

Marion Institute

2011 ANNUAL REPORT





The Marion Institute is dedicated to creating a more sustainable and just world by identifying, promoting and incubating programs and serendipity projects that seek solutions to the root cause of issues and create accessibility, diversity and positive change.

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From Michael Baldwin, President and Co-Founder

It is so fascinating how sometimes I feel “the gods look down on us”! That may sound arrogant but all I mean is perhaps the LUCK (maybe skill?!) we have in determining what choices to make. I refer to the decision that was so gutsy seven years ago to not just be a satellite of Bioneers, but to reinvent it completely (with only four months of preparation!) and then to move it from the UMASS campus to downtown New Bedford, which was a monumentally challenging decision! But, wow, has it ever worked out in spades.

First of all, it firmly situated us in the city of our community, New Bedford, and it brought us in much closer contact with the people of New Bedford in so many additional ways than just participation at our Connecting for Change conference. This past conference was every bit as thrilling as its predecessors, and so uplifting - yet again - to see the way the young get so charged up by what they learn at it, and that, in turn, sure convinces us that we are on the right track. And out of the cornucopia of INSPIRING presentations and workshops we eagerly and rapidly commenced walking the talk of the conferences through our P.O.W.E.R. Program, our Sustainability Education Initiative and the careful selection of serendipity projects. And this outreach continues to grow and deepen as we wrestle with the change that is so needed to generate a fair and healthy environment for all.

It is not so much “sustainability” that we seek to generate, but “restoration”, in a world that is badly out of balance. Our work grows and deepens; and we feel our skill at finding root cause solutions to problems, identifying initiatives that have lasting and critical impact, get honed and improved with each passing year. The impact of our work seems increasingly to catch people's eyes and hearts, not just identifying and explaining problems, but solving them, or at least demonstrating a range of solutions. In this stressed out world where disconnect is so rampant, now not just from nature, but from each, focusing on building community, reconnecting, sharing, restoring and collaborating is critically important, and marvelously exemplified in the work we do at the Marion Institute.

From Desa Van Laarhoven, Executive Director

The Marion Institute has finished another stellar year, continuing to implement root cause solutions and reaching more people than ever before. Many people are inspired and touched by the work of our programs and serendipity projects but they are often unfamiliar with the Marion Institute itself. This is something that my team and I run into frequently so I will try to encapsulate the Marion Institute for its supporters.

What defines the Marion Institute? Our 20 programs and serendipity projects located locally and globally in essence define us – from our Biological Medicine Network program that connects people to practitioners and medicine that address the root cause of an illness, to our serendipity project, Taktse International School in Sikkim, India that educates and engages the youth of a country in breaking down the caste system and instead



teaching equality, creativity, and love. Each program and serendipity project plays a part in reaching the source of a problem and implements accessible and diverse solutions that will eradicate the problem at the root.

In identifying these programs and serendipity projects that truly go deeper, the Marion Institute serves as the nucleus in creating lasting change. We are like an engine with 20 moving parts that move in sync with each other, and at the core lies the hub of the organization that creates the conditions for the other parts to thrive. Essentially, we are 20 separate organizations under the same roof but operating the way we do, we are able to stretch funding, collaborate, educate, share, creatively problem-solve and reach a larger, more inclusive, audience than we had ever imagined. This year alone we more than doubled our reach online to the Marion Institute website with over 360,000 visits! And this doesn't even include the over 93,000 podcast downloads from our Future Primitive program or all of our social media!

But we know that in order to disseminate solutions to the global reaches, we must place true value in improving and educating ourselves, to become strong leaders on this planet who will walk the talk in sustainability, equality and kindness. We cannot change the world if we cannot change ourselves. Creating change is not a 9-5 job. If you don't eat, live, breathe it, and mean it, how can we expect others to join in the effort? We believe in going inward to bring change outward and everywhere in between. Our programs and serendipity projects go deeper because our team is working on becoming the change they wish to see in the world by altering their own habits and sharing valuable knowledge.

Paul Hawken perhaps sums up the Marion Institute best, “The Marion Institute provides support and insight to emerging initiatives that make a profound difference in the world. Their work does not show up at the head of the parade, but is often the reason there is a parade at all. The Institute shows up early and presciently to bring forth the most innovative people and projects in the world.”

Whatever your experience is with the Marion Institute's programs and serendipity projects, I invite you to learn more about the other “parts of this machine” that complement each other so well and as a means of going deeper within yourself. Learn, share, act, and thank you for taking that step in walking the talk alongside of us.



INSPIRE



CONNECT

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou



CONNECTING FOR CHANGE

A Bioneers by the Bay Conference

A major force against apathy and waste is unleashed annually in New Bedford, Massachusetts, with Connecting for Change: A Bioneers by the Bay Conference. In three days of intensive presentations, workshops and gatherings, the Marion Institute is able to dispel any notion that people are unwilling and unable to live in harmony with the planet and humanity.

Connecting for Change provides solutions-based education and inspires people to act. The conference challenges participants to mimic "nature's operating instructions" to serve human ends without harming the web of life. We wish for participants to understand that nature's principles of kinship, cooperation, diversity, symbiosis and cycles of continuous creation, absent of waste, serve as guideposts for organizing an equitable, compassionate and restorative way of life. We are seeking to have every individual assume personal responsibility to restore the earth and its inhabitants to a sustainable way of life. The conference celebrates the genius of nature and human creativity and presents real solutions and leading-edge ideas to create an environmentally sustainable, socially just and spiritually fulfilling human presence on our planet.

Connecting for Change attracted approximately 3,000 attendees, weaving impressive keynote presentations, instructive workshops and tours, all artfully intertwined with uplifting entertainment, gathering opportunities, great local food and an engaging exhibition hall.

This year, at the 7th Annual conference, participants were challenged to speak out by Amy Goodman from *Democracy Now!*. They learned to embrace their gifts from Sobonfu Somé. They heard about a powerful demonstration of living your beliefs from the "Planetwalker", John Francis. And they left the conference experience making promises of their own which range from eating family dinners at home—to petitioning neighborhood stores to carry fresh food—to just being a nicer person. In all, they were charged up to leave the world a better place—one person at a time.

WWW.CONNECTINGFORCHANGE.ORG

The Connecting for Change Youth Initiative is a year-long youth leadership program that introduces young people to environmental sustainability, social and environmental justice, and community organizing and mobilization. The Youth Initiative recruits young people aged 14-22. These young people are paired with older mentors (22 years +) and, through meetings and retreats, they gain leadership and community organizing skills, learn about sustainability, explore career tracks and build friendships and connections throughout the Northeast. The culminating event for the Youth Initiative is the Connecting for Change: A Bioneers by the Bay conference where they play a leadership role for the over 800 young people in attendance. In addition to every conference goer, the youth represent the change in which they would like to see.



"I left the conference feeling rejuvenated, alive, ready to face some of the challenges in my town, our country and the world..."

- Connecting for Change Attendee, 2011

GREEN JOBS, GREEN ECONOMY INITIATIVE

The Green Jobs, Green Economy Initiative (GJGEI) was developed in collaboration with the New Bedford Economic Development Council and the City of New Bedford. The objective of this program is to address the gaps that are inhibiting the development of a sustainable and inclusive green economy in the City of New Bedford and surrounding region. The initial focus of the program is on the energy efficiency sector. The recession, high unemployment, rising energy prices and climate change create the imperative and the opportunity for action.

GJGEI Primary Goals:

- To reduce New Bedford's carbon footprint.
- To create career opportunities in New Bedford for local residents.
- To reduce or eliminate economic and cultural barriers to participation in weatherization programs.
- To develop strategies to overcome pre-weatherization barriers, such as knob & tube wiring and combustion safety issues.
- To connect local contractors to work opportunities created through the utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs.
- To develop local leadership skills in the green economy field.
- To establish new partnerships among the government, community-based organizations and citizens focused on social justice and environmental sustainability.
- To develop a replicable and sustainable green jobs, green economy community retro-fit program.

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“P.O.W.E.R. represents the most promising program of its kind in the country.”

- Van Jones

P.O.W.E.R. PEOPLE ORGANIZING FOR WEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

P.O.W.E.R. is a project of GJGEI and was developed in collaboration with The ESHU² Collective (Education Should Help US X Ecology, Spirituality, Health and Unity). P.O.W.E.R. is a community and leadership development program working through the framework of anti-oppression to recruit and incubate leaders. P.O.W.E.R. is a grassroots catalyst focused on developing holistic solutions to environmental challenges.

The P.O.W.E.R. team focuses its efforts on a community-based model using community relationships and organizing to drive demand for energy efficiency through education and engagement. The P.O.W.E.R. team has the social capital and creativity to get ordinary people, at the neighborhood level, to pay attention to the green economy conversation. Engaging more citizens in the community retrofit program reduces carbon emissions, lowers energy costs, creates jobs and builds community. This year GJGEI and P.O.W.E.R. completed a pilot community retro-fit program in partnership with the City of New Bedford and NSTAR. The pilot was a successful first step in understanding what systems and supports are needed to create a sustainable community retro-fit program.

New Bedford Energy Now!

The Green Jobs, Green Economy Initiative with the P.O.W.E.R. team are a lead partner in developing and implementing New Bedford Energy Now! This partnership has a goal of improving the energy efficiency of 5,000 homes and small businesses by 2015. In addition to the work of POWER doing outreach and education, GJGEI is working with the City of New Bedford to bring New Bedford Energy Now! to scale, select and train new partners and fully support the effort to reach the 5,000 unit goal.



LAS GAVIOTAS CARBON OFFSET INITIATIVE



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Lose a Ton!

Carbon emissions are the primary cause for climate change. Carbon offsets are "credits" for greenhouse gas reductions used to compensate for the emissions of an individual, family or business.

Las Gaviotas offers the opportunity to take personal and corporate responsibility for offsetting your air polluting emissions by contributing to the reforestation at Las Gaviotas. Las Gaviotas is an eco-village in Eastern Colombia, South America. This village has a twenty-four year track record of sustainable regeneration of tropical rainforest.

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BALANCE

A LASTING TRIBUTE - *a beautiful partnership...*

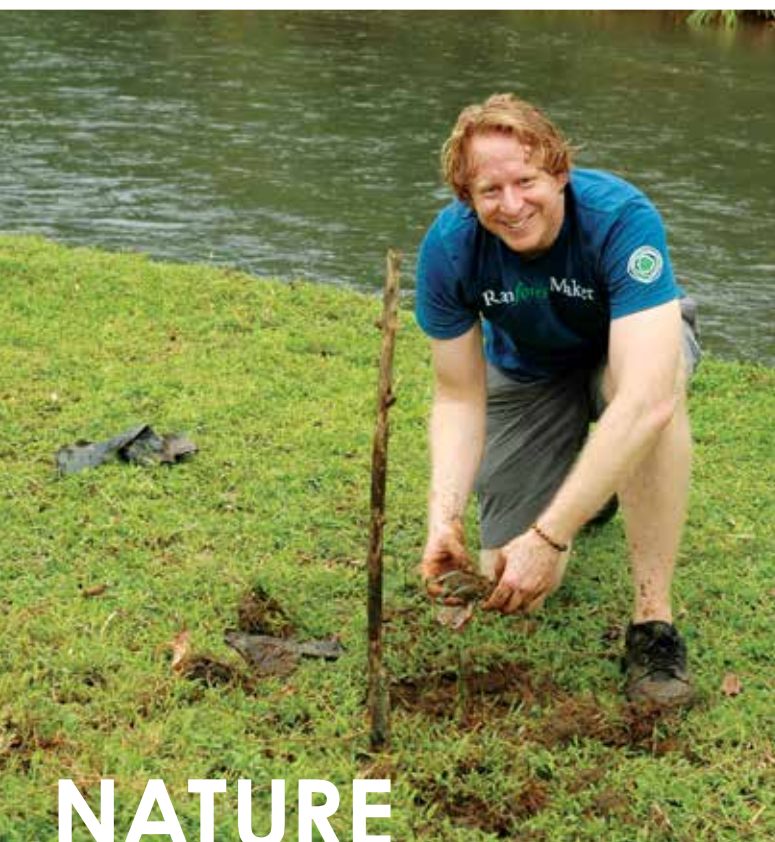
Jeffrey Glassman is a personal injury attorney in Boston, MA. Inspired at a young age by Shel Silverstein's book *The Giving Tree*, Jeffrey at his core knew that he needed to give back. As he became enmeshed in his work, he was caught in the inherent conflicts of running a busy and

successful personal injury law practice and continuing to align with his core values. He felt good about his work helping people who were hurt and he was successful at being a rainmaker for his firm... but he was unfulfilled.

Jeffrey practices Qigong, a mind-body practice of aligning breathing, meditation and movement. In a Qigong session, in an effort to clear his mind, his thinking moved from rainmaker, to rain, to forests—spaces and things that bring him tranquility—from this the clear path emerged RAINFOREST MAKER. This was the inspiration for Jeffrey to start his Foundation RainforestMaker whose mission is to grow back the Earth's rainforests and to start LATTE (Lawyers Accountable to the Earth). His message to lawyers is simple—replace the estimated 24 trees that each lawyer uses in paper every year. **For more information go to www.rainforestmaker.org.**

Jeffrey represented the family of a tragically killed 16-year-old Massachusetts woman. She was a "bright star", says Jeffrey and had done a lot of community work. "She was the kind of person who regularly did good," Jeffrey states. In tribute to her beautiful spirit Jeffrey planted 16,000 trees in her memory at Las Gaviotas.

Why Las Gaviotas? The Las Gaviotas approach to sustainable living resonates with RainforestMaker's core mission. Essentially, one of RainforestMaker's top missions is to inspire people to live more in balance with nature. Jeffrey states that Las Gaviotas is the perfect example of a dedicated community living this balance. Participating with Las Gaviotas is the ideal partnership because Jeffrey knows the trees will now be part of their community and will be taken care of long after they are planted.



NATURE



RainforestMaker

CULTURE



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CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS

Cambodian Living Arts (CLA) is transforming Cambodia through the arts. We are building the capacity and the community around the arts through education, demonstration, promotion and advocacy. Cambodian Living Arts is creating a sense of unity and shared culture around the arts. Our goal is for Cambodia's Arts to become the signature for the nation by replacing the genocide and killing fields by way of creating the narrative based on Cambodia's vibrant culture and thereby healing a nation.

This year, CLA launched its new visitors program which shares Cambodia's rich culture. It gives international visitors the opportunity to experience CLA classes and provides a rare glimpse of the traditional living arts from behind the scenes. We also completed the first U.S. tour of The Children of Bassac. This performance troupe performed in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts captivating audiences and creating a new narrative for Cambodia.

Studio CLA, in partnership with Bophana Center, is recording, promoting and distributing to the public, audio and video recordings of three traditional art forms: funeral music - Kantaoming, classical wedding music, and traditional poetry chanting - Smot. Recording with leading master artists and select students, this project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation.

We are excited to announce that Seasons of Cambodia will take place in New York in the Spring of 2013. CLA is partnering with New York City's leading cultural organizations to produce this multi-disciplinary festival and symposium focused on Cambodia. This festival will showcase art traditions such as court dance, Smot, contemporary dance, film, music and visual arts. It will be a vibrant demonstration of the transformative role that art can play in healing a post-conflict society.

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BIOLOGICAL MEDICINE NETWORK

Biological medicine is a holistic approach to health and wellness that allows the human body to maximize its own innate healing powers. Biological medicine assesses the body's entire combination of physical, emotional and spiritual factors and tries to identify which combination of these factors may cause the body to be out of balance. Biological medicine combines some very traditional forms of healthcare—i.e. homeopathy, naturopathy and Chinese traditional medicine—with aspects of contemporary medical practice and technology. The Biological Medicine Network is working to advance biological medicine by providing education and increasing the accessibility and availability of biological medicine in North America.

We are supporting patients, healthcare practitioners and the general public through educational trainings, free public lectures, informational gatherings, a large online presence, and patient referrals. This year two public lectures with Dr. Thomas Rau were held in San Diego and at Queens University in Charlotte, NC. We presented a seminar in May, Applications of Biological Medicine, that was open to both medical professionals and lay people. We continue to provide information about biological medicine through electronic and print media.

The expansion and development of biological medicine is bearing fruit in the United States. The Progressive Medicine Clinic in Litchfield, Connecticut is expanding and adding a new doctor, more staff and additional diagnostics and treatments. The American Center for Biological Medicine in Scottsdale, Arizona plans to open in the coming year. This new clinic will be offering some of the most comprehensive biological medicine assessment and treatment programs in the United States.

WWW.MARIONINSTITUTE.ORG/BIOLOGICAL-MEDICINE-NETWORK

THE CORNY FUND

This year, in memory of our dear friend Corny Mettler, the Mettler Family and the Biological Medicine Network established a scholarship fund in her name. The Corny Fund will provide scholarships that will enable patients to be treated at the Paracelsus Clinic and will also assist doctors and medical practitioners to learn about the practice of biological medicine through training seminars in the United States.

Corny Mettler's health story impacted all of us who knew her, and brought many of us into her life during her amazing last years dealing with her lung cancer. She was a cheerful lady, who entertained us with her marvelous sense of humor, and her observations about people and life. We are grateful for the opportunity to pay tribute to a life well lived.

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Sustainability Education Initiative (SEI) educates and demonstrates the practices of social justice and sustainability within the school system. The program has been operating in five schools in the SouthCoast Massachusetts region, providing support and resources for school gardens and sustainability practices within the school. The program has been working directly with Hayden McFadden Elementary School, New Bedford Global Learning Charter School, Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, Sippican Elementary and Wareham Middle School.

We provide teachers the support needed to create a solid foundation for garden programs already in place. This past year the program worked with each school to develop a binder of resources and practices necessary to keep the programs operational from year to year. This will aid the transition and continuation of the program even when there are staff changes within the school.

In the coming year, SEI will shift the primary focus to two schools in New Bedford, the Hayden McFadden Elementary School and New Bedford Global Learning Charter School. The intent is to deepen the relationships with these schools and create greater impact for the students and their families. These schools were selected because of the increased challenge faced by urban schools with shrinking resources. The program will focus on student education, food access issues, parent education and community involvement. The goal is to promote greater knowledge, accessibility and consumption of healthy local food.

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FUTURE PRIMITIVE

Future Primitive is a podcasting website that presents intimate conversations with authors, visionaries and innovators from around the world. Through Future Primitive podcasts you can be connected with current thinking and consider new frames of reference. Future Primitive is committed to preserving traditional wisdom, indigenous spiritual approaches and preserving and sustaining indigenous life ways. With these podcasts we open minds and hearts, and expose you to solutions for sustainability, spirituality, social justice and health.

This year Future Primitive interviewed presenters at the Marion Institute's Connecting for Change conference, the West Coast Bioneers conference and the Ancient Wisdom Rising conference. Joanna Harcourt-Smith, the program director, also researches cutting edge authors and visionaries promising her listeners the opportunity to explore unique and current ideas.

Fascinating interviews from this year included Joan Halifax, a Zen Buddhist Rishi, anthropologist, ecologist, civil rights activist, hospice caregiver, and the author of several books on Buddhism and Spirituality; Jean Shinoda Bolen, M. D., a psychiatrist, Jungian analyst, and an internationally known author and speaker who draws from spiritual, feminist, Jungian, medical and personal wellsprings of experience; and Deena Metzger a poet, novelist, essayist, storyteller, teacher, healer and medicine woman who has taught and counseled for over forty years and Stanislaw Grof, M.D., a psychiatrist with over fifty years experience researching non-ordinary states of consciousness. Tune in with tens of thousands of other listeners to hear these interviews and more at Future Primitive's website.

WWW.FUTUREPRIMITIVE.ORG



COMMUNITY



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WANGARI MUTTA MAATHAI

We have lost a friend and the world has lost a heroine.

On September 25, 2011, Wangari Maathai passed away after a courageous struggle with cancer. But Wangari's legacy lives on and inspires us all. Wangari Maathai established The Green Belt Movement in 1977, under the auspices of the National Council of Women of Kenya. The Green Belt Movement is a women's civil society organization whose mission is to empower communities worldwide to protect the environment and promote good governance and cultures of peace that advocates for human rights and supports peaceful democratic change through the protection of the environment. In 1993, The Green Belt Movement became a serendipity project of the Marion Institute in order to promote the work of the organization in the United States. In 2004, Wangari was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her contributions to sustainable development, democracy and peace. Until her death, Wangari served on the Marion Institute's Advisory Board.

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When there were few who believed in what we were doing here, in the Green Belt Movement—when our little tree planting movement suffered repression, violence and jail time—the Marion Institute always stood by me. They have been a deep source of inspiration, emotional support and sustenance for me. Every tree needs water at its roots. It would not have been possible to plant all these trees and hope without the support of friends and partners like the Marion Institute.”

- Wangari Maathai, Advisory Board in Memoriam



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The more you degrade your environment, the more you mismanage your environment, the more you are likely to dig yourself deeper into poverty.”

- Wangari Maathai

SERENDIPITY PROJECTS

The Marion Institute selects key projects that have a unique potential to create a more sustainable and just world through root cause solutions, accessibility and diversity. We provide support for these projects in the form of donor management, administration, legal work and support for their leaders. We also play a key role in promoting the work of these projects.

ENERGY MEDICINE

The Foundation for Energy Therapies, led by Emma Bragdon, Ph.D., advances the knowledge of energy therapies, especially those practiced in Brazil in Spiritist centers and hospitals. The Foundation produces educational materials, most recently the textbook, *Spiritism and Mental Health*. Emma Bragdon also wrote a companion book titled *Resources for Extraordinary Healing: Schizophrenia, Bipolar and Other Serious Mental Illnesses*.

THE HIMALAYAN PROJECT

The Himalayan Project encourages the cultural preservation of indigenous people of the Himalayas through education, community development and social outreach. It continues to grow as a "grassroots" entity, building upon a vision of Sir Edmund Hillary when he founded a small primary-secondary school in the heart of the Mount Everest region of Nepal. This year they continued to enhance the physical layout of the school

and local monastery in Chaurikharka and also continued a program called "The Namaste Connection" which involved American schoolchildren and their donations of polar fleece jackets which are distributed throughout extremely remote regions of Nepal.

I AM SOMEBODY!

A new serendipity project this year, I Am Somebody! is located in Cape Town, South Africa. This program creates post-apartheid reconciliation using life and archetypal storytelling to train youth to become leaders. In a mentorship program, youth of all races, cultures and classes of Cape Town, between the ages of 18-21 years, develop a strong network of support. Through storytelling, I Am Somebody! supports youth in discovering their innate gifts and applying them to meet the challenges in their community.





MASTATE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Mastate Charitable Foundation (MCF), located in Mastatal, Costa Rica, promotes education, research, community development, natural building, sustainability and conservation in rural Costa Rica. They took big strides this year towards the completion of the Community Learning and Sharing Center. This facility will serve as a multi-dimensional community gathering space for lessons, meetings, events, workshops and individual exploration. Its construction embodies MCF's pursuit of expanding opportunities in education, community development and sustainability.

NOUVELLE PLANÈTE

An organization founded on Albert Schweitzer's example and ethic, strictly neutral in religion and politics, Nouvelle Planète, supports small practical projects in Southern countries. This year they financed a series of projects in the Peruvian Amazon. They supported a project for dentists for Awajun Jivaro people, land titling for indigenous communities in the Tigre Valley, training bilingual teachers for Ashaninka people, and training bilingual teachers for the indigenous communities of the Loreto region. They supported a sustainable forestry project among the Ashaninka in the Apurimac Valley, fish farms for Matsigenka people in the Urubamba Valley and environmental monitoring of oil companies by Kichwa and Achuar people.

SPONSORED ARTS FOR EDUCATION (S.A.F.E.)

This project in Kenya offers education through theatre. This year, S.A.F.E. devised a play to tackle the growing divisions in Kenyan society. Research has shown that Kenyan communities were expressing disillusionment blamed on failed leadership, resentment towards each other and



PROMOTE

a profound sense of helplessness. Kenyan identity has always been plural, but in the wake of the 2008 violence, people no longer had a collective sense of belonging. The play takes the audience on a journey of reflection and in so doing S.A.F.E. is providing answers to what it means to be Kenyan. S.A.F.E. has performed this play to over 30,000 people in Naivasha and Nairobi, and evaluations have shown enormous impact. Following S.A.F.E.'s performances, emotions shift towards a willingness to accept each other with no regard to tribe, a sense of personal responsibility for the past and the future, and a belief in their own power to maintain peace. In the run-up to the next election in 2012, S.A.F.E. will take this vital message throughout the Rift Valley to some of the most traumatized regions of Kenya, to provide an alternative voice to incitement coming from certain parties, and transform fear and despondency into hope and action.



HEALTH

TAKTSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Taktse International School is a co-educational school with a residential and day program, located in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas, near Gangtok, Sikkim. The mission is to develop a diverse community of self-motivated students and teachers who have a passion for excellence, inquiry and life-long learning. The ethos is to create a creative, inclusive, diverse and accessible learning opportunity. The school is currently working to build a new high school building with science labs, teachers' quarters, dormitories, and possibly a teachers' training center.

TWO ANGRY MOMS

Two Angry Moms is a movie, a book and most of all a movement that is working to get healthy, good tasting and real food into school cafeterias. This year work was done to enhance and build an interactive and educational website to promote the movement: www.angrymoms.org. Amy Kalafa, the project director, has also published a new book, *LUNCH WARS: How to Start a School Food Revolution and Win the Battle for our Children's Health*.

THE WELCOME HOME PROJECT

The mission of The Welcome Home Project is to bridge the divide between veterans and their families, and the civilian communities to which they return. This year they completed the documentary film, *The Welcome*. This film won the Audience Award at the Ashland Independent Film Festival and three other film festival Audience Awards, including at the influential Mill Valley Film Festival, as well as Best Feature Documentary at the Ojai Film Festival. The Welcome Home Project has embarked on a nationwide "Host a Screening" campaign, resulting in local community groups and individuals hosting events to screen and discuss the film and its message.

THE WISDOM OF THE CHAKRAS

This project is based on the teachings of Ellen Tadd who offers spiritual solutions for everyday problems based on the framework of the chakras. Ellen is expanding her teaching with a web presence, www.ellentadd.com and is expanding her educational platform to include educational videos on YouTube and on-line classes, all focused on providing tools for living a more fulfilled life.

YOGA KIDS

Based in the SouthCoast region of Massachusetts, Yoga Kids teaches yoga to school age children. These teachings go far beyond teaching yoga poses; this program covers a wide variety of issues facing at-risk youth. Students learn how to handle stress in healthy ways; they learn the self-calming, self-regulating techniques inherent in the practice of yoga and meditation.

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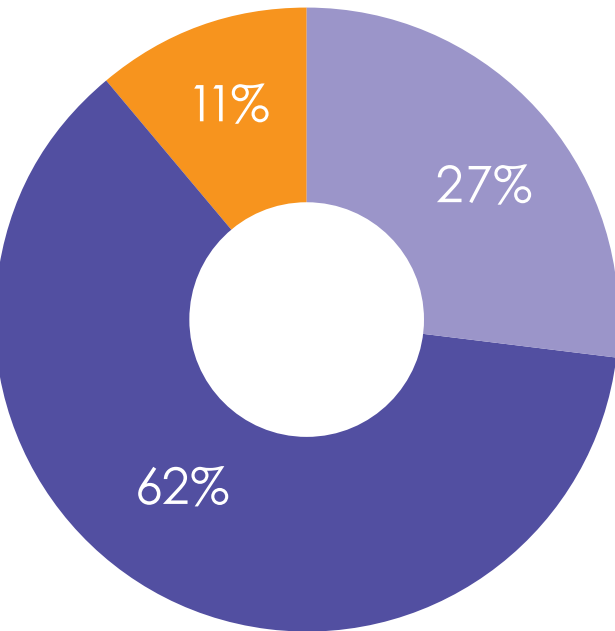
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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2011 (October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011)

REVENUE

Marion Institute - Unrestricted	\$618,414
Programs	\$1,430,429
Serendipity Projects	\$248,589
	\$ 2,297,432

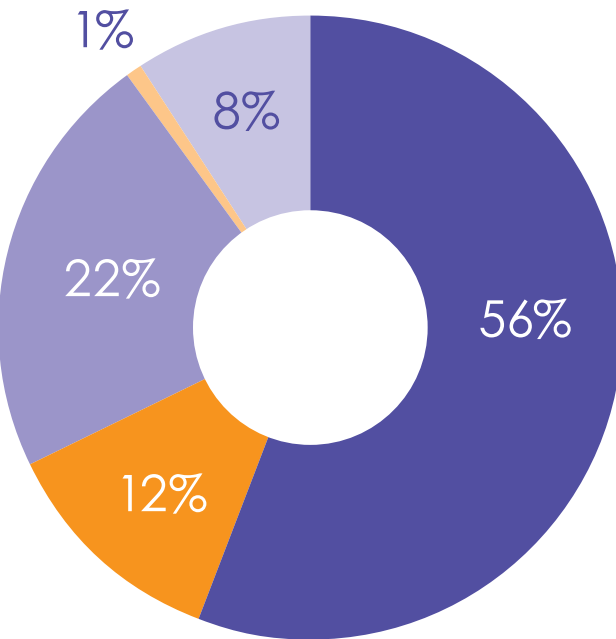


- Marion Institute Unrestricted
- Programs
- Serendipity Projects

EXPENSE

Programs	\$1,286,255
Serendipity Projects	\$270,441
Administrative/Fundraising	\$510,506
Other	\$20,013
Cash Reserve	\$187,791
	\$2,275,005

Other Current Liabilities	\$ 22,427
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- Programs
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- Other
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Thank you to all of the generous donors who have contributed to the Marion Institute, our programs and serendipity projects in Fiscal Year 2011. (10/1/10-9/30/11)

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