



Maine Initiatives
2007 Annual Report

From the President

In 2007, we turned our grantmaking spotlight to jobs — jobs with living wages, benefits, and futures. The slow, steady migration of good blue-collar jobs *out* of the state and the increased importation of food *into* the state prompted a wide range of actions from Maine's nonprofits, and several turned to Maine Initiatives for support. We responded, making three \$40,000 grants to organizations that, in very different ways, were finding solutions to Maine's loss of factories and farms.

Food AND Medicine launched the Eastern Maine Workers Center in Brewer to bring together wage-earners and laid-off workers to address shared concerns. ME PASA (Maine Personal Assistance Services Association), a membership organization of 800 home health aides, campaigned for health benefits and living wages. PICA (Peace through Inter-American Community Action), which promotes trade policies that keep manufacturing and agriculture in Maine, launched a greater Bangor "listening project" to link together local food growers and factory workers.

Meanwhile, other grantees won lead reduction in apartments in Portland, revitalized downtown Lewiston, began testing for toxic hazards in several towns, and supported employees at Eastern Maine Medical Center working for better working conditions and treatment. Immigration was a hot-button issue nationwide, and our grantees were leading voices here for greater protection and opportunity for immigrant blue collar and farm workers.

The Harvest Fund at Maine Initiatives continued to fund sustainable agriculture. Grantees campaigned for a progressive federal farm bill and exposed the problems caused by genetically modified corn. We also launched the Felder Fund for Art and Action, which makes \$5,000 grants to past and present grantees to use the arts to advance their mission. Its slogan echoes an old union song: *Give us bread, but give us roses!*

2007 was also the first year to see us draw income — \$124,000 — from the new Endowment at Maine Initiatives. It was the fruit of our three-year Tipping Point capital campaign. Once again: our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the effort. It's been a huge boost to our mission of funding the movement for social justice in Maine.

It's been a great pleasure to be involved with the Maine Initiatives family. As the foundation's 2006-2007 president, I extend my thanks to Maine's many change-makers for all your good work.

Power to the roots!



Diana White, 2007 President

Our focus:

Grassroots organizing – because there is strength in numbers.

Civic engagement – 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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Our mission:

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

For social, economic and environmental justice



First year of funding:

Food AND Medicine
Maine Personal Assistance Services
Association (ME PASA)
Peace through Inter-American
Community Action (PICA)

Second year of funding:

Centro Latino
Children's Healthy Environment
Campaign (Environmental
Health Strategy Center, Portland
Tenants Union, United Somali
Women of Maine)
Toxics Action Center

Third year of funding:

Kennebec Valley Organization
Maine People's Resource Center

Harvest Fund grants

For sustainable agriculture and an end to hunger



Food for Maine's Future
Healthy Acadia
Herring Gut Learning Center
Lewiston Farmer's Market

Maine Migrant Health Program
Partners in Ending Hunger
Unity Barn Raisers

University of Maine Cooperative
Extension
Winter Cache Project

Felder Fund for Art & Action grants (New)

Advancing our grantees' missions through the arts



Maine People's Resource Center: *Pablo's Story* immigrant experience book

Donor-advised grants

Donors supporting the causes they care about most



Androscoggin River Alliance
Cape Elizabeth Education Fund
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust
Carpenter's Boat Shop
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Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Organic Farmers and
Gardeners Association
Maine People's Resource Center
National Radio Project
Natural Resources Council of Maine
People to People
Preble Street Resource Center
Sheepscot Valley Conservation
Association

Skidompha Library
Thomas Memorial Library
United for a Fair Economy
University of Maine at Augusta
(scholarship)
Victoria Mansion
Women's Empowerment Network
YMCA of Greater Portland
Youth Promise



Annual fund donors:

From many seeds planted, an abundant crop is grown. Through Maine Initiatives, our donors join together to grow that crop, funding the organizations building the movement for social justice and a healthy planet. Our thanks to our many contributors for watering the seeds of change.

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Maine Initiatives 2007 financial report:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Revenue, gains, losses and other support				
Contributions	\$267,385	\$219	\$21,225	\$288,829
Special events	31,175			31,175
Special events expense	(15,295)			(15,295)
Interest and dividends	24,779	98,094		122,873
Net realized and unrealized gains	2,973	32,867		35,840
Other	9,025			9,025
Satisfaction of program restrictions (including endowment)	130,961	(130,961)		
Total revenues	\$451,003	\$219	\$21,225	\$472,447
Grants and expenses				
Program services	\$356,026			\$356,026
Management and general	123,334			123,334
Fundraising	46,835			46,835
Total expenses	\$526,195			\$526,195
Change in net assets	(\$75,192)	\$219	\$21,225	(\$53,748)
Net assets, beginning of year	807,839		2,694,684	3,502,523
Net assets, end of year	\$732,647	\$219	\$2,715,909	\$3,448,775

Notes: An investment committee oversees the Maine Initiatives endowment and investment policies. Our 2007 audit was performed by Macdonald Page & Co., LLC. For a complete copy, please contact our office.

2007 UNRESTRICTED REVENUES

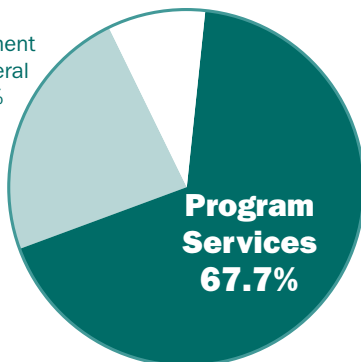
Released from restrictions (including endowment) 29.0%

Interest, dividends, and gains 6.2%

Events and other — 5.5%

Fundraising 8.9%

Management and general 23.4%



2007 UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES

Program Services
67.7%

Ways to give:

Write a check

Support Maine Initiatives the simple way and help us meet our annual goals.

Give monthly through the Great Oaks Fund

Plant acorns of change at www.maineinitiatives.org.

Support our endowment

Invest in Maine's future through the Endowment at Maine Initiatives.

Make a planned gift or bequest

Leave a lasting legacy.

Transfer stock

Receive a tax deduction and forego capital gains taxes.

Start a donor-advised fund

Enjoy the advantages of doing your charitable giving through us.

Donate in-kind gifts

Provide Maine Initiatives with goods, services, or used equipment.

Establish a memorial fund

Honor a friend or relative whose personal values will endure.

Give through MaineShare

Pledge at work during MaineShare's fall appeal.

Earmark a gift for grantmaking

Direct your money to one of our grantees.

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Join a committee, host a house party, introduce us to friends, get involved.

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