



Allan Olson, President
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Over the past few years, I've been asked about the meaning of the words “...*Beading the necklace of people and place*” in describing Lower Nehalem Community Trust. Actually, it's nothing mystical, nor is it part of some local legend. Crafted early in the Trust's existence, it remains a poetic description of the Lower Nehalem Community Trust's commitment to bring the people here into partnership with the glorious land on which we are all privileged to live.

The annual work of the Trust reflects that commitment. Our Alder Creek Farm programs continue to be full of community involvement. Our protected land is increasing in scope, and with our purchase of the Anderson property adjoining the Farm, we now find ourselves dreaming about alternative uses for the house located on the property. To clarify that dream, we will be embarking soon on the development of a master plan for Alder Creek Farm.

Thanks to you, 2016-17 was a very good year for the Trust. Your financial support and enthusiastic participation in our work has empowered us to find new ways to bring together the community and the land on which we live. Our momentum is exciting! Stay with us as the work continues.

OUR PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY

The Community Garden at Alder Creek Farm continues to reflect the Trust's commitment to the citizens of North Tillamook County. In 2016-17, 38 local gardeners and another 74 volunteers put in an estimated 4,000 hours of work to plant, cultivate, and harvest more than 1,800 pounds of produce for the community, benefiting the North Coast Food Pantry.

CONSERVATION

During 2016-17, we launched Protect the Edge, a \$1.3 million campaign to add seven new properties to the portfolio of lands we hold for conservation and stewardship. By the end of our 2016-17 fiscal year, we had raised \$1.13 million through a combination of gifts and grants to purchase four of the seven properties. The campaign continues, and with our new acquisitions, we have added 14 acres to our prior total holdings of 135.5 acres of conserved lands.

EDUCATION

In 2016-17, a total of 270 students spent class time at the Farm. Some were there for lessons in environment and conservation. Others came for their annual day of community service, assisting the work of the Garden by spreading bark chips, digging weeds and scrubbing pots. Others came with the Forest-to-Sea Science Camp program. Finally, during 2016-17, the Trust offered 14 educational hikes and nature experiences to the public through the Explore Nature Tillamook County program, a consortium project of six local organizations.

Our mission is to preserve land and nurture conservation values in partnership with an engaged community in the Nehalem region of the Oregon Coast.



Gwendolyn Endicott accepts the
Ferdun Conservation Award
~ Living Locally 2017~



Janice Soots & Mary Ruhl with
community garden produce

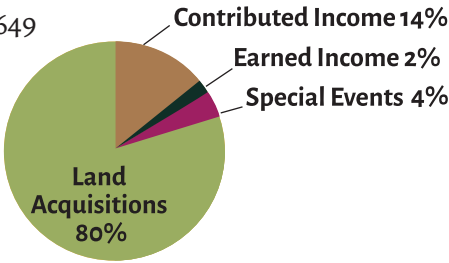


Forest-to-Sea Science Campers
taking it all in from the bridge
at Alder Creek Farm

2016-2017
FINANCIAL REPORT

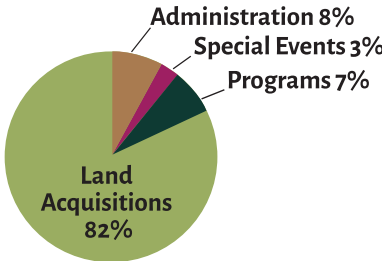
INCOME

\$1,069,649



EXPENSES

\$996,976



Total Assets \$3,886,876

Total Property Value \$3,556,269 (14 properties)

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