



Rachel's Network

What is Rachel's Network?

Rachel's Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a community of women at the intersection of environment, philanthropy, and women's leadership who exchange ideas and take action on our planet's urgent challenges. The network was founded in 1999, when 18 women joined forces around a shared commitment to conservation. Rachel's Network is named in honor of Rachel Carson, who changed our understanding of the natural world with the 1962 publication of Silent Spring.

Rachel's Network is led by President Fern Shepard, who has over 30 years of experience in the environmental community, first as a staff attorney with Earthjustice and later as a senior officer managing international lands conservation programs at The Pew Charitable Trusts. She is also chair of Earthjustice's Board of Trustees.

Who are Rachel's Network members?

Rachel's Network members are activists, business and community leaders, foundation trustees, impact investors, and board directors. They give privately and through family, community, and institutional foundations to causes ranging from sustainable agriculture and toxics, to conservation and climate change. They share the conviction that together, they can help one another effect transformative change.

What does Rachel's Network do?

Rachel's Network is determined to help create a world with a regenerative and equitable economy, clean air and water, and a healthy environment for all. Since 2000, our network has collectively given nearly \$2 million towards strategic partnerships, investing in women leaders at the frontlines of our movement and the solutions that secure a thriving planet for future generations. To deepen members' understanding of the urgent environmental and philanthropic issues of the day, we offer two program-rich annual gatherings, along with regional events and webinars on timely topics. Our advisors and liaisons, prominent women environmental leaders, provide high-level expertise and keep us connected to nonprofits that share our goals. Collectively, the network is a dynamic community of sounding boards, allies, and friends. To join the network, visit rachelsnetwork.org/join.