

Matter of Trust 2013 Annual Report

"Luck is when opportunity meets preparation."

"Luck and duty walk hand in hand."

"When you're lucky, life is fair."



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Matter of Trust

Join **Eco-Enthusiasts**
for **Renewable Resources**

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We envision an optimistic future where humanity harmonizes with the environment and values Earth as matter of trust.

Our mission is to balance **abundance** with needs.

We identify and develop solutions for **manmade surplus**, sorting waste into useful stockpiles and for redistribution within communities.

We research and highlight innovations and experts on **renewable resources**, then mobilize public support and promote advances with enthusiasm.

We produce and deliver local and online **eco-educational** programming in collaboration with partners and we celebrate green career paths.

Mother **Nature** acts as a catalyst, provides for necessities, orchestrates enduring cycles, and integrates systems. We follow her lead. Intentionally, we only concentrate on what we DO want to see in the future for our environment.



Janet Standen, Chairwoman of the Board

It is a great pleasure to chair Matter of Trust. The members, funders, staff, partners and neighborhood visitors make this charity and its new Eco-Center a vital and delightful asset to San Francisco. We are very proud to see so many people drawn to these exciting and innovative programs. Clearly the success stems from the inclusive way this organization welcomes fresh ideas. What is really impressive is how much has been so quickly and efficiently accomplished in 2013! Lisa and her team went from productive home offices to a large, vibrant, community hub in only 6 months! I see our online and Eco-Center model as the wave of the future. And I'm looking forward to all the great things we have in the pipeline. Thank you for joining us! Happy 2014!



Lisa Gautier, President

Truly what Matter of Trust produced this year, is a testament to the fabulous team we have! From a core staff that has been with us for many years, to new enthusiasts who just walked through our Eco-Center doors, asked to volunteer and quickly became an essential part of the organization. What inspires me most is how everyone feels ownership for their role in our programs and then cultivates their own new projects! It's a joy to come to work every morning. All day long, as visitors enter, we hear them say how they love it, want to be involved and are coming back. We recently got the following email from a gentleman who is helping us with our program to make instruments from recycled materials.

"I've walked past Matter of Trust many times on my trips to Valencia Street and have always been taken by the spirit of the place. My first visit inside was wonderful, and resulted in my phone call to Rob. I wish you both the best as the conversation continues. Most cordially –" Joe P

This repeated sentiment shows us the strength and momentum of the ecological movement. Thank you so much for all your support and wisdom for the last 15 years and especially as we venture forward in the next phase of our development with our new eco-center!

2013 A Very Lucky Year!

January

Matter of Trust (MofT) becomes the fiscal sponsor for the middle school summer program, LEAF Academy, in partnership with Presidio Hill School (LEAF founders) and Fondation Erol (LEAF funders).



March



MofT invited to lecture at West Valley College...Staff goes into design and development mode for LEAF and opening the Eco-Center.

After 2 years of rebuilding the entire system, we begin beta testing our new Excess Access online program linking donations with wishes.

February

In order to run LEAF and expand existing programs, MofT secures a location for opening an Eco-Center in the sunny, inner-city Mission District of San Francisco.



April



We get the keys and Eco-Center buildout begins. Huge thanks to the generous grant from Fondation Erol.



The Eco-Center is ready for staff to move in (as long as they love the sound of drills!). The LEAF curriculum, teachers' guide and student notebooks are ready for printers.

May



3 huge, lovely, custom-built planters made from reclaimed pallet wood are installed under the Eco-Center's huge windows. The flowers draw a lot of public attention and we are immediately, warmly welcomed by the community!

June

Summer Exhibit Themes: Solar, Water, Food and Music



June, cont.

Matter of Trust Eco-Center and gift shop open June 10th to the public.



Visitors hours 12-5pm 7 days a week.

Clean Wave of the Future program (hair, fur, fleece recycling) begins working with the Air Force on pilot testing waste water filtration systems.



Internship program begins



A special thanks to the many interns, volunteers and staff who made this all possible:



Clemence, Dori, Spencer, Betty, Janelle, Chelsio, Lola, Daniel, Eliot, Amy, Rudy, Mary, Kyle, Veronica, Joyce, Hugo, Jennifer, Todd, Nicole, Zeus, Dylan, Vivi, Charlotte, Nanette, Rachel, Jennifer, Evelyn, Rosa, Terry, Julia, Lindsay, Skylar, Michelle, Eleanor, Drew, Jessica, Jessie, Kelsey, Jeannie, Paul and many many others who worked tirelessly to create a fun and nurturing place for our whole community to work, learn, and play...

July



MofT provides three 2-week LEAF middle school Summer Academies.



August

Music Matters Camp begins, in partnership with Music Team SF, where kids make instruments from recycled materials.



Huge Thanks to our great partners at Presidio Hill School, Children's Day School, Brower Center, Thomas Edison School, Kipp Charter, MLK School... and all of our field trip Eco-Partners SPAWN, Marine Mammal Center, Eco-SF, Recology, Glide roof-garden, SF Foodbank, SFPUC, City Slickers Farms, Garden for the Environment, Cataract Falls...



For elementary school kids, this camp is inspired by Landfill Harmonic (Paraguay) and El Sistema (Venezuela) programs.

http://youtu.be/T_X5PgWZcvU



"How Can Renters Go Solar" expert panel kicks off our first evening of public lectures...

The very popular Urban Permaculture Institute of SF with Kevin Bayuk and David Cody - classes for adults begin Wednesday nights and Saturday days, at the Eco-Center.

September

Fall Exhibit Themes: Back to School and Abundant Harvest.



After school Renewable Resources program begins - with our partners at the Boys and Girls Clubs.



The Eco-Center hosts the Lick-Wilmerding Alumni Donor Appreciation Gala.



Students make T-Shirt Totes for Holding Halloween candy.



Lunchtime Experts' Workbench hosts green interior designer, bookbinder, mosaic maker, painter with fruit juices, alpaca knitter,



October

B'earthday party bookings begin to rave reviews! Huge thanks to staff members Lorna Porter, Eliot Jackson and Rudy de Leon!



and recycled parts toymaker "Frank'nJune"

... MofT's Joyce's Choices Exhibit is unveiled. For all of these great eco-finds join our facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Matter-of-Trust/463115455390?v=wall&ref=ts>

... MofT partners with Earth Day SF 2014 and weekly public planning meetings begin.



Greater Good Food Films Festival hosts 8 nights with documentaries and expert panels!

Field trips to the Eco-Center start with John O'Connell, Mission High Schools, and elementary schools...



MofT passes CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) global compliance audit to hire international interns.



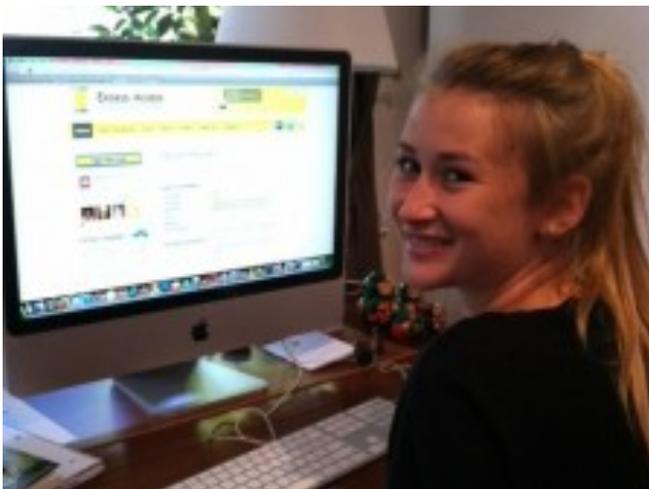
Haunted Eeeeko Center Fun-hair-raising Event hosted by the Wicked Witch of the Waste!



Fall interns at MofT... MofT partners with Nature in the City for walking tours launch...



November





Interns Chelsio and Daniel design their own pallet vertical garden / restaurant sandwich board for Greening Mission Street.

Excess Access soft launch to government and large recycling partners... Maria Surricchio, VP Brand Strategy & Innovation, Sony PlayStation, joins Matter of Trust Board of Directors.

MofT partners with East Bay Depot and SCRAP on Eco-Educational programs and is an official public information distributor for EPA and SF Department of the Environment.

December

Winter Theme: Celebration of Warmth and Giving.

Wrap Star tables set up for the holidays.

December 21, 2014 Caroling with MofT's Natural Abundance Choir in partnership with Capp Street Community Music Center.

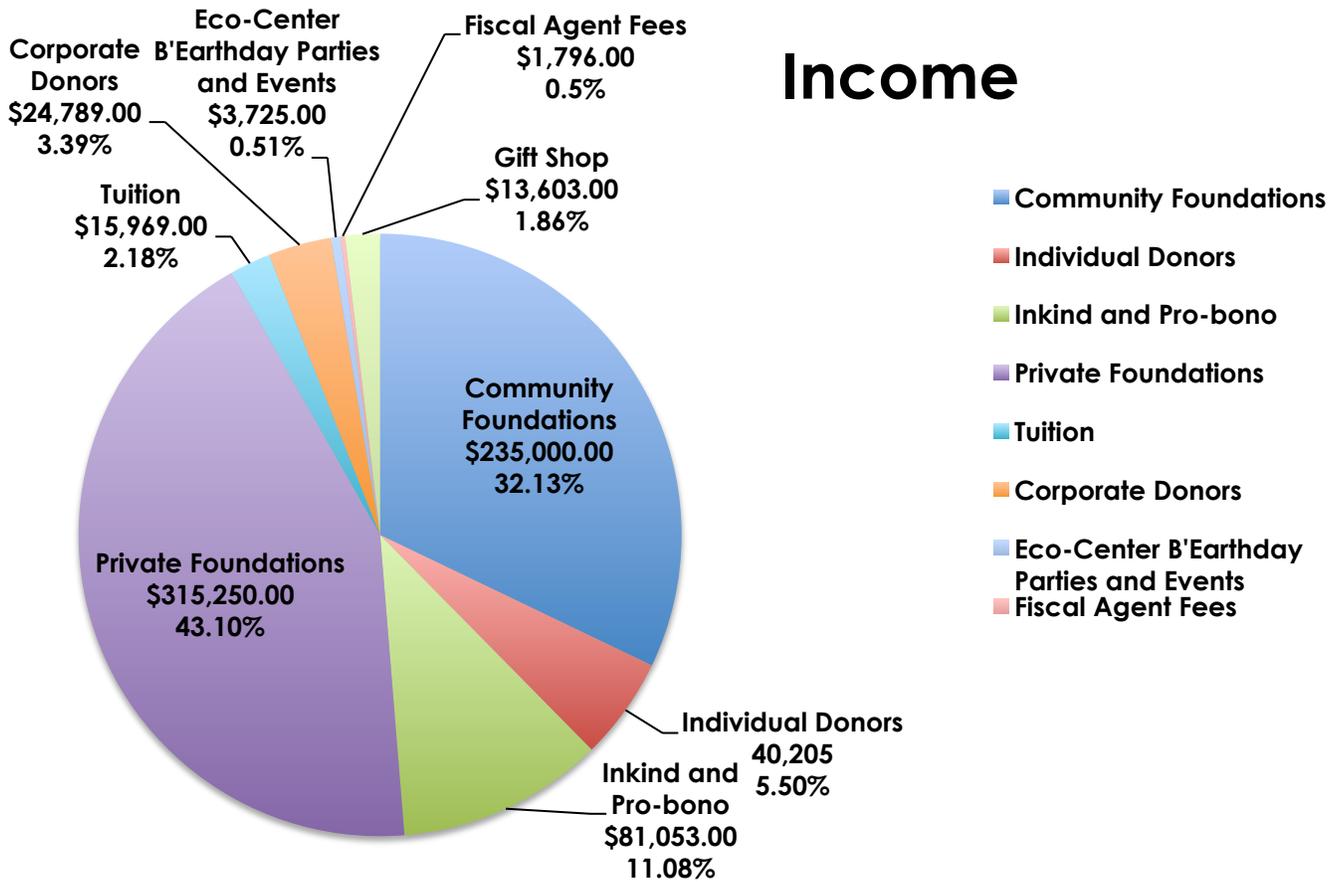


Our monthly All Hands Meetings keep staff and interns up to date on all our collective projects...Huge thanks from Matter of Trust to our generous members who donated to our Last Chance for 2013 online drive New Year's Eve!

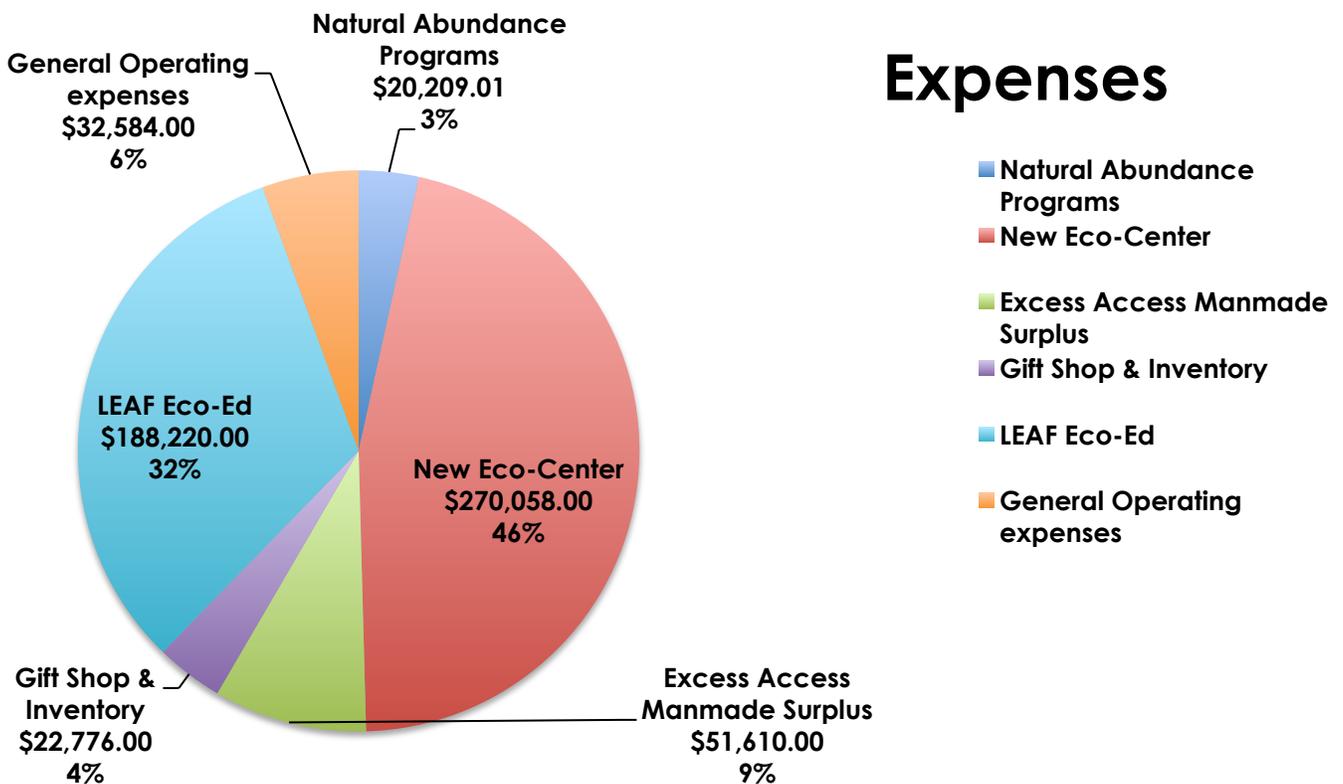
In summary, during the Eco-Center's first 6 months we ran summer camps * hosted special events * employed many interns * became a major SF eco-info distribution point * created community greening projects * built public exhibits * beautified our Mission District corner * successfully launched our eco-gift shop * provided popular b'earthday parties * provided school field trips * taught after school programs * partnered with many local nonprofits * greened halloween * and inspired visitors to recycle and be wrap stars with their holiday gifts and much more!

Everyone Loves Pie!

Income



Expenses



2014 Fun Starting Already!

- Matter of Trust has partnered with the **Marin Carbon Project** for a National Campaign to Recycle Carbon and Compost Grazed Rangelands. (Natural Abundance)
- Matter of Trust has partnered with **Mission Science** and **John O-Connell High School** for Eco-Vocational curriculum—building beehives, musical instruments from recycled materials and more... (Eco-Education)
- Check out our **Natural History Course** for Adults at the Matter of Trust Eco-Center, taught by Ken Litchfield
- Matter of Trust Eco-Center—Summer youth programs, 2 **LEAF Academies** (ages 11-13) and 2 **Sprouts Camps** (ages 7-10). Online sign-up begins February 1st
- Sign up for Community Supported Agriculture with **Eating With the Seasons** and pick up your weekly delivery at our Eco-Center.
- Have a **field trip** at the Eco-Center! Tell your teachers.
- Enjoy after school Crafty **Grab and Do's** at the Eco-Center. (Manmade Surplus)
- Display your “natural and recycled art” with us at our **Earth Day SF** exhibit at Civic Center Plaza in April 19, 2014 10am-6pm
- Plan your **B'earthday party** or **Eco-Baby Shower** here at the Eco-Center in 2014

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