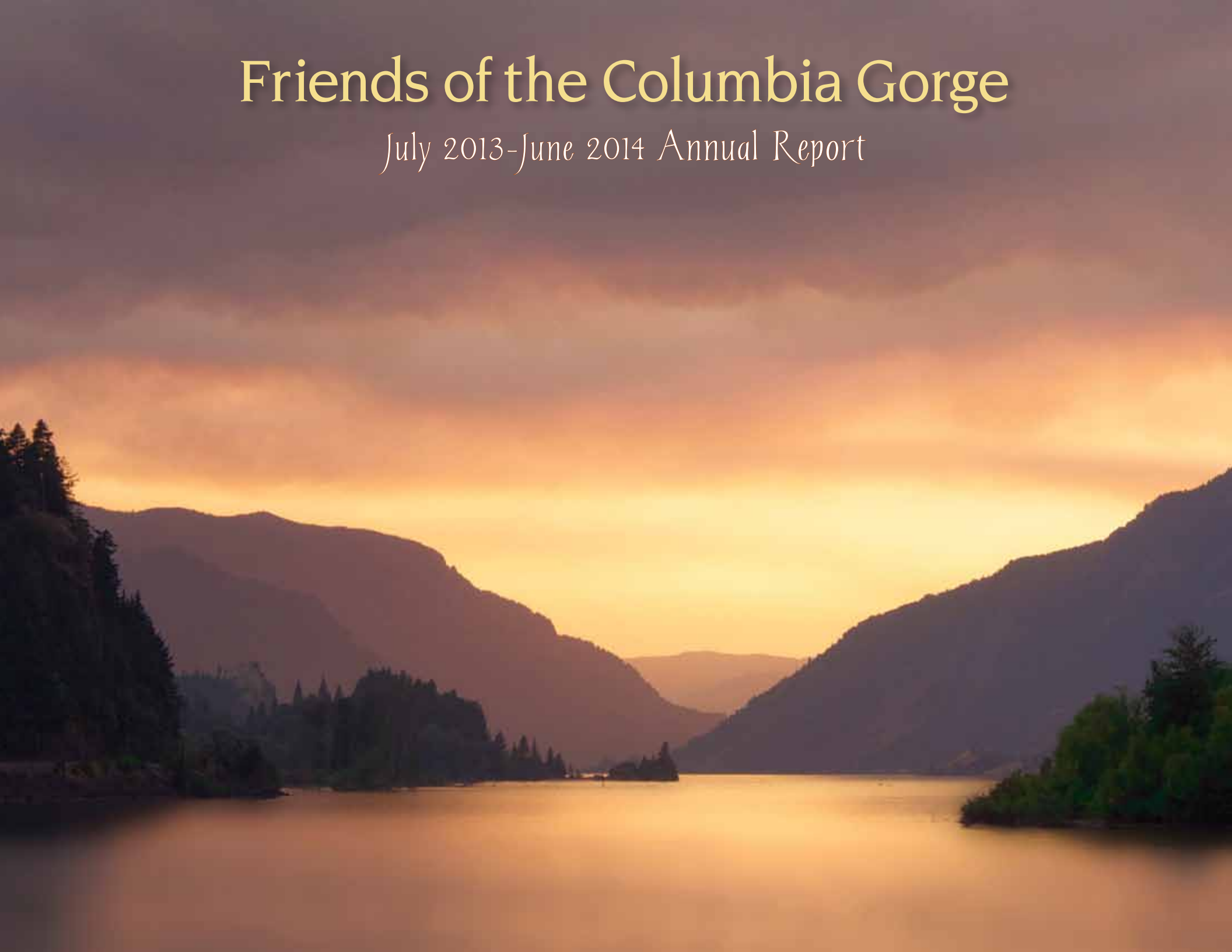


# Friends of the Columbia Gorge

*July 2013-June 2014 Annual Report*





### *Friends of the Columbia Gorge Board of Directors*

**Front, from left:** Debbie Asakawa, Pat Wall, Kari Skedsvold, Vince Ready

**Back:** Keith Brown, Eric Lichtenthaler, Rick Ray, Ken Denis

**Not pictured:** Chris Beck, Broughton H. Bishop, Pat Campbell, Maria Hall, Karen Johnson, Robert Matteri, Aubrey Russell, Meredith Savery, Martha Sonato, Mark Waller, Cynthia Winter, Charlie Webster, Polly Wood

### *Friends of the Columbia Gorge Staff*

**Front row, from left:** Kate Lindberg, Kate Harbour, Kate McBride, Sandy Wright, Maegan Jossy

**Middle:** Peter Cornelison, Kyle Broeckel, Paige Unangst, Stan Hall, Ryan Rittenhouse, Kevin Gorman

**Back:** Michael Lang, Pam Davee, Nathan Baker, Rick Till

**Not pictured:** Renee Tkach



Photos: Michael J. Horodyski / mjhpdx.com



### **Friends of the Columbia Gorge Board of Directors 2013-14**

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| Debbie Asakawa      | Vince Ready     |
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| Robert Matteri      | Polly Wood      |
| Rick Ray            |                 |

### **2013-14 Land Trust Board of Trustees**

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| Jim Desmond    | Barbara Nelson |
| Maria Hall     | Rick Ray       |
| Dustin Klinger | Aubrey Russell |
| Robert Matteri |                |

*Memaloose Island.* Photo: Rick Till

*Cover: Sunset in the Columbia Gorge.* Photo: Warren Morgan

Dear Friends,

When putting together our annual reports, metrics tend to dominate: acres purchased, public comments received, hikes led, funds raised. These important measures reveal “what” we do, but they don’t explain “why” we do it. A recent letter from a member helps answer that question.

*Since I will be 80 years old in less than six months, this may be the last time I can help Friends. I was born on a hill just north of Stevenson in 1935 . . . I cannot begin to describe my idyllic life there! An orphaned fawn we fed from our hands . . . The cold, running creek that spewed out of a hillside where I spent endless hot summer days. . .*

As a member, you invest in Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and your investment represents your head and your heart. Thoughtful consideration (the head) relates to the organization itself: is it effective, well run, and prudently managed? Values and emotion (the heart) connect to the mission: does the cause I’m supporting resonate deeply with me?

We’re happy to report that, over the past year, your investments yielded great dividends. The threat of coal trains in the Gorge has been greatly reduced, nearly 200 acres have been added to our land trust for protection, and our first *Gorge Towns to Trails* trail opened to the public. More successes are outlined in the following pages of this report.

Our member closed her letter this way:

*I have visited Canada, Mexico, Spain, Italy, France and Gibraltar, but it is the Gorge that lives in my heart – the NATURAL Gorge.*

That is the essence of “why” Friends of the Columbia Gorge exists: the Columbia Gorge lives in all of our hearts. Friends of the Columbia Gorge exists because of a place – a magnificent, magical place unlike anywhere else on the planet. And we exist because of you: people from five to 105 who find joy, inspiration, and meaning in exploring and preserving the one-of-a-kind wonder that is the Columbia Gorge.

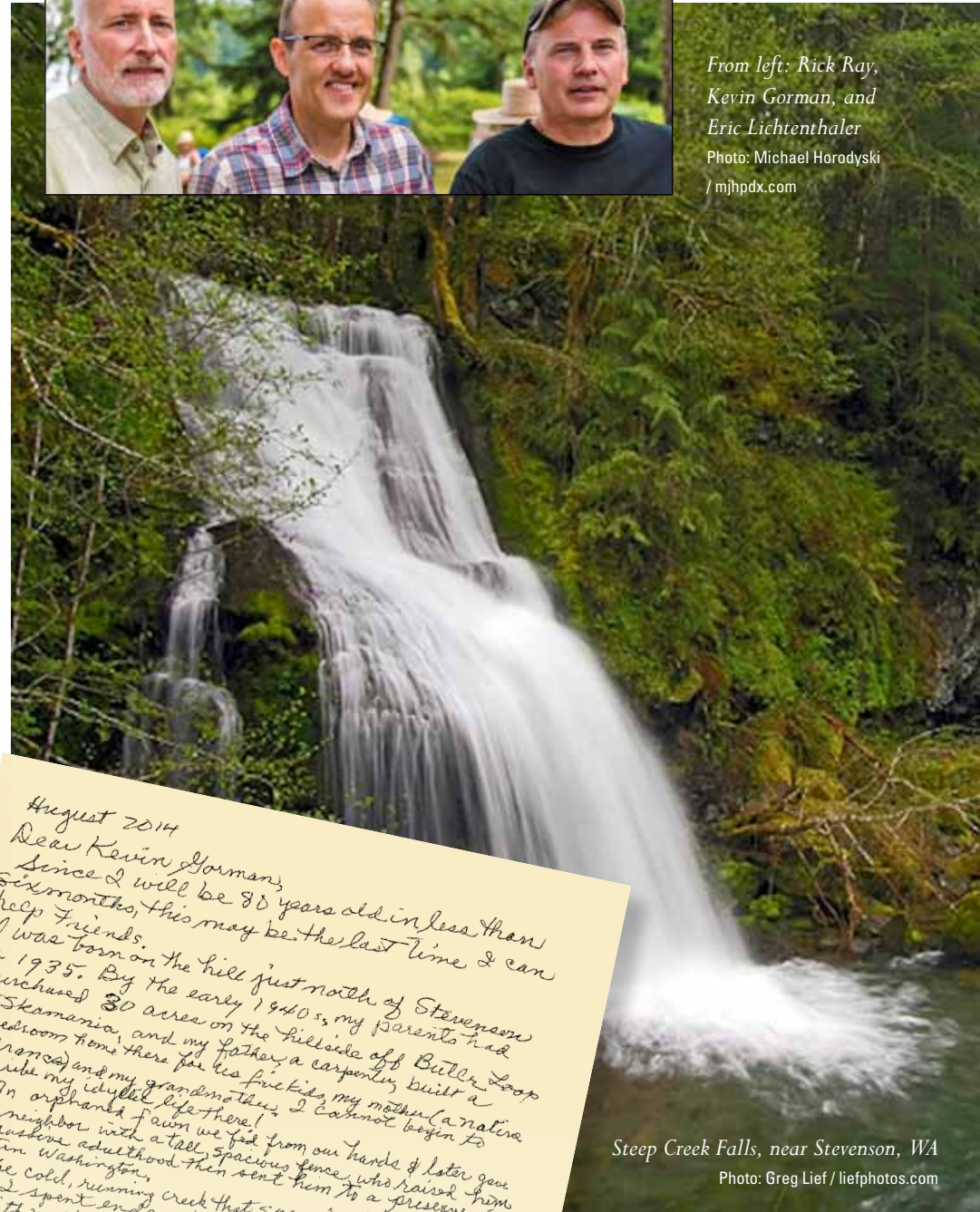
Kevin Gorman, Executive Director  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
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Eric Lichtenhaler, Chair  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Rick Ray, President  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust



From left: Rick Ray,  
Kevin Gorman, and  
Eric Lichtenhaler  
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August 2014  
Dear Kevin Gorman,  
Since I will be 80 years old in less than six months, this may be the last time I can help Friends.  
I was born on the hill just north of Stevenson in 1935. By the early 1940s, my parents had purchased 30 acres on the hillside off Butler Loop at Skamania, and my father, a carpenter, built a 3 1/2 bedroom home there for his folks, my mother (a native of France) and my grandmother. I cannot begin to describe my idyllic life there!  
- An orphaned fawn we fed from our hands & later gave to a neighbor with a tall, spacious fence, who raised him to mature adulthood. Then sent him to a preserve in eastern Washington.  
- The cold, running creek that spewed out of a hillside, where I spent endless hot summer days.  
- With my best friends, wading in the Columbia at Beacon Rock, and watching the SP&S tracks to had been made by portland businessmen who wanted to blow up the Rock!  
And Oh, so much more. I have visited Spain, Italy, France and Gibraltar.  
That lives in my heart.

Steep Creek Falls, near Stevenson, WA  
Photo: Greg Lief / liefphotos.com

A member letter to Friends,  
August 2014

# Conservation Advocacy and Legal Accomplishments

*A view from Cape Horn.*  
Photo: James Holloway

## Protecting the Gorge from Fossil Fuels and Energy Development

- In the past year, several proposals emerged to transport millions of gallons of volatile Bakken crude oil every day through the Columbia River Gorge. Friends was successful in convincing Washington state regulators to require a comprehensive analysis of the environmental effects of the massive Tesoro-Savage terminal proposed along the Columbia River in Vancouver, WA.
- Friends and allies continued our litigation against BNSF Railway for its violations of the Clean Water Act, to hold the company accountable for polluting the Columbia River and other waterways with massive amounts of coal dust from uncovered coal trains. Our lawsuits survived BNSF's motions to dismiss.
- Friends and the Power Past Coal coalition helped lay the groundwork for Oregon to deny Ambre Energy's proposal for a coal export terminal at the Port of Morrow on the Columbia River, near Boardman.
- We joined the U.S. Forest Service and other stakeholders in opposing a 653-megawatt gas power plant proposed at the gateway to the National Scenic Area in Troutdale, OR, asking two Oregon state agencies to deny permits for the project. Proceedings involving both agencies are pending.

## A Watchdog for the Scenic Area

- Friends reviewed every land use decision and submitted comments on every application for development in the National Scenic Area.
- Friends joined community members and the Hood River Valley Residents Committee in opposing a 165-foot-tall cellular communications tower proposed in a rural Scenic Area neighborhood. Our arguments helped convince the Hood River County Planning Commission to deny the cell tower.
- We assisted the U.S. Forest Service and Skamania County in successfully defending the County's denial of a proposed boundary line adjustment that would have violated county zoning laws and a federal conservation easement. The landowner's subsequent appeal to Superior Court is pending.
- Friends resolved a long-standing dispute over a Klickitat County landowner's proposal to divide and develop a scenic property at the edge of Dallesport. The settlement agreement establishes the location of the Dallesport urban area boundary and restricts future development.

## Strengthening Resource Protections

- Working with Save Our Scenic Area to protect thousands of acres of unzoned, forested lands in Skamania County and reserve them for forestry uses, Friends prevailed in a procedural appeal at the Washington Court of Appeals. The outcome of the Court of Appeals decision is currently being challenged by Skamania County at the Washington Supreme Court.
- Friends reached a settlement agreement with the U.S. Forest Service that will strengthen key provisions of the Gorge Management Plan. The resulting changes to the Plan include a requirement for decision makers to protect natural resources such as streams and wetlands from the cumulative adverse effects of multiple land use and development activities.

# A Five-year Odyssey: The Coal Train Timeline

★ Indicates conservation milestones

## 2010

**Early 2010** RailAmerica announces plans for a coal export terminal at Grays Harbor, in Hoquiam, WA.

★ **Nov. 2010** Cowlitz County, WA, approves a permit for Millennium (Ambre Energy) coal terminal on the Columbia River. Conservation groups appeal the application, after uncovering company plans to export 10 times as much coal as the permit allows. Millennium is forced to withdraw, but submits a new proposal.

## 2011

**Jan. 2011** Arch Coal buys interest in Millennium project.

**Feb. 2011** Gateway Pacific coal export terminal is proposed at Cherry Point, near Bellingham, WA. The proposal would export 48 million tons per year to Asia.

**Oct. 2011** Metro Ports Corp., Mitsui & Co., and Korean Electric Power Corp. propose a coal export terminal in Coos Bay, OR.

## 2012

**Jan. 2012** The Port of St. Helens, OR, approves an agreement with Kinder Morgan for a coal terminal proposal.

**Feb. 2012** Ambre Energy proposes a coal transfer terminal on the Columbia River at the Port of Morrow, near Boardman, OR.

★ **May 2012** Hundreds of activists rally in Portland's Pioneer Square to oppose coal export proposals.

★ **Aug. 2012** RailAmerica proposal for Grays Harbor is withdrawn.

★ **Oct. 2012** More than 124,000 citizens submit comments on Gateway Pacific's proposal, setting a state record.

★ **Dec. 2012** More than 20,000 public comments are submitted opposing Ambre Energy's coal terminal.

## 2013

★ **April 2013** The Coos Bay coal export project is dropped as investors flee the risky venture.

★ **May 2013** Kinder Morgan drops its coal bid.

★ **May 2013** Nearly 60 Native American Tribes sign a resolution opposing fossil fuel transport in the Northwest.

★ **June 2013** Friends and its allies file a Clean Water Act lawsuit against BNSF Railway for discharging coal into the Columbia River.

★ **July 2013** Hundreds of Gorge activists testify in Hermiston, OR, and Portland against a permit for the Ambre Energy coal project.

★ **Sept. 2013** Polling confirms that Oregon and Washington voters oppose coal exports by a wide margin.

★ **Nov. 2013** Washington Dept. of Ecology receives a record 215,000 comments on the proposed Millennium project.

## 2014

★ **April 2014** Oregon Gov. Kitzhaber declares strong opposition to coal export through Oregon.

★ **Aug. 2014** Oregon Dept. of State Lands denies Ambre Energy's Port of Morrow permit.

**Sept. 2014** Ambre Energy, the Port of Morrow, and the State of Wyoming appeal Oregon ruling.

*Open coal train beside the Columbia River*  
Photo: Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky

# Outreach and Volunteer Programs

**F**riends of the Columbia Gorge volunteers have been the backbone of Gorge protection for more than three decades. Whether helping at events or clearing trails, leading hikes or attending hearings, taking photographs or working with our Adopt-a-Highway program on the Historic Highway, Friends volunteers are outstanding!

## Activists

More than 2,000 Friends members and supporters took action for the Gorge this year. Activists wrote letters to newspapers, gave testimony at hearings, tabled at community events, assisted with outreach, ran phone banks, and more.

## Guided Outings

Our Fall and Spring 2013-14 recreation program featured 97 outings, led and shepherded by volunteers. The events included hikes, bike rides, tours, and rafting trips, as well as educational activities. Nearly 1,150 people came out to enjoy the Gorge and learn more about this incomparable landscape. A dozen hikes were paired with local winery visits, and 11 were *Play & Stay* weekends, offered in conjunction with *Gorge Towns to Trails*, to encourage our members and new Gorge lovers to connect with Gorge communities.

## Hike Challenges

Our *Flower Frenzy* hike challenge concluded July 31, 2013, with a record 290 participants, including 102 who completed the challenge to hike and identify 25 specific wildflowers. *Flower Frenzy* attracted 52 new members to Friends.

The 2014 *Histories & Mysteries* challenge started in March and will conclude in October. *Histories & Mysteries* encourages Gorge enthusiasts to visit 20 geologic and historic features that make the Columbia River Gorge a truly magical place.

## Stewardship

Fifty-four stewardship volunteers built and repaired trails, cut back invasive species, removed fuel ladders, and conducted surveys on recently acquired land. Volunteers worked on 11 stewardship projects, contributing 257 hours on our land trust properties. A generous grant from REI supported additional stewardship activities at the Mosier Plateau.

## Youth Program

Fifty middle school students from St. Andrew Nativity School were treated to a *Great Gorge Wahoo* outing in the Gorge. This day-long event is sponsored by two memorial funds, honoring Matthew Winthrop and Buddy Nobles.

Thirteen volunteers contributed to the success of our *Vic Clausen Youth Education Program* this spring. Now in its seventh year, the two- and three-day programs served 250 sixth graders from Washougal School District, introducing young people to the natural wonders and cultural history of the Columbia River Gorge.

## We salute these Friends volunteers of 2013-2014:

Hilary Akers	Felice Denis	Larry Keister	Craig Rogers
Nancy Allen	Ken Denis	Claudia Keith	Deborah Romerein
Joan Amero	Jim Denton	Mike Kitts	Aubrey Russell
Steven Amick	Paul Drew	Tom Kloster	Barbara Sack
Billie Anger	Samantha Dumont	Brice Koach	Sherry Salomon
Wyndham Kent Anger	Joan Durgin	Lance Koach	Stephen Salomon
Ruby Apsler	Margo Earley	Carol Kohler	Claudia Sanzone
Jon Arakaki	Ross Edginton	Shane Kwiatkowski	Mark Sanzone
Debbie Asakawa	Margaret Eickmann	Joe Leitschuh	Bill Savery
Arthur Babitz	Jody Ellis	Gerri Sue Lent	Mary Ann Schmidt
Debbie Baca	Ken Ferguson	Art Lewellan	Jeff Schuh
Barbara Bailey	Pat Ferguson-Steger	Alexander Liberman	John Schwiebert
Bob Bailey	Francis Firestone	Darryl Lloyd	Debbie Schwindt
Deb Bailey	Tim Fitchett	Jennifer Maddox	Renee Scott
Fred Baisden	Cathy Flick	Mary Makin	Vicky Shifter
Barbara Baker	Paul Freeman	Kathryn Marroquin	Duke Silva
Caglan Baler	Brian Friedrich	Greg Masarti	Ivana Skoko
Andy Bauer	Peter Frothingham	Kathleen Maunder	Lori Smith
Roland Begin	Joyce Fullingstad	Cheri Mazzola	Paul Smith
Judy Bentley	Lawrence Gabriel	Suzu McCausland	Steve Smith
Mike Berley	Jane Garbisch	Bonnie McKinlay	Melanie Soules
Daivati Bharadvaj	Gloria Gardiner	Jake Meyer	Dan Spatz
Linda Bitter	David Gates	Joan Meyerhoff	Kristen Stallman
John Boonstra	Catherine Godfrey	David Michalek	Steel
Sophie Brentlinger	Martha Goetsch	Carrie Miller	Paul Steger
Caroline Brinster	Dennis Golik	Dave Miller	Don Steinke
Daniela Brod	Katherine Goodwin	Susan Miller	James Sterrett
Regina Brody	Meghan Gorman	Jeff Mills	Martha Stevenson
Keith Brown	Gwen Graham	Brenda Morris	Bets Stover
Liana Brown	Marian Grebanier	John Morris	Ben Strausbaugh
Peter Brown	Mary Griffiths	William Moyer	Cynthia Strausbaugh
Phyllis Brown	Judy Groom	John Nelson	Eric Strid
Stephen Brown	Bryce Guske	Leslie Nelson	Pauline Sullivan
Jim Browning	Chris Gutschenritter	Marianne Nelson	Christina Taylor
Linda Browning	Annette Hadaway	Kristin Nesbit	Leah Teixeira
Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser	Cindy Hahn	Mitch Neuharth	James Thompson
Jesse Brownlee	Marguerite Hall	Susan Neulist	Jeff Thompson
Heather Brunelle	Holly Hansen	Carrie Nobles	Jim Tiefenthaler
Amanda Bulka	Susan Hanson	Danielle Novotny	Rukshana Triem-Hafez
Arlene Burns	John Harrison	Diane Nowicki	Steve Unangst
Alan Busacca	Raymond Hayden	Carlton Olson	Angela van Patten
Susan C. Hanson	Bev Hedin	Jim O'Rourke	Vincent Vignali
Wilson Cady	Alice Hellyar	Kim Owen	Jason Waicunas
Ann Campbell	Patty Herkert	Caroline Ozniak	Donna Wehrley
Joan Carter	Rick Hodge	Scott Parker	Bill Weiler
Erin Carver	Bob Hogfoss	Sheila Pastore	Roger Wendlick
Julie Chapman	Bozena Holloway	Carol Peterson	Hal White
Jim Chase	Holly Howell	Ivan Phillipsen	Rachel Witmer
Christy Clark	Ellie Hughes	Tim Pitz	John Wood
Chon Clayton	Stephen Hulick	Phoebe Poehner	Tom Wood
Terri Cole	Lisa Hull	Kristin Price	Sara Woods
Scott Cook	David Hupp	Duane Ray	Steven Woolpert
Beth Copeland	Bob Innes	Andy Reid	Courtney Yilk
Pappy Corbitt	Sherri Irish	Doug Richardson	Michael Young
Maria Elena Covarrubias	Linda Jo Hunter	Larry Richardson	Jill Zekanis
Jim Daly	Dave Johnson	Teresa Robbins	Jon Zonana
Mary Daly	David Johnson	Aytch Roberts	
Bill Daniels	Ruth Johnson	Barbara Robinson	
Rande Degidio	Michal Kawka	Andrea Rogers	

*Kids at our Spring 2014 Vic Clausen Youth Education Program at Beacon Rock.*

Photo: Michael Horodyski / mjhpdx.com

Strolling through Analemma Wines' vineyards near Mosier, OR, on one of our "wiking" hikes.

Photo: Kris Fade

## Gorge Towns to Trails

Friends of the Columbia Gorge launched *Gorge Towns to Trails* in 2011. The program brings to life our vision for a trail system circling the entire Gorge, linking Gorge communities to the natural wonders and incomparable beauty of this very special landscape.

### Mosier Plateau Trail

In September 2013, the Mosier Plateau trail on our land trust property near Mosier, OR, officially opened, linking the Plateau with the City of Mosier's Pocket Park. With generous support from donors, foundations, and volunteers, we constructed the trail, stairs, and a scenic overlook. The trail provides public access to sweeping views, and is used by Mosier residents and school groups.

### The Lyle Cherry Orchard Trail

Friends initiated expansion of the trail on our land trust property at Lyle Cherry Orchard, to extend it into the town of Lyle, WA. The National Parks Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and local trail supporters worked with us to address concerns in the Lyle community, and a survey conducted by the National Parks Service confirmed broad support for the trail.

### Bridge of the Gods Pedestrian Pathway

A coalition including Friends, the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the Port of Cascade Locks, and the City of Stevenson raised \$18,000 for an engineering analysis to consider development of a separate pathway for non-motorized use of this scenic bridge.

## Gorge Towns to Trails Partners and Supporters

Partners and supporters of our *Gorge Towns to Trails* program are the key to the program's success. Partners advocate on the behalf of the project, while supporters lend broad credibility by formally acknowledging their support.

### Partners

Beacon Rock State Park  
Cape Horn Conservancy  
Cascade Prime Timers  
Celilo Planning Studio  
Chinook Trails Association  
City of North Bonneville  
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
Mazamas  
National Park Service  
Northwest Youth Corps  
Pacific Crest Trail Association  
Sierra Club, Loo Wit Chapter  
Sierra Club, Portland Chapter  
Trailkeepers of Oregon  
Travel Oregon  
Washington Trails Association  
Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition

Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee  
Hood River Area Trail Stewards  
Lake Oswego Rotary  
Port of Camas-Washougal  
Skamania County Chamber of Commerce  
Stevenson Business Association (SBA)  
Travel Oregon Philanthropy Fund  
Vancouver Women's Club  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Washougal Lions Club  
  
Representative Earl Blumenauer  
Senator Maria Cantwell  
Senator Jeff Merkley  
Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Ron Wyden

### Supporters

Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce  
Camas-Washougal Rotary Club  
City of Mosier  
City of Stevenson  
City of Washougal  
Columbia Gorge Refuge Stewards  
Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Association  
Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association  
Confluence Project

### Business Supporters

**Bingen, WA**  
Mugs Coffee

**Cascade Locks, OR**  
Columbia River Inn  
Thunder Island Brewing

**Gorge-wide**  
Gorge Owned Business Network  
Thunder Island Brewing

**Hood River**  
Cathedral Ridge Winery  
Curious Gorge  
Gorge View Bed and Breakfast  
Hood River B & B  
Hood River Vacation Rentals  
Pfriem Family Brewers  
Solstice Café  
Waucoma Books  
Write On Target! Communications

**Lyle, WA**  
COR Wine Cellars  
Memaloose Winery  
Morning Song Acres Bed & Breakfast

**Mosier, OR**  
Analemma Wines  
Garnier Vineyards

**North Bonneville, WA**  
Bonneville Hot Springs Resort

**Skamania, WA**  
Skamania General Store

**Stevenson, WA**  
A & J Select Market  
Big River Grill / Joe's El Rio  
Bloomsbury of Kanaka Creek Farm  
Gorge Washington Magazine  
Lesley's Books & Beer  
Out On A Limb  
Martin's Gorge Tours  
The Resort at Skamania Coves  
Skamania Chiropractic & Rehabilitation  
Wind River Publishing

**The Dalles, OR**  
Celilo Inn  
Orchard View Farms  
Sunshine Mill/Copa di Vino

**Underwood, WA**  
AniChe Cellars

**Vancouver, WA**  
Brickhouse Bar and Grill  
Costco  
Evan Hull, Attorney at Law

**Washougal, WA**  
Aflac  
Amnesia Brewing  
Best Western  
D Studio 21  
Edward Jones  
Effective Web Solutions  
Mt. Pleasant Iris Farms  
Nies Insurance  
Quinn Mountain at Cape Horn  
Quiznos  
Reed Creative, LLC  
Transitional Designs  
TreeSong Nature Awareness and Retreat Center

### Transit to Trailhead

Friends, the Washington Department of Transportation, Skamania County Tourism, Western Federal Lands program, and the cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville worked to develop a public transit option providing weekend bus service to Cape Horn, Beacon Rock, Dog Mountain, and other trails. This was the first of a four-year pilot program.

### Play & Stay

This year, we expanded our *Play & Stay* program to include eleven weekends. *Play & Stay* weekends are coordinated with our guided hike program to encourage hikers to not only hit the trails, but to also leave a positive economic footprint in Gorge communities.

*A view from Mosier Plateau.*

Photo: Kevin Gorman

# Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

*A volcanic kolk pond at Dancing Rock.*

Photo: Debbie Asakawa



**T**he land trust added 200 additional acres to its holdings in the past year. In September 2013, the trust purchased a 164-acre property called Mount Ulka, near The Dalles; the purchase agreement included more than a half-mile of trail easement. The Mount Ulka purchase, made possible by generous donors, supports our *Gorge Towns to Trails* vision by completing a potential trail corridor between the Memaloose area and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles.

Additional acquisitions include fifteen acres east of Mosier, along the Historic Columbia River Highway, and fifteen acres at Mount Pleasant, across the Columbia from the Vista House. Conservation buyers had purchased the Mount Pleasant property five years ago at our request to protect it until permanent acquisition could occur.

## **Two properties to Become Public Land**

Forty acres of land trust property near Tom McCall Nature Preserve and an eighty-acre property with a beautiful waterfall will soon transfer to the U.S. Forest Service. Federal funding became available to purchase these inholdings – private property surrounded or nearly surrounded by public land – and the acquisitions will simplify Forest Service land management in those areas.

## **Members Donate Land**

In late 2013, two Friends members donated properties outside the Gorge, in rural eastern Oregon and Washington, to the land trust. The intent was that the parcels be sold and proceeds be used to preserve land in the National Scenic Area. One of those properties has already been sold and funds will be dedicated to our next acquisition campaign.

## **Leadership in Oregon's Land Trust Community**

Friends has played a vital role in the emergence and growth of COLT – the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, an association of 20 land trusts in Oregon. In early 2013, COLT hired former Friends staffer Kelley Beamer as its first executive director, and in early 2014, Friends Executive Director Kevin Gorman was elected president of COLT's board of directors.

## **As of June 30, 2014, our land trust holdings included 1,079 acres in these Gorge areas:**

**Oregon:** Dodson-Warrendale, Dell Road, Mosier Plateau, Memaloose Meadows, Memaloose Ridge, Mount Ulka, and Celilo.

**Washington:** Washougal Oaks, Mount Pleasant Farmlands, Cedar Falls, Carson Cove, Burdoin Oaks near White Salmon, Lyle Cherry Orchard, and Dancing Rock, near Dalles Mountain.



# Fundraising Year in Review

**We are pleased to announce the inauguration of the new Norman Yeon Legacy Circle for those who intend to leave a bequest gift.**

## Norman Yeon Legacy Circle members

Leslie Joan Allen  
Carole Beauclerk  
Lydie Boyer  
Gary and Laurel Bushman  
Patricia and Joe Campbell  
Frances Chapple  
Merle Clifton  
Mary Dickson

Gwen Farnham  
Eric and Robin Flamm  
Johnnalee and Mark Friedman  
Normandie and Robert Holmes  
Patricia Hoover  
Robert Kenyon  
Demetra Kramer  
Darvel Lloyd

Carrie Nobles  
Joan Ottinger  
Edyth Willard  
Ralph Rogers  
Sandi and Tom Rousseau  
Michael and Marie Ryan  
Hannah Schink  
William Sefler

Dr. William "Si" Simonson  
Doris G. Troxel  
Cynthia and Brian Winter  
Barbara H. Wolman  
Sandy Wright  
Twenty-one additional  
Norman Yeon Circle donors  
choose to be anonymous.

To learn more about the Norman Yeon Legacy Circle, contact Development Officer Pam Davee at [pam@gorgefriends.org](mailto:pam@gorgefriends.org) or 971-634-2036.

Legacy gifts played a prominent role in Friends' fundraising this year. These gifts came as bequests and as special gifts to support specific efforts and programs.

The bequest left by Nick and Kay Dodge, nearly \$1.5 million, shines like a blazing star. Nick was a legendary mountain climber who served on our board in the mid-1990s, and he and Kay regularly attended Conservator Circle events. To honor the Dodges' legacy, our board has directed their bequest to support our *Gorge Towns to Trails* project, a vision we know Nick and Kay would have loved.

A bequest from Len and Donita Swenson also stands out for us this year. Len also served on our board

in the 1990s. He and Donita lived in the Gorge and were stalwart supporters of Gorge protection. The Swensons' bequest will be used to hire additional staff as we face threats such as oil and coal trains, and develop new opportunities, such as our *Gorge Towns to Trails* project. Five bequests totaled more than \$1.8 million this year.

Legacies also include special gifts that make strategic impacts in specific ways. Special gifts from more than one hundred donors provided \$320,000 to purchase Mount Ulka in the eastern Gorge, an important link in our *Gorge Towns to Trails* vision that will one day provide hiking access to spectacular views. Donors also made special gifts to block the threat of coal trains in the Gorge and fund future land acquisitions.

While bequests transform our organization and special gifts make strategic impacts, it is the regular, steady membership gifts that keep Friends strong year in and year out. Annual membership gifts allow us to plan our annual operating budget and provide the foundation that other gifts build on. Membership support continued to grow this year.

Thank you to all our members and donors. We are honored to carry out your vision of an unspoiled Columbia Gorge landscape for everyone to enjoy, now and in coming generations.

*View from Mount Ulka.*

Photo: Kevin Gorman

## Thank you!

### Guardians of the Gorge

#### Mount Defiance \$50,000 - \$100,000+

Elaine and Nathan Ballou  
Nancie S. McGraw  
Eleanor Warren and  
Gregory Misarti  
Susan Wohld

#### Table Mountain \$25,000 - \$49,999

Columbia Gorge  
Environmental Foundation  
Alice Vaux Hall  
Rainforth Foundation  
The Fund for Second Nature  
YARG Foundation

#### Angel's Rest \$10,000 - \$24,999

Broughton and Mary Bishop  
Bill and Beatrice Booth  
Edmund and Debbie Campbell  
Patricia and Joe Campbell  
Phyllis Clausen  
Jane Crowder  
Energy Foundation  
The Hetherington Fund of the  
Oregon Community Foundation  
Cascadia Foundation  
Northwest Fund for the Environment  
Rick Ray and Ann Philipsborn  
REI  
Christine and David Vernier  
Wiancko Charitable Foundation Inc.

#### Cape Horn \$5,000 - \$9,999

William M. Brod Fund of the  
Oregon Community Foundation  
Dorothy Martin Burdick  
Camas Washougal Community Chest  
Chester and Marion Beals Memorial Fund  
EarthShare Oregon  
Elmer and Joan Galbi  
Barbara and Jerry Giesy  
Marshall Goldberg  
Sis Hayes  
Dan and Kathy Huntington  
Jubitz Family Foundation  
Cookie and Igo Jurgens  
Barbara A. Manildi  
The Marge Riley Fund of the  
Oregon Community Foundation  
Robert Matteri  
McGraw Family Foundation  
Carrie Nobles  
Jan and Steve Oliva  
Michael and Nancy Phillips  
Loring and Margaret Winthrop

### Estate Gifts

This year, estate gifts from these generous members expanded the capacity of Friends to stand strong against giant coal and oil projects, move forward with *Gorge Towns to Trails*, and develop new opportunities for land acquisition.

Harvey Britten  
Nicholas and Kay Dodge  
Thomas W. Holman Sr.  
Adelina and Santino Paperini  
Len and Donita Swenson

These gifts will help us ensure that the Columbia River Gorge remains beautiful for coming generations.

### Conservators of the Gorge

#### Beacon Rock \$2,500 - \$4,999

Toshiko Asakawa  
Sidney Clausen and Robin Rexius  
Edward J. Cleary  
Custom Stamping & Manufacturing  
Happy and Marshall Hieronimus  
Stan E. Kambly  
Leslie Labbe  
Kate Mills  
Oregon Parks Foundation, Inc.  
Joseph and Susie Palena  
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## Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

### Statement of Financial Position 6/30/2014

#### Assets

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$1,767,895
Long Term Investments	\$5,608,059
Prepaid Expenses	\$29,801
Current Assets	\$70,383
Other Assets	\$27,092
Land & Related	\$6,665,618
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,168,847</b>

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$33,761
Other Liabilities	\$15,207
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$48,968</b>

#### Net Assets

Unrestricted - Invested in Land	\$6,665,618
Unrestricted - Other	\$4,899,902
Temporarily Restricted	\$2,216,867
Permanently Restricted	\$337,492
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$14,119,879</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$14,168,847</b>

### Statement of Activities

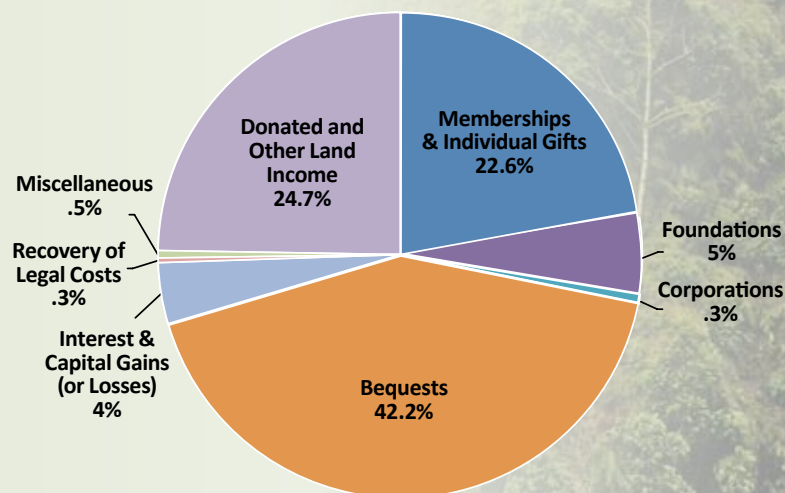
#### Revenue

Memberships and Individual Gifts	\$980,370
Foundations	\$231,274
Corporations	\$11,477
Bequests	\$1,835,858
Interest & Capital Gains (Losses)	\$177,290
Recovery of Legal Costs	\$13,125
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$21,463
Donated and other Land income	\$1,074,875
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,345,733</b>

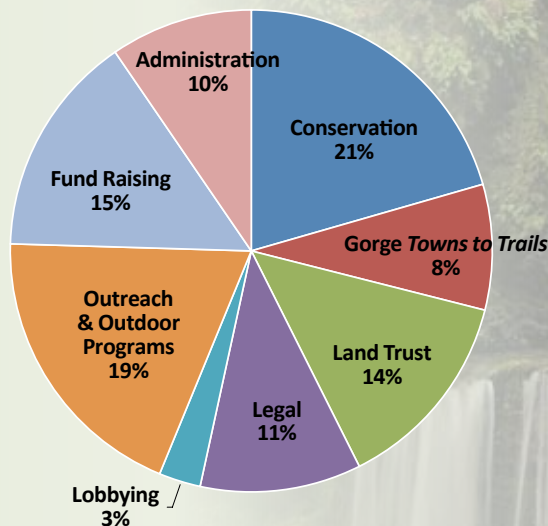
#### Expenses

Conservation	\$336,619
Gorge Towns to Trails	\$137,901
Land Trust	\$223,663
Legal	\$177,110
Lobbying	\$45,896
Outreach & Outdoor Programs	\$315,628
Fund Raising	\$245,381
Administration	\$156,603
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,638,801</b>

#### Revenue



#### Expenses





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