

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

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel



MRG Foundation

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.



From Marjory Hamann, Executive Director

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 grass-roots 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."

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front cover photo: Urban and rural activists march in Portland at the conclusion of the Walk for Peace, Justice and Community. This week-long event coordinated by the Rural Organizing Project along with CAUSA and Oregon Action brought together 2,500 people to promote peace, justice, democracy and immigrant rights.

inside front cover photo:
Illinois River, Oxygen Collective



profile

Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo, grantmaker

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."

"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."

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.

profile

Ann Macrory, donor



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

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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."

profiles

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.

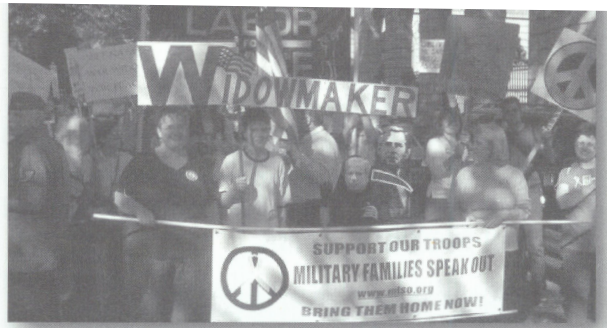


One important reason for CAUSA's success has been their approach to coalition building. Ramon Ramirez, one of CAUSA's founders and MRG Foundation's first board chair, articulates a strategy based upon building strong, honest relationships at the outset. Seeking to identify differences, as well as similarities,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

"MRG has been there at critical moments not only for CAUSA but also in defense of immigrants."

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

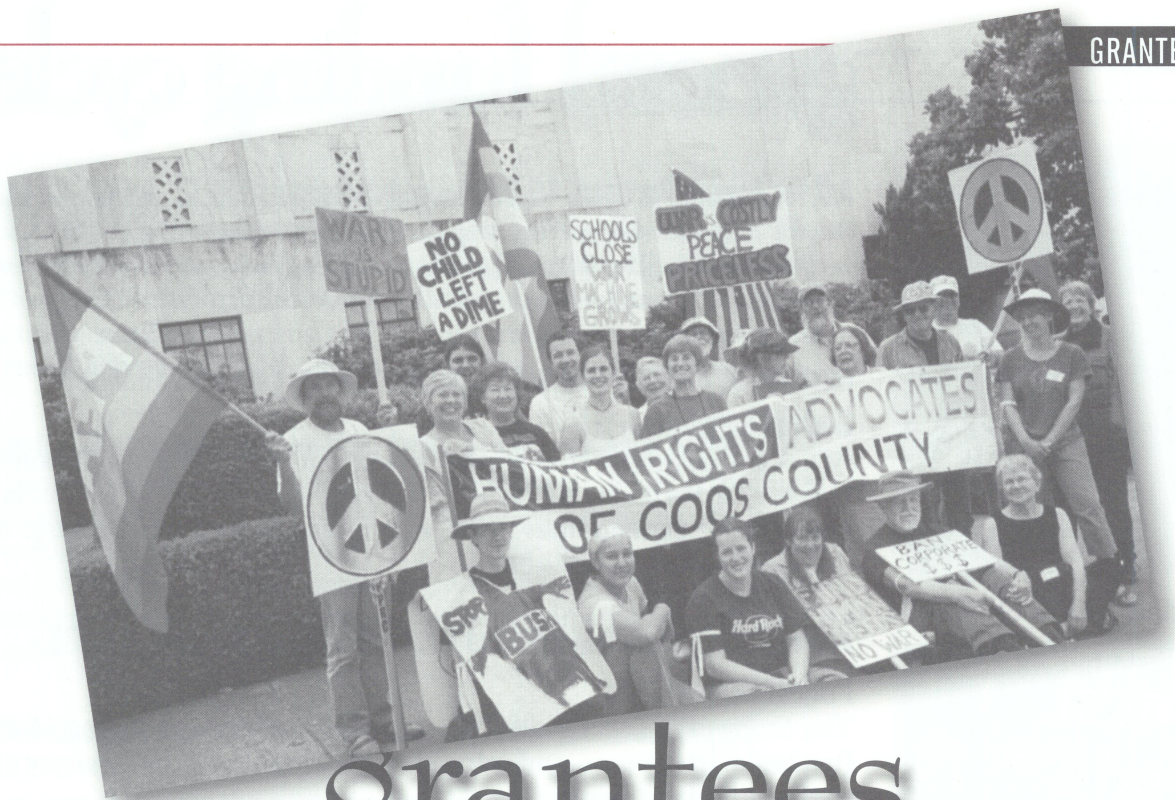
When Army recruiters told William Ramirez they could make him an architect, he enlisted. A year later, William had no choice but to go to Baghdad. He wanted to design and build; instead we was sent to Iraq to destroy and kill. Ten months later, he was killed.

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."



grantees

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.

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**“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

general funding cycle

“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.”

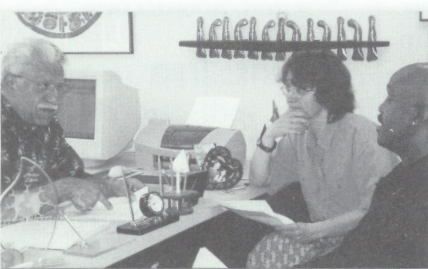
—Jeannie LaFrance, Act for Action



Act for Action, *A Leap of Faith*



BroadArts Theatre, *Homeland In-Security*



Alliance for Police & Community Accountability

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 fight 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.



Civil Liberties Defense Center



Disabled United in Distressing Environments (DUDE)

"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



Central Oregon Jobs with Justice

“Low-income women who live right off the I-5 freeway in Portland suffer many medical problems. Grants from MRG provided the resources for EJAG to develop these local voices in opposition to freeway expansion projects.”

**—Jeri Sundval,
Environmental Justice Action Group**

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.

Komemama 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.



Korean American Citizens League

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 Comunidades 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

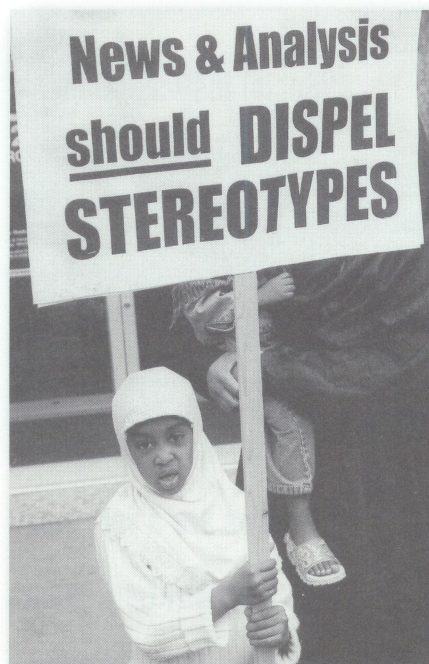
O²C uses creative actions and innovative community organizing strategies to challenge governmental institutions in order to transform them into actual stewards of our public lands and end the logging of native forests on public lands.

PACE, Portland, \$4,000 - General Support

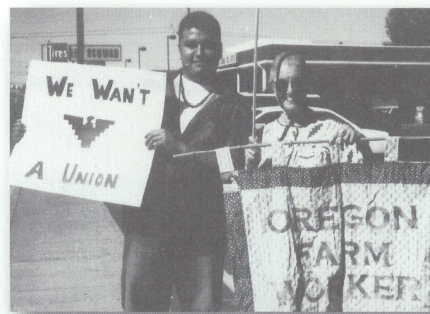
PACE (Public Awareness=Community Empowerment) is a new coalition of community-based organizations, public officials, and environmental justice advocates who are committed to promoting environmental justice in the Portland Metro area.

Peace House, Ashland, \$5,000 - General Support

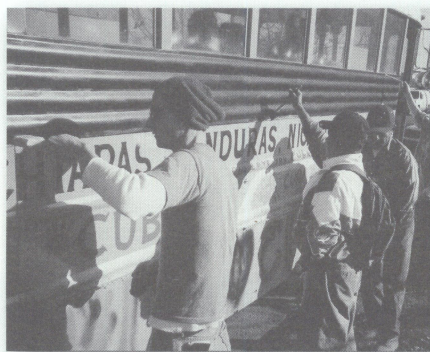
Peace House is currently focusing on developing a strong progressive movement in Southern Oregon by creating strategic coalitions, supporting emerging groups, developing grassroots leadership and highlighting the connections between social justice issues.



NW Alliance for Alternative Media & Education, publisher of *The Portland Alliance*



Oregon Farmworkers Ministry



Portland Central American Solidarity Committee (PCASC)



Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality

**“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**



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Sisters in Action for Power

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.



Portland Jobs with Justice



VOZ: Workers' Rights Education Project

“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

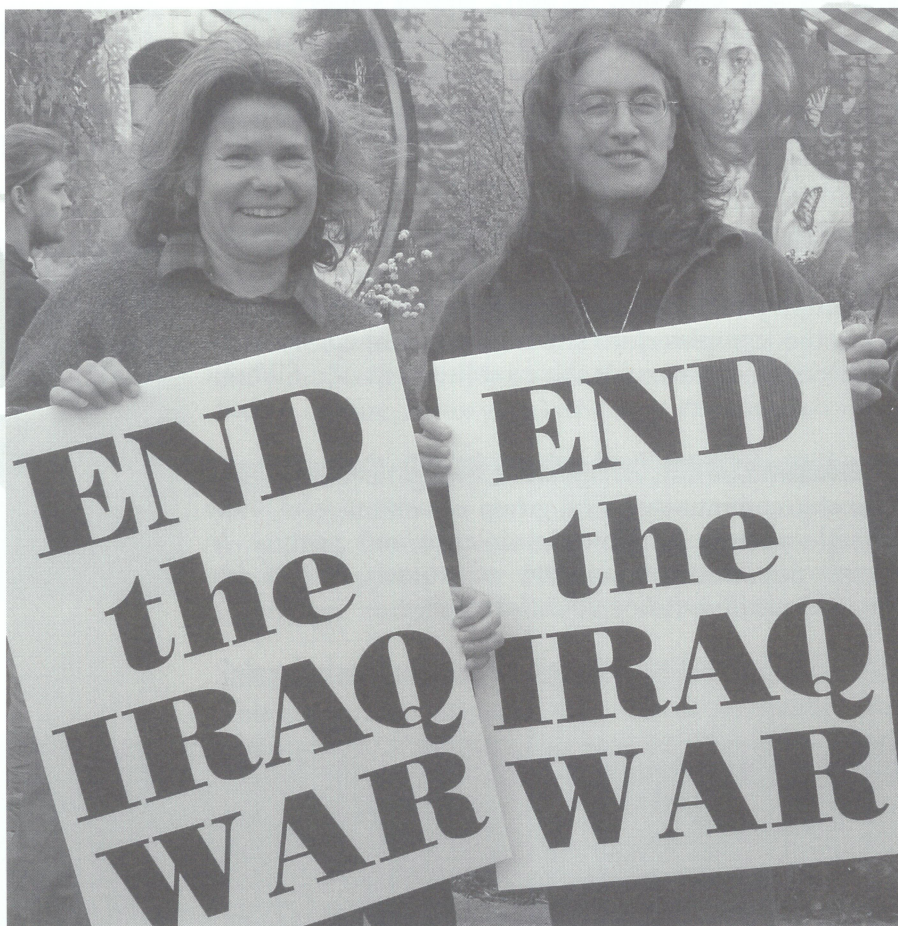
peace fund

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.



Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC)

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 COJwJ 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

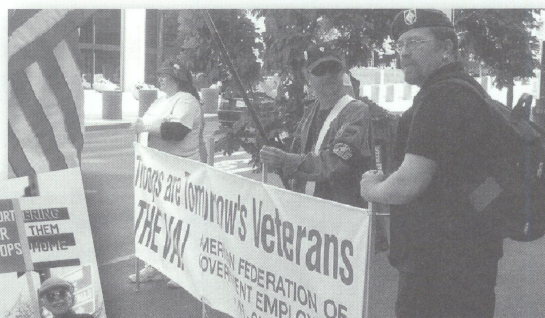
ROP supports 48 human dignity groups in rural communities throughout the state as they organize their neighbors in support of peace and social justice. ROP connects the groups to one another to break down isolation, combine resources and ensure that the activism happening in rural Oregon is effective, 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.



Oregon Military Families Speak Out
Photo by Ted A Kiser



Veterans for Peace Chapter 72

Human Dignity Coalition/
Central Oregon Jobs with Justice

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.

other grantees

Critical Response Grants

(\$10,950)

Asian Pacific American

Network of Oregon

Brother to Brother

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League

Latino Network

Military Families Speak Out

Northwest Veterans for Peace

NW Alliance for Alternative

Media and Education

River Vision

Rural Organizing Project

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Veterans for Peace Chapter 72

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

Donor Advised Grants (\$224,993)

1,000 Friends of Oregon

50 Years Is Enough Network

ACLU Foundation of Oregon

American Friends Service Committee

Alliance for Sustainable Jobs

and the Environment

American Near East Refugee Aid

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Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Bradley Angle House

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Care, Inc.

Cascade Resources Advocacy

Group

Cascadia Wildlands Project

CISPES Education Fund

Clatsop County Women's

Resource Center

Community Alliance of

Lane County

Committee in Solidarity with

the Central American People

Community Language and

Culture Bank

Community Partners for

Affordable Housing

Dance Brigade

Doctors Without Borders

Dougy Center

Earth & Spirit Council

Earth Island Institute

EarthJustice

Echo Theatre-Do Jump Theatre

Ecotrust

Empowerment Initiatives Inc.

Episcopal Church of the

Resurrection

Eugene Friends Meeting

Food for Lane County

Friends of Buford Park &

Mt. Pisgah

Garden Laboratory Charter

School

Gay, Lesbian & Straight

Education Network

Haiti Reborn

Hambleton Project

Headwaters

Heifer Project International

Huerto de la Familia

Insights Teen Program

Institute for Food and Develop-

ment Policy (Food First)

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Traditional Childbearing

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KBOO

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Center

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Foundation

Lane County Audobon Society

League of Conservation

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Lesbian Community Project

Looking Glass Youth & Family
Services

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NAACP

National Audobon Society

Natural Resources Defense

Council

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Nicaragua Network

Nonviolent Peaceforce

North Portland Nurse

Practitioner Clinic

Northwest Alliance for Alter-

native Media & Education

Northwest Coalition for

Alternatives to Pesticides

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International

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Transition Projects

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Wallace Medical Concern

Water Watch

Western Prison Project

Weston A. Price Foundation

Wildlife Conservation Society

Willamette Valley Law Project

Witness for Peace

Women's Community

Education Project

Women's Empowerment

Partnership

Womenspace

donor services

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*
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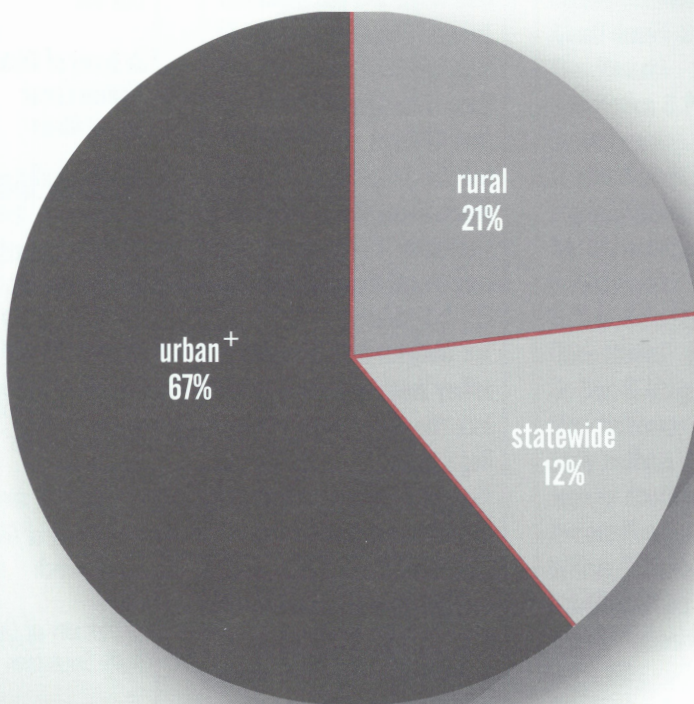
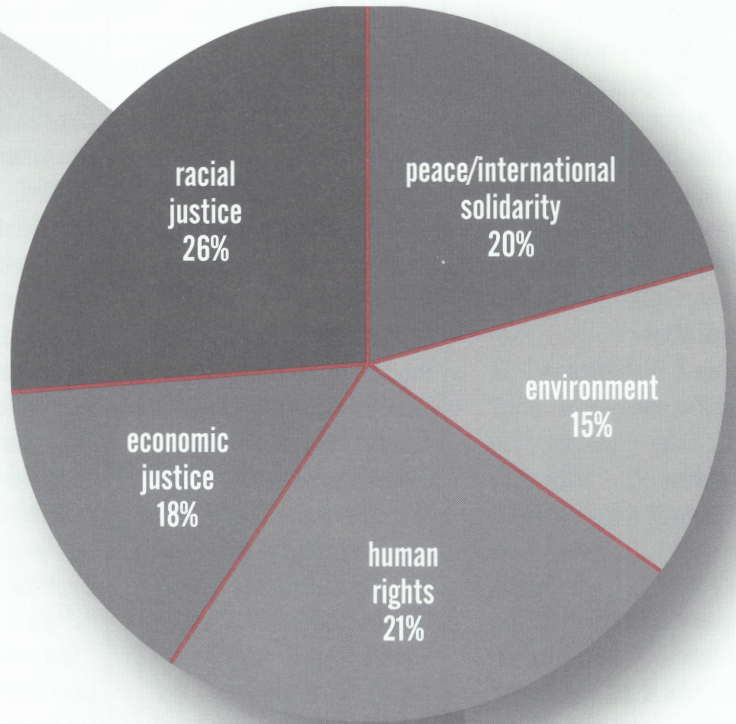
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grant distribution

total grants*: \$337,662

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by geographic area

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

financial report

FINANCIAL REPORT 21

2004 - 05

McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2005

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,174,109
Investments	3,708,698
Pledges & grants receivable	80,611
Office equipment and furniture	3,855
Other assets	9,382
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,976,655</u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

Grants payable	\$ 24,000
Accounts and other payables	12,235
Total Liabilities	36,235

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted:	
General Fund	359,229
Board Designated, Operating Reserve	350,000
Board Designated, Donor Pools	460,294
Board Designated, Endowment	314,907
Board Designated, Michael Smith Fund	41,567
	<u>1,525,997</u>

Temporarily Restricted:

Maud T. Kernan Fund	889,209
Rob McCay Fund	657,318
Lilla Jewel Fund	51,314
L'Chaim Fund	321,858
Other grants	22,999
	<u>1,942,698</u>

Permanently Restricted:

Endowment Fund	1,247,268
Michael Smith Fund	115,899
Lilla Jewel Fund	108,558
	<u>1,471,725</u>

Total Net Assets 4,940,420

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$ 4,976,655

McKenzie River Gathering Foundation

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2005

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Public Support:				
General Fund contributions	\$ 335,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,083
Donor Pools contributions	418,834	-	-	418,834
Donor Advised contributions	14,218	-	-	14,218
Funding Exchange Endowment contributions	50,477	-	-	50,477
Endowment Fund contributions	-	-	50	50
Michael Smith Fund contributions	-	-	300	300
Indirect public contributions	33,407	-	-	33,407
Grants	2,500	23,000	-	25,500
Uncollectible pledges & contributions refunded	-	-	-	-
	<u>854,519</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>877,869</u>

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
	<u>157,618</u>	<u>139,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,260</u>

Net Assets Released from Restrictions:

Satisfaction of Maud T. Kernan Fund restrictions	106,551	(106,551)	-	-
Satisfaction of Rob McCay 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)	-	-
	<u>243,735</u>	<u>(243,735)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Total Public Support & Revenue 1,255,872 (81,093) 350 1,175,129

EXPENSES

Program services	767,341	-	-	767,341
Administrative	139,572	-	-	139,572
Fundraising	35,351	-	-	35,351
	<u>942,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>942,264</u>

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS 313,608 (81,093) 350 232,865

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 1,212,389 2,023,791 1,471,375 4,707,555

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR \$ 1,525,997 \$ 1,942,698 \$ 1,471,725 \$ 4,940,420

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.



MRG leadership

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

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.

—Esther Stutzman, Board Chair

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Community Alliance of Tenants rally against federal housing cuts

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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

MRC