



# 2019 IMPACT REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

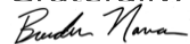
Thanks to the amazing support from our community, 2019 turned out to be Mt. Adams Institute's (MAI) best year ever!

In January 2019, we **launched a four-year strategic plan** to expand our impact and increase the number of veterans, young adults and youth served by the organization. Looking back on the amazing year, we want to share the progress that all of you helped make happen:

- Secured a **3-year grant to nearly double the size** of our career development programs (VetsWork Environment, VetsWork GreenCorps and Public Lands Stewards). This means **more veterans and young adults will benefit from our programs** that help launch careers in public lands and natural resource management AND our treasured public lands benefit from more hands-on support!
- Set a record for the highest number of youth our education program, Cascade Mountain School, has ever served through in-school, outdoor school and summer camp programming. **670 kids** got to spend time outdoors **learning, playing and stoking their curiosity about science and outdoor exploration**.
- Received **national recognition** for the role that our VetsWork program has served in bringing military veterans into the Forest Service workforce.
- Launched a **capital campaign to expand our infrastructure** to better serve our community.
- In **partnership with Oberlin College**, began researching how our mission's focus on natural world connection is benefiting our participants and community.

**Thank you for your continued support and for caring about the relationship between people and the natural world as much as we do!**

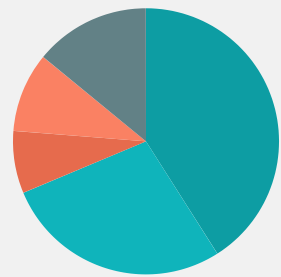
Gratefully,



Brendan Norman  
Executive Director

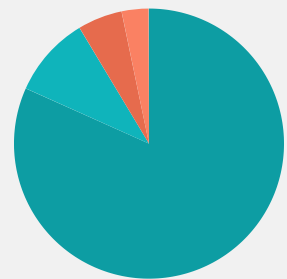


## 2019 EXPENSES



- Participant Stipends (40.99%)
- Program Staff (27.69%)
- Administrative Staff (7.58%)
- Administrative Infrastructure (9.68%)
- Program Expenses (14.06%)

## 2019 REVENUE



- Career Development Programs (81.7%)
- Education Programs (9.7%)
- Foundations/Individual Support (5.34%)
- Facility Rental (3.22%)
- Miscellaneous (0.03%)



# PROGRAMS



VetsWork Environment engages military veterans in natural resources and public lands management through a 45 week, career development AmeriCorps internship program.



VetsWork GreenCorps is a career training AmeriCorps program for military veterans interested in wildland firefighting.



Public Lands Stewards is a career development AmeriCorps program for young adults, ages 21-30, interested in public lands management.



Cascade Mountain School is a summer camp program for students curious about exploring the natural world.



## MISSION

The Mt. Adams Institute mission is to strengthen the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research.

## WHO WE SERVE

MAI serves youth, young adults, adults and families because we believe that a strong connection with nature benefits people of all ages and walks of life. We seek out opportunities to connect individuals with the natural world who are historically underrepresented in outdoor recreation and natural resource career areas.

## IMPACT

Through our programs, Mt. Adams Institute creates opportunities for people to connect meaningfully with the natural world in order to:

- Improve personal health and wellbeing
- Increase ecological literacy and a sense of interconnectedness
- Promote lifelong environmental stewardship and action
- Enhance civic and community engagement
- Facilitate career opportunities in the fields of natural resource management, conservation, and education



# AMERICORPS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



783

community volunteers engaged

5,800

native trees planted

17,000

miles of trails maintained



1,292

acres treated for wildfire suppression

5,850

students taught environmental education

391

pounds of trash removed



10,330

acres cleared or treated of invasive species



# AMERICORPS MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



The amount of friends I have made and projects I've been a part of because of Mt. Adams Institute's VetsWork AmeriCorps program has been extraordinary. From day one until now I have kept myself busy digging in the dirt, planting trees with kids, installing water quality monitoring wells, working at educational events, promoting clean water, native seed collecting, sewing, planting, working with youth corps, volunteers, and the list goes on.... There's not one particular job I find better or worse, I find them all as fulfilling as the last. All things seem to click and have purpose. I am excited and truly blessed; I now have a sense of belonging.

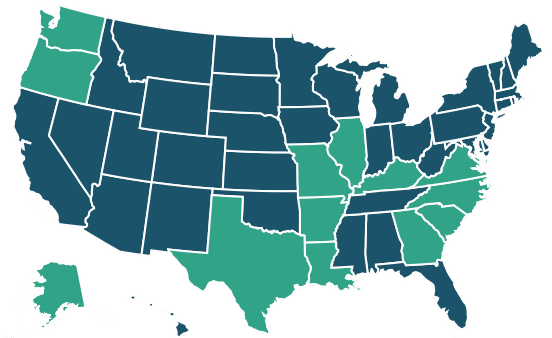
- Chris Sutherland, VetsWork 2019, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership

I want to thank Mt. Adams Institute and WREN for providing such a positive experience for me during this term. It has been a joy and an inspiration to be around so many people with not only a love for the outdoors, but also the drive to conserve natural spaces and make them an even greater and more accessible asset to our communities. These shared values help shape the true strength of this program; across a range of jobs and work settings, we are all putting our skills and experience to use towards a common objective.

- Annie Carter, Public Lands Stewards 2019, Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN)

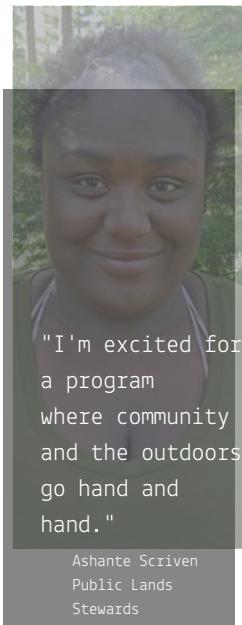


## 53 AmeriCorps Members across 13 states!



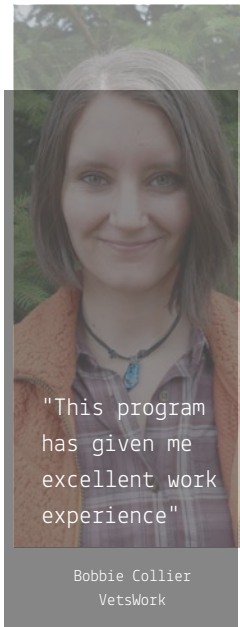
"I'm excited to continue service to our country in a new way."

Chris Renteria  
VetsWork  
GreenCorps



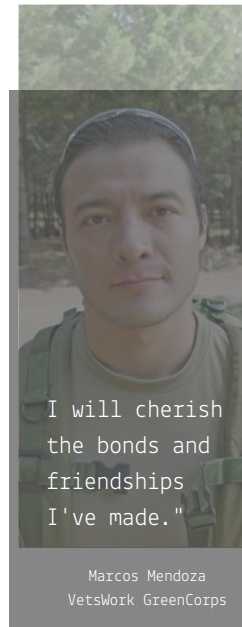
"I'm excited for a program where community and the outdoors go hand and hand."

Ashante Scriven  
Public Lands  
Stewards



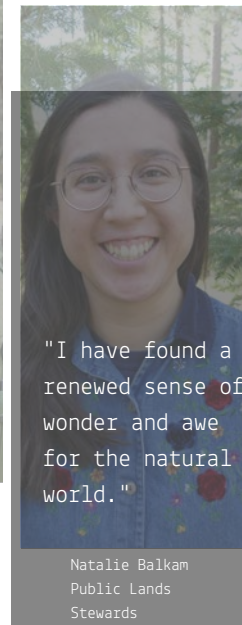
"This program has given me excellent work experience"

Bobbie Collier  
VetsWork



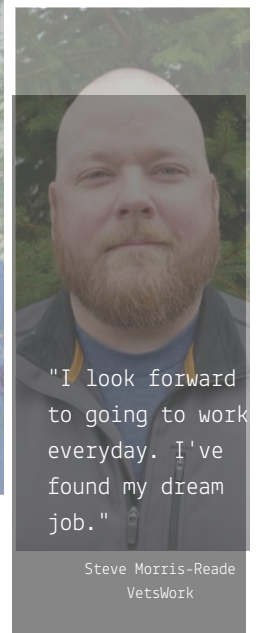
I will cherish the bonds and friendships I've made."

Marcos Mendoza  
VetsWork GreenCorps



"I have found a renewed sense of wonder and awe for the natural world."

Natalie Balkam  
Public Lands  
Stewards



"I look forward to going to work everyday. I've found my dream job."

Steve Morris-Reade  
VetsWork



# CASCADE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

**670 STUDENTS CONNECTED TO  
THE NATURAL WORLD!**



**7 OUTDOOR SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS**



**13 DAY  
SUMMER  
CAMPS**



**3 OVERNIGHT  
SUMMER  
CAMPS**



**IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT:  
MID VALLEY ELEMENTARY  
MOSIER ELEMENTARY  
PARKDALE ELEMENTARY**



**AFTER-SCHOOL  
PROGRAMMING AT:  
PARKDALE  
ELEMENTARY**

# 2019 DONATIONS & GRANTS

Greg Hatton  
Grant Hatton  
Brad & Julie Beeler  
Aaron Sarver  
Josh Lemieux  
Doug Browning  
Becky Denham  
Keena Hormel  
Richard Fox  
Elizabeth Holmes-Gaar  
Axel Flichtbeil  
Carmella Ettinger  
Michael Tehan  
Cory & Frank Kirkpatrick  
Debbie & Rod Nelson  
Blue Skies Bakery  
Lindsay Kara

Christine Tooley  
Sherrie Jackson  
Robert Bingham  
Jesse Garcia  
Barbara Hansen  
Caroline Yamazaki Roberts  
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Joanne Menter  
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Luke Wakefield  
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Wheeler Foundation  
Home Depot

Grey Family Foundation  
First Interstate Bank

Oregon Community Foundation  
Amazon Smile

Rose E. Tucker Trust  
Columbia Sportswear

# 2019 PARTNERS

## U. S. Forest Service:

Chattahoochie-Oconee National Forest  
Chugach National Forest  
Davy-Crockett National Forest  
Deschutes National Forest  
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests  
Gifford Pinchot National Forest  
Kisatchie National Forest  
Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area  
Mark Twain National Forest  
Malheur National Forest  
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest  
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest  
Pisgah National Forest  
Shawnee National Forest  
Sioux National Forest  
Sumter National Forest  
Umatilla National Forest

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

Columbia River Gorge National Fish Hatchery Complex  
Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge  
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Complex

## National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

## Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

## Tillamook Estuaries Partnership

## Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN)

## AmeriCorps





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

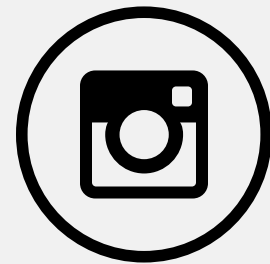
The expansion of our programs in 2019, brought new staff members to Mt. Adams Institute! We are excited to introduce you to (starting from top left) Cory Kirkpatrick: Administrative Assistant, Sherrie Jackson: Human Resources Director, and Rebekah Rafferty: VetsWork Program Coordinator. Each one is an asset to our organization, bringing a wide variety of skills and experiences to our team. We are grateful to have them on board!



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