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PROGRAM

Leadership is at the forefront of EarthCorps' mission to build a global community of leaders through local environmental service. The environmental movement urgently needs to elevate a new generation of leaders who can envision what is possible and inspire people to act. We invest deeply in training and growing an alumni network that embodies this aspiration.

EarthCorps' corps program is a life-changing experience. The goal of this service-learning program is to develop confidence, a sense of accomplishment, and a life-long connection to the environment. The program emphasizes community ownership and shared responsibility for natural resources, fosters cross-cultural and intergenerational understanding, promotes civic engagement, and encourages volunteerism. The 53 participants in the 2012 corps connected with thousands of active volunteers, contributing to cross-cultural understanding through hands-on projects that restore local ecosystems.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We live in a world filled with daunting challenges like climate change. Rather than focus on what can't be done, EarthCorps operates on the principal that **everyone** can act to change the world. Our growing network of alumni leaders continues to spread around Puget Sound, across the US, and to more than 80 countries around the world. Through hope and hard work, our alumni inspire positive community action.

We are proud of what we accomplished with your support in 2012 and inspired by the work of our alumni locally and globally. As we began to celebrate our 20th Anniversary, we took the time to reflect and plan for the future. We engaged 200 people during a strategic planning process. Our strategic plan set five priorities:

- **Develop environmental leaders:** Provide hands-on leadership training that enables our corps members to change the world.
- **Be the best at community-based restoration:** Provide a model for engaging communities in restoring and stewarding the places where we live with a special commitment to Puget Sound restoration.
- **Extend the finish line:** Leverage long-term connections with EarthCorps volunteers and alumni to realize our shared vision of a world where people live in balance with the earth.
- Align the funding model: Grow philanthropic revenue to fully fund our investment in leadership development and international participation in our programs.
- Tell our story: Through storytelling, inspire people to become part of our work.

This year in particular, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary, I want to take a moment to say **thank you** to the thousands of donors, volunteers, and partners who team up with us to create the change we want to see in the world.

Sincerely,

Steve Dubiel, Executive Director

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MEET ASSELA

Assela Ongarbayeva comes from a wheat-farming family in southern Kazakhstan, where it is traditional for women to marry around age 17. Assela knew she wanted something different. She pursued a degree in environmental studies.

Assela joined EarthCorps' environmental leadership program in 2011 and stayed as a Volunteer Specialist in 2012. She surprised herself by rising to the challenge of leading volunteers of all ages and teaching them how to play a critical role in keeping our parks healthy - in English! "In my world it wouldn't have been possible for a 24-year old woman to be a leader in the environment," she says.

Now back in Kazakhstan, Assela is continuing to impact her community and utilizing her leadership skills in her job at the Kazakh Scientific Research Institute of Water Management in the city of Taraz.

CREW LEADERS

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2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

53 environmental leaders trained 12.844 volunteers 108,615 hours of service 27 school partnerships 53,662 plants installed 9 miles of trail maintained

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EarthCorps prioritized our focus on Puget Sound in 2012. This culminated in the joining of forces with People For Puget Sound's restoration program. When long-time partner People For Puget Sound ceased operations in September 2012, they turned to EarthCorps to continue leading their restoration efforts. This creates opportunity to amplify the scope and visibility of EarthCorps' Puget Sound restoration impact. We are leveraging our nearshore program based on strategic People For Puget Sound projects, while also building on projects already taking place at EarthCorps. Three key focus areas are: Tacoma's Commencement Bay, Seattle's Duwamish River, and the Snohomish River estuary.

Project work includes People For Puget Sound's robust Sound Stewardship Program that connects dedicated volunteer Stewards to restoration sites; engaging in a national pilot carbon sequestration project to better understand the huge carbon storage capacity of tidal wetlands; and providing leadership needed to move large-scale tidal marsh restoration projects forward in Snohomish and Thurston Counties.

HYLEBOS WATERSHED

Since 1983, Friends of the Hylebos has been working to protect and restore streams, wetlands, forests and open space throughout the Hylebos Watershed. The watershed lies primarily in Federal Way and stretches from South King into Pierce County. In 2011, Friends of the Hylebos joined forces with EarthCorps.

In 2012 1,250 volunteers came out and got their hands dirty to keep the wetlands healthy! They installed 1,295 plants and restored 100,000 square feet of parkland through removal of invasive plants that threatened forest health.





Growing up in Olympia and spending time in the wilderness fostered in me a love of nature and the need to be outdoors. I learned to love cities in college and to see them as integral to solving many of society's environmental challenges. I am troubled by the idea that we must escape cities to immerse ourselves in nature. To build a truly sustainable future, it's crucial that we make cities more livable and see them as interconnected with our natural environment. I came to EarthCorps because the habitat restoration and community building we do is a meaningful step toward that vision.

- AVERY BOWRON, CORPS MEMBER 2012, CREW LEADER 2013

RESTORATION SITES

ish River BELLEVUE: Chism Beach Park, Lewis Park BRIER: Brierwood Park BURIEN: Private Property CARNATION: Private Property EVERETT: Horizon Elementary School (Horizon Community Wetland) Union Slough FALL CITY: Private Property, iver, Snoqualmie River FEDERAL WAY: Brook Lake Blueberry Farm, Dumas Bay Park, Jordan/Lower Hylebos Nature Park, Poverty Bay, West Hylebos Wetlands Park FIFE: Jordan Property, Sha-Dadx FRIDAY HARBOR: San Juan National Historic Park GOLD BAR: Reiter oothills Recreation Area ISSAQUAH: Private Property ISSAQUAH - KLAHANIE: 242nd Ave Natural Area, Gas Pipeline Trail Natural Area, Klahanie Trail Natural Area, Mountain View Pool Natural Area, Power Line Trail Natural Area, P-Patch NGPA, Sutters Pond Natural Area, Yellow Lake Natural Area **KENMORE:** Swamp Creek Park **KENT:** Clarke Lake Park, Green / Duwamish River, Mill Creek Earth Works **KIRKLAND:** Carillon Woods, Cotton Hill Park, Everest Park, Juanita Bay Park, Juanita Creek Watershed, Kiwanis Park, Private Property, Watershed Park LAKE FOREST PARK: Grace Cole Nature Park LEAVENWORTH: Tall Timber Ranch MAPLE VALLEY: Passage Point MARYSVILLE: 9311 67th Ave NE MERCER ISLAND: Clarke Beach, Ellis Pond, Crest Park, Luther Burbank Park, Pioneer Park, Wildwood Park **MILTON**: East Hylebos , West Milton **MONROE**: Woods Creek Nursery **MOUNTLAKE TERRACE**: Markland s **NORTH BEND**: Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Mailbox Peak, **ORTING**: Private Property, Prairie Creek **PUYALLUP**: Clark's Creek, Meeker Creek, Private Property **REDMOND**: Creek Creek Creek Creek North And Creek And Creek, Private Property **REDMOND**: Park, Greenbriar Tract A, NE 124th St, Perrigo Park, Peter's Creek SEATTLE: al Area on TC, Carkeek Park, Cheasty Greenspace: McClellan, Cheasty Conibear Shellhouse Wetland, Dearborn Park, Discovery Park, Dr. Jose h GB: 39th Ave, East Duwamish GB: Beacon Ave S., East Duwamish ouse Turnout, St. Marks Greenbelt, Fairview Park, Fauntleroy Park, Gardens Park, Interlaken Park, Katie Black's Garden, Kiwanis Memorial s Ravine Overlook, Kubota Gardens, Lewis Park, Licton Springs Park, k, Madrona Woods, Me-Kwa-Mooks Park, Mountlake Boulevard, Park, Private Property, Puget Creek Greenspace, Ravenna e Park, Seola Beach Greenbelt, Seola Park, Seward Park, ne Greenbelt, Warren G Magnuson Park, Washington Park West Duwamish Greenbelt: Pigeon Point, Woodland Park IORELINE: Boeing Creek Park, Cromwell Park, Hamlin Park, Innis otanical Garden, Multiple Sites, Shoreview Park, South Woods pine Lakes Wilderness Area: Necklace Valley SNOQUALMIE: Falls **STANWOOD:** Livingston Bay Preserve, Port Susan Bay Preserve **TACOMA**: g-le-hi-ti Wetland, McKinley Park, Swan Creek Estuary, Yowkwala TUKWILA: rk, Codiga Park, Duwamish Hill Preserve VASHON ISLAND: Maury Island WOODINVILLE: Bear Creek Natural Area, Little Bear Creek, Woodin Creek Park

I am so proud of our 2012 EarthCorps cohort. These young adults have worked tirelessly to make the world a better place. Through adversity, commitment, challenge of the status quo, and courage to go farther beyond what they thought was possible, they have enabled themselves and others to activate and inspire needed change. The power of this group is unstoppable and has truly replenished my hope and love for humanity.

- ERIN THOMAS, CORPS PROGRAM MANAGER



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for the year ended December 31, 2012

| for the year ended December 51, 2012 | | Temporarily | Permanently |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Restricted |
| REVENUE | | | |
| Program Services | 1,374,935 | - | |
| Government Grants | 275,304 | - | |
| Other Contributions and Grants | 400,293 | 240,000 | |
| In-Kind Contributions | 76,137 | - | |
| Fundraising Events, net of expenses | 73,149 | - | |
| Investment Income and Misc. | 17,765 | - | |
| Contribution from People For Puget Sound | - | 17,242 | |
| Funds Released from Restrictions | 136,412 | (136,412) | |
| Total Revenue | 2,353,995 | 120,830 | - |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Program Services | 2,112,163 | - | - |
| Management and General | 241,119 | - | - |
| Fundraising | 111,174 | - | - |
| Total Expenses | 2,464,456 | - | - |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | (110,461) | 120,830 | - |
| Net Assets Beginning Of Year | 1,081,815 | 133,000 | 3,300 |
| Net Assets End Of Year | 971,354 | 253,830 | 3,300 |



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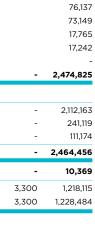
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Statement of Financial Position

at December 31, 2012

| Total Net Assets | 1,228,484 |
|--|-----------------|
| Permanently Restricted | 3,300 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 253,830 |
| Total Unrestricted | 971,354 |
| Designated for operating reserves | 325,000 |
| Undesignated | 646,354 |
| Unrestricted | |
| Net Assets: | |
| Total Current Liabilities | 190,27 |
| Deferred Revenue | 47,45 |
| Accrued Vacation | 26,64 |
| Accrued Payroll | 66,57 |
| Accounts Payable | 49,60 |
| | 1,410,70 |
| Total Assets | 1,418,76 |
| Net Property and Equipment | 124,76 |
| Unemployment Trust Deposits | 66,31 |
| Investments - Endowment Funds | 5,77 |
| Investments - Board Designated | 254,45 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents - Board Designated | 70,54 |
| Total Current Assets | 896,91 |
| Accounts Receivable, net Prepaid Expenses | 406,26 11,85 |
| Pledges Receivable | 27,60 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 451,19 |
| | |



Total

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275,304

640.293

Program Services 86% Management & General 10% Fundraising 4%







It brings me great joy to open my home to EarthCorps international corps members. Though I give of my home, I receive so much more in return. By giving a home to international corps members, I can do good work for ecosystems without having to pull blackberry myself! It has been so good for my kids to grow up alongside EarthCorps internationals. The corps members are great role models, and my own children have become comfortable sharing a home with people from different cultures from all over the world.

The hardest thing about being a homestay is saying goodbye. I have kept in touch with every one of my internationals and now think of myself as having an extended family living all over the world.

JESSIE DYE, HOMESTAY SINCE 2005



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