

# EarthTeam Environmental Network



**Annual Report 2006-2007**

## A Letter from the Executive Director and Board President

The 2006-2007 fiscal year was EarthTeam's 7th year of operation, and it's incredible to look back at how far we've come! An organization that was entirely volunteer-led at its founding, we now have 5 staff and an office space at 2530 San Pablo Avenue. As we continue to create and implement excellent youth environmental programs, our annual budget has doubled over the past two years -- but our fund-raising efforts have successfully grown in order to meet this increase. What you are holding in your hands right now, EarthTeam's first official Annual Report, is tangible evidence of EarthTeam's organizational growth and stability.

More important than budgets and balance sheets, however, are the East Bay students and teachers whom EarthTeam was created to serve. When EarthTeam was founded, with a vision of providing engaging, community-focused, curriculum-connected environmental programs for middle and high school teachers and students, we were innovators at a time when environmentalism was often considered a strange fixation. Seven years later, *An Inconvenient Truth* has made Global Warming a widespread concern, policy-makers and Hollywood alike are taking up the environmental banner, and every April our newsstands are filled with "Green Issues" of popular magazines. We at EarthTeam have suddenly found ourselves in the cultural mainstream! East Bay teens, an age group always on top of the latest trend, have taken notice, and student demand for our environmental action projects is at an all-time high. Many of these students, growing up in low-income, crime-ridden urban areas like Oakland, Richmond, and Pittsburg, have had little opportunity to connect to their natural environment or their community. In order to meet this pressing need, EarthTeam continues to focus our outreach on students in these underserved areas.

At the same time, our East Bay teachers are still very much in need of the environmental programs that EarthTeam provides. We find that teachers are overwhelmed and lack the support to create the type of appealing, hands-on projects that EarthTeam offers -- projects that encourage students to become active stewards of their environment.

Teacher and student feedback encourages us as we work to fulfill our vision. An Irvington High School student involved in our *Cool Schools Global Warming Campaign* writes, "Now I have come to realize how ordinary people like me can make an impact and help out the community. I am now more confident that anywhere I go I will be able to work with the community to tackle whatever social issues I see." A teacher at Pinole Valley High School enthuses, "There are kids asking about the projects for next year and wanting to sign up early. Thanks again, this has been a great year!"

Over 2,000 students at roughly 60 schools were involved in EarthTeam's programs during 2006-2007. As we celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, we also celebrate you, our supporters and partners. Without your shared belief in our vision, the past seven years of EarthTeam would not have been possible. We thank you for your encouragement, and we look forward to working alongside you during the coming years. As always, we invite you to join EarthTeam students and teachers at any of our upcoming events!

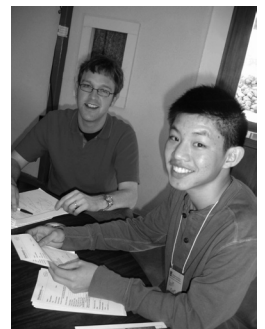
*Faith Gong*, Executive Director

*Sheilah Fish*, Founder and Board President

### About EarthTeam

#### The EarthTeam Environmental Network for Educators and Teens

was launched in January 2000 by a coalition of educational, environmental, and governmental representatives who saw a need to provide curriculum-connected, community-based, teen-appealing environmental programs for overwhelmed teachers who lacked the time or resources to create such programs. EarthTeam's mission is *to create a new generation of environmental leaders by introducing into the classroom and the community environmental experiences that are so active and engaging that they inspire dedication to a healthy environment.* EarthTeam programs are open to East Bay middle and high schools, with some participation from other parts of the Bay Area.



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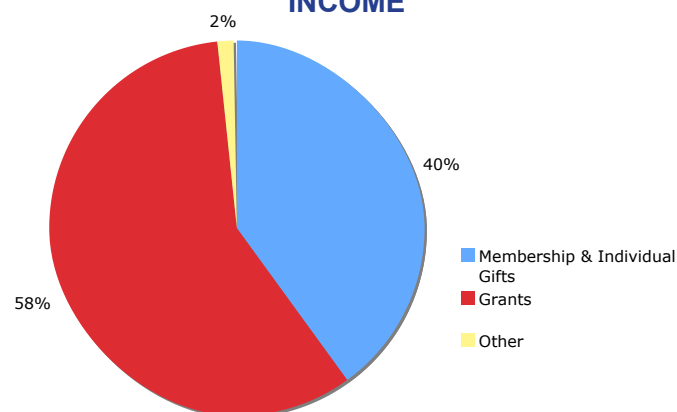
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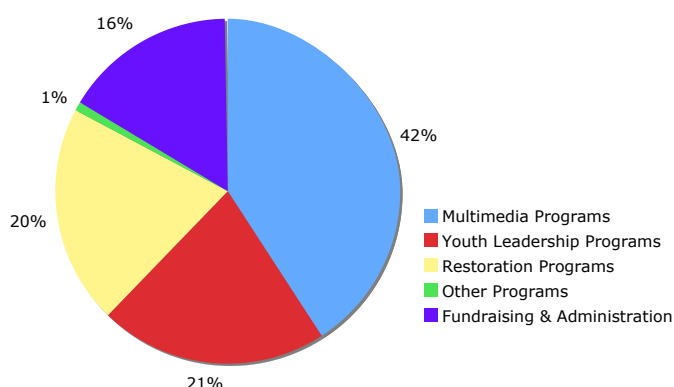
# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

## INCOME



## EXPENSES



## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION, 2005 - 2006

INCOME	\$141,000
EXPENSES	\$130,926
NET INCOME	\$10,074
TOTAL EQUITY	\$78,145

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION, 2006 - 2007

INCOME	\$212,803
EXPENSES	\$195,316
NET INCOME	\$17,487
TOTAL EQUITY	\$95,632

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## 2006 - 2007 EarthTeam Program Highlights

**EarthTeam Restoration Initiative (ETRI):** 1,447 teens from 32 schools experienced classroom presentations about their local watershed and participated in 24 hands-on restoration projects at 12 East Bay watershed sites. In all, these students contributed 2,799 volunteer hours to their local environment!

**The Green Screen:** 24 middle and high school students, primarily from the Richmond area, were trained in all areas of television production. These teens created and hosted eight 30-minute episodes of this environmentally-themed TV show, which is airing on 7 East Bay public access channels.

**The Cool Schools Global Warming Campaign:** The pilot year of this student leadership program involved over 85 students from 27 schools who attended monthly meetings to hear guest speakers on global warming. These students created action projects, such as the "Cool Schools Carbon Reduction Raffle," which they implemented at their schools.

**Student Environmental Leadership Training Weekend:** Over 100 Bay Area students attended two days of environmental leadership workshops and enjoyed the night hike, campfire, ropes course, and climbing wall at Camp Arroyo!



**Something's in the Air:** This air pollution and asthma research and action project piloted in 13 East Bay classrooms over the past year. EarthTeam provided teachers with guest speakers and materials; students measured the indoor air quality, outdoor particulate pollution, and asthma prevalence at their schools, and used their findings to make recommendations to the California Air Resources Board.

**Visuals & Voices - A Traveling Eco-Art, Photography & Poetry Contest and Show:** 156 students from 19 schools submitted work to this contest; the 33 works chosen for the show are traveling to a different Bay Area location each month.

**The Green:** The art and writing of 66 students from across the country was featured this year in EarthTeam's 100% student-created online newsletter, which is emailed to over 2,500 subscribers each month. A full-color *Green Anthology* of selected student work is published each year.

**Our School/Our Planet:** 17 recycling-focused videos were created by students at 14 East Bay schools, and will air on 6 East Bay cable channels.



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