



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Over the last year, I have talked to people from across the country who participated in Earth Force over the years. Today, they are environmental engineers, legislative directors, educators, and nonprofit leaders. In their own way, each tells a story of how solving an environmental problem in their community affected their career choice, their view on citizenship, and their daily habits.

As our communities face challenges brought about by a rapidly changing climate, it excites me that these former Earth Force students are continuing to invest in solving pressing environmental issues. We continue our commitment today by preparing young people to create and support resilient communities, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and motivation to be lifelong environmental citizens.

Below is an example of how we work in communities all across the U.S. and Canada. These young people join over 16,000 youth in addressing real environmental issues today.



VINCE MELDRUM

Youth Build Environmentally Resilient Communities by Addressing Stormwater Challenges

THE PROBLEM:

First graders at Coronado Elementary, a dual language school near the Albuquerque National Hispanic Cultural Center, made monthly visits to test the water quality of the Rio Grande. The students passed their data to fifth graders for analysis, who discovered high levels of e. coli in the water! The fifth graders went out to the bosque and found enormous amounts of dog waste left by dog owners. Dog waste, and its harmful bacteria, is carried by stormwater into waterways, decreasing water quality. Armed with orange flags to mark waste piles, the students ran out of markers before they could make it 100 feet!

THE SOLUTION:

The students felt the solution needed to go beyond trash pick-ups and focused their project on public outreach. They contacted local media outlet KOAT-TV to help spread the word on Earth Day that pet waste is dangerous, not only to the waterways, but to the residents of Albuquerque. They also presented to City of Albuquerque officials explaining their findings and stressing the importance of educating the public to pick up after their pets.



SUCCESS:

In Denver, Annica is developing a deeper understanding of how she can protect the environment. Before participating in Earth Force, Annica had played down by the creek once, but it was so polluted, she did not want to go back. Now, she's leaping feet first into a stream by her school, learning first-hand about the health of her watershed. She's discovering that if she cares about her community and the environment, she **can** effect change.

"There's a problem with the water in the creek and we're trying to solve that problem... We get to experience solving a problem in real life, and it's gonna help the environment."



NUMBERS



20,024
YOUTH



175
SCHOOLS



429
EDUCATORS



49
COMMUNITIES



150
PROJECTS



51
PARTNERS



381
CORPORATE
VOLUNTEERS

"Agrium is proud to partner with Earth Force on the Caring for our Watersheds program to help students create tangible environmental change. It's the innovative thinking of our youth that will guide us to true environmental problem-solving."

Lindsey Verhaeghe, Corporate Social Responsibility, Agrium Inc.

"Earth Force continues to be the only organization that engages young people as key players in the fight against our changing climate. Earth Force helps youth develop civic skills, gain environmental knowledge, and hone their understanding of how to drive change. They will continue to be environmental leaders for a lifetime."

Dr. Jonathan Essoka & Murray Rosenberg, Earth Force Co-Board Chairs

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FINANCIALS

Grants and Contributions:
\$1,186,353
(94%)

Earned Income and Other Revenues:
\$45,328 (4%)

REVENUE:

Total: **\$1,259,857**

In-kind Contributions:
\$28,176 (2%)

Program:
\$1,067,299
(85%)

Fundraising:
\$117,711 (9%)

Management and General:
\$72,038 (6%)

EXPENSES:

Total: **\$1,257,048**

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