



Maine Initiatives
2005 Annual Report

From the President

In 2005, Maine Initiatives continued its trajectory of growth and influence on grassroots activism and progressive causes in Maine. These are just some of last year's notable events:

Our grantee Equality Maine was a leader in the winning campaign to preserve civil rights for everyone in Maine.

Our former and current grantees continued to work toward their goals. Our newest grantees, Kennebec Valley Organization (KVO) and Maine People's Alliance (MPA), went right to the heart of the needs of Maine people. KVO is organizing citizens to identify community issues and act to move them forward. MPA's Everyone Deserves a Home project is addressing people's need for safe, decent, affordable housing.

The Harvest Fund, a special Maine Initiatives fund, has giving smaller grants for just and sustainable food and agriculture since 2000. Through 2005, The Harvest Fund had made 79 grants. At five years, the fund was "ripe" for evaluation, a project taken on by long-time Maine Initiatives volunteer Nancy Ross.

2005 brought our Tipping Point capital campaign closer to its goal. We're enormously grateful for the generosity of so many old friends and of the many new friends we've made. The public phase of the campaign began, and house parties in Portland's West End, Bangor, and York were wonderfully successful. It was also our good fortune to have Susan Pierce, an experienced events organizer, join the staff to help with the house parties.

The Tipping Point is Maine Initiatives' key to becoming a permanent institution for change. The campaign has been a centerpiece of activity and outreach, expressing our confidence that Maine Initiatives will continue to grow and to work for progressive causes that make a real difference in the lives of Maine people.

Susan Hudson Glick
2005 President



Our focus:

Community organizing – because there is strength in numbers.

Advocacy – because everyone deserves a place at the table.

General support – because the mission of an organization is its most important work.

Change, not charity – because alleviating suffering is not the same as altering circumstance.

Root causes – because people can solve their own problems if they have the resources and opportunity to do so.



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Maine Initiatives, a fund for change, cultivates social, economic, and environmental justice through grants and other support to grassroots organizations in Maine communities.

Major grants 2005:



Equality Maine
Everyone Deserves a Home/Maine People's Alliance (MPA)
Food AND Medicine
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Maine Equal Justice Partners
Maine Women's Policy Center
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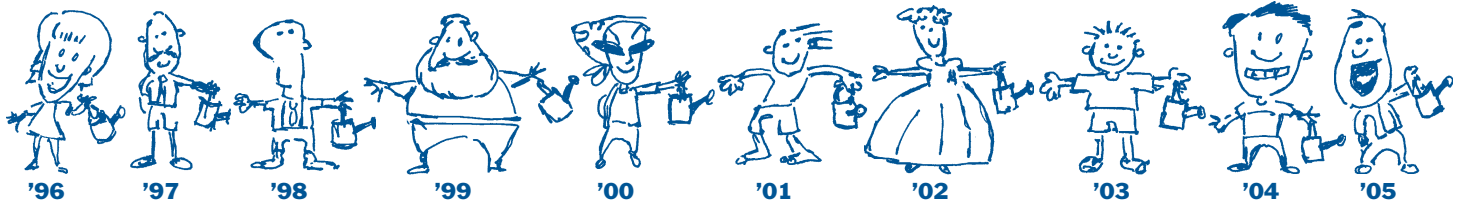
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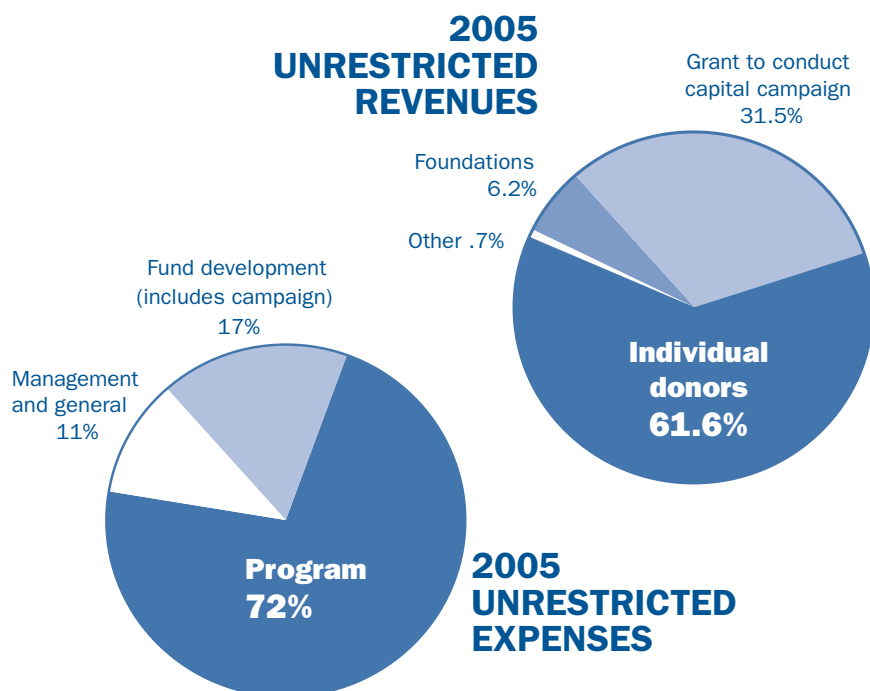
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	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Revenue, gains, losses and other support				
Contributions	\$449,749	\$25,000	<u>\$390,032</u>	\$864,781
Special events	1,025			1,025
Special events expense	(1,309)			(1,309)
Interest and dividends	998	44,009		45,007
Net realized and unrealized gains	931	45,190		46,121
Other	2,384			<u>2,384</u>
Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>208,982</u>	<u>(208,982)</u>		
Total revenues	\$662,760	(94,783)	390,032	\$958,009
Grants and expenses				
Program services	\$349,138			\$349,138
Management and general	55,148			55,148
Fundraising	<u>80,611</u>			<u>80,611</u>
Total expenses	\$484,897			\$484,897
Change in net assets	\$177,863	\$(94,783)	\$390,032	\$473,112
Net assets, beginning of year	432,595	94,783	1,724,371	2,251,749
Net assets, end of year	\$610,458	\$ -00	\$2,114,403	\$2,724,861

Notes: Temporarily restricted revenue refers to a grant from the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust to conduct a capital campaign. Capital campaign expenses paid out of this grant include a fundraising consultant, printing and distribution of campaign materials, and travel. *Tipping Point, the Campaign for Maine Initiatives*, is an endowment campaign. Pledges and gifts to the campaign are permanently restricted. An investment committee oversees the Maine Initiatives endowment and investment policies. Our 2005 financial review was performed by Macdonald Page & Co., LLC. For a complete copy, please contact our office



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