In regard to cruelties committed in the name of a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel
There are many organizations working throughout Oregon who will never receive funding from more traditional sources—either because they are too radical or they are too small or they just don’t know the right people. MRG Foundation is an important link between activist organizations and donors who want to support social change in Oregon.

Our grantees are working on a broad range of progressive issues including globalization, poverty, war, racism, sexism, homophobia and environmental destruction.

MRG Foundation brings together activists working on these issues to make funding decisions. As a result, our funding supports the most strategic work unfolding at the local level.

MRG Foundation’s success depends upon the support we receive from donors who contribute annual gifts ranging from $25 to $50,000. 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.

MRG Foundation is proud to celebrate 29 years of funding social change in Oregon!

What’s in a name?

In 1976, MRG founders Leslie Brockelbank and Charles Gray invited activists to gather along the banks of the McKenzie River to decide how to distribute a $500,000 inheritance. Leslie and Charles were committed to funding grassroots, social change organizing and felt strongly that activists working on the issues should be the ones to make the funding decisions. MRG Foundation was created out of that meeting, beginning a 29-year tradition of activist-led funding in Oregon that has resulted in more than $8,000,000 for progressive activism.
Throughout MRG’s 29-year history, we have funded groups working on long-term solutions to deeply entrenched problems such as poverty, racism, war and environmental degradation. A common thread throughout all our grantmaking is that we prioritize funding for organizations that are led by those most affected by the issues they are addressing.

Following the leadership of people who are most impacted by the issues is a critical part of building a movement that shifts the balance of power and creates lasting change. But as Rabbi Heschel reminds us in our cover quote, we are all responsible.

Whether it’s the coercion of immigrant youth to serve in the military or the erosion of the safety net for people with limited incomes, we each have a role to play in shining a spotlight on injustice and working for change.

In this annual report, we’ve chosen to feature the stories of people who are playing a pivotal role in creating social justice by working in solidarity with others.

Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo talks about how her introduction to the diversity of the Salem community she grew up in developed into a lifetime commitment for social justice. Ramon Ramirez describes how the immigrant rights organization he works with builds alliances and mobilizes people throughout the community when one part of the community is being targeted. Attorney and philanthropist Ann Macrory shows us how one woman can use the resources she has—her time, money and professional training—to make a lasting impact. Grantee organization Military Families Speak Out creates a forum for people to take a stand against war on behalf of loved ones in the armed forces who must remain silent.

At MRG, we bring people together across issue areas and provide ways for people to financially support a broad range of activism. In the last fiscal year, MRG’s donors made it possible for us to:

- Award a total of $341,662 in activist controlled grantmaking
- Launch a new Peace Fund
- Facilitate another $224,993 in donor advised grantmaking
- Organize a conference for progressive people with wealth
- Hold post-election political briefings in Portland and Ashland
- Offer scholarships to grantee organizations to attend grassroots fundraising workshops
- Provide grantwriting technical assistance for organizations applying to MRG for funding

As you read about the incredible work MRG funded last year, imagine the role you could play in the year ahead. How can you mobilize the financial resources you have to support social justice? What other actions do you feel called to take? Think about what you’ve done in the past, and challenge yourself to do more in the year ahead.

In the words of Rabbi Heschel—himself an outspoken ally for social justice—“all it takes is one person...and another...and another...and another...to start a movement.”
Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo has cared about justice her whole life but this commitment was not acted upon until she went to college at the age of 39. After raising children as a single mom, Annalivia attended Willamette University in Salem in 1996. Almost immediately, she was drawn to social justice organizing beginning with events celebrating the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. When Jewish students found a swastika painted on their door, she helped organize a hate-free rally. From then on, Annalivia participated in as many activities as she could.

“At Willamette University I came in contact with the social justice movement and I found that was where my heart was.”

Her interest in educational equity was fostered when she won a research grant related to the language theory of ebonics. “My interest was always around why minority students were doing so poorly in our education system,” says Annalivia. At that same time, she met her future husband, Eduardo, who was organizing a new group, the Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality, dedicated to educational equity in the Salem area schools. Even though she had lived in Salem her whole life, she didn’t know the extent to which people of color faced discrimination. Through her work with the Coalition, she started getting to know more of the Salem community and became close with people who personally experienced oppression, which strengthened her commitment to racial justice.

In 2002, Annalivia gave birth to her daughter, Ester, and spent time helping the Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality increase its fundraising capacity, becoming the official Program Coordinator in 2004.

Annalivia joined MRG Foundation’s Grant-making Committee in 2003 and is now the Co-Chair. Participating with grantmaking has strengthened her leadership skills, and she has been able to bring new strategies back to her own organization.

“I come back to the Coalition from MRG meetings having learned facilitation skills, and how to run a good meeting,” says Annalivia. “In the past we sometimes did not have strong facilitation, so I started taking more leadership and believing I could do it. Now I facilitate most of our meetings, including our board meetings. I used to not even go to them. MRG has been a training ground.”

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Serving as a grantmaker has also increased her understanding of other social change issues. “MRG helped me realize our connection with the larger social justice movement in Oregon and to understand the different issues out there such as the environment and the LGBT rights movement.”

Strengthening the progressive movement is MRG’s primary goal. Annalivia’s experience highlights how MRG Foundation plays an important role developing emerging leaders in Oregon’s social justice movement.
Ann Macrory has pursued civil rights and social justice as a lawyer, social worker and community activist. Through it all, she has shown a commitment that is mirrored at MRG—the commitment to take on cutting-edge issues and overcome resistance to change.

As Deputy Director of the Washington, D.C. Lawyers Committee For Civil Rights from 1969 to 1990, Ann mobilized hundreds of lawyers to use their expertise to fight racial and gender discrimination, secure better housing, provide legal services for the poor, and increase the quantity and quality of low income child care in the Washington metropolitan area.

Working in coalition with others, Ann played a role in encouraging the Carter administration to nominate more women and people of color as federal judges and to broaden the legal backgrounds of nominees, increasing the percentage with experience in public interest law. In the early 1990s, she helped persuade the Maryland legislature to allow small day care centers in residential condos and townhouses, increasing the availability of child care in the home for young children in Maryland.

In the mid-1990s, after several years volunteering in a Family Literacy Program for homeless families, Ann obtained a Masters Degree in Social Work at Catholic University. She then served as a social worker in a public elementary school providing individual, family, and group therapy to young children and their families, and arranging free legal assistance and access to social services where necessary.

Today, Ann is involved in Southern Oregon’s progressive community as a philanthropist and volunteer. Her involvement with MRG Foundation began when she began making donor-advised gifts through MRG. From there, her connection and commitment grew so that when her mother died and left her an $830,000 trust to manage, MRG was the place she came to set up the Maud T. Kernan Fund. She and her husband, Ralph Temple, a retired civil rights lawyer active in community affairs, also opened their home to host a house party to introduce others to MRG.

Ann and her daughter Maud work with MRG Foundation to fund racial justice and environmental protection through the Kernan Fund. Each year $40,000-$60,000 in donor-advised grants and an equal amount in General Fund grants are distributed.

Ann’s allegiance to MRG stems from her vision for social change, and MRG’s commitment to change, not charity. "Services are so critical, but I’m interested in making social change and countering what is an increasing lack of equity in society," states Ann. “The world seems to be based upon a small group of people who have great options. Anything I can do to redress the imbalance is an important part of my life. I don’t know any other organization like MRG.”

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CAUSA, grantee
Protecting the Rights of Immigrants in Oregon

When it became clear that Muslims in Oregon were going to be targeted as a result of 9/11, CAUSA stepped up to build connections with this community. When the War in Iraq resulted in increased military recruitment of Latino youth, CAUSA supported Latino youth groups to organize counter-military recruitment efforts.

For 10 years CAUSA has been building coalitions to lead the fight to protect immigrant rights.

One important reason for CAUSA’s success has been their approach to coalition building. Ramon Ramirez, one of CAUSA’s founders and MRG Foundation’s first board chair, articulates a strategy based upon building strong, honest relationships at the outset. Seeking to identify differences, as well as similarities, ensures that coalition partners truly understand each other.

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Most recently, CAUSA partnered with the Rural Organizing Project and Oregon Action to organize a week-long Walk for Truth, Justice & Community that connected urban and rural activists.

CAUSA has seen many victories, in part because they were able to access funding from MRG. “MRG has played a major role in the development of CAUSA. First and foremost, MRG has been there at critical moments not only for CAUSA but in defense of immigrants,” states Ramon.

Oregon Military Families Speak Out, grantee

When Army recruiters told William Ramirez they could make him an architect, he enlisted. A year later, William had no choice but to go to Baghdad. He wanted to design and build; instead we was sent to Iraq to destroy and kill. Ten months later, he was killed.

For every person who speaks out, there are hundreds more who can’t. Military Families Speak Out is a group of people who have family members in the military, are currently serving or have formerly been in the military. Their direct experience with war gives them a unique voice that cannot be ignored. So much so that they influenced Governor Kulongoski to become the second governor in the country to call for a return of the National Guard serving overseas and for a discussion of the draft.

The war in Iraq has politicized many who weren’t politically active in the past. Having a loved one die, be injured or be in harm’s way has moved many people to speak out against this war. MFSO provides a supportive environment for military family members. They also provide an avenue for people to engage in political organizing to end the war.

Before applying for an MRG grant, MFSO’s only fundraising activity was selling buttons. While the $8,000 they received from MRG was critical, the networking at Presentation Day was equally important. Connections made with other grantee organizations at Presentation Day led to a speaking engagement with Veterans for Peace and participation in Rural Organizing Project’s Walk for Truth, Justice & Community in June.

MFSO member Adele Kubein, whose daughter was seriously injured in Iraq, describes the power of the group when she describes her own experience. “We have the power to change things and we all have to work on it. You cannot just stand still and do nothing. Personally I stood still for many years and I just couldn’t do that anymore.”
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 such as government and mainstream foundations

This approach to grantmaking is one of MRG’s unique qualities and helps us ensure 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 empower those who are working directly on the issues we fund to help make funding decisions. In this way, we are moving closer to creating a more just society.

MRG Foundation has five funding programs: General Funding Cycle Grants provide for operating support, special projects and seed funding; the Peace Fund is for projects that help strengthen the peace movement in Oregon and address issues related to nuclear waste clean-up; Critical Response Grants support projects responding to an unanticipated event, opportunity, or crisis; Travel Grants provide funding for groups to send representatives to conferences or trainings; and the Lilla Jewel Fund supports one or two women artists each year who do not have access to traditional sources of funding and whose work addresses social change issues.

“People who are committed over the long haul are the embers who never burn out, and the next fire will arise from them.”

—Rebecca Solnit, author
"We wouldn’t have been able to produce A Leap of Faith without MRG’s funding. The play was used by churches as a tool to develop their thinking around marriage equality and to inspire them to take action.”

—Jeannie LaFrance, Act for Action

**General Funding Cycle**

**Act for Action, Portland, $5,000 - Project Support**
Act for Action uses theater and popular education to bring about social transformation. The interactive play *A Leap of Faith* examines issues of equality and same-sex marriage in the context of Christian theology.

**Alliance for Police & Community Accountability, Portland, $3,000 - General Support**
APCA is a grassroots, community based group organizing to stop police violence in Portland. APCA is developing leadership and organizing within those communities most often impacted by police violence in order to improve public safety.

**Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment, Portland, $5,500 - Project Support**
The Stories Project engages Oregonians who have been impacted by free trade agreements, and brings their leadership to the forefront in the right for fair trade.

**Ashland Homeless Alliance, Ashland, $2,000 - Seed Funding**
Seed funding to AHA supports organizational development and capacity building, positioning AHA to be an effective advocate for housing justice in Southern Oregon.

**BEARS, Corvallis, $2,000 - Seed Funding**
This group of mental health consumers, survivors and allies is raising community awareness of the rights of mental health clients and the issues that affect them in the Corvallis area. Funding supports BEARS training and skill building.

**Bark, Portland, $7,500 - General Support**
The most visited national forest in the state, with the most frequently climbed peak in the nation, Mt. Hood supplies more than one-third of all Oregonians with our drinking water. Bark’s organizing efforts are effectively protecting Mt Hood.

**Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project, Fossil, $5,000 - General Support**
This group works to protect ecological integrity while challenging corporate dominance over ecosystems and communities. Key areas of focus include legal strategies to defend forests, promoting long-term sustainability over corporate privatization, and education on restoration projects.

**BroadArts Theatre, Portland, $5,500 - General Support**
Productions such as *Homeland In-Security, Fat & Sassy* and *AmBushed* expose systemic oppression and provide uplifting examples of how people, especially women, fight for and win greater equality and freedom.

**Cascadia Wildlands Project, Eugene, $7,500 - General Support**
CWP protects the region from resource extraction that puts corporate profits ahead of healthy ecosystems and human communities. They are building critical relationships with new constituencies including the broader progressive movement, workers in the wood products industry and leaders in rural communities.
CAUSA, Salem, $7,000 - General Support
CAUSA, a statewide grassroots coalition based in the Latino community, defends and advances the rights of immigrants in Oregon. They use a combination of mobilization, research, popular education, actions, media campaigns and policy formulation to advance immigrants’ rights.

Central Oregon Jobs with Justice, Bend, $7,000 - General Support
Central Oregon Jobs with Justice—a coalition of 18 labor, community, human rights and environmental groups—is defending the rights of working people and fighting for economic justice. Central Oregon JWJ is bridging the gap between trade unionists and gay activists, immigrants and non-immigrants, and environmentalists and building trades.

Civil Liberties Defense Center, Eugene, $3,500 - General Support
CLDC works to protect the rights of all citizens, particularly political activists exercising their constitutional rights. They also address attacks on our basic liberties such as free speech and the right to assemble.

Community Alliance of Lane County, Eugene, $6,000 - Project Support
In response to the increasingly polarized and hostile political climate in Oregon, CALC is organizing to challenge the overt bigotry and institutionalized oppression directed at the GLBTQ community in Lane County.

Community Alliance of Tenants, Portland, $6,500 - Project Support
CAT is building a grassroots, progressive movement of low-income renters. Currently they are organizing low-income renters to improve housing conditions and to secure long-term funding for low-income housing.

Community Language and Culture Bank, Portland, $7,000 - General Support
Local immigrants and refugees, responding to the backlash against their communities after 9/11, are organizing broad community based campaigns to promote global consciousness and endorse peaceful conflict resolution.

Disabled United in Distressing Environments, Ashland, $5,000 - Seed Funding
DUDE is an aggressive advocacy group by and for the disabled. Started in response to the severe cuts in state support, DUDE will organize within the disabled community.

Environmental Justice Action Group, Portland, $8,000 - General Support
EJAG educates and mobilizes residents in North and Northeast Portland to address pollution problems that disproportionately impact low-income communities of color. This year, EJAG is organizing to reduce car and truck emissions.

Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network, Eugene, $7,500 - General Support
ESSN brings together labor unions, religious congregations and community groups to support the civil and economic rights of all working people. ESSN is making Eugene and Springfield a place where low and middle-income families can live and work with dignity and respect.

“I wish there were more foundations that understood social justice funding the way MRG does. Funding from MRG has allowed us to reach a diverse audience and increase awareness about the challenges the refugee community faces.”

—Kayse Jama, Community Language & Culture Bank
Human Dignity Coalition, Bend, $6,000 - General Support
HDC is building a strong and sustainable grassroots movement by uniting the many different voices of the progressive community to work together on common goals of social justice and human dignity.

Komemma Cultural Protection Association, Yoncalla, $4,000 - General Support
When historians declared the Kalapuya Indians “long disappeared”, the surviving Kalapuya people formed KCPA to ensure the preservation of Kalapuya culture, history and traditions, and to address an ongoing attitude of racism toward Native Peoples.

Korean American Citizens League, Portland, $5,000 - General Support
Over 20,000 people of Korean descent call Oregon home. KACL is organizing to secure and maintain the civil rights of the Korean American community through community education and leadership empowerment.

Latinos Unidos Siempre, Salem, $8,500 - General Support
LUS cultivated a new generation of self-determined, socially conscious youth who have risen to address racist and discriminatory practices against youth of color within educational and criminal justice institutions.

Love Makes a Family, Portland, $6,000 - General Support
Love Makes a Family works for the freedom and self-determination of lesbian, gay, bi and trans families. LMF supports LGBT people in sustaining their families, develops the leadership of LGBT people of color and creates a progressive presence of LGBT people and families in the broader social change movement.

MindFreedom, Eugene, $5,000 - Project Support
Oregon’s mental health system is in crisis. MindFreedom Oregon is organizing mental health consumers, survivors and allies to win grassroots campaigns for self-empowerment and self-determination within Oregon’s mental health system.
NW Alliance for Alternative Media and Education, Portland, $5,000 - General Support
NAAME publishes The Portland Alliance, which supports Portland’s democratic, grassroots struggles by giving progressives a voice.

NW Workers’ Justice Project, Portland, $4,000 - General Support
NWJP uses legal advocacy and education to support low-wage workers’ efforts to organize for economic justice. NWJP also trains and supports workers’ rights organizations and attorneys to more effectively respond to low-wage workers’ organizing issues.

Oregon Farm Worker Ministry, Woodburn, $5,000 - General Support
OFWM is a vital link between the faith community and farm worker groups. OFWM educates and mobilizes faith communities to act in solidarity with farm workers in their struggle for justice and dignity in their living and working conditions.

Oregon Rural Action, La Grande, $7,000 - General Support
With a shared vision of creating a healthy, democratic and just society, ORA is organizing members from immigrant, farming, ranching and timber communities to come together around locally identified issues such as safe drinking water, small farm support, hunger relief and family wage jobs.

Oregon Toxics Alliance, Eugene, $6,000 - Project Support
OTA is working to eliminate the harm caused to human health and the environment as a result of toxics use. OTA recently succeeded in stopping plans to build a colossal gas-fired power plant in the rural Oregon community of Coburg.

Organización de Communidades Indígenas Migrantes Oaxaqueños, Salem, $3,000 - Seed Funding
OCIMO is developing the leadership and capacity of indigenous Oaxacan communities in Oregon to improve their living and working conditions. Their current focus is on labor rights, housing, civil rights, health care and the Oregon education system.

Oxygen Collective, Jacksonville, $5,000 - General Support
O²C uses creative actions and innovative community organizing strategies to challenge governmental institutions in order to transform them into actual stewards of our public lands and end the logging of native forests on public lands.

PACE, Portland, $4,000 - General Support
PACE (Public Awareness=Community Empowerment) is a new coalition of community-based organizations, public officials, and environmental justice advocates who are committed to promoting environmental justice in the Portland Metro area.

Peace House, Ashland, $5,000 - General Support
Peace House is currently focusing on developing a strong progressive movement in Southern Oregon by creating strategic coalitions, supporting emerging groups, developing grassroots leadership and highlighting the connections between social justice issues.
“Social Justice Alliance’s organizing efforts defeated attempts to eliminate funding for reproductive health care in Josephine County. Since we are a very small organization, grants from MRG have been absolutely critical.”

—Dave Toler, Social Justice Alliance

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland, $7,500 - General Support
PCASC educates and mobilizes people around struggles for human rights and economic justice in Latin America. Through local and international coalitions, PCASC organizes to oppose militarism, unbridled corporate power, support democratic popular movements and build a diverse global justice movement.

Portland Jobs with Justice, Portland, $7,000 - General Support
PJwJ is a coalition of 78 labor, community, environmental, student, social justice and religious groups defending the rights of working people and demanding social and economic justice. Their model of solidarity, where groups support each other’s issues, has led to the passage of Living Wage ordinances for the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Portland Schools Alliance, Portland, $3,000 - Project Support
PSA develops leaders, impacts educational institutions and addresses social inequities in order to ensure that public education is the cornerstone of our democracy. This grant supports PSA’s cultural competency project to build a stronger, culturally accessible organization.

Reclaiming Our Origins Through Struggle, Portland, $5,000 - General Support
ROOTS is a grassroots organization that works to address the significant impacts of oppression faced by people of color and low-income communities.

Rogue-Siskiyou Cultural Resource Alliance, Powers, $5,000 - Project Support
This group provides safe and empowering opportunities for Native and non-Native people to share, learn and celebrate Native American Indian culture, history and diversity.

Rogue Valley Oregon Action, Medford, $5,000 - General Support
RVOA organizes low and moderate-income people in Jackson County to address the root causes of critical economic justice issues. MRG funding supports their Housing Justice Campaign, the New Voter Campaign, and their Health Care Accessibility Campaign.

Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality, Salem, $10,000 - General Support
This group is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community-based organization that promotes equality in the education and justice systems and advocates for respect of civil and human rights.

Sisters in Action for Power, Portland, $8,000 - General Support
Sisters in Action develops the leadership and organizing skills of low-income women and women and girls of color to respond to the needs and issues of their communities. They are currently organizing a campaign to support the role of public education in the region.

Social Justice Alliance, Cave Junction, $5,000 - General Support
SJA is creating a vibrant progressive movement in conservative Josephine County. SJA organizes for civil rights, including women’s and sexual minority rights, economic justice, separation of church and state, tax reform, foreign policy and economic development.
street roots, Portland, $7,500 - General Support
street roots advocates for the homeless while building community and creating unique income opportunities to help homeless people help themselves through the production and sale of a bi-monthly newspaper.

Umpqua Watersheds, Roseburg, $7,000 - General Support
Umpqua Watersheds is defending this very special area from the timber industry’s plan to “extract, extract, extract.” Through advocacy, education and good example they are mobilizing people in Douglas County to protect fish, wildlife and human communities.

Unete Center for Farm Worker Advocacy, Medford, $7,000 - General Support
Unete is a movement of farm workers and immigrants striving to empower and enrich the lives of both groups through education, cultural presentations, advocacy and organizing to defend immigrant and farm worker communities.

Voz Hispana Causa Chavista, Woodburn, $8,000 - Project Support
Latinos are the majority population in Woodburn, yet they have very little political power. VHCC is organizing to create a strong political power base for Latinos in Woodburn. The Latino Parent Involvement Project is organizing parents to take leadership in creating fundamental progressive change in the schools.

VOZ: Workers’ Rights Education Project, Portland, $7,000 - General Support
VOZ organizes day laborers (primarily Latino immigrant men who await temporary employment on street corners) and educates the community about the complex forces that have pushed them to come to the U.S. One major victory is the establishment of a $9/hour minimum wage for day laborers.

Women’s Information Network Service, Cottage Grove, $4,000 - General Support
WINS is a grassroots, community-based group of women who share experiences in single parenting, domestic violence and poverty. In a rural community that is not supportive of women, WINS has empowered women to create a strong voice for change.
“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies... in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.”

—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower

peace fund

CAUSA, Salem, $8,000 - Project Support
CAUSA, a statewide immigrant rights coalition, is educating the immigrant community and allies on the truth behind the conscription of immigrant youth and articulating an immigrant rights agenda within the broader movement for peace.

Community Alliance of Lane County, Eugene, $5,000 - Project Support
CALC is building a strong base of people to call on elected leaders to dramatically alter US foreign policy, redirect funding to social and environmental programs, end the targeting of immigrants and refugees, and prevent the reinstatement of the draft.

Eugene PeaceWorks, Eugene, $9,000 - Project Support
Committee for Countering Military Recruitment is empowering vulnerable youth to make informed decisions about military service. This grant supports increased outreach to rural Lane County high schools, leadership development and expanded public education on specific recruitment issues.

Human Dignity Coalition/Central Oregon Jobs with Justice, Bend, $9,000 - Project Support
Peace and anti-war activities in Bend are very well attended but are pulled together by ad hoc organizing groups and have been largely reactive. HDC and CO[w]J will use this grant to establish a permanent and sustainable peace organization in Central Oregon.
Human Rights Advocates of Coos County, North Bend, $2,500 - General Support
HRACC uses community celebrations, educational events and advocacy to pressure elected officials to support peace.

Military Families Speak Out Oregon, Portland, $8,000 - General Support
MFSO is creating a platform for military families to call for the return of our National Guard troops, for troops to be taken care of when they get home, and for an end to the war in Iraq.

Rural Organizing Project, Scappoose, $6,000 - General Support
ROP supports 48 human dignity groups in rural communities throughout the state as they organize their neighbors in support of peace and social justice. ROP connects the groups to one another to break down isolation, combine resources and ensure that the activism happening in rural Oregon is effective, sustainable and strategic.

Veterans for Peace Chapter 72, Portland, $2,500 - General Support
VFP 72 raises the voices of veterans who are speaking out against the war industry. With a goal of abolishing war as an instrument of national policy, VFP 72 is organizing in high schools to counter military recruitment and support student peace activism.

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The Significant Impact of a Bequest

When long-time supporter Rob McCay named MRG in his will many years ago, he had no idea just how important this commitment would be. In the fall of 2000, Rob suddenly passed away and MRG learned that it would receive a $1,000,000 bequest dedicated to disarmament and nuclear waste clean-up.

Now, when our government is committing atrocities at home and abroad in our name every day, the Peace Fund provides money to groups responding to this reality. Rob’s commitment to MRG is just one example of how a person can make a significant impact through planned giving.

Another example is that of a family who left MRG a small bequest this year. They’d never given to MRG but were involved with one of our grantee organizations. This unanticipated gift helped us exceed our fundraising goals for the year and enabled us to increase grantmaking in the coming year.

Regardless of how much you have to give, MRG hopes each person who supports progressive social change will name MRG in their will, life insurance policy, or other estate planning tool. Together, these bequests will help MRG provide consistent funding to progressive groups for many years to come.

For more information, please call Marjory Hamann or Sheryl Sackman at 503-289-1517.
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Bradley Angle House
Bring Recycling
Care, Inc.
Cascade Resources Advocacy
Group
Cascadia Wildlands Project
CISPES Education Fund
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Resource Center
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Lane County
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the Central American People
Community Language and
Culture Bank
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Affordable Housing
Dance Brigade
Doctors Without Borders
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Earth & Spirit Council
Earth Island Institute
EarthJustice
Echo Theatre-Do Jump Theatre
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Empowerment Initiatives Inc.
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Resurrection
Eugene Friends Meeting
Food for Lane County
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Haiti Reborn
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Insights Teen Program
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International Book Bank
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Traditional Childbearing
International Crane Foundation
International Society for
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KBOO
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Landwatch Lane County
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Lesbian Community Project
Looking Glass Youth & Family
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National Audubon Society
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Water Watch
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Willamette Valley Law Project
Witness for Peace
Women’s Community
Education Project
Women’s Empowerment
Partnership
Womenspace

Travel Grants
($1,712)
Conservation Leaders Network
Drag Kings Portland
Latinos Unidos Siempre
Old Lesbians Organizing
for Change

Lilla Jewel Fund
Literary Arts Award ($4,000):
Jennifer Alexander

Grantee: Act for Action
As a community-based foundation, MRG depends upon donations from hundreds of people around the state and the country. Whether your financial situation allows you to give $25 or $50,000, you are an important partner in our efforts to reach our goals for justice. Thanks to our donors, MRG Foundation has distributed more than $8 million in grants through various funding programs since 1976.

Money is essential to building a strong progressive movement, and how we use our money is an important part of our activism to create a better world. MRG provides a range of programs aimed at empowering people to manage their resources in alignment with their values and resources.

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 while maintaining social and environmental values.

Estate Planning Workshops
MRG Foundation hosts workshops led by estate planning professionals on long-term planning options, legal issues and strategies for meeting individual needs and objectives.

Wealth Conferences and Workshops
These events offer a confidential place for progressive people with wealth to come together and explore personal, technical and political issues.

Planned Giving
Recent bequests have helped MRG Foundation start a new fund for peace activism, expand our outreach efforts and build our endowment. 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.

Donor-Advised Giving
MRG Foundation’s Donor-Advised program offers a way for donors 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 in a donor’s area of interest
- Remain anonymous to the recipient organization(s)

And, for those donors who want to give $10,000 or more, MRG will set up a short-term fund known as a Donor Pool. MRG manages this donor pool for 2-4 years depending on the amount given, and donors can make grant recommendations.

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.

MRG is not just a place for people who can give four-figure checks. $25 checks make a difference too. It’s a way for someone with a lot of money to give responsibly, but also a way for someone without a lot to pool their money with others to make an impact.

—Sandy Polishuk, MRG donor

Each gift MRG receives helps build a lasting movement for positive and fundamental social change. You can:

- Write a check
- Make monthly or quarterly gifts automatically
- Donate stock
- Name MRG Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, insurance policy, IRA or other accounts
- Establish a charitable trust with MRG Foundation as a beneficiary
- Give a gift in honor of or in memory of a special person in your life
- Ask your employer to match your gift to MRG Foundation
- Make a gift on line, over the phone with a credit card or through the mail
- Give through your workplace giving campaign at the City of Portland, Metro, or Multnomah County
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The estate of Marvin and Violet Nettleton

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In memory of Gloria Shaich
Harry Shaich
In memory of Quincy Sugarman
Betty Sugarman
In memory of Doug Swanson
Mark Kramer
In memory of Harold Vatter
Joy Spalding
total grants*: $337,662

by issue area
- racial justice 26%
- peace/international solidarity 20%
- economic justice 18%
- environment 15%
- human rights 21%

by geographic area
- urban+ 67%
- rural 21%
- statewide 12%

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

*Does not include Donor Advised or Lilla Jewel Fund.
### McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**June 30, 2005**

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| Revenue:                      |               |                        |                        |       |
| Investment gains              | 79,456        | 77,071                 |                        | 156,527 |
| Interest and dividends        | 75,263        | 62,571                 |                        | 137,834 |
| Other revenue                 | 1,928         | -                      |                        | 1,928  |
| Administrative fees earned    | 971           | -                      |                        | 971    |
| **Total**                     | 157,618       | 139,642                | -                       | 297,260 |

| Net Assets Released from Restrictions: |         |
| Satisfaction of Maud T. Kernan Fund restrictions | 106,551 (106,551) |
| Satisfaction of Rob McCoy fund restrictions | 74,939 (74,939) |
| Satisfaction of Lilla Jewel Fund restrictions | 8,342 (8,342) |
| Satisfaction of L'Chaim Fund restrictions | 41,655 (41,655) |
| Satisfaction of other program restrictions | 12,248 (12,248) |
| **Total** | 243,735 (243,735) |

| EXPENSES                      |               |                        |                        |       |
| Program services              | 767,341       |                        |                        | 767,341 |
| Administrative                 | 139,572       |                        |                        | 139,572 |
| Fundraising                    | 35,351        |                        |                        | 35,351 |
| **Total Expenses**             | 942,264       |                        |                        | 942,264 |

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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 McCoy 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.
MRG leadership

As the chair of a fledgling organization ten years ago, I came to MRG seeking funding. Now, as a member of MRG’s board, I am thankful for the entire experience that has strengthened my leadership capabilities in so many ways. I am proud to be a member of MRG’s Board and to witness the powerful interaction of all our members who truly inspire the social justice community.

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The Funding Exchange

MRG Foundation is a founding member of the Funding Exchange, a national network of 16 progressive funders committed to “change, not charity.” Each year the FEX network distributes more than $20 million in grants to progressive organizations throughout the country.

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And Then

And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind...
And then no person will be subject to another’s will
And then all will be rich and free and varied...
And then all will share equally in the Earth’s abundance.
And then all will care for the sick and weak and old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life’s creatures,
And then all will live in harmony with one another and the Earth...

Judy Chicago, 1979