“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.

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,

“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
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

“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
### Who We Are

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- Kef Kasdin, Chair
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- Abigail Rome

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- Nan Aron, Founder and President, Alliance for Justice
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- Seema Jalan, Executive Director, Universal Access Project
- Janis Searles Jones, CEO, Ocean Conservancy
- Annie Leonard, Executive Director, Greenpeace USA

**STAFF**
- Jaime Matyas, President and CEO, Student Conservation Association
- Carolyn Merchant, Professor of Environmental History, Philosophy, Ethics, UC Berkeley
- Julia Olson, Esq., Executive Director & Chief Legal Counsel, Our Children’s Trust
- Janelle Orsi, Esq., Executive Director & Co-Founder, Sustainable Economies Law Center
- Nora Pouillon, Author, Chef and Founder, Restaurant Nora
- Carolyn Raffensberger, Executive Director, Science and Environmental Health Network
- Vicki Spruill, President and CEO, New England Aquarium
- Whitney Tome, Executive Director, Green 2.0
- Debbie Walsh, Director, Center for American Women and Politics, Rutgers University
- Alice Waters, Author, Chef and Owner, Chez Panisse Restaurant
- Terry Tempest Williams, Author, Naturalist, and Conservationist

**ADVISORS**
- Maite Arce, President & CEO, Hispanic Access Foundation
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- Dr. Helen Caldicott, Founder, Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Paula DiPerna, Special Advisor, Carbon Disclosure Project – North America
- Dr. Sylvia A. Earle, Oceanographer and Explorer-in-Residence, National Geographic Society
- Kathryn S. Fuller, Chair, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution
- Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder, Jane Goodall Institute and Gombe Stream Research Center
- Hazel Henderson, Founder, Ethical Markets Media, LLC
- L. Hunter Lovins, Founder and President, Natural Capitalism Solutions
- Dr. Fern Shepard, President, Natural Capitalism Solutions
- Mit Allenby, Operations Manager
- Jamie Boese, Program Manager
- Ariana Carella, Network Engagement Director
- Erica Flock, Communications Manager
- Casey Hansen, Membership and Development Director

### 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 ............................................. 56%
- Grants ............................................................... 18%
- Fundraising ....................................................... 11%
- Administration .................................................... 15%
- Total Expenses .................................................. $919,816

**ASSETS**
- Change in Net Assets ........................................... $114,609
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.

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

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