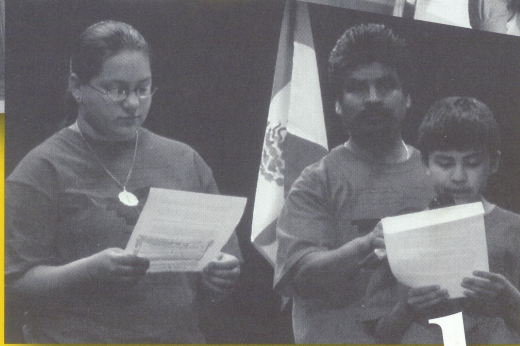
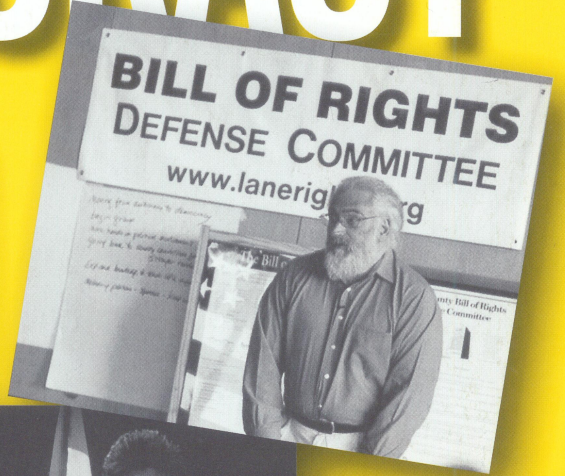


# DEMOCRACY



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you believe in...

it's something  
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Abbie Hoffman

# MRC



The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation pools the financial resources of Oregon's progressive community and distributes it to grassroots groups working to create social, economic and environmental justice. MRG Foundation's activist controlled decision-making process is unique. We recruit board and grantmaking committee members from around the state who are working on a wide range of issues. As a result, our funding supports the most strategic work unfolding at the local level.

MRG Foundation is proud to celebrate 28 years of funding social change in Oregon!

## MRG Foundation's Mission

Our grantees address the broad scope of progressive social change issues including globalization, poverty, war, racism, sexism, homophobia and environmental destruction. MRG Foundation's success depends upon the support we receive from donors who contribute annual gifts ranging from \$25 to \$35,000. Bequests also make up an important part of MRG Foundation's resource development and have significantly increased our ability to support grassroots action around Oregon.



# In times of despair, we crave stories of hope.

As we prepare for an election that will shape the future of our world for years to come, stories of injustice demand our attention. Images of the war in Iraq are mirrored by stories of the detention of Muslim people here in Oregon. The assault on public funding for schools and services to the poor continues, while ballot measures challenge Oregon's landmark land use protections and threaten to write unequal treatment into our constitution.

And yet for every story that creates despair, there is a story of people coming together in support of justice.

In Bend, activists secured the unanimous support of the City Council for a city-wide ordinance protecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people from discrimination. BroadArts Theatre used music and magical realism to bring stories of peacemakers to audiences throughout the state. The Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee provided workshops that contributed to ten Oregon communities passing resolutions opposing the USA Patriot Act.

Throughout MRG Foundation's network, organizations are mobilizing people in their communities with a message of hope—based in a belief that working for justice is their (and our) only choice.

At MRG Foundation, our role is to inspire, support and motivate Oregonians who believe in justice to take action. We help people make thoughtful decisions about using their financial resources to further equality, and provide

critical funding for groups that are organizing people to create change on a local level. During fiscal year 2004, MRG Foundation:

- Awarded more than \$270,000 in grants;
- Facilitated an additional \$124,000 in donor advised grants;
- Presented three Lilla Jewel awards to women artists;
- Held six workshops on estate planning and socially responsible investing in Eugene, Corvallis, Ashland and Portland;
- Created a new workshop on cross-class relationships; and
- Expanded outreach to prospective grantees and donors in Southern Oregon.

We did all this and more in a year in which we also experienced a transition in Executive Directors. These accomplishments are a testament to strong leadership from our Board of Directors, Grantmaking Committee, staff and donors who continue to provide the necessary resources to support our programs.

On a personal note, I'd like to extend a special note of appreciation to MRG's previous Executive Director, Susan Remmers, for her leadership over the past five years. It's an honor to follow in her footsteps, and I look forward to working with you to continue to strengthen MRG Foundation in the years to come.

We have important work ahead. I hope you will continue to support MRG Foundation's efforts to build a world in which human rights are respected, our environment is protected and justice prevails.

—Marjory Hamann, Executive Director



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Cover photos: left, Broad Arts Theatre's musical "Fat & Sassy"; middle, Unete's "Cesar Chavez, Life and Legacy" celebration; right, a workshop on the Patriot Act sponsored by the Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee.



**MRG Foundation enjoys support from people in Oregon and throughout the region. We hope you enjoy learning more about our donors, grantmakers and grantees through these profiles.**

## PROFILE

### **Marcy Middleton, grantmaker**

Before Marcy Middleton joined MRG Foundation's Grantmaking Committee, she was discouraged. A member of the Navajo Nation who had been working against inequity all her life, Marcy wondered, "who is doing the work that needs to be done?"

Marcy's first memory of political activism was in the early 1960s, going with her mother to the Urban League in Los Angeles where they were organizing for fair housing practices. When she was a teenager, her mother took her to demonstrations protesting the war in Viet Nam.



**"Serving on the MRG Grantmaking Committee has give me a sense of optimism I did not feel before."**

After moving to Eugene with her husband and two young children in 1987, Marcy studied sustainable architecture and energy. Her involvement with the women's center led her to the YWCA's 1990 Convocation on Racism. There, she met Wilma Mankiller and other powerful community leaders from all over the world. Marcy says, "This is where my adult activism began."

As a parent organizer, Marcy helped educate the school system, other parents and the media about the harmful effects of stereotyping. In 1998, she was named to the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission.

Her work with a Native American group called Celebrating Traditions led her to MRG as a grantee. In 2002, she joined the Grantmaking Committee, and has helped lead discussions related to funding in Native American communities.

Marcy says "serving on the MRG Grantmaking Committee has given me a sense of optimism I did not feel before. Each individual group we fund is part of a whole movement for justice. No one group will change everything. Each is one piece of the whole."

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# PROFILE



**Foncy Prescott, donor**

“I love MRG!” That unabashed sentiment is the result of over 25 years of connection between Foncy Prescott and the Foundation. The love affair began when Foncy first contributed to MRG just a year or two after its founding. Then, as an activist in Eugene, she subsequently served on the Board of Directors and Grantmaking Committee. Through her work with the Committee in Solidarity with the People of Central America, the Network for Immigrant Justice, and CAUSA, she has seen first hand how MRG grantees benefit both from the financial support and the connections created by MRG.

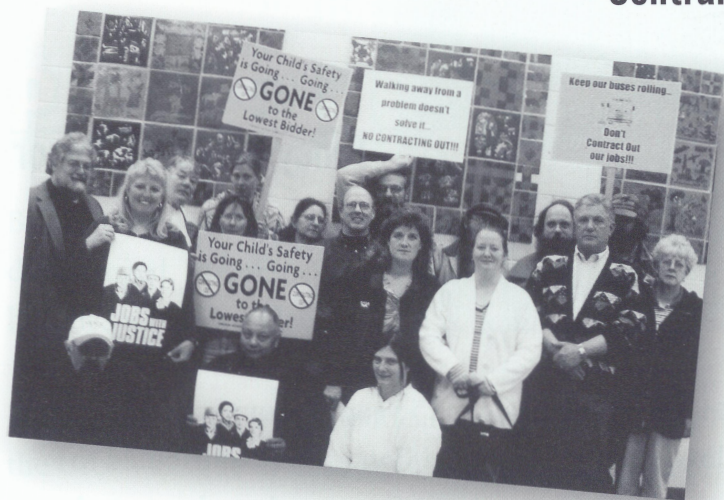
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Now a rural activist working on Bill of Rights issues, Foncy values the way MRG keeps her informed about progressive work throughout the rest of the state. “For donors, MRG is a great resource to stay in touch with what’s going on,” she says. “Because the Foundation is led by activists, it’s right there, involved with the emerging and long-term issues that we need to pay attention to and support.”

Donors to MRG know that their contributions are helping to create a stronger progressive movement in Oregon, according to Foncy. “MRG plays a leading role as well as a supportive role,” she says. Grantmaking criteria prompt groups to take a critical look at themselves and their own internal biases. The networking MRG fosters among grantees helps them learn from and strengthen each other’s work. From her new home on the Southern Oregon coast, Foncy appreciates how conscientious MRG is about funding groups in every part of the state.

Foncy’s ongoing commitment as an MRG donor is driven by her belief that, “Without MRG, social justice organizations in Oregon would not have progressed as far as they have.”





Central Oregon: Poverty with a View. It's not the official slogan for the communities east of the Cascades, but it is the reality for many who live there. A region once supported by family-wage mill jobs now depends on tourism. Tourism jobs, despite their reputation as low-wage, no-benefit work, are in Central Oregon to stay. "They can't be sent offshore," says Jobs with Justice leader Michael Funke.

"We need to counter the belief that service jobs have to be low-wage jobs," says Michael, who also rejects the notion that Central Oregon's assets are an acceptable trade-off for getting paid fairly. "A high quality of life requires a good wage," he says.

Central Oregon Jobs with Justice (JwJ) was born at an organizing conference in September 2003. Since then, nearly 200 people have signed pledge cards committing to take five actions annually in support of economic justice. Seventeen local unions and community groups are now affiliated with the organization. "We have our work cut out for us," says Michael, "but it's clear that there's a strong base of support. The response from the community has been really gratifying."

The organization rallies community support for organizing campaigns that improve the lives of workers, the unemployed, and low-income families. Within a few weeks of its founding, Central Oregon JwJ turned out more than 20 people to the board meeting of a local agency

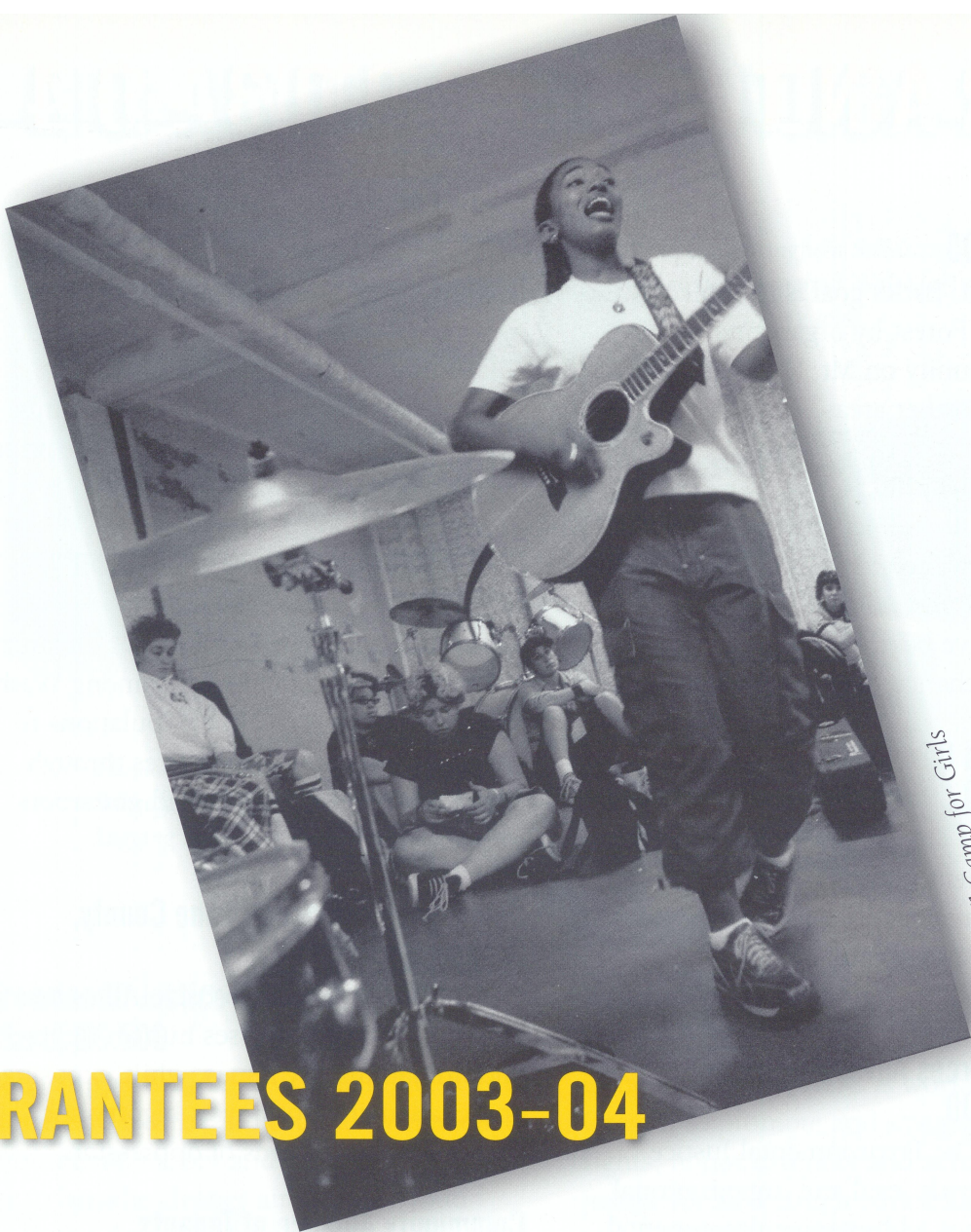
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that runs Head Start, contributing to the employer's decision to remain neutral in the Head Start workers' union organizing drive. Central Oregon JwJ builds relationships among different constituency groups by drawing the connections between the issues affecting them and creating opportunities for collective action. The organization mobilized a number of the straight allies who attended a 250 person Bend City Council hearing that resulted in unanimous adoption of sexual orientation and gender identity protections against discrimination.

They expect to play a key role in racial justice issues as well. Over the last decade, the Latino population in Deschutes County has grown 350 percent. JwJ's plans include community education on immigrant workers' rights, along with building and strengthening relationships with both the Latino and Native communities.

In an area where the labor movement itself lacks the financial resources to support broader community organizing, MRG Foundation's grant is critical to Central Oregon JwJ, says Michael. "But beyond financial support, MRG helps us to build alliances with other groups, to find out what they're doing and develop ways we can work together."





Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls

## GRANTEES 2003-04

MRG Foundation's General Funding Cycle grants represent the heart of our grantmaking program, and a majority of funds distributed. MRG Foundation makes grants to organizations that bring people together to challenge social, economic, international and environmental injustice through community-based, grassroots action. MRG engages activists from around Oregon to determine which proposals most meet our funding criteria. These dedicated volunteers review applications, conduct field interviews and participate in Presentation Day, where selected applicants can make their "case" to the Grantmaking Committee. Applicants must meet our funding criteria, which include:

- organizing to bring about progressive social change
- located in Oregon
- committed to diversity
- have little access to traditional funding sources, e.g. United Way, government, and mainstream foundation grants.

This approach to grantmaking is one of the unique qualities of MRG and helps us ensure that our grants are most strategic. We also engage those who typically do not have the power to determine how and where money is distributed. In more traditional philanthropic organizations, this is done by trustees, family members who "own" the wealth, or corporate representatives. MRG Foundation believes it is essential to creating a more just society to empower those who are working directly on the issues we fund to determine funding decisions.



# GRANTEES 2003-04

**Bark,  
Portland, \$6,500**

General support. Bark's goal is to protect Mt. Hood National Forest by organizing within the local community on Mt. Hood as well as with allies from other areas.

**BroadArts Theatre, Inc,  
Portland, \$6,000**

General support. BroadArts is working to create accessible theatre that celebrates women who have been leaders in the progressive social change movement.

**Cascadia Media Collective,  
Eugene, \$3,500**

Project support. The Guerrilla Media Network links independent journalists with grassroots social change organizations in order to create a vital, thought provoking, radical media network.

**Cascade Resources Advocacy Group,  
Portland, \$8,000**

Seed funding. The Environmental Justice Project will provide legal and organizational support to groups addressing environmental issues that disproportionately impact low income communities and communities of color.

**Cascadia Wildlands Project,  
Eugene, \$8,500**

General support. CWP organizes innovative, grassroots campaigns to protect ancient forests. Their Community and Workforce Program builds alliances between traditionally hostile constituencies to simultaneously protect the environment and create economic opportunities in rural communities.

**CAUSA,  
Salem, \$8,000**

General support. This group combines research, policy formulation, education, mobilization, direct action and media campaigns to advance the struggle for immigrant labor rights and to build power in communities of color.

**Central Oregon Jobs with Justice,  
Bend, \$4,500**

Seed funding. This new economic justice organization will focus on creating a labor community Workers' Rights Board, supporting workers of color and immigrants, and educating the community on the impacts of globalization.

**Centro Cultural of Washington County,  
Cornelius, \$4,000**

Project support. The Day Laborer Organizing Program will develop leaders among Washington County's day labor populations to challenge institutional injustices through education, empowerment and grassroots organizing.

**Community Alliance of Lane County,  
Eugene, \$5,000**

Project support. Back to Back: Allies for Human Dignity addresses human rights and human dignity issues, while exposing and challenging both overt bigotry and institutionalized forms of oppression.

**Community Alliance of Tenants,  
Portland, \$6,000**

Project Support. The Housing Justice Program organizes low income renters to win immediate improvements in housing conditions and win long-term solutions to the regional affordable housing crisis.

**Community Language and Culture Bank,  
Portland, \$5,000**

General support. This group was formed by local immigrants and refugees in response to 9/11 and the subsequent backlash against their communities. CLCB is fostering intercultural understanding through educational programming, cultural sensitivity training, language interpreting, and immigrant and refugee advocacy.

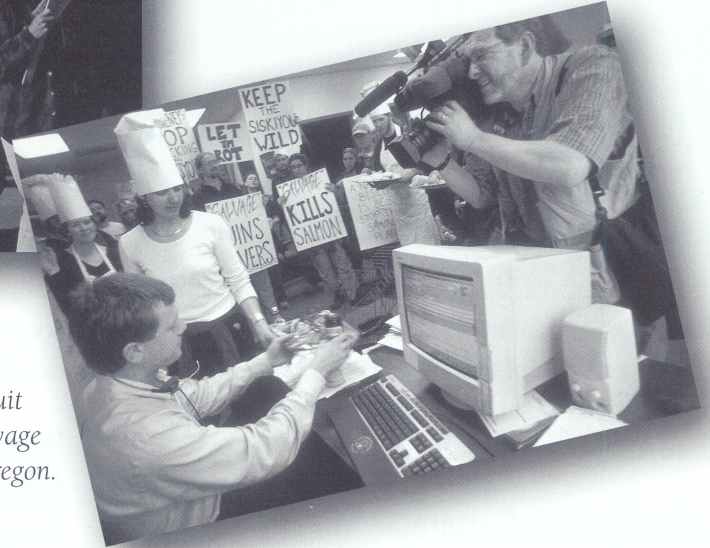


# GRANTEES 2003-04



*Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network members march at Wal-Mart to protect Eugene grocery jobs.*

*Cascadia Wildlands Project's "Biscuit Bakeoff," protesting the Biscuit Salvage Logging Project in southwestern Oregon.*



## **Environmental Justice Action Group, Portland, \$6,500**

General support. EJAG is organizing residents in North and Northeast Portland to challenge environmental racism and pollution in order to breathe cleaner air and be a loud voice in the decisions being made in their neighborhoods.

## **Eugene Middle East Peace Group, Eugene, \$4,000**

General support. This organization is comprised of Israelis, Palestinians, Jews, Muslims, Arabs and others committed to modeling a vision for an interconnected, socially just society. This group is breaking down stereotypes, confronting racism, and supporting the struggle for peace and justice for all peoples.

## **Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network, Eugene, \$8,500**

General support. ESSN is organizing to establish fair and equitable community standards for awards of economic development grants, tax breaks, loans and other governmental incentives to businesses.

## **Human Dignity Coalition, Bend, \$5,000**

General support. HDC is working in Central Oregon to promote and safeguard human rights, honor diversity and achieve social justice for all through education, advocacy and community building.

## **Komemmma Cultural Protection Association, Yoncalla, \$4,500**

Project support. Funding for Indian Heritage Day, a public event held in Yoncalla that showcases American Indian culture, art and music. This event is a part of Komemmma's ongoing work to educate the local community about the presence and culture of the Kalapuya Indians.

## **Korean American Citizens League, Portland, \$4,000**

Seed funding. Initial organizing efforts and capacity building to lay a solid foundation for this new civil rights organization.



# GRANTEES 2003-04

## **Lane County Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Eugene, \$3,500**

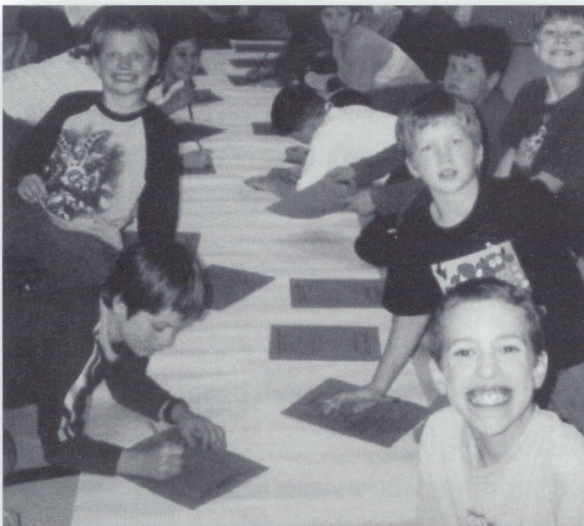
General support. This group is working to defend the Bill of Rights and resist the effects of the USA PATRIOT Act and many post 9/11 executive and federal orders. They are creating a series of workshops, trainings and public hearings.

## **Lane Independent Living Alliance, Eugene, \$5,000**

Project support. Regional Leadership Team Trainings are four two-day leadership training institutes conducted by LILA to empower people with disabilities to understand and have an impact on key issues in Oregon.

## **Latinos Unidos Siempre, Salem, \$10,000**

General support. LUS is advancing the educational, cultural, social and political development of Latino youth. LUS empowers Latino youth to take leadership roles in advocating for social and political change and combating racist stereotyping and discrimination.



*Tillamook County children pledge not  
to use their hands or words for hurting.  
Tillamook Women's Crisis Center*

## **Love Makes a Family, Portland, \$6,500**

Project support. MultiQueer is a project that empowers queer youth of color to challenge racism and homophobia through peer support and leadership development.

## **Oregon Rural Action, La Grande, \$9,000**

General support. This grassroots group promotes community organizing with a vision of creating a healthy, democratic and just society. Funds will support rural leadership development and strategic planning.

## **Peace House, Ashland, \$6,000**

General support. This group functions as a regional center for social action and alliance building on issues of human and civil rights, racial justice, environmental defense, economic justice, global solidarity and peace.

## **Portland Art and Revolution, Portland, \$4,000**

General support. This group is inspiring individuals and groups to use art in social change work and cultivate a passion for social change in the art world itself.

## **Portland Central American Solidarity Committee, Portland, \$5,000**

General support. PCASC is building connections between workers, organizers and activists in the global south and in Oregon, forming coalitions that defy borders that falsely divide us.

## **Portland Jobs with Justice, Portland, \$7,000**

General support. Organizing around workers' rights, Jobs with Justice engages in a variety of social justice issues, building coalitions and making connections between progressive issues.



# GRANTEES 2003-04

## **Reclaiming Our Origins Through Struggle, Portland, \$5,000**

General support. This human rights organization—for people of color, by people of color—is working to develop leadership in communities of color.

## **Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls, Portland, \$6,000**

General support. This group recognizes the powerful influence of rock music on popular culture and uses it to encourage girls and young women to develop their political awareness in order to create social change.

## **Rogue Valley Oregon Action, Medford, \$8,000**

General support. This group is organizing low and moderate income people in Jackson and Josephine counties to address fundamental economic justice issues such as living wage jobs, health care, affordable housing and community economic development.

## **Rogue Valley Veterans Powwow, Central Point, \$4,000**

General support for the seventh annual Rogue Valley Veterans Powwow held in June 2004. The RVVP is providing both native and nonnative veterans with access to healing and restoration through the utilization of Native American practice, acknowledgement and fellowship.

## **Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality, Salem, \$10,000**

General Support. This multiracial, multiethnic community organization is empowering students, parents and the Salem/Keizer community to have a strong voice in the institutions that affect and represent them.



*Members of SAFES (Survivors Advocating for an Effective System) act out an individual survivor's experience with violence.*

## **Somali Women's Association, Portland, \$5,000**

General support. This community-based organization is working to develop a strong voice for Somali refugees. The SWA addresses the many issues Somali refugees face as they establish themselves in a new society while trying to maintain their cultural integrity.

## **South Umpqua Traditional Pow Wow, Roseburg, \$4,000**

General support. This group is working to preserve Umpqua Indian traditions and to teach the community their ancestral way of life. The South Umpqua Traditional Pow Wow brings a scattered people together to remember the past and to prepare their children for the future.

## **street roots, Portland, \$7,000**

General support. Oregon's only street newspaper advocates for the homeless, passionately striving for justice, equality and freedom. *street roots* is raising social awareness, building community and creating unique income opportunities to help the homeless help themselves.



# GRANTEES 2003-04

## **Survivors Advocating for an Effective System, Portland, \$7,000**

Project support. The Community Outreach Project will build SAFES' membership and the leadership of crime survivors living in poverty and crime survivors who are people of color.

## **Tillamook Women's Crisis Center, Tillamook, \$5,000**

Project support. This group will continue to develop a bicultural, bilingual domestic violence and sexual assault response program in Tillamook County.

## **Umpqua Watersheds, Roseburg, \$7,000**

General support. Umpqua Watersheds' grassroots organizing campaigns educate and activate the public in the protection and restoration of this region's wild forests and mighty rivers on public and private lands.

## **Unete, Center for Farmworker Advocacy, Medford, \$7,500**

General support. This farmworker-led organization is empowering and enriching the lives of local farmworkers through education, cultural presentations, advocacy, and organizing to defend immigrant rights.

## **Voz Hispana Causa Chavista, Woodburn, \$8,000**

Project support. Cesar Chavez Day is a yearlong program that serves to build leadership within the Latino community. The celebration itself motivates community members to participate and take leadership in achieving social justice in Oregon.

## **VOZ: Workers' Rights Education Project, Portland, \$8,000**

General support. This organization, led by immigrant workers, organizes and develops the leadership of immigrant day laborers to gain control over their working conditions and to exercise their collective power to address the injustices they face.

## **Willamette Valley Reforestation, Molalla, \$5,000**

General support. This group is organizing workers in Nyssa, Medford, the Willamette Valley and White Salmon, Washington to strengthen the power of reforestation workers who are very mobile and to build a strong network of these workers.



*Oregon Rural Action leads strategic planning meeting in Eastern Oregon.*



# OTHER GRANTEES

## Donor-Advised Grants

50 Years is Enough  
ACLU Foundation  
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Better People  
Bicycle Transportation Alliance  
Birth to Three  
CARE Inc.  
Cascadia Rising  
Cascadia Wildlands Project  
CAUSA  
CISPES Education Fund  
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Coalition for a Livable Future  
Committee in Solidarity with the  
Central American People  
Community Alliance of Lane County  
Community Cycling Center  
The Dance Brigade  
Earth and Spirit Council  
Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund  
Echo Theater—Do Jump Dance Theater  
Eugene Friends Meeting  
Food First  
Food for Lane County  
For Us Northwest  
Haiti Reborn  
Hambleton Project  
INFACT  
International Center for Traditional Childbearing  
KBOO-FM  
Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands  
LEAD Program  
Lesbian Community Project—CEP  
Love Makes a Family  
Mexico-US Solidarity Network  
New Dimensions Foundation  
Nicaragua Network  
North Portland Nurse Practitioner CHC  
Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media  
& Education—Portland Alliance  
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides  
NW Media Project  
Oregon Food Bank  
Oregon Natural Resources Council  
Oregon PeaceWorks  
Oregon Public Broadcasting  
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Outside In  
p:ear  
Peace and Justice Works

Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Portland Schools Foundation  
Rural Organizing Project  
Sierra Club Foundation  
Siskiyou Regional Education Project  
State Forest Organizing Initiative  
street roots  
Support Coalition Northwest  
Take Back Your Time Day  
Tillamook Women's Crisis Center  
Transition Projects  
Umpqua Watersheds  
Unity of the Valley  
Western Prison Project  
Willamette Valley Law Project  
Witness for Peace  
Women's Community Education Project—  
In Other Words  
World Wildlife Fund

## McCay Fund Grant

National Lawyers Guild, Portland

## Critical Response Grants

Love Makes a Family  
Oxygen Collective  
Portland Jobs with Justice

## Travel Grants

Act for Action  
Bend Community Radio  
Cascadia Media Collective  
Love Makes a Family  
Mano a Mano, Latinos Unidos Siempre and  
Salem Kaiser Coalition for Equality  
MEChA Statewide  
National Lawyers Guild—Lewis & Clark Law  
Student Chapter  
North Portland Bike Works  
Pride At Work Oregon  
Somali Women's Association  
Youth on a Quest

## Lilla Jewel Fund for Women Artists

Visual Arts Awardees:  
Edie Tsong, Lilla Jewel Award  
Carole Patterson, Lilla Jewel Honorable Mention  
Hilary Pfeifer, Lilla Jewel Honorable Mention

Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls

## Michael Smith Fund

CAUSA



# Donors help build the movement.

## Why Give to Social Change?

In the United States, money is power. Concentrated in the hands of an elite few, it maintains inequity. Directed to those who seek to transform this system, it represents a powerful force for change. The success of grassroots

## Ways to Contribute to MRG Foundation

MRG Foundation's donors are a diverse group of people who share one thing in common: a commitment to creating a more peaceful, just and environmentally sustainable society. Whether your financial situation allows you

**Each gift is important and helps to build a lasting movement for positive and fundamental social change.**

organizing depends on individuals making a commitment to invest, consistently and generously, in change. Hundreds of people use MRG Foundation as their vehicle for making this investment. MRG Foundation brings together individual visions of what is possible with the organizations that make those concepts a reality.

## Why Give to MRG Foundation?

When you give to MRG Foundation, your gift joins with many others to create a significant financial resource that will foster progressive organizing throughout Oregon. MRG Foundation donors support the work of the foundation, and the organizations we fund, with donations of stock, cash or bequests. Each gift is important and helps to build a lasting movement for positive and fundamental social change.

People give to McKenzie River Gathering Foundation for many reasons. It is an opportunity to provide seed money to emerging groups and issues. MRG Foundation's activist grantmaking committee provides a pool of informed decision-making expertise, and MRG Foundation's staff monitors all funded projects. Donors may maintain total anonymity, and can support many important projects with one gift.

Over the past 28 years, MRG Foundation has given more than \$7 million dollars in grants. This was made possible because of the financial support from those committed to creating a more just society.

to give \$25 or \$25,000, you are an important partner in our efforts to reach our goals for justice. Here are some of the many ways you can make a tax-deductible contribution to MRG Foundation:

- Write a check.
- Make a monthly or quarterly contribution.
- Donate appreciated stock or real property—a great way to contribute and save capital gains taxes.
- Name MRG Foundation as a beneficiary in your will.
- Establish a charitable trust with MRG Foundation as a beneficiary.
- Make MRG Foundation a beneficiary of an insurance policy or IRA.
- Honor a special person, remember someone who has passed away, or give a gift in someone's name.
- Set up a designated fund (donor pool) that will allow you to make donor-advised gifts and receive a tax deduction.
- Volunteer time or other goods and services.

When appropriate, we suggest verifying details of specific arrangements with your accountant or attorney. Staff members at MRG Foundation are available to help with your plans but cannot provide legal advice.

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***If you are interested in learning more about McKenzie River Gathering Foundation and supporting progressive social change in Oregon, please contact us at: 503-289-1517 or [info@mrgfoundation.org](mailto:info@mrgfoundation.org)***



## Donor Services

One of MRG Foundation's key goals is to engage politically progressive people in social change philanthropy. By partnering with donors and grantees, MRG Foundation is creating a unique partnership that provides the critical resources needed to fund the movement. MRG Foundation offers donor services that provide support and information for people who want their community donations to align with their progressive values. For information about any of these programs, please call 503-289-1517.

### Donor-Advised Giving

Donor-Advised Giving offers donors a way to simplify their giving by making a single donation to MRG that is then distributed to one or more community organizations the donor recommends. Donor-Advised Giving is advantageous for donors who want to:

- Optimize their financial planning by making a single large donation at a designated time of year.
- Make a single stock transfer to MRG that will benefit multiple groups.
- Receive information about progressive organizations working on key issues in Oregon.
- Remain anonymous to the recipient organizations.

Donors who want to give \$10,000 or more can set up a short-term fund known as a Donor Pool. MRG manages the money for two to four years (depending on the amount in the fund), which gives donors flexibility on when they designate recipients. Donors who do not wish to set up a Donor Pool can make a contribution to MRG and make grant nominations within 30 days of this gift.

### Planned Giving

MRG Foundation's staff is available to assist in identifying and developing long-term vehicles to perpetuate the progressive, charitable goals of individual donors through their lifetime and beyond. Recent bequests have helped MRG Foundation provide extensive funding in 2003 for peace activists protesting the war in Iraq. Other bequests have supported MRG

Foundation's ability to increase its outreach efforts so more activist organizations and supporters can be aware of our important work.

### Estate Planning Workshops

MRG Foundation identifies leading estate planning professionals to lead workshops on long-term planning options, legal issues and strategies for meeting individual needs and objectives.



*Grand Ronde tribal members demonstrate traditional cedar plank splitting at Indian Heritage Day in Yoncalla, sponsored by the Komemmma Cultural Protection Association.*

### Socially Responsible Investing Seminars

MRG Foundation's SRI seminars draw upon the expertise of leaders in the field to explore practical and profitable means of investing individual assets while maintaining social and environmental values.

### Wealth Conferences and Workshops

These events offer a safe place for progressive people with wealth to come together and explore personal, technical and political issues specific to their situation. Issues discussed may include cross-class relationships, children and money, financial planning, and philanthropy.

### Political Briefings

Periodically, MRG Foundation offers briefings on critical social change issues for members of our community. Each briefing concentrates on a specific issue and includes presentations by leading activists in the issue of concern.



# THANK YOU

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*Community Alliance of Tenants gathers in Pioneer Courthouse Square to testify at Portland City Council.*



*Lane County Independent Living Alliance leader being interviewed about the impact of Measure 30's failure.*



*Board members, Korean American Citizens League.*



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2003-04

## McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2004

## McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2004

#### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 917,752
Investments	3,796,469
Pledges receivable, net	-
Office equipment and furniture, net	5,662
Other assets	7,896
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,727,779</u>

#### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

##### LIABILITIES:

Grants payable	\$ 11,000
Accounts and other payables	9,224
Total Liabilities	<u>20,224</u>

##### NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted:	
General Fund	331,628
Board Designated, Operating Reserve	350,000
Board Designated, Donor Pools	211,329
Board Designated, Endowment	280,373
Board designated, Michael Smith Fund	39,059
	<u>1,212,389</u>
Temporarily Restricted:	
Maud T. Kernan Fund	910,812
Rob McCay Fund	715,318
Lilla Jewel Fund	48,884
L'Chaim Fund	336,531
Other grants	12,246
	<u>2,023,791</u>
Permanently Restricted:	
Endowment Fund	1,247,218
Michael Smith Fund	115,599
Lilla Jewel Fund	108,558
	<u>1,471,375</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>4,707,555</u>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** \$ 4,727,779

#### PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

##### Public Support:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
General Fund contributions	\$ 329,129	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 329,12
Donor Pools contributions	81,373	-	-	81,37
Donor Advised contributions	35,286	-	-	35,28
Funding Exchange Endowment contributions	51,792	-	-	51,79
Maud T. Kernan Fund contributions	-	-	-	-
Lilla Jewel Fund contributions	-	-	-	-
Endowment Fund contributions	-	-	2,050	2,05
Michael Smith Fund contributions	-	-	-	-
L'Chaim Fund contributions	-	329,602	-	329,60
Indirect public contributions	20,234	-	-	20,23
Grants	-	13,000	-	13,00
Uncollectible pledges & contributions refunded	-	(13,215)	-	(13,215)
	<u>517,814</u>	<u>329,387</u>	<u>2,050</u>	<u>849,25</u>

##### Revenue:

Investment gains (losses)	221,475	182,163	-	403,63
Interest and dividends	55,769	82,778	-	138,54
Other revenue	3,782	-	-	3,78
Administrative fees earned	1,307	-	-	1,30
	<u>282,333</u>	<u>264,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>547,27</u>

##### Net Assets Released from Restrictions:

Satisfaction of Maud T. Kernan Fund restrictions	106,556	(106,556)	-	-
Satisfaction of Rob McCay fund restrictions	43,753	(43,753)	-	-
Satisfaction of Lilla Jewel Fund restrictions	7,370	(7,370)	-	-
Satisfaction of L'Chaim Fund restrictions	26,510	(26,510)	-	-
Satisfaction of other program restrictions	10,753	(10,753)	-	-
	<u>194,942</u>	<u>(194,942)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**Total Public Support & Revenue** 995,089 399,386 2,050 1,396,525

#### EXPENSES

Program services	578,786	-	-	578,786
Administrative	136,209	-	-	136,209
Fundraising	41,491	-	-	41,491

**Total Expenses** 756,486 - - 756,486

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS** 238,603 399,386 2,050 640,039

**NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR** 973,786 1,624,405 1,469,325 4,067,516

**NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR** \$ 1,212,389 \$ 2,023,791 \$ 1,471,375 \$ 4,707,555

The Maud T. Kernan Fund is restricted for use in support of racial justice and environmental work, and must be used in no less than ten years and no more than 25 years.

The Rob McCay Fund is restricted for use in nuclear decommissioning and waste disposal and in disarmament.

The L'Chaim Fund is restricted for use in the cleanup of nuclear and chemical wastes, environmental protection, and other programs that promote and protect peace and democracy and improve the human condition.

The earnings and income of the Lilla Jewel Fund are restricted for use in funding lesbian and women artists and organizations.

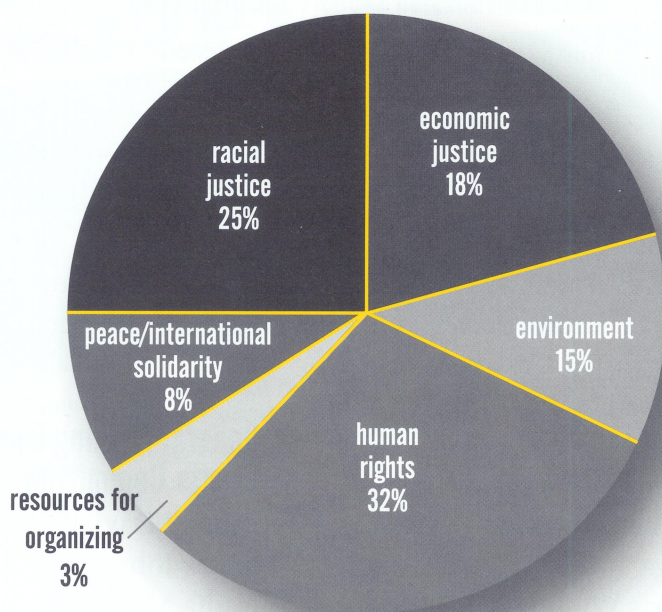


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General Funding Cycle

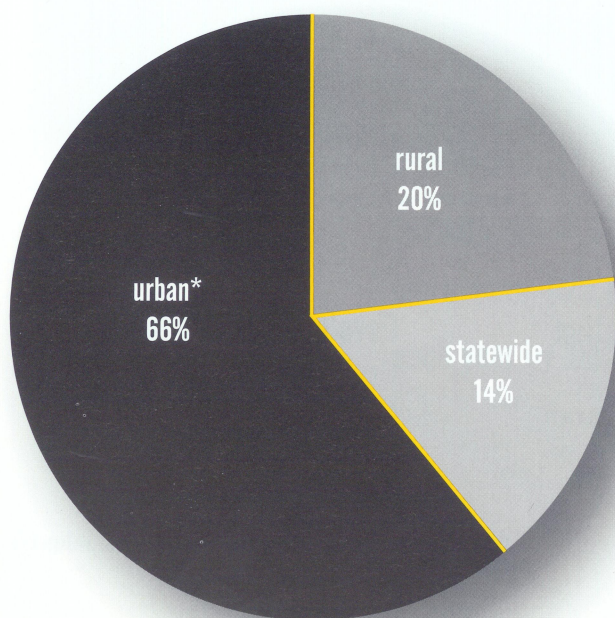
Total: \$250,000

by issue area



*Native American storytellers Esther Stutzman and Robert Greygrass shared their stories in Ashland at an event that is part of our work to expand MRG's base of support in Southern Oregon.*

by geographic area



\* Urban areas include Ashland, Bend, Eugene, Medford, Portland, Salem and Woodburn.



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*Board, Grantmakers and staff gather at a retreat in Eugene.*

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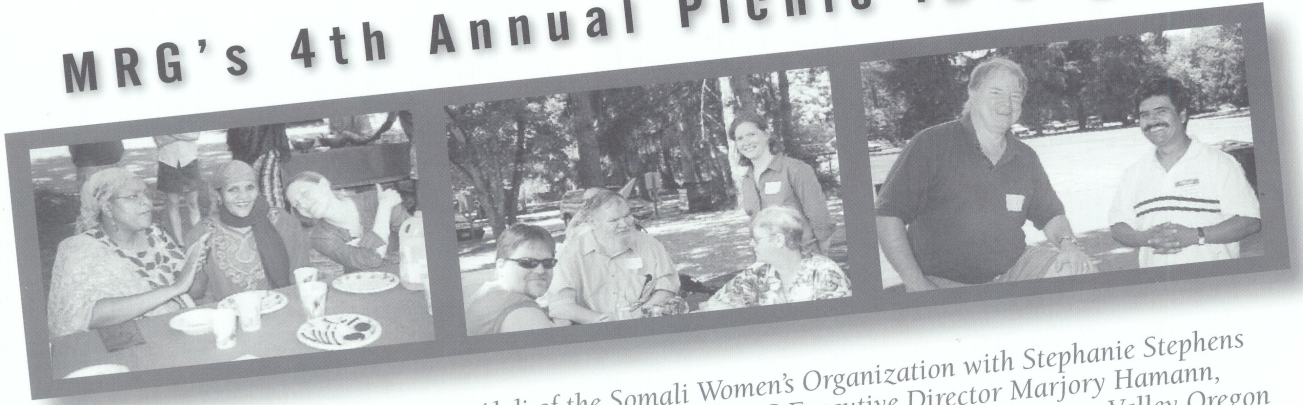
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# MRG's 4th Annual Picnic in Eugene



Left: Halima Mohamed and Shukri Abdi of the Somali Women's Organization with Stephanie Stephens of the Community Language and Culture Bank. Middle: MRG Executive Director Marjory Hamann, standing, with members of Lane Independent Living Alliance. Right: Rich Rohde of Rogue Valley Oregon Action, with Dagoberto Morales of Unete.

The Funding Exchange (FEX) is a national membership organization of publicly supported, community-based foundations. MRG Foundation is a founding member of this network of 16 autonomous funds from around the country. FEX has two main goals:

## The Funding Exchange

to serve as a network for the member funds and to provide grants to progressive, grassroots organizations. Each year, FEX provides grants totaling nearly \$3,000,000 to support social change. As a network, more than \$25,000,000 is awarded each year by member funds.





*An ancient tree marked for logging in the Juncrock  
timber sale in Mt. Hood National Forest.  
(grantee: Bark)*