WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN A TREE MAKE?
To the volunteer who plants it by the side of a stream, it can turn neighbors into community and dirty hands into joy. It can grow to shelter deer and birds and fish, protect from floods and pollution and climate change, give respite from heat and daily stress.

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN AN OYSTER MAKE?
To the oyster farmer who grows it, it can turn the Bay into a way of life and our estuary into an economic engine. It can filter and clear the water, give light to underwater grasses and homes to fish and crabs, ensure anglers have tugs on their lines and holidays have oyster slurping.

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN A FIELD EXPERIENCE MAKE?
To the student who paddles a canoe for the first time, it can turn classmates into teammates and local streams into worlds of inquiry. It can inspire teachers and careers, shape school systems and classrooms, plant the seeds of environmental stewardship and action for generations to come.

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN A VOICE MAKE?
To the advocate who is working to protect their community, it can turn hopelessness into accountability and isolation into common cause. It can stop sewage overflows and bulldozers and unjust health impacts, support science and enforce laws.

WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN WE MAKE?
Because of you, millions of trees are growing along rivers and streams. Billions more oysters are in the Bay. Over 1.5 million learners have experienced the watershed firsthand. Thousands of people have raised their voices for clean water.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE WATERSHEDS. WE CAN CHANGE WORLDS. THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
A Message from Our President and Board Chair

When we think about the Chesapeake Bay, many of us think back to childhood days spent playing in small creeks near home, the times eating crabs with family and friends, or the hours lost happily exploring forests and shorelines. Across all 64,000 square miles of its watershed, the Bay is more than water. It is a patchwork of our collective stories and those with whom we’ve shared them; our sense of home and community. It is a place to find solitude and a place to gather. No matter how you experience it, this watershed shapes all of us.

Thanks to you, we are also shaping it—for the better. Your support means more farmers are adopting agricultural practices that improve water quality and build resilience to climate change; more neighborhoods are reducing pavement and increasing tree canopy to protect from heat and pollution; more students are accessing hands-on environmental education; more oyster reefs are growing in tidal rivers; and more polluters are being held accountable to the laws that protect our water, air, and health.

Each of these steps forward is meaningful. The cumulative impact is truly incredible. A student today is a businessperson, a policymaker, and a community leader tomorrow. Their connection to the watershed will shape the actions they take and the values they instill in those around them. A tree planted in a neighborhood today may be small, but one day a shady canopy could be lifesaving when an extreme heat wave hits. Like a ripple effect, each person who is inspired, connected, supported, and emboldened by this work becomes a new seed for change and innovation, bringing us closer to a vibrant watershed that allows people and nature to thrive together.

As we look to the future, there is still a tremendous amount to do and many challenges to face. This work has never been easy. Clean water is an ongoing and collective project—one that is not possible without you. This is how change happens. This is how we save the Bay, and keep it saved, for all people and all generations. Thank you for making it possible.

Otis S. Jones
Board Chair

Hilary Harp Falk
President and CEO
While wildfire smoke turned skies orange and sounded air-quality alarms across the watershed this summer, CBF educators and partner teachers were busy developing ways to help students investigate local impacts of climate change and solutions.

Extreme rainfall, rising sea levels, and warming temperatures all threaten the health of the watershed and communities. Meaningful climate change curriculum is therefore essential for preparing tomorrow’s leaders, and students and schools are increasingly demanding it, says Karen Mullin, Director of CBF’s Professional Learning Team.

“Everything out there is riddled with computer learning, big scary facts, and despair,” she says. “We don’t do those things. We want to know, how can we replace despair with investigation and action?”

Over the past 50 years, CBF supporters have replaced despair with curiosity for more than 1.5 million learners.

“[The Network Leadership Course] was very helpful in shifting my way of thinking about how to work with school systems and beyond in a way that will hopefully enable our organization to build stronger partnerships and work toward a shared vision with our network partners.”

Suzanne Sullivan, Director of Education, ShoreRivers
through our award-winning Environmental Education program. The program is centered on immersive, real-world investigations that spark inquiry, connection, and action. The team applied the same principles to climate change, developing investigations to explore local heat islands, air quality, and changing biodiversity in rivers and wetlands. Teachers in four school districts will begin testing the investigations this year.

But no single experience, school, or organization can solve the complex challenges facing our watershed—or our world—alone. This year, CBF also began training cohorts of leaders from partner environmental education organizations across the watershed. The training focuses on how organizations can create local networks that expand and strengthen their educational programs.

The first Network Leadership Course cohort graduated this past year, while the second kicks off this winter. They represent organizations from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

According to Mullin, the goal is to amplify local programs, creating systemic and sustained learning for every kid in every community—and all those who come after them.

“Our capacity is limited when it’s just what we can do on our own,” Mullin says. “But our capacity is limitless when we can affect change through others.”

This year, CBF’s Environmental Education program celebrated 50 years of educating people about the Bay and its rivers, streams, animals, history, and people.
When the Maryland General Assembly approved the biggest update to the state’s Forest Conservation Act in more than 30 years, CBF’s advocacy team could hardly believe it.

“There were a lot of times throughout this process that we looked at each other and thought, did we really just do this?” says Matt Stegman, CBF’s Maryland Staff Attorney.

For the first time, Maryland has a statewide goal to not only preserve existing forests, but also to increase the acreage of forested land and tree canopy. The new protections, among the strongest in the country, also increase replanting requirements when developers clear forests, which caused most of the state’s 19,000-acre loss of forests and trees between 2013 and 2018. However, it...
also allows local governments flexibility to protect trees while addressing communities’ needs such as affordable housing and transit-oriented development.

“After months of work, this forest preservation bill was supported by developers, by counties, by municipal governments—it really ran the whole gamut,” Stegman says.

The achievement was only possible with long-term support that allowed CBF to work with partner environmental organizations, communities, and policymakers for nearly a decade to deliver the data and widespread backing needed to drive such a significant change. It also sparked major milestones along the way, with Anne Arundel, Howard, Frederick, and Montgomery Counties all bolstering local forest protections since 2019.

Forests are among the best natural filters that reduce pollution and protect water quality, making them essential to restoring local rivers and the Bay for the long term. They are also critical to both mitigate and protect against climate change—sequestering carbon, cooling nearby waterways, reducing flooding, and providing refuge and respite for wildlife and communities.

“It was a big, heavy lift, but it’s an achievement that will be felt for years, if not decades,” says Stegman. “This is a generational piece of legislation.”

Abingdon Woods was slated for major development and removal of trees. Concerned citizens and CBF fought to protect the area.
The Henrico County Water Reclamation Facility and its system of collection pipes have faced decades of consent orders from Virginia for exceeding permit limits and allowing raw sewage to flow into local waterways when collection system pipes malfunctioned. Yet the orders never led to the improvements necessary to protect water quality. Often, people near the facility and its sprawling wastewater collection system had no idea of the overflows and exceedances. Anglers fished without knowing the safety of their catch. Waders and kayakers didn’t realize they might be recreating in sewage.

“We heard so many personal stories about people interacting with the water, never knowing if they were

“This legally enforceable agreement ensures that the public will be better informed and protected from sewage spills and pollution violations. Additionally, we are pleased that all parties involved were able to reach agreement on projects that will benefit the James River and consider climate change impacts in future plans.”

Bill Street, CEO, James River Association
going to be safe,” says Taylor Lilley, CBF’s Environmental Justice Staff Attorney.

In December 2021, CBF joined the James River Association and their attorneys from the Environmental Integrity Project in a lawsuit to force the county to address the problem and comply with its Clean Water Act permit. This year, a settlement agreement was reached with Henrico County that will accelerate upgrades to the facility, improve public notification of sewage overflows, and requires a $1 million investment in an environmental restoration project to reduce pollution and benefit residents.

It’s not just Henrico. A lack of permit enforcement remains a major threat to the environment and public health across the watershed, Lilley says. Even when local agencies are aware, they don’t always have the bandwidth to intervene. CBF supporters allow our Litigation team to work with local partners to fill that need, as we did in Henrico and continue to do through ongoing cases to enforce or strengthen permits in Baltimore and on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. The team’s work also supports accountability for clean water laws more broadly, such as in a landmark settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this year that increases enforcement and scrutiny of permits across a broad range of facilities in Pennsylvania.

“Cases like this are a critical part of environmental enforcement,” Lilley says. “It’s an important role we play to make sure that there isn’t flagrant disregard for permits.”

Residents of Henrico County, Virginia, the county surrounding Richmond, have unknowingly come in contact with sewage from decades-old pipes and a lack of permit enforcement.

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As a three-year-old white oak, grown from an acorn, settled into the ground at Furnace Run Park in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, last October, staff and volunteers from across the Keystone State celebrated.

“This tree we are planting today is going to be here for 100 years,” Sam Cressler, of Southampton Township, said at the time. “It is going to witness a lot of wonder and smiles from the people who come and go here. It’s really exciting.”

It also marked a major milestone—the five millionth tree planted by the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership (K10). CBF launched the ambitious effort in 2018, with the goal of planting 10 million trees in the Commonwealth by 2025. The effort has since grown to include nearly 300

“As a member of COA, we have access to valuable resources and support that help us achieve our mission of improving the lives of those we serve through environmental stewardship. I am excited to work alongside other members and see the positive changes we can make together.”

Leslie Townsell, Community Director, Black in Marine Science (100th Chesapeake Oyster Alliance partner)
partners that collectively planted 500,000 trees in 2023.

Trees are a cost-effective tool for cleaning and protecting waterways and provide many co-benefits that will be felt for generations, including shade, carbon sequestration, streambank stabilization, and wildlife habitat.

“Trees are one of the biggest bangs for the buck for cleaning water,” says Joe Hallinan, K10 Partnership Manager at CBF. “By planting trees today, we can leave our communities a better place for our children and grandchildren.”

Across the watershed, the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance (COA) also planted seeds for the future, welcoming its 100th partner in 2023. The coalition, coordinated by CBF, brings together non-profits, academic institutions, businesses, and aquaculture operations to restore the Chesapeake Bay’s oyster population, all united by the goal of adding 10 billion oysters to the Bay by 2025.

COA’s diverse coalition of partners today range from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, to Solar Oysters, to the Nansemond Indian Nation.
From growing oyster reefs and trees to growing partnerships with local organizations and schools, your support creates far-reaching benefits for water quality and communities that will shape the future of our region—and our planet—for generations to come. In 2023, we:

2023 R I P P L E

RESTORATION

Expanded the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance to 101 partners, which have added over 4.5 BILLION OYSTERS to Bay waters.

Grew the Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership from 221 to 264 members, which have planted over 5.9 MILLION TREES in Pennsylvania.

Launched a project to support restoration and conservation of FRESHWATER MUSSELS, important river filterers that are among the most threatened class of organisms in the country.

ADVOCACY

Launched the new BAY ADVOCACY INSTITUTE at seven colleges and universities in the watershed, helping students better understand watershed issues, find solutions, and take meaningful action.

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EDUCATION

- Celebrated 50 YEARS of award-winning environmental education that has reached more than 1.5 MILLION LEARNERS and inspired countless actions—and careers—dedicated to saving the Bay.
- Supported the growth of 100 STUDENT LEADERS from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia during five summer courses, two multi-day leadership development conferences, and several Rally Your Reps days.
- Organized and led teacher professional training for the BALTIMORE OUTDOOR LEARNING NETWORK, resulting in over 1,000 Baltimore City ninth graders participating in hands-on investigations of local city streams.

COMMUNITY/RESOURCES

- Raised the voices of more than 1,200 CBF MEMBERS in support of draft legislation, introduced by Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen and Representative John Sarbanes, that would create the Chesapeake National Recreation Area.
- Engaged community oyster gardeners in raising and planting over 1.8 MILLION OYSTERS—capable of filtering up to 90 million gallons of water per day—on restoration reefs in Maryland and Virginia.
- Expanded TREE PLANTINGS in Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia, to cool overheated neighborhoods, clean the air, and filter out stormwater pollutants.

LITIGATION

- Reached a LANDMARK SETTLEMENT with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to increase enforcement and limit water pollution in seven priority Pennsylvania counties.
- Successfully challenged a permit that violated the 1991 Forest Conservation Act, preserving 200 ACRES OF FOREST in Harford County, Maryland.
- Filed a LEGAL CHALLENGE against a wastewater discharge permit issued to the Valley Proteins poultry rendering facility in Dorchester County, Maryland, as the permit does not ensure that local water quality will be protected.
Our donors make it possible to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams for generations to come. It is only through your support that our restoration, advocacy, education, and litigation efforts are possible.

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Saving the Bay never sounded so good! On June 10, 2023, Bay savers rocked out in nature's greatest music venue at Bands in the Sand and raised over $500,000 for CBF. The crowd helped power the ever-growing movement for a healthy, thriving Chesapeake Bay.

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Fund of the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County
Edwin R. Childers Jr.
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Food & Farm Fest

On October 14, 2023, Bay savers of all ages joined us at CBF’s Clagett Farm where guests explored our working regenerative agriculture farm, met cute resident animals, sampled craft beverages, enjoyed local dishes, and listened to live music.

CBF is grateful for the support of our top sponsors: Bob Hall LLC; Brown Advisory; HASI; Keystone Streams; Marquette Associates; and WGL Energy.

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Creative Corporate Giving

Last year, through their "Black Friday, Blue Planet" promotion, Grain Wood Furniture of Virginia Beach, Virginia, brought awareness to the importance of sustainable furniture manufacturing while raising critical funds for CBF.

CBF thanks Grain Wood Furniture.
Making Moves for the Bay

Since 2015, Kinetic Multisports has supported CBF by educating and empowering endurance athletes to play an active role in cleaning the Bay.

Bay-loving endurance racers of all levels and ages combine their passion for sport while also supporting CBF’s mission.

CBF thanks the Kinetic Multisports team for their longtime support.
In May, we welcomed employees from Audi of America to our Maryland oyster restoration facility where volunteers packed 150 bags of recycled oyster shells. Each recycled shell is capable of being a home to dozens of new oysters. We are excited to collaborate with the Audi Environmental Foundation and Audi of America to expand our work to build resilient shorelines and add billions of new oysters to our waterways.

Corporate Partners

Corporate partners demonstrate their commitment to the Chesapeake Bay through their support of CBF.

$100,000+
Anonymous
HASI
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$50,000-$99,999
Audi Environmental Foundation
Devils Backbone Brewing Company
Grain Wood Furniture
The Owens & Minor Foundation
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Sisco Associates
Under Armour, Inc.
Urban Grid Solar

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Avangrid Renewables
Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Birdsong Peanuts
Boatyard Bar & Grill
Choptank Annapolis by Atlas Restaurant Group
Constellation Brands Beer Division
Contrast & Co.
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$5,000-$9,999
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Gifs in Kind

The following donors made nonfinancial gifts valued at $1,000 or more.

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RCI Systems
Michael & Susan Tempest
Western Maryland Resource Conservation & Development
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
WGL Energy

Innovative Partnerships

To achieve our goal of saving the Bay, a job made more difficult as a result of climate change, we need innovative partnerships.

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We grew up with the Bay in our backyard and have so many childhood and adult memories centering on its bounty and beauty. Even though we left the area some 30 years ago, we continue to return to this special, unique, and spectacular environment. Since we became involved with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in the early 1970s, there have been major changes in the approach to Bay restoration, and CBF has proven to be nimble and responsive to these changing situations. CBF’s commitment to educating the public has also been exemplary. This continuity of effort is key to making the Bay the best it can be, and through our legacy gift, we’re grateful to make a contribution without financial risk as we get older.”

Bruce Seligmman and Karen Junghans (Tucson, Arizona) are members of the Nellie Semans Society—a special group of CBF supporters who have made a lasting commitment to the Bay through a planned gift.
Memorials
Loved ones often make a gift to CBF in memory of a special person who cared about the Bay. CBF received gifts this year in loving memory of the following individuals.

Butch Adams
Craig Lanier Allen, Ph.D., Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)
John Joseph Allen Jr.
Elliott Alterman
Katharine Anderson
Susan Marie Vanderwende App
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Noel Edward Beegle
John “Jay” Beisser
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Dan Eddins Beegle
Joseph Frank Belsan
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Dr. Howard “Bud” Blanchard Jr.
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Howard Bloomfield
James “Pat” Willard Bloxsom
David R. Boggs
Robert Boisvert
David Benjamin Boomer
Sidney Bourdeaux
David Bigelow Bowes
T. Michael Bowman
William Boyd
Jeanette “Jean” Boyer
David Grant Boyle
William “Bill” Boyle III
Claire Brander
John Branner Jr.
Joseph Karl Braverman
John Breslin Sr.
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Robert Gray Browning
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Ryan Zell
Ed & Sharon Zondag
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Dr. Robert & Betty Brumbaugh
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Nancy Lou Potter de Laski
Mary Jane Demarest
Jeffrey Dennison
Timothy John Devine
Betty Dickerson
Nicholas DiPasquale
Joseph DiPietro
Charles "Chuck" Dobroski Jr.
Thomas Doran
Judith Dorey
Earl Kilmon Drewe Jr.
Richard Dudley
Kevin Duffy
William M. Dunstan
William Albert Dursey
Warren Woffl Eisenberg
IN MEMORIAM

On October 19, 2023, CBF lost a dear friend with the passing of honorary trustee Thomas H. Stoner. Tom left an indelible mark on CBF and the world, advocating for the need to connect—with nature, with others, and with the spirit of something greater that lies within us.

Tom became involved with CBF in the 1980s. He served as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1998 and remained involved with the organization as an honorary trustee until his passing. Through their foundation, Nature Sacred, Tom and his wife Kitty provide green spaces for mindful reflection and solace to intentionally improve health and wellbeing. The first-ever Sacred Place and bench were established in 1996 at Inspiration Point at CBF’s Annapolis headquarters.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Kitty and the rest of Tom’s family. All of us at CBF will continue to be inspired by the beauty of the Sacred Places he established and his belief in the healing power of connection.

On May 5, 2023, CBF lost a great friend with the passing of Suzanne Miller. Along with her friend, Vicki Saporta, Suzanne was a long-time supporter of CBF and an avid participant in our oyster gardening program. As a seasoned sailor, Suzanne was well-versed in navigating the waters of the Chesapeake Bay on the many trips that she and Vicki would take from their home off the Magothy River in Arnold, Maryland.

When not on the water, Suzanne was dedicated to her life’s passion: raising and training golden retrievers, which she did for more than 50 years. She served on the Golden Retriever Club of America’s Board of Directors (GRCA) and as GRCA’s Chair of the 2017 National Specialty. An active member of the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, Suzanne was recently named President Emeritus. Suzanne was a pillar in the golden retriever community and well-known for her deep love for animals—most of all, her golden retriever, Tybee.

Despite the health challenges that Suzanne faced toward the end of her life, she always maintained her signature positive attitude. Her memory will live on through the countless people her gentle kindness and infectious energy touched. CBF extends our warmest condolences to Vicki and all who were lucky enough to know and love Suzanne.

On June 4 2023, CBF lost a cherished colleague with the passing of Dr. Beth McGee. Beth served as CBF’s Director of Science and Agricultural Policy, playing a crucial role in assessing the health of the Bay, leading the science of Bay restoration, and helping CBF craft policy solutions. Beth believed that to achieve environmental change, science must support policy decisions. Over the last 20 years, she helped achieve those goals.

Beth loved the outdoors and the Chesapeake Bay. Together with her wife, Ann, Beth spent her free time exploring the outdoors—fishing, kayaking, and walking the beach. They loved spontaneous adventures, like a skiff cruise. She was a wonderful colleague—generous with her knowledge and always looking out for others, inspiring us all with her joy. A bench in Beth’s honor has been added to the grounds at CBF’s Annapolis headquarters.

Her passion, her work, and her kindness will remain and help drive our continued efforts for a saved Bay. We extend our condolences to Ann and her loved ones.

Endowments

Endowment funds provide a reliable income stream for CBF year after year. The following are CBF’s named endowments.

Baker Fund
William C. Baker Building a Better Future Endowment Fund
Jane P. Batten Endowment for the Pleasure House Point Environmental Center
Cynthia J. Boyle and Raymond C. Love Fund for Environmental Education
J. Read Branch Memorial Fund
Julian Allan Brown Memorial Fund
Admiral Ross P. Bullard Fund
The Bunting Family
Joan Burnside Memorial Fund
Margaret and W. Bates Chappell Endowment Fund
C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Endowment Fund
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Charles Clagett Endowment Fund
The Henry L. and Grace Doherty Chair for Environmental Education
The Henry L. and Grace Doherty Endowment for Educational Leadership
The Henry L. and Grace Doherty Endowment for the Port Isabel Island Environmental Education Program
Lois Duffey Endowment for Environmental Education
Carson Lee Fifer Memorial Fund
John V. Fischel Memorial Endowment Fund
Thomas and Barbara Gale Foundation
Charles S. Garland Jr. Memorial Endowment Fund
Harry C. Green Residuary Trust Fund
Ernest W. and Elizabeth Avers Jennes Endowment Fund
Kellam Family Fund
Kidder Hopeful Fund
Joseph and Bonnie Kies Endowment Fund
Kirby Fund
Kiwanis Club of Suburban Norfolk Environmental Education Endowed Internship
Lenfest Environmental Education Fund
The Albert J. Lofgren & Antoinette F. Seymour Endowment Fund
James Fletcher Logan Endowment Fund
Summer T. McKnight Fund
William B. Mullins Memorial Fund
Karen E. Noonan Endowment Fund
Paul Family Fund for Environmental Education
Reynolds Endowment Fund
Edmund A. Stanley Jr. Endowment Fund
L. Corrin Strong Memorial Fund
Mary Frances Wagle Endowment Fund
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Endowment for Baltimore City Environmental Education
Earl White Memorial Fund
MRS. J. Read Branch Memorial Fund
Dr. Beth McGee
Support and Revenue
Membership Contributions ........................................ 5,852,270
Grants & Gifts ................................................... 20,254,086
Education Contracts & Tuition ................................ 1,039,177
Investment Distribution .......................................... 4,098,370
Donated Goods & Services ....................................... 239,951
Other .................................................................. 1,886,443
Revenue for the Current Year ................................... 33,370,297

Expenses
Program Services ..................................................... 27,168,965
  Environmental Education ...................................... 7,643,090
  Environmental Protection & Restoration ............... 16,272,584
  Strategic Communications .................................. 3,253,291
Support Services ..................................................... 7,217,268
  General & Administrative .................................. 3,021,430
  Fundraising ....................................................... 4,195,838
Total Expenses .................................................... 34,386,233
Change in Net Assets Before Capital Additions .......... (1,015,936)*
Capital Additions ................................................... 1,622,676
Change in Net Assets .............................................. 606,740
Net Assets, Beginning of Year ................................ 121,228,637
Net Assets, End of Year ......................................... 121,835,377

A copy of the audited financial statement & IRS Form 990 is available at cbf.org or by calling 888-SAVEBAY.

* ($2,919,538) is related to Making History Campaign and future expenditures.

CBF also meets all the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability.
OUR MISSION: Save the Bay™ and keep it saved, as defined by reaching a 70 on CBF’s Health Index.