

MRG DEDICATES THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO CIPRIANO FERREL, IN MEMORY OF ALL THAT HE ACCOMPLISHED IN SEEKING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMWORKERS. AS MRG LOOKS BACK ON TWO DECADES OF SUPPORTING PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL CHANGE, IT IS ESPECIALLY

### **ICIPRIANO PRESENTE!**

FITTING THAT WE REMEMBER CIPRIANO'S EXEMPLARY ACTIVISM OVER THOSE SAME YEARS. HIS GENEROUS PRESENCE AND SPIRIT, AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZING EXPERTISE HE SO PURPOSEFULLY PASSED ON TO OTHERS, LIVES ON. FOR THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL.



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This year, The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) celebrates its 20th anniversary. This has given us the opportunity to look back and reflect on our growth and successes.

An essential part of celebrating the past is looking forward to the future. At this year's MRG Board retreat, we focused on the issue of how we can serve and be accessible to donors and grantees throughout the state. Increasing our presence and accessibility is taking a variety of forms. MRG staff has already begun conducting informational meetings and receptions throughout the state for current and prospective grantees and donors. We now have an 800 phone number to the Eugene office for the use of grantees and prospective grantees, and we are in the process of enhancing our

### TO THE MRG COMMUNITY

internet presence. We seek to develop new relationships as well as strengthen existing ones. We are excited and energized by these efforts and we hope that you will help us further develop our outreach. You are part of our community, and we need and value your contacts and suggestions for meeting new grantees and donors.

In January, our staff structure changed to accommodate increased outreach. Our Eugene-based Grants Director is now able to devote the bulk of her time to grantmaking activities including outreach. The Portland office, staffed by our Interim Executive Director and Office Manager, oversees fundraising and administrative activities. In addition, the Board decided that maintaining a two-office structure would best enable MRG to meet our goals of strengthening existing relationships and developing new ones.

In the midst of all the planning we, of course, tended to the basic mission of MRG: raising money to distribute to progressive Oregon groups through a democratic, activist-controlled process. Thanks to the dedication of MRG's donor community, we raised more money than ever, nearly \$300,000. And we are pleased to report that because of this, our general fund grantmakers awarded \$212,000, also more than ever before.

The work of the MRG grantee community is a continuing source of inspiration and an antidote to cynicism. The collaboration among MRG's grantees, donors, and volunteers, on behalf of social, economic and environmental justice, is truly a gift to all Oregonians.

Jeresa Enrico, MRG Board Chair

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Interim Executive Director

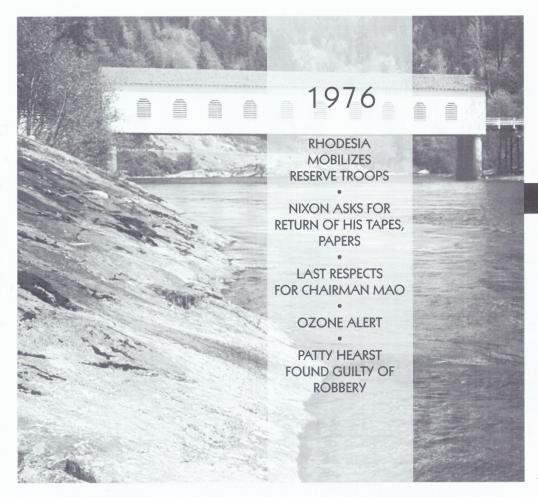
Leslie Griep, Office Manager

P.S. Thanks to the thoughtful, creative efforts of Pattie Ladd of Riverrun Graphics, this annual report presents a compelling retrospective of 20 years of MRG's progressive social change grantmaking.

### IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL AWARD

As part of our twentieth anniversary celebration, MRG is honoring twelve grassocial change organizations for their endurance as valued members of Or social change community. They exemplify the many rewarding relationship grantees that MRG has developed over the past two decades. Our hearty con lations go to the IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL AWARD recipients:

- —**After Eight, Corvallis.** Founded after the passage of the 1988 Ballo sure 8, which rescinded the executive order prohibiting discrimination employment based on sexual orientation, After Eight has worked diligounteract homophobia in Corvallis and its surrounding area.
- —**The Black United Fund, Portland.** Established in 1986 to fun and economic development in Oregon's African American communi received some of its early seed money from MRG.
- —**The Bradley-Angle House, Portland.** Founded in 1976, the Ba was one of the first shelter homes for battered women in the natio offered funding to the shelter long before many other funding agent on this issue.
- —**Brother to Brother, Portland.** Established in 1993, this black bisexual men's organization works on HIV-AIDS issues, challenging the right, and building communication between the gay community and can American community.
- —Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), Eugene. A leading soc organization that offers programs which confront racism, economic and homophobia, CALC received one of MRG's first grants in 1976.
- —Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (Committee Care and Eugene. CISCAP was established in 1982, out of a need to provide combased information and education regarding U.S. intervention and passed information. CISCAP builds broad-based alliances for peace and home and abroad and offers projects on Cuba, Chiapas, the School of and the anti-immigration movement.
- —Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides Eugene. Founded in 1977, this pioneer group received early funding f and has won court victories against the U.S. Forest Service to stop as ing of herbicides nationwide.
- —**Ruby House, Roseburg.** Established in 1988, Ruby House v licensed Oregon care facility outside of Portland for disabled HIV-infe
- —**Rural Organizing Project, Scappoose.** Founded in 1992 to stremendous commitment rural Oregonians had toward speaking bigotry, ROP has grown and developed into a statewide network or dignity groups that are committed to democratic principles, the phuman and civil rights, and religious freedom.
- —**Sacred Earth Coalition, Portland.** Founded in 1987, the S Coalition is comprised of Native American and non-native enviro artists and activists working to support the treaty of 1885 which pr tional fishing rights and sacred lands.
- —Willamette Valley Immigration Project, Woodburn. Es 1977, WVIP has worked on behalf of migrant farmworkers to imprand living conditions. WVIP is the parent organization of Piñeros y Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), and was one of MRG's earliest gran
- —Workers Organizing Committee, Portland. WOC, whic lished in 1993, is a multi-racial community based group that propand economic justice for low wage workers in Portland, many of what tourism industry.





# 20 YEARS A LOOK BACK

### MRG...

**Original gatherers meet on the McKenzie River**, April, 1976. Further discussion to refine initiation of foundation at a coastal retreat, July, 1976.

Photo by Ron Keebler

### MRG...

**Robin Hood Was Right, A Guide to Giving Your Money to Social Change** published by sister fund, Vanguard Public Foundation, San Francisco. Look for updated version to be published, Fall, 1997.





From MRG's first annual report, June, 1978: In our first two years, over \$285,000 was granted to nearly 150 groups. Our first two years brought to MRG new knowledge of the Northwest, good working experience, a taxexempt public foundation status, a set of funding criteria, skills in democratic decision-making, and the ability to evaluate proposals, projects and results. Now we are expanding our outreach to build a donor base for our public foundation.



### From MRG's 1979-1980 annual report:

December, 1980, marks the fourth anniversary of grantmaking by MRG. During these four years, we have allocated over \$575,000 to more than 350 progressive grassroots organizations, providing seed money and on-going support to social change projects that have not found access to more traditional funding sources.... MRG has provided technical assistance to numerous community groups, helping with program and budget planning and serving as a major source of information about the social change movement in the Pacific Northwest.

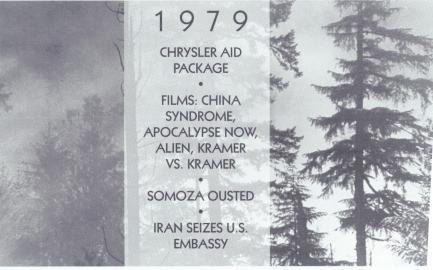


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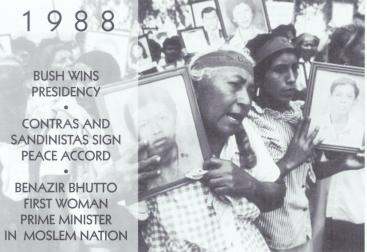


From MRG's 1987 annual report: Last year, donors supporting MRG with both large and small donations enabled us to distribute \$280,000 in grants (\$60,000 through our funding cycles and \$220,000 in donor-advised gifts).

PCASC vigil for Ben Linder. Photo by Richard Brown.

**From MRG's 1988 annual report:** This is MRG's 12th year as Oregon social change foundation. Over 1,000 Oregonians have helped build MRG during the past 12 years. We are proud of our role as a resource for the state's peace, human rights and environmental movements. As we look forward to the 1990s, MRG reaffirms our commitment to fund critical emerging issues and to help sustain the work of existing organizations which have little access to traditional funding sources.

Mothers' March, Nicaragua. Witness for Peace photo by Paul Dix.





From MRG's1989 annual report: At the heart of MRG funding is a belief that all progressive social change issues are connected. Throughout our grantmaking process we encourage grassroots organizations to examine how their experience and work fits into the larger struggle for survival, justice, equality and freedom. MRG is an extraordinary partnership of donors and activists. It is people who share a vision, crossing race, class, and cultural lines to create an institution which promotes and supports fundamental social change.

El Salvador refugees, Interfaith Sanctuary Network.

From MRG's 1990 annual report: MRG's grantmaking includes continuous evaluation and refinement of our process. This year, we identified several areas we wanted to focus on: Increasing applications from the African-American community and from organizations outside the Portland-Eugene corridor. (We funded) five strategic projects in the Black community as well as grantees from Burns, Astoria, Hood River, Ashland, Bend, Medford, Roseburg, and Grants Pass, in addition to Eugene, Corvallis, Woodburn and Portland.



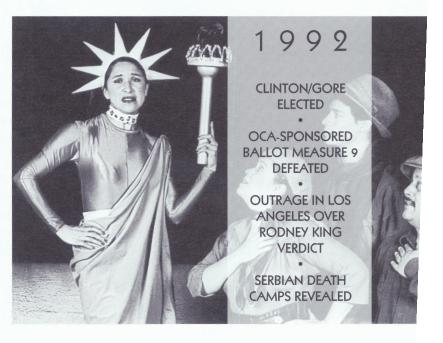
Palestinian Children/Eugene Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. Photo by Gary Tepfer.

**CLARENCE THOMAS CONFIRMED AS** SUPREME COURT **JUSTICE** U.S.S.R. DISSOLVES JANE FONDA WEDS TED TURNER

From MRG's 1991 annual report: MRG has: landmark: we are entering our fifteenth anniver It is perhaps ironic that this significant event with two other major anniversaries, the quinc of Columbus' "discovery" of the Americas bicentennial of Captain Robert Gray's "discove N'chiwauna (also known as the Columbia donations to MRG have been steadily grow again demonstrating the depth of commitm progressive movement), thereby allowing us 1 our general fund grants in the coming year b

From MRG's 1992 annual report: During the past 15 years, over 1,000 activists and donors have worked together to distribute \$3,000,000 to create progressive social change. And we are growing every year, as more people learn about MRG and the real change that can be accomplished through our model of radical philanthropy. In the last year alone, 130 new people became donors to MRG.

Photo by Brad Shirakawa, El Teatro Campesino

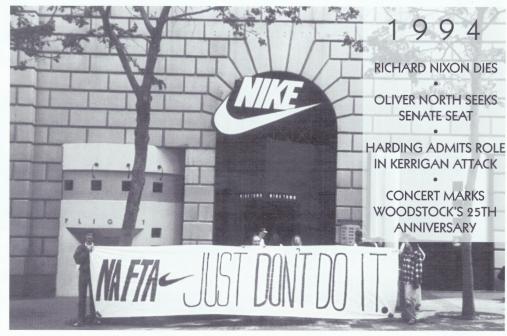




**From MRG's 1993 annual report:** This year, MRG was able to respond to the needs of the progressive community to a greater extent than ever before. MRG increased its general fund grants to \$160,000 in fiscal year 1993, a 44% increase over the previous year. This has allowed us to do two important things: provide more grants for progressive organizing throughout the state, and increase the size of our grants to a maximum of \$4,000....the MRG community is actively engaged in a broad range of progressive issues, but in the last year one issue truly became a focus for much of our work, and the work of many other community organizations throughout the state: the struggle to support human and civil rights for all Oregonians by supporting the rights of lesbians and gay men who have been under vicious attack by the Religious Right.

#### From MRG's 1994 annual report:

A major leap in MRG's organizational growth occurred with the launch of MRG's Endowment Campaign in October of 1993. By the end of June, 1994, MRG had received \$800,000 in gifts and pledges for the endowment! The incredible generosity of MRG's donors has been a source of inspiration to all of us....In fiscal year 1993/94, MRG gave out a total of \$366,800 in grants to progressive groups working on a broad spectrum of social-change issues...Our activist controlled grantmaking was supplemented this year by \$20,000 from our Anti-Bigotry Fund, which was established to temporarily augment MRG's commitment to this critical work.



Oregon Fair Trade Coalition.

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**BOMB EXPLOSION IN** OKLAHOMA CITY **KILLS 169** 

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**50TH ANNIVERSARY** OF DROPPING OF ATOMIC BOMBS ON HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI

RABIN ASSASSINATED



Strawberry workers strike/PCUN.

From MRG's 1995 annual report: W pleased to announce that we have com MRG \$1 million endowment drive, the tremendous generosity of our de this past fiscal year, MRG distribut \$300,000 in grants (\$192,350 from o fund, and another \$96,000 in dono grants)....As we watch the 104th Cor to further marginalize low-income pe the way for turning the environm corporate candy store, and institute cultural policies, we can take heart th thousands of people in Oregon alo: actively engaged in building commi hold economic justice, human r environmental sustainability as core



MRG grants the most money in our history, including a special one-time \$20,000 "Fight the Right" grant initiative. A t planning process results in an ongoing campaign to improve our accessibility by literally bringing MRG to communistate. And we celebrate our 20th!

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Over the years, MRG has put its money and confidence in social justice and environmental work when few others were willing. Now, we join with MRG in celebrating its first twenty years.

Let's boldly enter the next century, working together for peace, and environmental and social justice.

— Norma Grier, Executive Director, National Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides

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Initial and consistent support from MRG allowed the ROP the support to create itself.

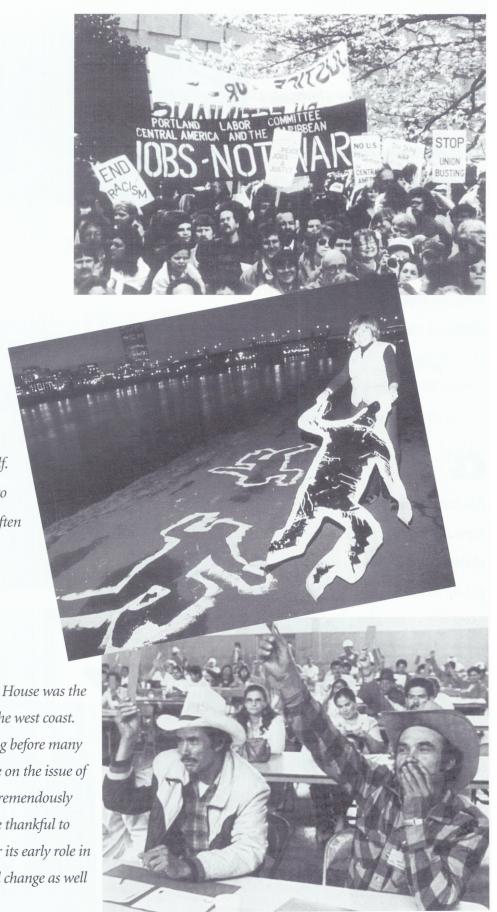
And we are grateful that MRG continues to support our presence in parts of the state often less valued by traditional funding sources.

— Marcy Westerling, Founder, Rural Organizing Project

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Founded in 1975, the Bradley-Angle (BA) House was the first shelter home for battered women on the west coast. MRG offered funding to the BA House long before many other funding agencies were willing to take on the issue of violence against women. We have grown tremendously since our early days, and we will always be thankful to McKenzie River Gathering Foundation for its early role in our success, and its validation of our social change as well as social service functions.

— Erika Silver, Executive Director, Bradley-Angle House



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It has been a source of great satisfaction to be able to watch the McKenzie River Gathering grow and mature over these past twenty years. Watching grantees supporting one another's work has been impressive. That sense of solidarity is so important in bringing about progressive change in our community.

- Leslie Brockelbank, Co-founder, MRG



My involvement with MRG ranks right up there with a few other life changing experiences. I have gained much from the wealth conferences that MRG has sponsored, and I am grateful for MRG's role in the development of my political perspective and my progressive philanthropy. MRG is largely responsible for the extent to which I can act as an ally to individuals and groups working for social justice.

— Anonymous donor













The McKenzie River Gathering has come a long way since that original gathering up the McKenzie River twenty years ago. There are many long lasting benefits. One of these is the opportunity that MRG has provided for progressive people with wealth to do some good with their money and to break down the isolation that they sometimes feel as a result of having financial resources. I am pleased to be part of creating that opportunity.

— Charles Gray, Co-founder, MRG





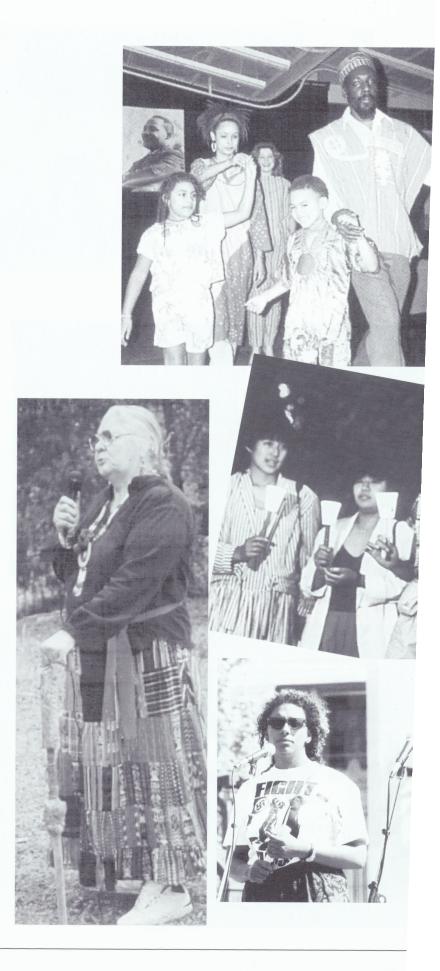
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The Black United Fund received support from MRG early on. *It is now a statewide fundraising* philanthropic and community development organization serving around 100 community based groups each year. The seed funds we received from MRG really served as a catalyst for launching the Black United Fund, and we are grateful. - Amina Anderson, Director, Black United Fund

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PCUN represents over 4,100 Willamette Valley migrant workers. Its 1995 tenth anniversary organizing campaign successfully increaseed wages in the strawberry industry. PCUN, as an organization, and I, as an individual, feel honored to be part of the MRG community and its history. MRG has helped us create an institution of social change in Oregon. And that is a real accomplishment.

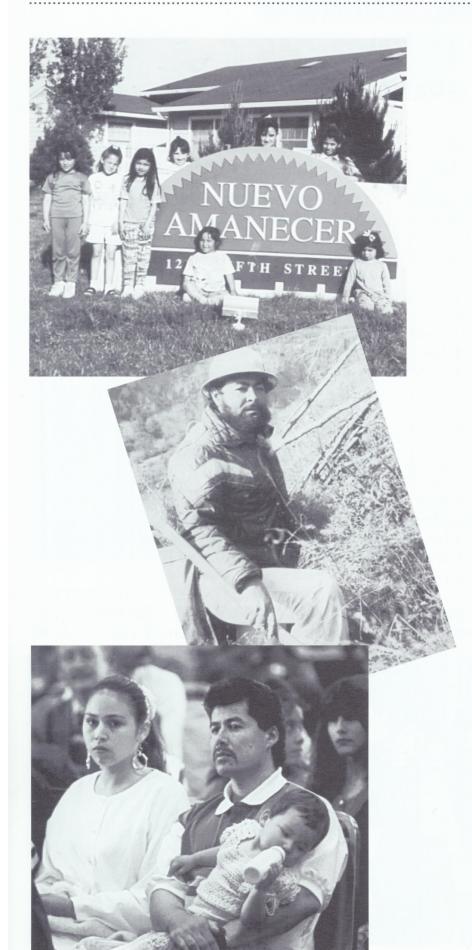
- Ramon Ramirez, President, Piñeros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)





We were introduced to MRG by a special friend who was himself a warrior for justice. Cipriano Ferrel provided our organization with a skill that will go forward into the future for our families and our children. We sought and could not find a Community Organizer with the ability to understand our culture and our needs. Cipriano, who was a founding board member of FHD, stepped forward to fill this need. It was his desire to see that our organization truly belonged to the people. With the MRG funding we were able to hire Cipriano in the first year of our project to help us select, hire and train an organizer. Cipriano—with his 20 some years of experience—began work on this special project and found among our farmworker residents Juan Argumedo. We lost Cipriano in September of 1995, but as fate would have it, Cipriano has accomplished his goal. By January 1, 1996, Juan was able to assume full responsibility for the community organizing work. Now as Cipriano taught Juan, Juan is helping others. The MRG dollars spent in 1994/95 will most certainly thanks to Cipriano and Juan—go into the future. We have hope for our children. Thank you, MRG, and thank you Cipriano! Si se puede! It can be done!

> Alma Grijalva, Executive Director, Farmworker Housing Development Corporation. (Please note the dedication to Cipriano Ferrel, inside front cover of this report.)



### 1995-96

### MRG ANNUAL REPORT



### **GRANTEES**

## AIDS PREVENTION & EDUCATION TEEN THEATER $\sim$ EUGENE, \$2,000.

For: Peer education via theater that examines the complexities of teenagers' lives and promotes healthy behaviors. They perform before a wide range of school and non-school audiences, recruit members from at-risk populations, and train/collaborate with other youth groups.

### ANPO ~ PORTLAND, \$2,000.

For: General support for ANPO's work promoting the cultural survival and religious freedom of Native Americans. A major focus is on staving off the threatened logging of its encampment site on sacred land by building a coalition of environmental, social justice, and religious groups.

## CASCADIA FIRE ECOLOGY EDUCATION PROJECT ~ EUGENE, \$3,000.

For: Organizing the public around forest management issues related to fire, and the link between arson fires and salvage logging. They are working to change the anti-democratic policy of suspending all environmental regulations following forest fires, a policy that ignores the necessity of fire for forest regeneration and allows logging if an area is deemed merely susceptible to fire.

### CHICANO CULTURE CLUB ~ SALEM, \$4,000.

For: Ongoing work for Latino inmate group at the Oregon State Prison with an emphasis on the Los Hermanos Program. This project brings Latino youth at-risk for involvement violence and gangs to the prison for intervention and

## CLATSOP COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELC CORPORATION ~ ASTORIA, \$4,000.

For: Bilingual project ensuring continued advoca motion of equal justice for low-income residents County. CCRDC fosters organizing of low-income challenge the social and economic institutions cause

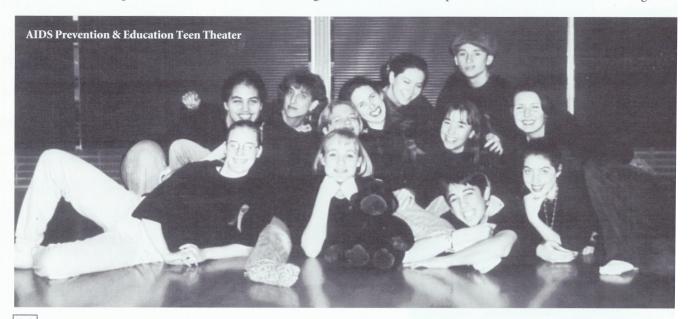
## COALITION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY $\sim$ POR $^{\circ}$ \$7,500.

For: The Oregon component of CHD's work opporight, which includes strategic research, organizing training and networking. Its anti-militia project communities in engaging people at-risk of being the radical right.

## COMMITTEE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CEN AMERICAN PEOPLE $\sim$ EUGENE, \$3,000.

For: General support for building a broad-based peace and justice at home and abroad. CISCAP's w projects on Cuba, Chiapas, the anti-immigration and neo-liberal economic policies.

### COMMUNITIES AGAINST HATE ~ EUGENE For: Expansion of CAH's Western Oregon re





organizing capacities in the wake of increased activity by far right groups. They are also developing their youth leadership intern program which is creating a new generation of organizers.

#### DANZINE ~ PORTLAND, \$5,000.

For: General support for organizing exotic dancers around issues including health, safety and exploitative working conditions via a resource center and a monthly 'zine. These women are often denied their children, housing, skills training and other basic needs because of the way they earn their living.



KMUN-FM, Astoria

### THE EQUALITY PROJECT ~ EUGENE, \$3,000.

For: General support for challenging homophobia and strengthening Lane County's lesbian and gay community. This group is also working to connect their constituency with other human rights groups challenging the bigotry of the far right.

#### INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH ~ ALBANY, \$4,000.

For: Using archival film and music memorabilia, the Institute depicts the contributions of African-Americans to the arts, as well as the damaging marginalization of people of color. This multi-cultural group's exhibits are being used in Linn and Benton County schools, in a region that has experienced a recent spate of racial incidents.

## JEFFERSON CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ~ WOLF CREEK, \$4,000.

For: General support for group providing a voice for Southeast Asian, Latino, Native American and European-American non-timber forest products workers. They address forest labo issues, forest management policy and the lessening of tension among forest workers from different cultures.

## JOSEPHINE COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS ALLIANCE $\sim$ GRANTS PASS, \$4,000.

For: A series of anti-bigotry activities in an area targeted by the Aryan Nation. The Alliance's projects include outreach to traditional community groups following speaker/writer training worl shops, and a cultural diversity event.

## KALMIOPSIS AUDUBON SOCIETY, ~ PORT ORFORD, \$5,000.

For: General support for south coast environmental grou (autonomous from the national organization) addressing corporate and federal land use issues affecting the region's forests, river and ocean areas. It has been a leader in helping grassroots group throughout the state develop their voice in addressing environmental issues.

### KMUN-FM ~ ASTORIA, \$2,000.

For: Expanding news and public affairs coverage for this pubradio station which serves as an activist resource for social justice. It is focusing on rural and environmental issues including development pressures and logging of coastal forests.

## LABOR-ENVIRONMENTAL SOLIDARITY NETWORK ~ PORTLAND, \$4,000.

For: General support for this group's work exposing the econon and environmental impacts of the expanding high tech indus on workers and local communities. They are also helping to continue an alliance of progressive Oregon environmental and soo justice organizations begun at a recent conference.

#### LAKOTA OYATE KI CULTURE CLUB ~ SALEM, \$2,500.

For: Publication by Oregon State Prison group that focuses preserving the cultural integrity and religious freedom of inc cerated Native Americans.

### LOVE MAKES A FAMILY ~ PORTLAND, \$4,000.

For: A series of speaker development workshops in rural areas a communities of color intended to build internal community lead ship and foster communication. This project expands efforts to be bridges between lesbians and gays and other disenfranchised peo





### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. THEATER ~ EUGENE, \$6,000.

For: Three plays by this multicultural theater group addressing African-American, Latino, and Lesbian/Gay issues. The theater group's project involves performances in rural areas, a Saturday school to develop young actors, and vehicles for connecting audience members with human rights groups.

### MOTHERS AGAINST GANG VIOLENCE ~ PORTLAND. \$2,000.

For: This group, consisting of families affected by gangs, is working with at-risk youth and confronting the racism of the criminal justice system. It brings public education presentations to communities throughout the state.

#### MOTHERS FROM HELL ~ EUGENE, \$6,000.

For: General support for a group confronting institutional intransigence in providing for children with disabilities. Activities include: developmental disability workshops, community outreach, and disseminating its model to the many communities throughout the state that have contacted them.

#### MPOWERMENT PROJECT ~ EUGENE, \$2,500.

For: Organization promoting safe sex practices by gay men through community-building activities that overcome the individual isolation that leads to unsafe behavior. Funding is for an autonomous outreach project to gay men of color whose rate of HIV infection is three times that of white gay men.

### NETWORK FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE ~ EUGENE, \$7,500.

For: Multi-media project directed toward counteracting stereotypes of the immigrant community. It will be presented to church and community groups in an effort to counter the racism and xenophobia of the anti-immigration movement.

### OREGON HOUSING NOW COALITION ~ PORTLAND, \$5,000.

For: Formation of a County Alliance of Tenants, a tenantcontrolled project that will effect changes in policies and practices impacting low-income renters. The Alliance is based on the Coalition's organizing success at the Plaza housing development which greatly improved residents' security and living conditions, while building an on-site tenants organization.

### OREGON HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION ~ PORTLAND, \$6,500.

For: General support for organization of low-income women whose focus is on redefining the terms of the workfare reform debate away from the punitive model and towards one that emphasizes useful work. OHRC's leadership development trainings assist its membership in participating in decisionmaking processes directed toward improving their living conditions.

### OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION ~ BEND, \$4,500.

For: Education and organizing to prevent the demise of desert streams due to irresponsible livestock grazing. ONDA's mission is to protect and restore the biological diversity of Oregon's arid lands.

### PEACE HOUSE ~ ASHLAND, \$5,000.

For: General support for group providing Southern Oregon with a center for progressive organizing. The project involves producing a newsletter and educational forums, a "Freedom of Speech" project using anti-bigotry materials, and the development of a "History of Prejudice in the Rogue Valley" booklet.



### PORTLAND CENTRAL AMERICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE ~ PORTLAND, \$3,000.

For: General support for PCASC's three programs: economic justice, immigrant rights, and grassroots organizing. PCASC is active in both Portland and rural migrant worker communities.

### **PORTLAND JOBS** WITH JUSTICE ~ PORTLAND, \$5,000.

For: A video to support the of JWJ's activities Committee for Sustainable Economic Development. It presents their analysis in a "kitchen table economics" format that connects economic and social issues, and promotes grassroots organizing.

### **PORTLAND WOMEN'S THEATER** ~ PORTLAND, \$4,565.

For: Implementation of a five-year expansion plan for their performance group of lesbians and other feminists who value theater as a tool for social change. Their productions provide public education and motivate activism on anti-bigotry issues.

### PROYECTO ~ INDEPENDENCE, \$5,000.

For: Support for this Latino/a group's work with youth and parents on multi-cultural education issues. Proyecto also provides leadership in challenging the statewide antiimmigration movement which has a strong base in the region served by Proyecto.

### RESEARCHING JUSTICE ~ PORTLAND, \$8,000.

For: Project formed by a coalition of human rights groups to research the anti-democratic forces behind the anti-Affirmative Action and anti-Immigration movements Oregon. It is investigating and publishing information identifying the groups involved, their leadership, their ties to other anti-democratic organizations, their connections with

national efforts to deny human rights, and the legal and political implications of the actions these groups seek to advance.

### ROGUE VALLEY FAIR SHARE ~ MEDFORD, \$3,500.

For: General support for this economic justice group's grassroots agenda focusing on health care, affordable housing, community economic development, promotion of diversity and coalition building.



Portland Women's Theater/Purple Moon Dance Project

### **RURAL ORGANIZING** PROJECT ~ SCAPPOOSE, \$8,000.

For: General support for ROP's work supporting its long-term network of 60 human rights groups throughout the state. Local groups are monitoring and challenging hate crimes, white supremacist activity, the Wise Use movement, censorship, and tax limitation efforts.

### SABIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ~ PORTLAND, \$3,500.

For: Block by block organizing project to revitalize a culturally diverse urban community. It includes leveraging more resources for their underserved neighborhood and engaging youth as key members of this project.

### SOUTHERN OREGON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ~ MEDFORD, \$3,000.

For: General support for an expanding alliance of ten communitybased organizations collaborating in rural economic and ecologically sustainable community development. The project includes developing grassroots leadership, and working to ensure that resource allocation and priority setting by decision-makers are more inclusive of diverse community needs.

### SPIRIT ~ PORTLAND, \$7,500.

For: Sisters Acting For Equity, a project by women of color focusing on developing membership and leadership, fostering intergenerational links, and building the capacity



of its members to act on issues that affect their lives.

### UMPQUA WATERSHEDS ~ ROSEBURG, \$3,000.

For: General support for organization working to protect the Umpqua River Basin. It emphasizes connecting its environmental work with economic justice issues.

## VALLEY AIDS INFORMATION GROUP $\sim$ CORVALLIS, \$3,435.

For: General support for providing AIDS education and prevention information to residents of Linn and Benton Counties. Activities target gay and bisexual men, Latinos, and teenagers.

## VERNON NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION GROUP $\sim$ PORTLAND, \$5,000.

For: General support for VNAG's work to help this culturally diverse inner-city area create change within its neighborhood, maintain affordable housing, and generate home-ownership opportunities. Over 50% of the neighborhood remains investorowned rental properties, which contributes to instability and displacement for its residents.

## WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ~ PORTLAND, \$7,500.

For: Development of a multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-lingual low-wage worker center. The center will provide a place to build leadership, strategize, and organize communities and workplaces to combat the fear and isolation imposed by industry owners.



Forest Workers' Gathering/The Jefferson Center

### FIGHT THE RIGHT FUNDING INITIATIVE

The MRG Fight the Right (FTR) Initiative requested proposals from recently developed coalitions whose organizing efforts are challenging far right bigotry. This \$20,0000 one-time funding opportunity was part of a national effort by the Funding Exchange, of which MRG is a member fund. It recognizes that building connections across constituencies and issues is essential to the success of the progressive movement. MRG's funding initiative sought to fund a project that 1) brokered long-term relationships among groups in a geographic area that has not received much previous attention, and 2) united constituencies whose issues appear separate but are, in fact, threads in the fabric of organized bigotry. The MRG Fight the Right Funding Initiative grantee was:

## LATINOS AND OTHERS UNITED IN RESPONSE, LAKEVIEW.

For: Developing a coalition consisting of the Rural Organizing Project, Deschutes County Coalition for Human Dignity and Hispaños Unidos of Lake County. New partners are joining this alliance which is the first progressive coalition in the five rural/frontier eastern Oregon counties covered. The project supports a Latina organizer facilitating the coalition's work responding to the increasing success of the far right in fostering anti-immigrant and anti-lesbian and gay fervor in the region. In particular, it enables each coalition partner to create a community action to respond to the anti-immigrant movement.

## GENERAL FUND DESIGNATED GRANTEE THE MICHAEL SMITH FUND GRANT

This award is a designation made following the grantee's selection as a funding cycle recipient by the MRG grantmaking committee. It is supported by special contributions to the MRG general fund for the Michael Smith Fund. This fund was established to support MRG grantees that reflect the social change issues that were of special concern to long-time MRG supporter Michael Smith. The following grantee was chosen to commemorate Michael's commitment to building a peaceful and just society:

#### KMUN-FM

### MRG GRANTMAKING PROGRAMS

In addition to the general fund grants described in the preceding pages, MRG has several other grantmaking programs available to assist progressive organizations. To be eligible for any of these funding options, groups must meet MRG's basic funding cycle criteria. Complete information on these programs can be obtained by contacting the MRG grantmaking office in Eugene.

### TRAVEL GRANTS

MRG travel grants enable non-profit Oregon groups to send representatives to conferences that further organizing work or provide training in organizational development. Travel grants of up to \$250 were awarded to:

- Brother to Brother
- Clergy and Laity Concerned of Lane County
- Coast Range Association
- · Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People
- Community Advocates
- Flying Focus Video Collective
- Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center
- Jefferson Center
- KBOO Radio
- · Love Makes a Family
- · Neighborhood Health Clinic
- People Overseeing Police
- Portland Central America Solidarity Committee
- Shelter Development Committee
- · Soda Mountain Wilderness Council
- Western States Center
- Willamette Valley Law Project/PCUN

### CRITICAL RESPONSE FUND

MRG's Critical Response Fund was established to make a limited number of grants available between our regular funding cycles for projects addressing unforeseen social change organizing opportunities. Groups receiving Critical Response grants of up to \$500 were:

Jefferson Center, Sunny Valley, for a cross-cultural conference of forestry workers to ensure the inclusivity of efforts to build an economically and environmentally just forest system. Timing was critical because of the Southeast Asian mushroomers' work calendar.

Corvallis Environmental Center, Corvallis, for organizing the environmental and social justice communities to leverage media and urge the governor to implement the Executive Order on Environmental Equity.

Fair Share Research and Education Fund, Portland, for organizing to challenge corporations to dedicate 10% of their "kicker" income tax windfall to restore school budget cuts before programs and teachers were removed.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Portland, for community organizing efforts connected with an immigrant rights theater project. The timing was based on the schedules of the Honduran popular educators touring the region.

Oregon Human Rights Coalition, for responding to the need for a Spanish-speaking translator to attend OHRC's skillbuilding conference. This meeting addressed the impacts of federal budget cuts and punitive welfare reform efforts.

Oregon Natural Desert Association, Bend, for a public education tabloid to be used in organizing efforts to counteract the livestock industry's attempt to weaken proposed water quality standards.

Portland Not In Our Town Project, Portland, for participation in a national anti-bigotry campaign organizing around the national PBS showing of the film Not in Our Town.

### LILLA JEWEL FUND FOR WOMEN ARTISTS

This fund was established with MRG by a donor for the purpose of supporting MRG's funding of projects for lesbians and other women through our regular grantmaking, and through annual awards to Oregon women artists. This year's awards were given in the category of visual art. The awardees are:

Lilla Jewel Award, \$2,500, to Charlotte Lewis of Portland Special Mention, \$500, to **Deb Ramsay** of Corvallis

### DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS

The following grantees were nominated by MRG donors as a way of supporting specific social change organizations, while making use of MRG's administrative services and the option of anonymity in their giving: ACLU Foundation of Oregon • Agape Foundation • AIDS Prevention and Education Teen Theater • Amnesty International · CISPES Education Fund · Citizens for Public Accountability Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People • Community Outreach · Environmental Law Associates Worldwide • Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network Foundation • Fellowship of Reconciliation • Friends of El Pueblo Adelante • Friends of Eugene • Friends of Trees • Habitat for Humanity Women's Project • Human Rights Watch • In These Times • INFACT · KBOO-FM · KILI Radio · Lazarus Art Society · McKenzie River Trust · Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides · Oregon Fair Share · Oregon Native Youth Council · Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition • Portland Central America Solidarity Committee • Portland Corinto Sister City Association • Portland Public Schools Foundation • Portland Taiko • Project Down Payment • Project Recover • REACH • Rural Organizing Project • Save the West • Support Coalition • Tufts/UEP • Women's Community Education Project • Womenspace



### THE FUNDING CRITERIA

MRG funds organizations that educate and bring people together to work for progressive social change. We support groups challenging the vast social, economic and political inequities around us. Funding is directed toward creating a peaceful, just, and environmentally sound society.

MRG considers proposals for funding from groups that:

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

MRG's grantmaking focuses on organizing efforts addressing human rights, economic justice, environmental protection, peace, and international solidarity. Within these broad areas, MRG grants are supporting work on concerns including: anti-bigotry, racial justice, domestic violence, homeless rights, low-income and rural community development, community-labor coalitions, HIV-AIDS, reproductive rights, lesbian and gay liberation, disability rights, ancient forest and watershed protection, environmental justice, progressive media, anti-militarism, and international self-determination.

### THE FUNDING PROCESS

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

Our fall and spring funding cycles each involve four months of evaluation activities. Organizations interested in submitting a funding cycle proposal begin by contacting MRG's grantmaking office in Eugene to receive an application packet. Only proposals submitted by completing MRG's application form can be considered.

MRG's grantmaking committee consists of activists with expertise in the issues funded. After evaluating all of the submitted applications, committee members interview finalists to learn more about their project and to assist them in participating effectively in MRG's process.

During Presentation Day, which caps our information-gathering efforts, finalists describe their proposed projects to the committee and respond to questions. MRG is one of the handful of

foundations nationally that enables applicants to make their cabefore all of the decision-makers — as part of our commitment to a democratic grantmaking process.

Presentation Day is also one of the few opportunities the activists from throughout the state have to come together to least from one another's work and to develop relationships that conclude the broad range of social change work into a progressive movement.



Oregon high desert landscape /Oregon Natural Desert Association

### SERVICES TO GRANTEES

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY MRG GRANT PROGRAMS

In addition to our spring and fall funding cycles, MRG has so eral other grantmaking programs: Critical Response Grant Travel Grants, and the Lilla Jewel Award. Donor-advised granter provided by MRG supporters who would like to nomin specific social change groups as grantees. (These programs a described in more detail in the grants section of this report.)

#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

In addition to helping groups new to foundations with c grantmaking process, MRG assists grantees in identifyi resources that can assist them with fundraising and other or nizational development issues.

#### LEVERAGING GRANTS

MRG provides references for grantees in their proposals to otl foundations and advocates on behalf of Oregon social char groups in contacts with foundation representatives.

## THE FUNDING EXCHANGE

MRG is a member of the Funding Exchange (FEX), a network of regionally-based social change foundations located throughout the United States, with a national office in New York City. All FEX members share a commitment to funding grassroots groups addressing fundamental, progressive social change. Like MRG, member funds receive contributions from a broad spectrum of donors, and involve community activists as the primary decision-makers.

The Funding Exchange provides resources, networking opportunities and skills development to member funds. In addition, FEX provides services to national donors including publications, conferences, and technical assistance on issues in philanthropy.

In 1992, the Funding Exchange completed an endowment campaign that raised \$10 million to help support and stabilize the FEX member funds. This incredible accomplishment provides an important financial resource for progressive activism in the U.S. for generations to come. As a member of the Funding Exchange, MRG receives a share of the income from the FEX Endowment.

To complement the regional grantmaking of member funds, the FEX national office has three grantmaking programs:

### THE SAGUARO FUND

supports progressive community empowerment and organizing efforts, with a priority of funding projects led by and based in communities of color throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. It emphasizes support for groups based in geographic areas that have historically been by-passed by other funders. Oregon-based organizations that have received funding from the Saguaro Fund include Piñeros Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) and the Sacred Earth Coalition.

#### THE PAUL ROBESON FUND FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA

supports independent social issue film, video and radio productions that address critical social issues, reach a wide audience, and combine intellectual clarity with creative use of the media. These productions also must be used as tools for progressive, social change activism and organizing. Oregon-based projects receiving grants from Robeson Fund include the short-wave talk show, *Global Community Forum*; a video which examines the wise use movement, *Voices from the Community*; and a video document of Ballot Measure 9, *Democracy Media*.

### THE OUT FUND FOR LESBIAN AND GAY LIBERATION

supports progressive organizing projects working against the twin oppressions of heterosexism and homophobia. Oregon-based projects receiving grants from the OUT Fund include the Lesbian Community Project and the Coalition for Human Dignity.

During this past year, the Funding Exchange also offered a \$10,000 match to MRG's general fund in order to support the foundation's \$20,000 Fight the Right Initiative. This was part of FEX's national campaign to provide additional funding for grassroots organizers countering the right-wing onslaught in the United States. For more information on MRG's Fight the Right grantee, please refer to page 20.

For more information about national grantmaking programs, write the Funding Exchange at 666 Broadway, Suite 500, New York, NY 10012, or call them at (212) 529-5300.

### FEX MEMBER FUNDS

APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY FUND / WEST VIRGINIA AND THE APPALACHIAN COUNTIES OF VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

BREAD AND ROSES COMMUNITY FUND / PHILADELPHIA

CHINOOK FUND / COLORADO

CROSSROADS FUND / CHICAGO

FUND FOR SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES / GEORGIA AND THE CAROLINAS

FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA (AFFILIATE MEMBER)

HAWAII PEOPLE'S FUND / HAWAII (AFFILIATE MEMBER)

HAYMARKET PEOPLE'S FUND / NEW ENGLAND

HEADWATERS FUND / MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION / LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO

MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION / OREGON

NORTH STAR FUND / NEW YORK CITY

VANGUARD PUBLIC FOUNDATION / SAN FRANCISCO

WISCONSIN COMMUNITY FUND / WISCONSIN



### DONOR INFORMATION

The success of grassroots organizing efforts in Oregon is largely dependent on local support. Hundreds of Oregonians use the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) as their vehicle for providing this support. MRG unites individual visions of what is possible with the work and organizations bringing those visions into reality.

When you give to MRG, your gift joins with many others to create a significant financial resource that will foster progressive organizing throughout the entire state. MRG donors support the work of the foundation, and the organizations it funds, with annual gifts ranging from \$5 to \$55,000. Each gift is important and helps to build a lasting movement for positive and fundamental social change.

People give to MRG's general fund for many good reasons. It is an opportunity to provide seed money to emerging groups and issues. MRG's activist grantmaking committee provides a pool of informed, decision-making expertise second to none and MRG's staff monitors all funded projects. Donors may maintain total anonymity, and can support many important projects with one gift.

In the past year, the foundation distributed over \$350,000 in grants. We deeply appreciate the support of our donors that made these grants possible. If you are interested in learning more about MRG and supporting progressive social change in Oregon, please contact our Portland office.

### **DONOR SERVICES**

MRG offers a range of resources and services to help meet particular needs of our donors.

#### DONOR-ADVISED GIVING

Donor-Advised giving is a way for MRG donors to nominate grantees or designate a particular field of interest to be the final recipient of their gift. As in any MRG grant, donor anonymity is assured and grants are monitored. MRG staff members are available to provide donors with background information on specific organizations or interest areas.

#### **DONOR POOLS**

MRG donors can set up special accounts with the foundation known as "donor pools." These accounts are advantageous to the donor who wants to make a large charitable contribution before they have decided on the interest area or specific organizations they wish to support. Many people choose to establish donor pools in a year when they sell appreciated stocks or real estate that result in significant capital gains. Additional gifts can be added at any time. A donor can transfer gifts from a donor pool to MRG's general fund, and/or nominate fields of interest or other charitable organizations to be the recipients of grants.

### SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING SEMINARS

MRG's SRI seminars draw upon the expertise of leaders in the field to explore practical and profitable means of investing individual assets without compromising social and environmental values.

### **WEALTH CONFERENCES**

These conferences offer a safe place for progressive women and men with wealth to come together and explore personal, technical and political issues specific to their situation.

#### FINANCIAL AND ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOPS

MRG brings in financial and estate planning professionals to teach donors from all income levels about long-term financial planning options and strategies for meeting individual needs and objectives.

#### DONOR/ACTIVIST BRIEFINGS

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

#### PLANNED GIVING

MRG staff and advisors are available to assist in identifying and developing long-term vehicles to perpetuate the progressive, charitable goals of individual donors throughout heir lifetime and beyond. For specific information about the planned giving program donors should contact MRG's Portland office.

### WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO MRG

MRG's donors come in all shapes and sizes, and from all walks of life. But they share one thing in common — a commitment to giving and helping to create a more peaceful, just and environmentally sound society.

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

- Write a check today.
- Make a monthly, quarterly or annual pledge.
- Donate appreciated stock or real property and avoid capital gains taxes, while receiving a tax deduction.
- Write MRG into your will, or talk to family members about planning a bequest to MRG in your name.
- Contact MRG about establishing a charitable trust.
- Make MRG a beneficiary of your insurance policy.
- Establish a designated fund (donor pool) to fit your philanthropic purposes and MRG's tax-exempt program.
- Honor a special person or celebrate a birthday or wedding by giving a gift in their name.
- · Volunteer time, or other goods or services.

All contributions are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law. MRG is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) public foundation. Our tax ID Number is 93-0691187. When appropriate, we suggest verifying details of specific arrangements with your accountant or lawyer.

MRG staff and development committee members are always available for consulting as you plan your giving.

### MRG'S ENDOWMENT: AN UPDATE

MRG's endowment, established in 1993, continues to grow through gifts and investments. Why did MRG establish an endowment? Because working for social change is inherently risky. Groups are born, grow, flourish, or die in direct relation to their financial management and fundraising skills. The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation has successfully navigated these waters for twenty years. An endowment was the next logical step for a community foundation that has always taken its responsibilities to donors and grantees seriously.

The income from MRG's endowment helps to make sure that our model of progressive philanthropy continues in Oregon throughout our lifetime, and our children's lifetime.

Income from MRG's endowment contributed \$33,000 to our general fund during the past year. Endowment income is used

for program and operating costs, making more of the money raised annually available for grants, and raising MRG's grantmaking ability significantly.

Over 60 households have contributed over \$1,000,000 in gifts and pledges to the endowment. To everyone who has participated in this remarkable effort, we say...

### Thank You!

MRG's official endowment campaign is over, but the endowment continues to grow. MRG welcomes additional gifts to the endowment both from those who have not yet given, and those whose circumstances permit additional gifts. We would also like to encourage MRG supporters to consider the endowment when making estate planning decisions.



### MRG MEMBERS

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Geo.-Ann Baker** was the director of the University of Oregon Native American Student Union and has helped organize national conferences on issues affecting Native Americans. Geo.-Ann has served as a cultural resource person for multi-cultural camps and in school settings. She currently is the office manager for the University of Oregon Ethnic Studies Program.

**Teresa Enrico** is deputy director of the Workers Organizing Committee. She is an anti-bigotry activist and trainer on eliminating racism, sexism and homophobia. Teresa is chair of the MRG Board.

**Jan Fenton** works with Technical Assistance for Community Services, providing book-keeping and related support for non-profit groups. She has been active in the Laughing Horse Books Collective and the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee.

**Glenn Harris** works as the Development Director of Western States Center and has served on MRG's staff. Glenn has been involved with the Portland Alliance newspaper and the Coalition for Human Dignity.

**Gillian Leichtling** is active with the Portland Central American Solidarity Coalition's Immigrants' Rights Theater Project. Gillian works as an interviewer for a study of sexually transmitted diseases amongst street youth.

**Jonn Lunsford** is a researcher for the Western States Center's Anti-Violence Initiative. He has worked with Clergy and Laity Concerned of Lane County (CALC) and has served on the board of Citizens United Against Discrimination/Equality Project.

**Trevor Monteith** is on staff for two CALC programs, Youth for Justice and Communities Against Hate. He has been director of the University of Oregon's Native American Student Union.

**Cecil Prescod** is a pastor and anti-bigotry activist affiliated with Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Coalition for Human Dignity, and People of Faith Against Bigotry. He works for the Urban League on HIV/AIDS and environmental justice issues. Cecil is vice-chair of the MRG board.

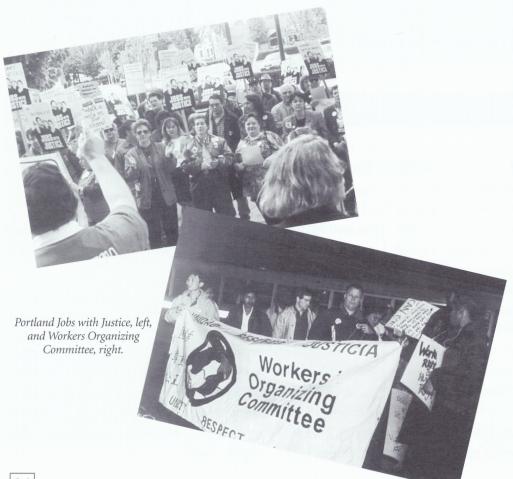
**Foncy Prescott** is an activist in anti-intervention work on local and national levels and has been involved in pesticide reform and social justice organizations.

**Guadalupe Quinn** works as an advocate for at-risk Latino youth. She has been active in many social justice organizations including the Eugene Human Rights Commission, Clergy and Laity Concerned, Communities Against Hate and the Latino Coalition.

**Tarso Ramos** is the lead researcher for the Western States Center's Wise Use Public Exposure Project. He has been active in progressive media, anti-apartheid work, and efforts countering the far right. Tarso is MRG's representative to the Funding Exchange Board of Directors.

**Kelley Weigel** is network field coordinator for the Rural Organizing Project and has served as an anti-bigotry organizer for Clergy and Laity Concerned of Western Oregon. She has been involved in peace, nuclear disarmament, and environmental issues. Kelley serves as co-chair of MRG's Grantmaking Committee.

**Marcy Westerling** is director/organizer for the Rural Organizing Project. She has been active in anti-bigotry, domestic violence, and disabilities issues.



### MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

Cash Flows of Operating Activities:		
Change in Net Assets Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash	\$	71,431
and Cash Equivalents Provided (Used) by Operating Activities: Noncash expense, depreciation Nonoperating support, current year		5,444
endowment contributions	(	(25,336)
(Increase) decrease in investment values	(	(65,415)
(Increase) decrease in other assets		(5,882)
Increase (decrease) in grants payable		58,300
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	_	316
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	_	38,858
Cash Flows of Investing Activities:		
Proceeds from sale of investments		361,992
Purchases of investments	(5	545,165)
Purchases of equipment		(1,698)
Payments received on notes receivable		13,313
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(	171,558)
Cash Flows of Financing Activities:		
Endowment fund contributions received		70,486
Payment made on lease obligation		(1,177)
Payment made on lease obligation	_	(1/1//)
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	_	69,309
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(63,391)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at July 1, 1995	_	370,911
Cash and Cash Equivalents at June 30, 1996	\$	307,520
Supplemental Disclosure:		
Interest and dividends received \$\frac{\$59,196}{}\$		
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—The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

### MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

Notes begin on this page and continue on the next page.

### NOTE 1 $\sim$ DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This description of activities and summary of significant accounting polices of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG), a not-for-profit organization, is presented to assist in understanding the MRG's financial statements.

Description of Activities: MRG is an active community of donors and grassroots activists working in partnership to serve as a catalyst for progressive social change in Oregon. MRG provides funds to support a broad range of issues, including anti-bigotry, racial justice, women's rights, homeless rights, HIV/AIDS, reproductive rights, lesbian and gay liberation, environmental protection, economic justice, anti-militarism and international self-determination. MRG grantees are groups that work for progressive social change in Oregon, are committed to diversity and inclusivity, and have little access to more traditional funding sources. 41% of current year general fund contributions were received from four households.

### MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	SUPP	ORTIN	GSERV	ICES
	Program N Services	lanagement & General	Fundraising	Total Functional Expenses
Payroll:			Tondraising	
Wages	\$ 37,402	35,064	\$22,936	\$95,402
Payroll taxes	3,680	3,504	2,267	9,451
Employee benefits	4,208	3,731	2,539	10,478
Total Payroll	45,290	42,299	27,742	115,331
Other:				
Accounting and bookkeeping	-	9,040	-	9,040
Books and subscriptions	283	17	90	390
Consultant fees	440	310	250	1,000
Copying and printing	745	484	194	1,423
Donor services	-	-	853	853
Event expense	3,600	-	-	3,600
Equipment maintenance	35	2,709	-	2,744
Funding exchange tithe	7,100	-	_	7,100
Insurance	-	356	-	356
Meetings and transportation	1,875	2,770	426	5,071
Miscellaneous	125	3,978	25	4,128
MRG Publications	5,044	100 40 -	530	5,574
Office rent	3,845	3,648	2,366	9,859
Office supplies	1,060	581	477	2,118
Other expenses	142	242	215	599
Portfolio management		8,456	_	8,456
Postage	2,086	1,470	309	3,865
Staff child care	98	302	98	498
Staff development	-	2,698	_	2,698
TTF expenses	_	2,090	_	2,090
Telephone	2,109	1,945	1,287	5,341
Transportation staff	427	1,550	603	2,580
Total Other	29,014	42,646	7,723	79, 383
Direct Grants				
Funding cycle grants	195,000		-	195,000
Critical response grants	3,500	_	-	3,500
Travel grants	3,275			3,275
Lilla Jewel Fund grants	3,000		_	3,000
Donor advised grants	94,550	_	Triban Carl	94,550
Donor pool grants	49,068		_	49,068
Fight-the-Right Initiative	10,000		_	10,000
Total Direct Grants	358,393			358,393
Total Expenses Before Depreciation	432,697	84,945	35,465	553,107
Depreciation		5,444		5,444
Total Expenses	\$ 432,697	\$ 90,389	\$ 35,465	\$ 558,551

—The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Change in Accounting Principles: During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1996, MRG adopted new financial accounting standards as noted below, to remain consistent with new generally accepted accounting principles. Net asset balances have been restated at July 1, 1995 to measure the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. Contributions: MRG has adopted SFAS No. 116, Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made. In accordance with SFAS No. 116, contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions received are recorded when unconditional promises to give are received from donors. Financial Statement Presentation: MRG has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Organizations. In accordance with SFAS No. 117, MRG is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. Investments: MRG has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 124, Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations. In accordance with FAS No.124, equity securities that have readily determinable fair values and all debt securities are measured at fair value.

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### MCKENZIE RIVER GATHERING FOUNDATION NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS • FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996 (CONTINUED)

#### NOTE 8 ~ CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE AND NET ASSET CLASSIFICATION

Net Asset balances have been adjusted at July 1, 1995 to measure the cumulative effect of change in accounting principle for the newly adopted accounting standards as noted below:

	Balance as of June 30, 1995	Restated Balance as of July1, 1995	Change
Endowment Pledges Receivable Allowance for Uncollectible Pledges	\$ - \$ -	\$ 178,650 (10,000)	\$ 178,650 (10,000)
Investments	\$ 888,252	\$ 913,351	25,099
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accou	unting Principles		\$ 193,749

Net Asset balances have been reclassified at July 1, 1995 to present groups consistent with the newly adopted accounting method and accounting standards.

New	Classification	at July	y 1, 1995
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Classification at June 30, 1995	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
Unrestricted Funds Restricted Fund,	\$ 262,438	\$ 262,438	\$ -	\$ -
Lilla Jewel Restricted Fund,	105,213	-	1,655	103,558
Michael Smith	99,557	290	-	99,267
Endowment Funds	816,645	7,885	-	808,760
Subtotal	1,283,853	270,613	1,655	1,011,585
Reclassify Endowment Funds		(22,650)		22,650
Reclassified Balances at July 1, 1995	\$1,283,853	\$ 247,963	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,034,235



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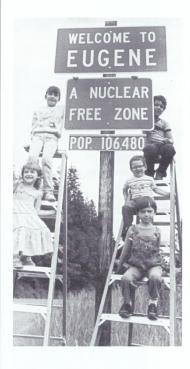
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