

2018 Annual Report



Rachel's
Network

“Back in 2000 when we outlined our dreams for the Network, we never knew what we would achieve. I am more proud to be a Rachel, more proud every day.”

— Founding Member Caroline Gabel

Named for Rachel Carson, a courageous advocate for a healthy planet, Rachel's Network is a community of environmental funders nearly 100 women strong. Our network is a place where women can learn more about the most pressing issues facing our world while supporting and challenging one another in their quest to make a difference.

We also increasingly fund solutions collectively. In 2018, our co-funding program granted more than ever before, funding projects addressing pesticide overuse, climate change, sustainable agriculture, and borderlands conservation. This work earned us two awards: the Leadership Award from Philanthropy Women and Environmental Funder of the Year from Inside Philanthropy.

In addition, we gathered at meetings large and small, across the country and online, to network and hear from policy and conservation experts including former EPA Director Gina McCarthy and Yosemite Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds. We educated members on the state of environmental policy ahead of the 2018 election,

elevated women environmental leaders, funded a wildlands photo exhibit in Congress, advocated for the protection of the Endangered Species Act, and so much more.

We've done a lot, but with the environmental challenges we face, we're planning to do even more in 2019 and the years ahead – build connections, give more, and speak with louder voices for the things that matter.

We can't solve problems alone – only people working together can do that. For women who care about the planet and its inhabitants, Rachel's Network is a community capable of making change happen. Join us!

With warmth and resolve,



Fern
Fern Shepard
President



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“Donor circles like Rachel's Network fill an important niche within the philanthropic sector, allowing the exchange of ideas among like-minded donors, and helping small foundations and individuals in particular to access the kind of advising and exposure to causes that they might not otherwise have found on their own.”

— Inside Philanthropy

Our Impact

Since 2000, our network has granted over \$1.7 million to projects that grow healthy communities and promote women's leadership. Our 2018 projects included:

FIGHTING THE US-MEXICO BORDER WALL

We partnered with the Texas Civil Rights Project to defend low-income border landowners and residents in court, an effort that built upon our previous borderlands work with the Sierra Club.

EMPOWERING WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

We're working with Ashoka to provide funding to women environmental entrepreneurs and Plate to Politics to help train women sustainable agriculture champions in rural areas to run for office.

Our report *When Women Lead* demonstrates the superior environmental voting records of women in Congress, while our 501c4, Rachel's

Action Network, endorses women with strong environmental platforms who are running for office.

CONFRONTING THE OVERUSE OF ANTIBIOTICS AND PESTICIDES

Through our partnerships with As You Sow and the University of California, San Francisco, we're holding food producers accountable and growing opposition to the overuse of antibiotics and toxic pesticides.

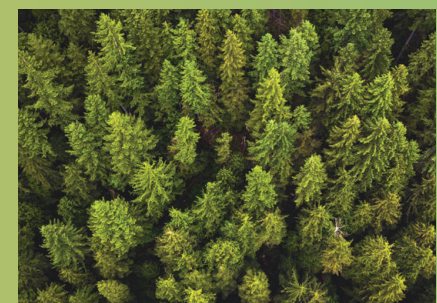
BUILDING BRIDGES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

We're funding organizations working to build momentum for climate action among conservatives. Their speaking tour is visiting strategically important congressional districts to grow the political support for action on climate change.

To learn more about our impact and top areas of focus, please visit: rachelsnetwork.org/impact

“I love the idea of co-funding—not only because of the community spirit that it engenders but also because we learn a lot from others as we discuss funding options, strategies, priorities, etc.”

— Member Abigail Rome



Who We Are



“The 2018 Fall Retreat in Yosemite National Park was great—balanced with learning, being in the environment, hearing from women leaders, and time to network. Thank you!”

— Member Beth Burrough

Named in honor of Rachel Carson, we are a community of women funders committed to a safer, healthier, and more just world for all.

Our members...

- Occupy over 100 director positions on the boards of major environmental organizations
- Hail from 24 US states and two countries
- Fund solutions in areas ranging from sustainable agriculture and toxics, to conservation and climate change
- Individually give tens of millions annually for the benefit of our planet

Our network...

- Introduces members to lifelong friends and colleagues who share a desire for sustainable change
- Coordinates collaborative grant-making to organizations promoting environmental solutions and women's leadership
- Meets several times a year for conferences, excursions, webinars, and receptions that bring together forward-thinking funders and experts in environmental issues and philanthropy
- Serves as a fiscal sponsor for worthy nonprofits launched by our members
- Connects nonprofits with members interested in board service

“[Rachel’s Network] is one of the most significant funding networks in the ecofeminist space.”

— *Philanthropy Women*



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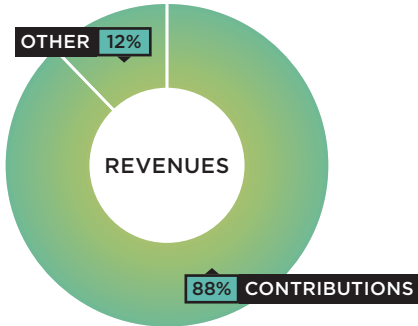
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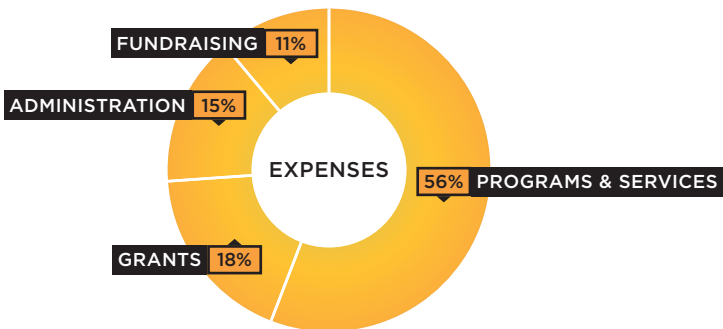
Financials



REVENUES

Contributions	\$936,150
Investment Income/Loss	(29,659)
Other Revenue (event fees, etc.)	127,934

Total Revenues \$1,034,425



EXPENSES

Programs & Services	\$510,259
Grants	168,408
Fundraising	100,444
Administration	140,705

Total Expenses \$919,816

ASSETS

Change in Net Assets \$114,609



Our Mission

Rachel's Network is a community of women at the intersection of environmental advocacy, philanthropy, and leadership. Our mission is to promote women as impassioned leaders and agents of change dedicated to the stewardship of the earth.

Our Vision

Catalyzing our collective power, Rachel's Network influences social, political, and economic systems to advance a healthy, thriving world.

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