

[local restoration, global leadership]



EARTHCorps ANNUAL REPORT 2006

2006 FIELD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 100,000 hours of service
- 20 miles of trail maintained
- 2,000 feet of salmon stream restored
- 98 acres of forest in restoration
- 3,700 survival rings



Sara Randle '06 Wisconsin starts a survival ring to save a mature Douglas fir from English ivy. Mature conifers are one of the Earth's most efficient carbon sequestration technologies.

Dear Friends,

EarthCorps turned 13 in 2006 – an important birthday and rite of passage. This year, we expanded our corps program to include six additional international participants. Our alumni are doing great things, such as managing the largest urban reforestation effort in US history, advocating for indigenous people's resource rights around Lake Victoria, and teaching children to care for mangrove swamps in the Yucatán. It's exciting to see this next generation of environmental stewards making a real impact in their communities!

EarthCorps' recipe is to care for people first – to unveil their individual capacities and develop an esprit de corps. Caring for each other as whole people helps corps members appreciate the value of caring for a whole ecosystem. Rather than pitting human needs against ecosystem needs, EarthCorps encourages our participants and partners to approach people, communities and the environment holistically to create the most sustainable solution. That's why we aim for three outcomes simultaneously: strong communities, healthy habitats and young leaders.

EarthCorps' Niche: Community-based environmental restoration

EarthCorps specializes in connecting people with nature and each other. By partnering with schools, companies, utilities, parks and natural resources departments and neighborhood groups, EarthCorps accelerates environmental projects that community members have prioritized. We create opportunities to involve local residents, and especially youth, to ensure that the people who will benefit from the project are also committed to sustaining it.

2006 HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer Program

In recognition of the importance of working with local volunteers, EarthCorps created the Volunteer Program (formerly part of the Outreach Program). We committed to enhance the quality of volunteer events and increase the number of volunteers over the next four years. Washington Women's Foundation is generously supporting this effort with a three-year, \$75,000 grant.

Diversity and Biodiversity

Diversity is a core value at EarthCorps because we know from observing natural systems that when diverse parts work together, they create a better

whole. In 2006, EarthCorps began a multi-year effort to understand how racism affects our organization, participants and community work. This process is important because, like many environmental organizations, EarthCorps is predominantly white. Our participants deal with race issues and international participants are often confronted with unfamiliar dynamics. We are committed to working effectively with communities of color.

We feel confident we can grapple with this issue because we have a track record of confronting other "isms", such as sexism, successfully. It is heartening every year to see young women – from Minnesota, Honduras or Nepal – burst through cultural and gender stereotypes as they learn to carve out log bridges with a chainsaw, move three-"man" rocks with an iron bar, or wield a Pulaski to break new trail. Building confidence among traditionally disempowered people – whether women, children or people of color – creates enormous positive benefits for our work.

Global Warming and Puget Sound

After many requests, EarthCorps was able to add the first biodiesel truck to our vehicle fleet in 2006. An annual environmental impact assessment helps gauge the cumulative footprint of staff and corps members as we complete our work. EarthCorps is also acting with an eye toward the effects of global climate change. As part of the Alliance for Puget Sound Shorelines and the Puget Sound Partnership, EarthCorps works on shoreline and watershed restoration projects. Our work at Piper's Creek contributed to a record chum salmon run at Carkeek Park, a glimmer of hope that even the most impacted urban ecosystems can begin to recover.

We look forward to continuing the momentum of building global community through local environmental service. Thank you for your investment in EarthCorps!

Sincerely,

Steve Dubiel, Executive Director
John Harrison, Board President

GROWING A STRONG EARTH CORPS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES for the year ended December 31, 2006

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
REVENUE				
Individual and Corporate Contributions	154,698	-	-	154,698
Foundation Grant	184,899	61,442	-	246,341
Government Grants	358,300	-	-	358,300
Fundraising Events, net of expenses	53,176	-	-	53,176
Program Services	1,101,424	-	-	1,101,424
Investment and Miscellaneous Income	17,559	-	-	17,559
Funds Released from Restrictions	105,000	(105,000)	-	-
Total Revenue	1,975,056	(43,558)	-	1,931,498
EXPENSES				
Program Services	1,621,364	-	-	1,621,364
Management and General	145,925	-	-	145,925
Fundraising	80,152	-	-	80,152
Total Expenses	1,847,441	-	-	1,847,441
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS¹	127,615	(43,558)	-	84,057
Net Assets Beginning Of Year ¹	635,043	190,000	2,300	827,343
Net Assets End Of Year	762,658	146,442	2,300	911,400

Note 1: As restated in 2005



REVENUE

- Program Revenue 56%
- Grants & Donations 38%
- Other 6%



EXPENSES

- Program Services 88%
- Management & General 8%
- Fundraising 4%

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION at December 31, 2006

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash ²	509,551
Pledges Receivable	50,256
Accounts Receivable	276,166
Prepaid Expenses	26,919
Total Current Assets	862,892
Net Property and Equipment	49,215
Unemployment Trust Deposits	119,085
Investments - endowment funds	5,191
Total Assets	1,036,383
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	59,507
Payroll Liabilities	35,273
Vacation Pay Payable	27,802
Deferred Revenue	2,401
Total Current Liabilities	124,983
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	762,658
Temporarily Restricted	146,442
Permanently Restricted	2,300
Total Net Assets	911,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	1,036,383

Note 2: Cash includes \$125,000 reserve fund.

A LIVING LEGACY

Trees. Clear-flowing, salmon bearing streams. Young people whose eyes are opened to the wonders of nature.

Consider EarthCorps in your estate planning and leave a living legacy for Washington and the world:

I give and bequeath __% of the value of my estate to EarthCorps, a charitable organization incorporated in the State of Washington, ID # 91-159-2071, with its principal office currently located at 6310 NE 74th Street, Suite 201E, Seattle, WA 98115.

Contact Pipo Bui, Development Director at pipo@earthcorps.org for more information.

FINANCIAL REPORT (AUDITED)

2006 WORK SITES

AUBURN

Auburn Narrows Park
Cook Property
Gary Grant Soos Creek Park
Green River
Hatchery Park
Metzler Park
Porter Levee
Whitney Bridge

BELLEVUE

Cougar Ridge Elementary School

BOTHELL

North Creek

BURIEN

Seahurst Park

CAMANO ISLAND

Iverson Spit

CARNATION

Chinook Bend
Jubilee Farm
Mary Olson Farm
Snoqualmie River
Tolt MacDonald Park

CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED

ENUMCLAW

Newaukum Creek

FALL CITY

Crystal Lakes Trail Salvage Nursery

FEDERAL WAY

Brook Lake
Hylebos Creek
Lower Hylebos Marsh
Spring Valley Open Space
Spring Valley Ranch
West Hylebos Wetlands Park

ISSAQUAH

Hang Glider Creek
Kirkwood
Klahanie
Lake Sammamish State Park
Pickering
Salvage Nursery
Squak Mountain
Tiger Mountain
Yellow Lake Trail

KENT

Clark Lake Outfall
Mullens Slough

KIRKLAND

Juanita Bay & Swamp Creek

LAKE FOREST PARK

Brookside Creek
Log Cabin
McAleeer Creek

LYNNWOOD

Lynnwood High School

MAPLE VALLEY

Cedar Grove Nursery
Redal Fence

MEDINA

Fairweather Nature Preserve

MERCER ISLAND

Clarke Beach
Ellis Pond
Gallagher Hill Park
Island Crest Park
Mercerdale Hillside
Pioneer Park

MILL CREEK

MILTON

West Milton Wetland

MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST

Dingford Creek Trail
Dutch Miller Gap
Mid Fork Snoqualmie River

MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

Crystal Lakes Trail

NEWCASTLE

Hazelwood Elementary School

NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

NORMANDY PARK

MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY

Mt. Si
Rattlesnake Ledge

REDMOND

Marymoor Park
Salvage Nursery
Sammamish Releaf

RENTON

Black River
Elliott Bay Spawning Channel
Lions Run

Mouth of the Cedar River
Waterworks

SAMMAMISH

Hazel Wolf Wetland
Treemont

SAN JUAN ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

American Camp

SEATTLE

Becker's Pond
Carkeek Park
Cheasty Greenspace
Chinook Beach Park
Colman Park
Croft Place
Dearborn Park
Dr. Jose Rizal Park
Duwamish River Park
Fauntleroy Park
Frink Park
Golden Gardens
Hitt's Hill
Homewood
Interlaken Park
Jackson Park Golf Course
Jackson Park Natural Area
Jolly Eitelberg Property
Kiwanis Ravine
Kiwanis Wildlife Corridor
Kramer Creek
Lake Peoples Park
Lakeridge Park
Leschi Overlook
Lincoln Park
Littlebrook
Llandover Woods
Longfellow Creek
Magnuson Park
Mapes Creek
Me-Kwa-Mooks
Miller Creek

Mt. Baker Greenbelt and Park
NE 107th St. Stream
North Seattle Community College
Northeast Queen Anne Greenbelt
Piper's Creek
Ravenna Park
Rossi Place
Roxhill
Salmon Bay
Schmitz Preserve
Seward Park
Thornton Creek Park 1, 2, 6, 98th Street
Venema Weir
West Duwamish Greenbelt

SKYKOMISH

Skykomish Ranger Station

TACOMA

Middle Waterway Commencement Bay
Mowitch
Squally
Yowkwala

VASHON ISLAND

Christianson Pond
Fisher Pond
Johnson Pond
Pat Collier Property
Shingle Mill Creek

WHIDBEY ISLAND

Freeland Park
Possession Beach Waterfront Park

WOODINVILLE

Little Bear Creek
Park Hill Open Space
Upper Bear Creek Conservation Area
Wooden Creek Park
Woodinville @ 145th

DR. JOSE RIZAL PARK

The Price of Neglect and A Dramatic Turnaround
With contributions from Craig Thompson, Beacon Alliance of Neighbors

Dr. Jose Rizal Park is a stone's throw from Amazon.com's world headquarters on a hill overlooking downtown Seattle. Named for a Filipino national hero in 1974, the area had hosted homeless encampments since the 1930s, when it was dubbed "The Jungle." In 2003, feuding heroin gangs moved into the park. They beat up the homeless people, accosted elderly residents and attracted an active prostitution business. Thanks to a neighborhood effort and City enforcement, the gangs were evicted. In all, 70 tons of debris were hauled from the park.

Restoration efforts are making the park attractive once more. Over 25 public agencies and community groups are involved, including EarthCorps. Since 2005, neighbors and volunteers have stripped 25,000 square feet of ivy off the trees and slopes, saved over 500 trees and replanted native plants along the steep hillside. A trail is planned to provide better police and resident access through the park, and to link the park to the Mountains to Sound Greenway that runs from Seattle to the Cascade Mountains. The park is once again a welcoming place for visitors, including many Filipino families.



Bunker with Puget Sound views, built by heroin gang.



Light filters through trunks and down a slope freed from ivy.

LOCAL RESTORATION

2006 PROGRAMS

Corps program – EarthCorps’ core program is an intensive year-round service learning experience for young adults ages 18-25 from across the United States and around the world. Up to 60 young adults participate in the program annually.

Crew leaders and outreach interns – Selected corps program graduates qualify for advanced second-year leadership development training.

Youth program – Corps members, crew leaders and interns lead environmental education and service learning programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Up to 4,000 youth participate in EarthCorps’ environmental service programs during the school year and in the summer.

Volunteer program – Volunteer events in local parks and open spaces engage thousands of community volunteers each year in restoring their local environment. Over 300 events were held in 2006, including extensive collaboration with the Green Seattle Partnership.

International activities – EarthCorps hosts delegations from around the world to share best practices in youth development and environmental restoration work. In 2006, alumni organized work camps in Ecuador’s Cloud Forest and Siberia’s Great Baikal Trail. EarthCorps also piloted an out-placement externship, hosting an Australian participant at the California Conservation Corps. For more information about EarthCorps programs and requirements, see www.earthcorps.org

TREES FOR TABITHA

EarthCorps is grateful to the many friends and relatives of Lisa Stiffler and Brent Roraback, who donated to EarthCorps in Tabitha’s honor. This legacy is flourishing in a grove of conifers and native shrubs near the Environmental Learning Center at Carkeek Park.

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YOUNG LEADER

EarthCorps’ First Participant from the People’s Republic of China

EarthCorps’ young adult participants hail from all 50 states and over 50 countries. In 2006, EarthCorps welcomed the first international participant from China into the corps program. Kui Li is a student at Sichuan University in western China and director of GreenSOS. GreenSOS networks and provides resources to green student organizations in western China. They coordinate environmental education, film series, discussion groups and learning opportunities for multi-school student groups.



Li joined EarthCorps to learn how to grow the organization and garner support beyond the founding professors. “EarthCorps is my first step to explore worldwide environmental protection.” After six months in Seattle, she returned to Chengdu with a portfolio of ideas for new projects and \$2,000 in grants. Support from the Peace Child, a Disney Minnie Grant and the local environmental protection bureau allowed GreenSOS to hold the city’s first Earth Day / Global Youth Service Day celebration.



Zhong Bei Elementary School students join GreenSOS’s Earth Day.

Fifty university students who had participated in 6 months of environmental education led 50 elementary school students and their families to remove invasive plants in Wang Jiang Park. The event raised awareness about how recently introduced plants threaten to spread to rural areas around the city.

CATALYST FOR CHANGE

Ann Lennartz, who seeded the local restoration ethic, passed away on September 6, 2006. She influenced generations of EarthCorps participants. Ann will be sorely missed in the restoration community.

*Sparkle in her eye
Faith and Force in her pocket
She made our place green*

—Amy Tippery ’99

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP



[earthcorps' mission is to build global community through local environmental service]

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