

Message from the President



Dear Friends,

2007-8 was another very successful year for Community Conservation work—thanks in no small part to your generous contributions.

Besides the very successful projects you're already familiar with in India, Belize, and Madagascar, we've started a project in our own home area: the Kickapoo Community Sanctuary—a project to help develop a local consciousness of the unique and rich biosphere of the Kickapoo Valley. Such consciousness and—yes—*reverence* for the natural communities we live in is, of course, increasingly important we face the challenges of climate change in addition to 50 years of an ecologically devastating national agricultural policy. We're very hopeful that the techniques that have been so successful in second- and third-world areas can also work in the U.S.

This has been a year of very mixed blessings for the Community Conservation Board. In January, we lost our vibrant and much loved member, Glenn Donovan: a bright, fun-loving man who embodied a combination of kindness, wit, talent, and generosity that's seldom seen. We deeply miss him. And our member who was perhaps the most energetic and tireless worker for community conservation, Jennifer Nelson, has retired from the CC Board in order to put even more time as a leader in the Kickapoo Community Sanctuary project.

To cope with our losses, we have added five extremely capable new members: Cele Wolf, Bryon Walker, Jack Knowles, Jim Poehling, and Joe Swanson. And we're very excited about the new directions they're taking us in.

Many thanks for your past and continuing support. Please keep in contact as we all continue to work to create sustainable sanctuaries: places where human beings and the natural world thrive together.

Dr. Terry Beck, President of the Board of Directors

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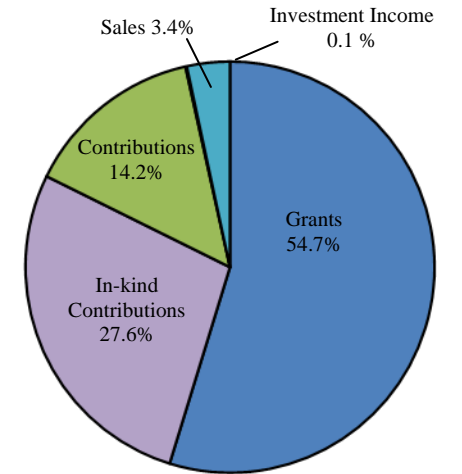
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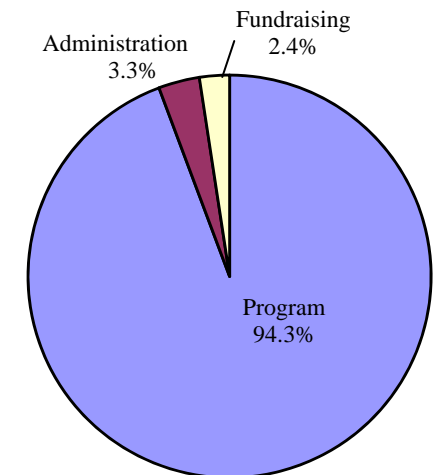
Financial Summary

July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

Revenue \$180,526



Expenses \$159,097



A full financial report is available upon request.

People and Conservation

Mission Statement

In order to promote global biodiversity and sustainable land use, Community Conservation catalyzes, facilitates and empowers local people to manage and conserve natural resources within the social, cultural and economic context of their communities.



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Community Conservation

Annual Report 2007-2008



ACT LOCALLY! Community Conservation launches the new Kickapoo Community Sanctuary with its first model project, the Lower Kickapoo River Initiative, in 2007-8.

Community-Based Conservation Across the World

Program Highlights

Golden Langur Conservation in India

- Natures Foster, our coordinating NGO in Assam found that the population of Golden Langurs in the Kakoijana Reserve Forest has increased from 100 in 1998 to over 400 in 2008. After a decade of community work, the forests are regenerating and the communities are improving economically.



- Grants from USFWS Asian Elephant Conservation Program have funded additional Bodo-land Forest Protection Force staff to protect the forest from poachers and loggers as well as 2 new ecotourism centers in 2008-9.

Katie Mann in Costa Rica

- Katie Mann, CC Assoc., with the Ngäbe Indians of the Burica Peninsula of southwest Costa Rica to protect 4 species of endangered primates including the Central American squirrel monkey (above). She interviewed Ngabe community members and held community meetings, did field surveys of the primates with local community members and developed an education program for local schools.



New Conservation Project in Madagascar

- Dr. Horwich, and conservationist Mark Fenn, held the second community conservation training (see below) in SW Madagascar's Spiny Forest Region as well as two community meetings to discuss co-management with local communities. At least 60 community groups in 5 regions are eager to save the endangered Ring-tailed lemur.



Kickapoo Community Sanctuary Launched in SW Wisconsin

- Kickapoo Community Sanctuary (KCS) launched in 2007 to promote good land stewardship and voluntary protection of lands to conserve this wonderful river.
- KCS will promote family farms, sustainable farming, voluntary preservation of natural areas and economic development through land use planning
- First Model Project is the Kickapoo Initiative on the lower river south of Gays Mills: a rich complex of wetlands, woodlands and farms; based on landowner interest in sustainable options for their land.
- DNR River Planning Grant is funding landowner surveys and ecological assessments of private land for Kickapoo Initiative