for social change through education and community building. They received funding for their monthly newsmagazine which is distributed statewide.

Lesbian Community Project,
Portland, $1,200.
LCP addresses homophobia, racism, diversity, sexism, and civil rights. They received funding for LCP's newsletter, an important resource in their efforts to organize, activate, and increase the visibility of Portland's lesbian community.

Southern Oregon Lambda Association,
Medford, $1,000.
SOLA provides extensive outreach and services to the Southern Oregon lesbian and gay community. Their grant supported their volunteer coordination project, hotline, newsletter, and fundraising activities.

Peace and International Solidarity

Central America Task Force,
Corvallis, $1,000.
CATF's grant funded general administration activities, a rapid response network, and production and distribution of The Update, CATF's newsletter.

Committee in Solidarity with the
Central American People,
Eugene, $1,500.
CISCAP involves its membership in economic justice coalition-building work to connect military spending with issues affecting low-income people in El Salvador and Lane County. Their grant supported a media campaign and a project to recruit and involve new members.

Eugene Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East,
Eugene, $1,000.
The purpose of this committee of Jews, Muslims, and Christians is to educate the community about the need for peace and reconciliation between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. They received funding to produce a slide show communicating the first-hand experiences of participants in their Witnesses for Middle East Peace Study Tour.

North Pacific Witness for Peace,
Eugene, $2,200.
Witness delegations document human rights violations and gather information on the effects of U.S. policy in Central America. They received funding for their tours of returned Witnesses to rural areas in Oregon, and for a video update on the Central America region.

Nuclear Free Harbors,
Astoria, $1,500.
This new group was formed to oppose the establishment of a homeport for nuclear-weapons capable naval vessels on the Lower Columbia River. They received funding for organizational start-up and public education/organizing work.

Portland Central America
Solidarity Committee,
Portland, $1,500.
PCASC received funding to expand their Guatemala committee's public education and mobilization work. Their six-month campaign culminates in a Guatemala Forum.

Portland-Corinto Sister City
Association, Portland, $1,500.
MRG provided general support funding for this Nicaragua solidarity group. Their project included membership recruitment, expansion of fundraising, and creation of a speakers bureau.
Racial Justice

Albina Neighborhood Murals
Project, Portland, $2,000.
MRG provided general support funding for this project involving African-American artist-activists with community youth. Together, they produce murals communicating a strong cultural heritage and inspiring Albina residents in their efforts for social change.

ANPO Native American Cultural Center, Portland, $1,500.
ANPO applies traditional Native American teachings to their work supporting the Portland Indian community's self-determination and cultural survival. They received a general support grant.

Clergy and Laity Concerned of Western Oregon, Eugene, $2,200.
CALC received funding for a racial justice campaign in the religious community. A workshop for religious activists on bringing racial justice issues into their congregations is being followed with program planning assistance and distribution of educational resources.

Coalition of Black Men, Portland, $2,000.
The coalition was formed to counteract negative stereotypes about Black men, combat the growing gang problem, serve as a unifying force in the Portland Black community, and advocate for economic development in the North-Northeast neighborhood. Their MRG grant helped them establish a central organizing office.

Columbia River Defense Project, The Dalles, $2,000.
CRDP educates and organizes the 400-600 Indian people living in the Mid-Columbia area around fishing and land rights, housing and health care, and Hanford Nuclear Reservation toxins. Their grant supported this work and the initial stages of an economic development project marketing processed fish.

Concerned Citizens of Woodlawn Association, Portland, $1,500.
Their MRG grant provided 1) seed funding for a building renovation cooperative comprised of Northeast Portland youth who are at risk for gang recruitment; and 2) fundraising development support. CCWA, a multi-racial coalition, provides a model for other neighborhood groups combatting drugs and gangs.

Eugene-Springfield Branch of the NAACP, Springfield, $1,900.
This fast-growing NAACP chapter provides local leadership in addressing incidents of individual and institutional racism and discrimination. They received a general support grant for their activities throughout Southwest Oregon.

High Eagles Nest Society, Eugene, $1,500.
This new group works to reintroduce Native American culture to Indian youth through interactive programs with elders. MRG supported the participation of prominent Native speakers in a series of events and workshops.

Indochinese Socialization Center, Portland, $1,000.
Few government programs remain to assist the 75% of Southeast Asian refugees diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder. MRG's grant helped this new center develop a psychiatric program and create an organizing vehicle to address the needs of the entire Southeast Asian population.

Lakota Oyate Ki, Salem, $1,900.
Though primarily a Native American group, Lakota Oyate Ki provides a crosscultural voice and forum for all people of color confined at the Oregon State Prison. They received funding for their annual publication covering native cultural survival and corrections issues.

Miracle Theatre Company, Portland, $800.
This theater company produces Hispanic children's plays and an annual Hispanic cultural festival. They received funding for their tours of migrant worker programs with their bi-lingual productions celebrating the rich Hispanic cultural heritage that generally remains untaught in Oregon schools.
Grantees

Piñeros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, Woodburn, $1,900.
PCUN represents Hispanic farm, nursery, and reforestation workers in efforts to improve their working conditions. They received seed funding for the PCUN Update, a newsletter designed to build support for their membership in the larger community and expand their fundraising.

Oregon NARAL, Portland, $1,500.
The goal of the Oregon National Abortion Rights Action League is to ensure that abortion services and reproductive rights information are available to all women. Their MRG grant provided seed funding for a regional coordinator in the Eugene-Corvallis area to establish a community action/public education network.

Portland Black Women's Health Project, Portland, $1,500.
This group organizes and trains Black women to change the conditions of ill health that affect their community. They received funding for a series of reproductive rights/responsibilities workshops for adolescent Black women that will also serve to intervene in gang recruitment of these women.

Portland Reproductive Rights Committee, Portland, $1,900.
PRRC provides leadership in placing abortion in the broader context of reproductive rights by connecting it to issues including sex education, health care, childcare, forced sterilization, sexual violence and exploitation, sexual orientation, and economic and racial justice. They receive funding for an educational/organizing conference for reproductive rights activists and for workshops with Unite Indian Women, Black Women's Health Project, union members, and welfare rights organizations.

Project Dove, Ontario, $2,000.
Domestic Violence Eliminated (DOVE), the only feminist organization in Malheur County, received seed money to develop a shelter for battered women. DOVE presently operates a crisis line and a limited emergency shelter, and has a community education program that includes a bi-lingual Hispanic outreach worker.

Women

Battered Persons' Advocacy, Roseburg, $1,500.
MRG funded development of the first HIV/AIDS education program at an Oregon domestic violence shelter; this program will provide a model for shelters throughout the state. Battered women at shelters are a potentially high risk group, as these survivors often have been drug users or the partners of drug users.

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Portland, $2,000.
MRC funded formation of a survivors of domestic violence caucus to encourage the leadership of survivors in the domestic violence movement. The survivors caucus is instrumental to efforts to preserve the social change dimension of domestic violence work as social service professionals increasingly staff these agencies.

Michael Smith Memorial Grants

Michael Smith, a valued member of MRG, lived his life in a way that exemplified his commitment to building a just and peaceful society. One of the ways in which Michael's commitment to progressive social change lives on is through a special fund established to support grantees that especially reflect his interests. This year, the following organizations (whose work is described in the preceding pages) have been chosen as the first groups to receive this honor.

Miracle Theatre Company
KBOO-FM
Eugene Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East
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## II. Totals

- Total Funding Cycle Grants: 87,510
- Total Donor-Advised Grants: 186,740
- Total Grants for Fiscal Year 1989-90: 274,250

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A sampling of the range of social change issues covered by the Portland Alliance. (Photo/Portland Alliance)
Providing financial support is a critical contribution to the viability and effectiveness of grassroots organizing in Oregon. The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) is the vehicle that hundreds of Oregonians use to do this. MRG unites their vision of what is possible with the work and organizations turning that vision into reality.

Through MRG, your individual gift joins with others to create a significant financial resource that will reach and sustain critical organizing throughout the entire state. Donors to MRG support the work of the foundation with annual gifts of $5 to $30,000. Every gift is important and helps to build a lasting movement for fundamental social change.

People contribute to the MRG general fund for many reasons including: The opportunity to provide seed funding to emerging groups; the expertise and accountability of the activist grantmaking committee; staff monitoring of projects; the assurance of anonymity in giving; and the ability to support many important projects with one gift.

Last year the foundation distributed $274,250 in grants (87,500 through the general fund and $187,000 in donor-advised gifts). We deeply appreciate the 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.

**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 field of interest 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.

- **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 grantees. Many people choose to establish donor pools in a year when they sell appreciated stocks or real estate that result in high capital gains. Additional gifts can be added at any time. A donor can transfer gifts from a donor pool to MRG’s general fund, and/or nominate other organizations to be the recipients of grants from this account.

- **Donor Events**
  MRG sponsors a variety of events and meetings that 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 helped to initiate the Social Investment Forum/Northwest. A new edition of the Northwest Socially Responsible Investing Directory is available from the foundation.
MRG donors come in all shapes and sizes and from all walks of life. Included among supporters of MRG are: Students, doctors, carpenters, activists, social workers, lawyers, nurses, farmers, teachers, craftspeople, and those with inherited wealth.

Whether your financial situation allows you to give $25, $250, or $25,000, you are an important partner in MRG’s efforts to create social transformation. If you’re already a donor, thank you! If you’d like to begin participating in MRG, here’s how:

☐ Write a check today.
☐ Make a monthly, quarterly, or annual pledge.
☐ Donate appreciated stock and real property and avoid capital gains taxes, while receiving a tax-deduction.
☐ Write MRG into your will or talk to your parents about making a bequest in their will to MRG in your name.

MRG is a founding member of the Funding Exchange (FEX), a national network of fifteen regionally-based social change foundations. All FEX members share a commitment to funding grassroots groups addressing fundamental political and economic change. Like MRG, member funds receive contributions from a broad spectrum of donors and involve community activists as the primary decision-makers.

The Funding Exchange provides resources, training, and skill development to member funds, as well as such services as publications, resources, and conferences. In addition, the FEX network is in the second year of a three-year $15 million endowment campaign. Upon completion of this ambitious campaign, MRG’s share of the revenue generated from the endowment will be used to augment our fundraising.

To complement the local grantmaking of member funds, the Funding Exchange has several grantmaking programs that provide support to national and international projects as well as to local projects outside the territories of the member funds. These programs include the Paul Robeson Fund for Film and Video, The OUT Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation, the National Community Funds, and the General Fund. Over the past ten years, the Funding Exchange has distributed nearly $30 million to grassroots social change organizations.

MEMBERS OF THE FUNDING EXCHANGE

Member Funds
- Appalachian Community Fund/West Virginia and the Appalachian counties of Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee
- 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/Los Angeles and San Diego
- Live Oak Fund/Texas
- McKenzie River Gathering Foundation/Oregon
- North Star Fund/New York City
- Vanguard Public Foundation/San Francisco

Associate Funds
- Chinook Fund/Colorado
- Headwaters Fund/Minneapolis-St. Paul
- Wisconsin Community Fund/Wisconsin

Affiliate Funds
- The Hawaii People’s Fund/Hawaii
- People’s Resource of SW Ohio/Dayton and Cincinnati
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Paula Belsey** is a clinical social worker. She has been a peace activist since 1963, and has been active in Mid-East issues and New Jewish Agenda.

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

**Johanna Brenner** is the coordinator of the Women's Studies Certificate Program at Portland State University. She has been active in feminist, trade union, international solidarity, and reproductive rights issues.

**Brad Buvinger** is the organizing director of Oregon Fair Share. He has been involved in Native American, housing, labor, and international solidarity issues.

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

**Bill Farver** is an attorney and staff assistant to a Multnomah County Commissioner. He has been active in Central American and progressive education issues.

**Val Font** is an organizer for low-income childcare programs. She has been active in Hispanic, lesbian, low-income, and anti-nuclear issues.

**Clifford Jones** is an advocacy worker with Multnomah County Legal Aid. He has been active in low-income, AIDS/HIV, gay and lesbian, African-American, anti-racism, and labor issues.

**Vern Ho** is a human resource consultant. He has been active in Asian, lesbian and gay, AIDS/HIV, and sustainable agriculture issues.

**Kyle Kajihiro** is employed with Swallow Recycling. He has been an activist with the Portland-Corinto Sister Cities Project, Ben Linder Construction Brigade Multicultural Contingent, Portland Black United Front and KB00-FM.

**Donna Meyer** is a Portland attorney who has worked with Oregon Legal Services and the AIDS/LAW Project. She has been active in domestic violence, reproductive rights issues, and lesbian and gay issues.

**Jan Oliver** is a University of Oregon administrator and was formerly director of the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. She has been active in African-American, AIDS/HIV, multi-cultural, feminist, and domestic violence issues.

**Lou Savage** is Executive Director of Multnomah County Legal Aid. He has been active in the Oregon Human Rights Coalition, Metropolitan Community Action, National Lawyers Guild, and Burnside Projects.

**Genna Southworth** is a regional coordinator for Oregon NARAL. She has been active in domestic violence, reproductive rights, lesbian and gay, Central American issues.

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

**Consuelo Vazquez** is a nurse. She has been active in feminist, anti-racism, health care, gang prevention, and migrant worker issues.
Robert Wong is an artist who focuses on progressive social change. She has been active in Asian and multi-cultural issues.

GRANTMAKING COMMITTEE

Dorothy Ackerman works at Red Spirit Creations. She is a founder of United Indian Women, and has been active in Native American and prison issues.

Paulette Ansari is a librarian and storyteller. She has been active in African-American, labor, and racial justice work.

Doreen Binder (see Board of Directors)

Tim Calvert is a bicycle mechanic and formerly staffed the Portland-Corinto Sister City Project. He is active in Central American issues and progressive community education work, including the Laughing Horse Book collective.

Sheila Canal is a founder of and activist with SALUD. She has been active in pesticide reform, migrant worker, environmental, and peace issues.

Connie Carley (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 Minamoto Hamilton is on 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.

Margaret Jacobs is a student and on the national board of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. She has been active in peace, international solidarity, racial justice, feminist, and disability issues.

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.

Billy Russo is the director of a foster care home for people with AIDS. He has been active in gay and lesbian issues for 20 years, and has also been involved in labor organizing.

Susana Santos is an artist. She has been active in Native American groups including Sacred Earth Coalition and Artistas Indigenas.

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

Robert Wong (see Board of Directors)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

I have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation as of June 30, 1990, and the related statements of Support, Revenue and Expenses, and of Changes in Fund Balances for the year then ended. These statements are the responsibility of management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my 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, 1990, and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Patrick N. Ventura
Eugene, Oregon
September 7, 1990

McKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION
BALANCE SHEET—June 30, 1990

ASSETS

Current assets:
- Cash in bank - unrestricted (Note 2) $155,007
- Cash in bank - restricted (Note 4) 36,108
- Marketable securities, at donated value 80,129
- Notes receivable, current (Notes 3 & 4): 9,391
  - West End Co-operative Fund - restricted
- Other note receivable - unrestricted 580
Total current assets 281,215

Notes receivable, long-term (Notes 3 & 4):
- West End Co-operative Fund - restricted 48,366
- Other note receivable - unrestricted 7,229
Total long-term notes 55,595

Equipment and furnishings (Note 1):
- 9,427
Less: accumulated depreciation (Note 1) (5,559)
Net fixed assets 3,868

Total assets 340,678

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current liabilities:
- Payroll and payroll taxes payable $ 2,204
- Grants payable - funding cycle 36,800
- Grants payable - donor-advised 31,942
Total current liabilities 70,946

Fund balances:
- Restricted, West End Co-operative Fund (Note 4) 93,865
- Restricted, office renovation 615
- Investment in equipment 3,868
- Unrestricted - Undesignated $75,478
  - Designated for donor-advised grant purposes (Note 2) 95,906 171,384
Total fund balances 269,732

Total liabilities and fund balances 340,678

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, 1990

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For The Year Ended June 30, 1990

Support and revenues:
- Contributions - undesignated: $185,011
- Contributions - donor-advised: 248,878
- FEX Grant: 16,000
- Interest - restricted fund: 2,992
- Interest - unrestricted: 6,102
- Gain (loss) on sale of real property: 14,481
- Fund raising event: 1,229
- Donor advised administrative charge: 8,801

Total support and revenues: $477,114

Direct expenses:
- Grants made - general: 90,582
- Grants made - donor-advised: 175,614
- FEX grant expense: 20,556
- Fund raising expense: 15,728

Total direct expenses: 301,980

Administrative expenses:
- Salaries and wages: 41,050
- Rent: 3,581
- General insurance: 500
- Telephone: 5,482
- Staff child care: 105
- Payroll taxes and insurance: 5,014
- Health insurance: 4,419
- Postage: 1,917
- Office supplies and expense: 1,381
- Copying and printing: 1,908
- Staff transportation: 1,307
- Meetings and conferences expense: 2,270
- Professional fees: 5,410
- Newsletter: 948
- Miscellaneous: 2,860
- Restricted fund expense: 393
- Depreciation (Note 1): 1,609

Total administrative expenses: 80,354

Total expenses: 382,334

Excess of support and revenues over expenses: $94,780

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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, 1990, $95,906 of cash funds were available from donor funds and designated for subsequent donor-advised grants.

NOTE 3 - LOANS RECEIVABLE
At June 30, 1990, loans receivable consisted of:

- Loans from West End Co-operative Fund (WEF):
  - Riverbrook Farm Co-operative: $11,058
  - Surata Soyfoods, Inc.: 20,602
  - Organically Grown Co-operative: 16,425
  - Earthright Livelihood Co-operative: 1,694
  - Kestrel Cafe: 2,295
  - Genesis Juice Co-operative: 5,558
  - Welkin Woodland Mushrooms - Equipment Loan 125

Total WEF loans: $57,757

(See also Note 4 Below)

Other Note Receivable - Unrestricted Fund: $7,809

NOTE 4 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT TRANSFER OF WEST END CO-OPERATIVE FUND
In July, 1990, McKenzie River Gathering Foundation completed the transfer of the West End Co-operative Fund (WEF) to ARABLE. Assets in the fund at June 30, 1990, and reflected on the balance sheet of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, were as follows:

- Cash in Savings: $36,108
- WEF loans (See Note 3 above): 57,757

Total WEF fund balance: $93,865

Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics' founder Jeff DeBonis with a copy of the AFSEE publication, The Inner Voice.
Acknowledgements

We would like to express our appreciation to the donors, volunteers, and organizations who contributed to MRG this year. Our thanks are also extended to supporters of MRG’s donor-advised grantmaking (not included in the list below).

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Fishing platform on the Warm Springs reservation belonging to a tribal member active in the Sacred Earth Coalition efforts to prevent desecration of native sacred lands. (Photo/Sacred Earth Coalition)

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Broadcasters participate in the KBOO-Nicaragua Sister City Radio Project, co-sponsored by Portland's community radio station. (Photo/KBOO)