A joyful world where people cultures and ecosystems thrive.
Things are changing at MRG!

Thanks to strong support from the community, MRG Foundation is growing. That’s good news for grassroots organizations around the state that are addressing the critical challenges of our time—war, racism, and environmental destruction, just to name a few.

In a world where resources are increasingly being consolidated in the hands of a small number of powerful people, MRG plays a critical role in supporting community-based groups that are changing the world.

MRG’s growth is good news for all of us who want to live in a world where people, cultures and ecosystems thrive.

This year we set new strategic directions that will focus our work so we can increase our impact. Here’s the short version of what you can expect from MRG in the years ahead:

» More money for grassroots organizations

» More people directly engaged in raising and giving money for positive social change

» More visibility in the community

These aren’t pie-in-the-sky goals. They are what you said you wanted, and we are prepared to meet the challenge. On the pages of this annual report you’ll find more information about what we’ve done so far, and what to expect in the year ahead.

We received a huge endorsement of our work this year when the Ralph L. Smith Foundation of Oregon closed its doors and granted $3 million of its assets to MRG. While we’re sad to say goodbye to such an important social justice funder, we are committed to using their gift to dramatically expand MRG’s work in Oregon.

That means that now, when you give to MRG Foundation, your gift will have an even greater impact in the community because we have the capacity and infrastructure to expand our programs.

There’s no better time to be a part of MRG. With new clarity, new resources, and a growing base of support, we have a real shot at creating significant change in Oregon.

People who are committed to justice are always stronger when we work together. MRG’s role is to mobilize the resources Oregon’s communities need to change the world. I hope you’ll join us.
Grantmaking that Makes a Difference

If Oregon’s social justice movement were a garden, you could say MRG’s role has been to water many seeds—we award a lot of small grants, and watch to see which organizations take root. Seeding the grassroots is important, and we’ll keep doing it. And we’ll provide greater support to those groups that have taken root.

As we grow, we’ll tailor our programs to put more resources where groups are having the greatest impact and meeting unmet needs.

**Last year we:**

- Awarded half a million dollars in activist-advised grants
- Administered an additional $285,000 in donor-advised grants
- Convened three strategy sessions for grantees linking peace activism to the larger social justice movement

**In the year ahead, we will:**

- Expand grantmaking by $100,000
- Increase the size of individual grants so groups can do more
- Revise our grant programs to better support grantees at different stages of growth
Fy08 GENERAL FUND GRANTEES

African Women’s Coalition  Portland  $10,000
AWC organizes more than 200 women from 32 African countries to address the wide range of social justice issues African women and their families face in Oregon.
www.awc-portland.org

» Amigos Multicultural Services Center  Eugene  $7,500
AMSC promotes respect for the human rights of Latin American immigrants whose dignity and livelihoods have been challenged by poverty, discrimination, and social exclusion. www.amigosmsc.org

Band of Empowered Advocates Reclaiming Self-Determination  Corvallis  $2,000
BEARS is a group of mental health care consumers and survivors who raise community awareness and advocate for better alternatives in mental health care.

Bark  Portland  $7,000
Bark protects the Mt Hood National Forest by developing community leaders to educate the public, monitor logging, and challenge destructive logging projects.
www.bark-out.org

Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project  Fossil  $9,000
BMBP protects the biodiversity and ecology of the beautiful Blue Mountains by exposing and dismantling the systems of corporate dominance over ecosystems and communities.

BroadArts Theatre  Portland  $7,000
BroadArts is changing the world, one joke at a time. Their full-length musical comedies inspire people to take action for equality, peace, compassion and justice.
www.broadarts.org

Cambodian-American Community of Oregon  Beaverton  $4,000
CACO unites Cambodian families, preserves Cambodian culture, and empowers Cambodian-Americans to organize for social justice and civil rights. www.cacoregon.org

» CAUSA  Salem  $9,000
CAUSA builds leadership and power in Oregon’s Latino immigrant communities to advance the rights and well-being of immigrant workers and their families.
www.causaoregon.org

Center for Intercultural Organizing  Portland  $10,000
CIO protects and expands immigrant and refugee rights by training and mobilizing new leaders from these communities to resist public policy attacks.
www.interculturalorganizing.org
Central Oregon Jobs with Justice  Bend \$10,000
COJwJ is a coalition of 21 labor, community, and environmental groups who have joined forces to win higher living standards, better working conditions and greater human rights for all. www.jwjcentraloregon.org

Civil Liberties Defense Center  Eugene \$8,000
CLDC protects civil liberties through public outreach, litigation, and legal support for Oregon’s environmental and social justice activists. www.cldc.org

Community Alliance of Lane County  Eugene \$7,000
CALC challenges discrimination against the LGBTQ community and People of Color while demanding institutional accountability for their safety and well-being. www.calclane.org

Community Alliance of Tenants  Portland \$8,000
CAT develops the leadership of low-income tenants to hold landlords and officials accountable for housing conditions and to take group action for more affordable, safe and stable rental housing. www.oregoncat.org

Community of Welcoming Congregations  Portland \$6,500
CWC is an interfaith association that uses education and advocacy to build a strong religious voice in support of people of all sexual orientations. www.welcomingcongregations.org

Confederated Tribes of the Lower Rogue  Coos Bay \$5,000
CTRL reclaim the history, language, culture and sovereignty of the Native peoples of Southwestern Oregon.

CRAG Law Center  Portland \$8,000
CRAG provides activists with the legal tools and information needed to build power, educate the public, and hold the government and corporations accountable. www.crag.org

Democracy Reform Oregon  Portland \$5,000 (formerly Money in Politics Research Action Project)
DRO is leading the way in progressive campaign finance and election reform. Through effective “Follow the Money” research and reporting, DRO levels the political playing field. www.democracyreform.org

Disabled United in Direct Empowerment  Medford \$7,000
DUDE is an aggressive advocacy group led by and for the disabled community. DUDE effectively builds the leadership of people living with disabilities to organize for their rights. www.dudesrus.org

“The day we heard MRG gave us our first grant was a day Juventud FACETA pledged to dedicate our full energy, heart and passion to make every youth participant a community leader.”
—Adrianna Montes, Volunteer, Amigos Multicultural Services Center/Juventud FACETA
Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network  
**Eugene**  $7,000  
ESSN is a coalition of labor unions, religious congregations, and community groups supporting the civil and economic rights of all working people.  
www.solidaritynetwork.org

Grants Pass Intertribal Powwow Committee  
**Merlin**  $6,000  
Through the Sacred Salmon Ceremony and the Grants Pass Intertribal Powwow, this group is keeping the cultures of Oregon's First Nation Peoples alive.  
www.AgnesBakerPilgrim.org

Hells Canyon Preservation Council  
**La Grande**  $3,500  
HCPC protects and restores the vital Hells Canyon-Wallowa ecosystem by monitoring over 5 million acres of federal public land and empowering local residents to advocate for ecosystem protection.  
www.hells-canyon.org

Human Dignity Coalition  
**Bend**  $9,000  
HDC leads a grassroots movement in Central Oregon to prevent discrimination, oppression and hate.  
www.human-dignity-coalition.org

Islamic Social Services of Oregon State  
**Aloha**  $3,500  
ISOS educates the community, police and health care providers about Arabs and Muslims while expanding these communities' understanding of Oregon's institutions.  
www.I-SOS.org

Komemma Cultural Protection Association  
**Yoncalla**  $9,500  
KCPA researches and preserves the culture and history of the Kalapuya Indians of Western Oregon while dismantling an entrenched anti-Indian infrastructure in Douglas County.

Latinos Unidos Siempre  
**Salem**  $8,500  
LUS is creating a new generation of socially conscious youth of color to address racist and discriminatory practices within the educational and criminal justice systems.

Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas  
**Woodburn**  $9,000  
MLP fosters farmworker women's skills and empowers them to respond collectively to the domestic and workplace issues that damage their lives.

Multicultural Association of Southern Oregon  
**Medford**  $4,000  
MASO runs KSKQ Community Radio, a new, low-power FM station in southern Oregon. KSKQ provides a space for community groups to air their own messages while challenging corporate-owned media.  
www.mcaso.org

Northwest Constitutional Rights Center  
**Portland**  $5,000  
NWCRC safeguards the rights of political activists, communities of color, immigrants and other vulnerable populations through grassroots advocacy, education and public interest litigation.  
www.nwcrcc.org
Northwest Workers’ Justice Project  Portland  $6,500
NWJP provides legal and strategic support to groups that protect low-wage, contingent, and immigrant workers’ rights to mitigate the effects of free trade. www.nwjp.org

Not Straight Not Sure  Medford  $5,000
NSNS is creating a visible, inclusive, safe community for queer youth and young adults in Southern Oregon.

Oregon Fair Trade Campaign  Portland  $8,000
ORFTC organizes those most directly affected by free trade to support fair trade policies that promote health, labor rights, family farmers, and jobs in rural areas of Oregon. www.citizenstrade.org/orftc.php

Oregon Farm Worker Ministry  Portland  $6,500
OFWM rallies faith communities to support agricultural workers as they strive for better living and working conditions.

Oregon New Sanctuary Movement  Portland  $4,500
ONSM—a coalition of over 20 different faith communities—lifts up the voices of immigrants while working for just and humane immigration reform. www.oregonsanctuary.org

Oregon Rural Action  La Grande  $8,000
ORA organizes residents from immigrant, farming, ranching and logging communities to unite around issues such as toxic pesticide exposure in Ontario, food insecurity in Malheur county and renewable energy development in Union county. www.oraction.org

Oregon Women’s Action for New Directions  Eugene  $7,000
With hands-on demonstrations of how much money goes to the military, Oregon WAND inspires people to push for a redirection of military spending to meet human and environmental needs. www.wand.org

Organizing People, Activating Leaders  Portland  $6,500
OPAL organizes for environmental justice in communities of color and low-income communities that are most directly impacted by pollution. www.opalpdx.org

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Oregon State Council  Portland  $5,000
PFLAG, in collaboration with Basic Rights Oregon and Unity Project is engaging, supporting and mobilizing African American parents, families and friends of the LGBT community.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee  Portland  $8,000
PCASC educates and mobilizes communities to support human rights and economic justice in Latin America and Mexico and immigrant rights here in the U.S. www.pcasc.net
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Portland Jobs with Justice  Portland  $8,500
Portland JWJ is a coalition of 85 labor, community, environmental, student, and faith based groups that are united to defend the rights of working people and to advance social and economic justice. www.jwjpdx.org

» Rogue Valley Oregon Action  Medford  $6,000
RVOA organizes low and moderate-income people in Jackson County to take leadership on key economic justice issues such as immigration, health care and housing. www.oregonaction.org

Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality  Salem  $8,000
SKCE promotes equality in the education system by organizing and uniting hundreds of mostly Spanish-speaking parents to be strong community leaders for education reform.

Somos Hispanas Unidas  Silverton  $5,000
SHUS promotes women’s equality by uniting Latinas to work collectively and take leadership in the community. www.somoshispanasunidas.org

Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice  Ashland  $5,000
SOJwJ organizes disenfranchised people to create a healthy community with more locally owned businesses, sustainable economies, strong unions, and responsive government.

Street Roots  Portland  $8,500
Street Roots empowers those living on the streets to take leadership in the movement to end poverty through their nonprofit newspaper, which is published and sold by homeless individuals. www.streetroots.org

Umatilla Morrow Alternatives  Irrigon  $6,500
Living in a very conservative area of rural Oregon, UMA is bravely building a strong, visible movement for LGBTQ rights and HIV services. www.umalt.com

Umpqua Watersheds  Roseburg  $8,000
UW tirelessly protects a unique bioregion by exposing damaging forest management plans and developing solutions through public dialogue. www.umpqua-watersheds.org

» Unete  Medford  $9,000
Through community education, cultural presentations and advocacy, Unete is creating a powerful movement of farm workers and immigrants in Southern Oregon.

Unity Project of Oregon (formerly Brother to Brother)  Portland  $9,000
UP is dedicated to building strong leadership in the African American LGBTQ community in order to win concrete victories that improve peoples’ lives. www.unityprojectoregon.org
Wisdom of the Elders  *Portland*  $5,500
This American Indian group records and preserves the oral history and cultural arts of tribal elders, storytellers, historians, song-carriers and artists.
www.wisdomoftheelders.org

Young Environmental Professionals of Color  *Portland*  $3,500
YEPOC organizes young people of color working in the environmental field to realize their shared vision of an inclusive, diverse, relevant and more effective environmental movement. www.environmentaldiversity.org/organizations.html#YEPOC

**GRANT PROGRAMS AT MRG**

**General Fund**
This is the primary emphasis of MRG Foundation’s grantmaking. Groups receive funding to build community power and organize for social justice and institutional change. MRG Foundation awards grants for both general operating expenses and special projects.

**Peace Fund**
This fund is dedicated to strengthening Oregon’s peace movement so that it has the tools needed to shift public policy away from war and towards peace and social justice.

**Travel Fund**
Travel Grants provide opportunities for MRG grantees to participate in conferences or training opportunities that strengthen their organizing work.

**Critical Response Fund**
Critical Response grants provide groups with an opportunity to organize a progressive response to an unanticipated event, opportunity or crisis.

**Technical Assistance Fund**
This short-term program that ended this year expanded MRG grantees’ organizational capacity and effectiveness.

“MRG and CAT have been long-time partners for social change. MRG has provided the long-term support it takes to build a strong movement for housing justice—and the timely critical support needed to jump on strategic opportunities when they arise.”
—Steve Weiss, Board President, Community Alliance of Tenants
FY08 PEACE FUND GRANTEES

ONE YEAR GRANTS

BroadArts Theatre  Portland  $5,000
The “On the Road to Peace Theatre Arts Camp” teaches peace activist youth the history of the peace and justice movements. BroadArts uses art mediums to help youth express their feelings and personal stories about peace. www.broadarts.org

Central Oregon Peace Network  Bend  $5,000
COPN is expanding the peace movement in Central Oregon. www.copn.homestead.com

Eugene PeaceWorks  Eugene  $5,000
The Committee for Countering Military Recruitment ensures that Lane County youth get accurate information about the military and explore alternatives to military service. www.eugenepeaceworks.org

Military Families Speak Out  Portland  $5,000
MFSO ensures that the voices of military families are heard in order to highlight the real impacts of war, to advocate for proper care for returning troops, and to push for an exit strategy. www.mfso-oregon.org

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee  Portland  $5,000
As part of a national campaign to close the International Law Enforcement Academy in El Salvador, PCASC will organize Oregonians to demand an end to the U.S. use of the “War on Terror” as a means to squelch movements for social change. www.pcasc.net

THREE YEAR GRANTS

American Friends Service Committee  Portland  $15,000
Oregon AFSC is building a strong peace movement by engaging young people to combine arts and activism and by exposing the human and financial costs of war. www.afsc.org/portland

Center for Intercultural Organizing  Portland  $15,000
CIO expands the peace movement to include the leadership of immigrants and refugees while strengthening the alliances between peace and social justice activists. www.interculturalorganizing.org

Community Alliance of Lane County  Eugene  $15,000
CALC brings together diverse voices including labor, communities of color and youth to oppose the war and gather support for alternatives to war. www.calclane.org

Oregon Action  Portland  $15,000
OA is building a new coalition based in communities of color that is focused on ending the war in Iraq and ready to oppose future unjust wars. www.oregonaction.org

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)  Woodburn  $15,000
PCUN, Oregon’s largest Latino organization, is bringing issues of peace, war and justice to the Latino community via its weekly live radio show on KPCN-LP. www.pcun.org

Rural Organizing Project  Scappoose  $15,000
ROP is organizing in rural communities to expose the true costs of war and to promote policies that are based on principles of peace and justice. www.rop.org
Building a Stronger Foundation

We've been talking with our community—our grantees, donors and allies—to help us set goals for the years ahead. And what we've been told, over and over again, is that people are ready for MRG to have a greater impact. We've heard you, and we agree.

We shared our plans for raising and granting more money on other pages. Here's what we're doing to grow stronger as an organization and to expand our reach.

Last year we:

» Increased our financial assets by nearly 50%
» Welcomed new staff to support expanded grantmaking and fundraising
» Surveyed grantees to learn about their priorities for additional services

In the year ahead, we will:

» Develop tools to help grantees tell their stories and increase their visibility
» Hire a Finance & Administration Director to ensure expert financial management as we grow
» Increase MRG's visibility in the community

MRG is growing! With your support, we'll be able to increase vital support for grassroots social justice organizations across the state—from Eugene to Fossil, and from Medford to La Grande. Join us!
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION
OF ACTIVIST-LED GRANTS

Urban 57%
Rural 23%
Statewide 20%

*Rural areas include Ashland, Bend, Eugene, Medford, Portland and Salem

ISSUE AREAS

Economic Justice 14%
Environmental Protection 11%
Human Rights 23%
Peace/International Solidarity 22%
LGBTQ 10%
Immigrant Rights 20%

RACIAL JUSTICE

45% of our grants supported groups based in and led by communities of color working to create a racially just Oregon.

GENERAL SUPPORT

67% (a full ¾) of MRG’s grants are for general support. This is important because it allows grantees to build strong organizations and determine the most strategic ways to use MRG’s grants.

CRITICAL RESPONSE GRANTS

Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and Fascism
CAUSA
Center for Intercultural Organizing
Migra Response Team
Rural Organizing Project
VOZ: Workers’ Rights Education Project

Total $5,250

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Bark
Central Oregon Jobs with Justice
Community Alliance of Lane County
International Center for Traditional Childbearing
Komemma Cultural Protection Association
Love Makes a Family
Not Straight Not Sure
Oregon Fair Trade Campaign
Oregon Women’s Action for New Directions
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee
Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality
Street Roots
Umatilla Morrow Alternatives
Unete
VOZ: Workers’ Rights Education Project

Total $4,250

TRAVEL GRANTS

Confederated Tribes of the Lower Rogue
Human Dignity Coalition
International Center for Traditional Childbearing
Oregon Fair Trade Campaign
Oregon Women’s Action for New Directions
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee
Portland Jobs with Justice
Rogue Valley Oregon Action
Unity Project of Oregon

Total $4,250

SPECIAL FUNDS HONOR ACTIVISTS AND EXPAND GRANTS

MRG Foundation is proud to manage the following special funds that were established by donors:

» Maud T. Kernan Fund
» Michael Smith Fund
» L’Chaim Fund
» Lilla Jewel Fund for Women Artists

These funds honor the memories of committed social justice activists and continue their work by underwriting MRG grants in the areas of racial justice, peace, environmental protection, international solidarity and the arts.

If you are interested in learning more about setting up a fund at MRG, please contact us.
In addition to our activist-led grantmaking, we expand giving through our Donor Advised Program. MRG Foundation 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. If you would like more information about donor advised giving, please contact MRG’s Development Director, Sheryl Sackman.

1,000 Friends of Oregon
50 Years is Enough
Access, Inc.
ACLU Foundation
Adopt-A-Native-Elder
Albina Rotary Club Foundation
American Bird Conservancy
American Friends Service Committee
American Jewish World Service
American Near East Refugee Aid
Amnesty International USA, Inc.
Anthropos Arts
Artists Repertory Theatre
Bat Conservancy International
Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Birth to Three
Bradley-Angle House
CARE Inc.
CASCADE WILDLANDS PROJECT
CAUSA
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Intercultural Organizing
Central Asia Institute
Central City Concern
Central Oregon Landwatch
Clatsop County Women’s Resource Center
Climate Crisis Coalition
Climate Trust
CoEvolution Institute
Columbia Riverkeeper
Community Alliance of Lane County
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Community Veterinary Center
CRAG Law Center
De La Salle North Catholic High School
Deschutes Basin Land Trust
Do Jump! Extremely Physical Theatre
Doctors Without Borders
Dougy Center
Earth Action Network
Earth Island Institute
EarthJustice
East Meets West
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Eugene Friends Meeting
Eugene Public Library Foundation
Eugene Waldorf School
Food for Lane County
Forest Park Conservancy
Friends of Air Land Water
Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah
Friends of Eugene
Friends of Mount Pisgah Arboretum
Global Greengrants Fund Inc
GLSEN
Grassroots International
Green Empowerment
Greenpeace Foundation
Growing Gardens
Hand in Hand
Heifer Project International
High Desert Journal
Huerto de la Familia
International Book Bank
International Development Exchange
International Rescue Committee
Israel Committee Against House
Demolition-USA
Jesus Volunteer Corps NW
KBOO-FM
Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center
KLCC Public Radio
Lane Community College Foundation
Latin America Solidarity Committee
Looking Glass Youth and Family Services
Madison Meadow
Madre
MECCS/ Direct Aid Initiative
Mercy Corps
Multnomah County Library Foundation
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon Foundation
National Audubon Society
National Center for Conservation Science and Policy
National Immigration Forum
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature Conservancy
NAYA Family Center
Nearby Nature
Network of Spiritual Progressives
New Israel Fund
Nonviolent Peaceforce
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
Northwest Medical Teams International
Northwest Pilot Project
Oregon Bus Project
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Fair Trade Campaign
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Public Broadcasting
Oregon State Public Interest Research Group Foundation
Oregon Toxics Alliance
Oregon Water Trust
Oregon Wild
Oregon Women’s Action for New Directions
OSU Foundation
Pacific Environment and Resources Center
Pangaea Project
Peace Alliance Foundation
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Ploughshares Fund
Population Connection
Portland Community Land Trust
Portland Piano International
Reed Institute
Refugees International
Relief Nursery, Inc.
Rural Art Center
Save the Children
School Garden Project
Seeds of Peace
SEVA Foundation
Shelter Care
Sierra Club Foundation
Siskiyou Regional Education Project
Sisters of the Road Café
Snow Leopard Trust
Spencer Butte Middle School
St. Andrew Nativity School
St. Joseph De Paul of Lane County
THRIVE
 Tillamook County Women’s Resource Center
Trust for Public Land
Truthout
Tryon Life Community Farm
Umpqua Watersheds
Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc.
Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation
Wallace Medical Concern
Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, Inc.
Water Watch
Western Environmental Law Center
Weston A. Price Foundation
Wildlife Conservation Society
Willamette Farm and Food Coalition
Willamette Resources And Educational Network
Within Earthly Bounds
Witness for Peace
Women for Women International
Womenspace

Total: $285,664
Engaging Donors and Funders

MRG plays a critical role mobilizing resources for Oregon communities. So far, people have contributed enough to fund more than $10 million in grants and to create an endowment so that MRG is here for the long run. We also help people and organizations think about how to use their money to support positive social change, above and beyond what they give through MRG.

Last year we:

» Received our largest gift ever—$3 million from the Ralph L. Smith Foundation of Oregon to expand future programs

» Raised $525,000 in community donations

» Launched the new Oregon Social Justice Funders network

» Held a bi-annual conference on strategic philanthropy

In the year ahead, we will:

» Engage more community members in raising money for positive social change

» Join other foundations in documenting who receives funding in Oregon, and identifying where the gaps are

» Raise even more money to support grassroots groups working for human rights, economic justice and environmental protection
Making a Difference: Ways to Give

Giving to MRG is a powerful way to put your money where your values are.

People give to MRG for many reasons. Some donate because they know MRG supports a wide range of activism. Others are motivated by a desire to build a stronger movement for social justice. And some give to MRG because they believe in the radical idea of activists having greater control over financial resources.

At MRG, every gift really does matter. When people make a gift that is meaningful to them, they join a powerful movement for justice in Oregon. MRG pools these gifts to create a stable source of funding for community-based groups throughout the state.

Many Ways to Give

» Send a check to MRG or give online at www.mrgfoundation.org.
» Name MRG as a beneficiary in your will, IRA or insurance policy.
» Increase your giving by making smaller, monthly donations.
» Donate appreciated stocks or securities.
» Ask your employer to match your gift to MRG.
» Invite others to join you in supporting MRG.

How MRG Gives Back to the Community

Beyond grassmaking, MRG also provides critical support to the community by sponsoring estate planning workshops, socially responsible investing seminars and political forums.

We also offer the opportunity for donors to expand their philanthropy through donor advised funds. You can set up a donor advised fund and make grant recommendations to groups (besides MRG) that you support.

If you want more information about giving opportunities, please contact us.

"I believe strongly in MRG's mission and vision, which is why it's important to me to give as much as I can. Making monthly donations allows me to give even more to support social justice."

—Yee Wun Chong
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Statement of Financial Position  
June 30, 2008

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $ 3,203,213
Investments 3,522,561
Pledges and grants receivable 750,119
Property and Equipment 18,121
Other assets 15,947
TOTAL ASSETS $ 7,509,961

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:
Grants payable $ 20,000
Accounts and other payables 36,409
Total Liabilities 56,409

NET ASSETS:
Unrestricted: General Fund 183,967
Board Designated, Operating Reserve 467,500
Board Designated, Movement Building 2,168,747
Board Designated, Donor Advised Funds 343,327
Board Designated, Endowment 474,517
Board Designated, Michael Smith Fund 54,436

3,692,494

Temporarily Restricted: Maud T. Kernan Fund 810,594
Rob McCay Fund 359,029
Lilla Jewel Fund 70,842
L’Chaim Fund 291,241
Grants 752,142

2,283,848

Permanently Restricted: Endowment Fund 1,252,703
Michael Smith Fund 115,949
Lilla Jewel Fund 108,558

1,477,210

Total Net Assets 7,453,552

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $ 7,509,961

Statement of Activities  
Year Ended June 30, 2008

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Public Support:
General Fund contributions $ 2,742,409 $ 752,000 $ - $ 3,494,409*
Donor Advised Funds contributions 143,124 - - 143,124
Funding Exchange Endowment contributions 51,348 - - 51,348
Endowment Fund contributions - - 4,835 4,835
Michael Smith Fund contributions - - - -
Indirect public contributions 11,545 - - 11,545

2,948,426 752,000 4,835 3,705,261

Revenue:
Investment gains (losses) (91,431) (121,776) - (213,207)
Interest and dividends 157,478 66,269 - 223,747
Other revenue 12,617 - - 12,617
Administrative fees earned 934 - - 934

79,598 (55,507) - 24,091

Net Assets Released
From Restrictions:
Satisfaction of Maud T. Kernan Fund restrictions 107,139 (107,139) - -
Satisfaction of Rob McCay Fund restrictions 145,232 (145,232) - -
Satisfaction of Lilla Jewel Fund restrictions 589 (589) - -
Satisfaction of L’Chaim Fund restrictions 34,534 (34,534) - -
Satisfaction of other program restrictions 6,843 (6,843) - -

294,337 (294,337) - -

Total Public Support and Revenue 3,322,361 402,156 4,835 3,729,352

EXPENSES

Program services:
Grantmaking 950,987 - - 950,987
Community Education 117,964 - - 117,964

1,068,951 - - 1,068,951

Administrative 189,565 - - 189,565
Fund raising 91,335 - - 91,335

Total Expenses 1,349,851 - - 1,349,851

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS 1,972,510 402,156 4,835 2,379,501

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 1,719,984 1,881,692 1,472,375 5,074,051

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR $ 3,692,494 $ 2,283,848 $ 1,477,210 $ 7,453,552

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*MRG Foundation received a onetime $3 million gift from the Ralph L. Smith Foundation which will be used to expand programming.
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A joyful world where people, cultures and ecosystems thrive.

We seek to create a just world where ...

... We live in harmony with one another and the natural world we all share, and we commit to the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

... We all have the freedom, support and resources to pursue our dreams and live out our full potential as communities and as individuals.

... We cherish and gain strength from the richness of our diverse experiences and the depth of our common humanity.

... We nurture our interdependence and actively care for one another.

We believe that everyone plays a role in creating and sustaining this world. By building community, living our values, and working together towards this vision, we participate in the creation of justice and inspire hope for the future.