

Annual Report
2013

Building A Legacy Of Impact



Supporting Regional and Local Conservation Programs in 2013 and Beyond

Continuing the tradition of building the corps experience in local communities, Conservation Legacy empowers individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities and the environment.

Who We Are

Conservation Legacy began in Durango in 1998 as Southwest Youth Corps and changed it's name to Southwest Conservation Corps in 2006 after merging with Youth Corps of Southern Arizona. Conservation Legacy is now the name of the organization that operates Arizona Conservation Corps, Environmental Stewards, Southeast Youth Corps, Southwest Conservation Corps and the VISTA teams.

In 2013, the organization engaged 709 young people, veterans and crew leaders who completed over 350,000 hours of service.

Conservation Legacy's new structure will allow the support of emerging programs and to help lead and promote national initiatives.

7,986

Total Acres Cleaned or Improved

741

Total Miles of Trails Improved

350,771

Total Service Hours Or

40 Years

of Non-Stop Conservation Work



Veterans Fire Corps

Conservation Legacy continues to operate high quality programming for veterans in Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.



Building the Conservation Legacy Family: Arizona Conservation Corps

The SCC Sonoran Desert Region and Coconino Rural Environment Corps have merged and created Arizona Conservation Corps, serving Arizona, New Mexico and the surrounding areas with hardworking local and conservation crews, youth programs and individual placements.



The Foundation of Conservation Legacy: It's All About the Corpsmembers

From the beginning, our core has always been our members. A 2013 external university evaluation has proven that participating in our programs has increased our members success in leadership, community and environmental engagement, teamwork, communication, critical thinking, responsibility, seeking meaningful employment... and **GRIT!**

VISTA Teams Beckley, West Virginia

Our program office in West Virginia provides individual placements in the Appalachians, Colorado and New Mexico.

Integrity

Champion of Change Anthony Ciocco: Local Hero

The White House recognized SCC Crew Leader Anthony Ciocco for his extraordinary efforts to engage and lead Native American youth in restoration projects with the Ancestral Lands program on the Navajo Nation.



Project Spotlight Environmental Stewards: Great Lakes Science Center Project
ES works with the USGS in Ann Arbor, MI on river conservation and restoring native Sturgeon habitat, winning the nomination for the 2013 Secretary of the Interior Partners in Conservation Award.

Stewardship Challenge

Project Spotlight: Hurricane Sandy

Crews were challenged in New York and New Jersey on disaster relief assignments after Sandy hit. AZCC and SCC members led volunteers, provided logistical support and assisted communities in the recovery process.

Dedication

National Commitment: 21st Century Conservation Service Corps

Conservation Legacy, co-founder of the Public Lands Service Coalition, has dedicated staff co-leading the Partnership for the 21CSC- a national public-private partnership focused on expanding and elevating conservation corps work across the country.



Program Spotlight: Southeast Youth Corps

SYC is building conservation based community programs, bringing people together to address issues affecting youth employment, engagement, education and the environment.

Community

By *challenging* myself to try a **completely new experience**, I *rediscovered* a sense of *adventure* and *purpose* in my life and gained a set of **meaningful new skills**



2013 Notables

21st Century Conservation Service Corps

Official Program Operator

CCC 80th Anniversary Celebration and Service Day

Host: Arizona Conservation Corps • Tucson

15th Anniversary Celebration and Service Events

Awards

White House Champion of Change • Anthony Ciocco

The White House Champions of Change Program

Colorado Corpsmembers of the Year:

Austin Craig and Erika Steenburg

Colorado Youth Corps Association • SCC

Arizona Corps Members of the Year • Caleb Cline

Engaged Citizen Award • Aaron Lowden

New Mexico Outdoors Coalition

Phil James Conservation Award: DRRC

Delores River Restoration Project

The Nature Conservancy in Colorado

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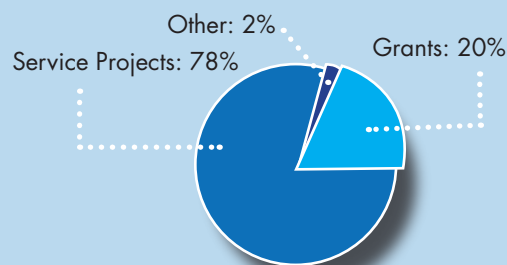
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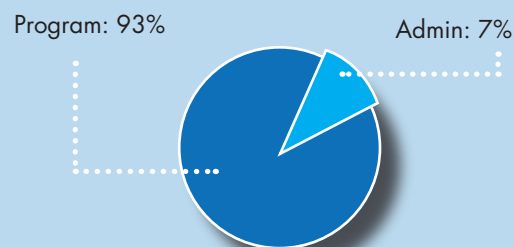
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2013 Financials

Revenue: \$7,687,830



Expenses: \$7,354,496



Our Deepest Gratitude



Thank you to our partners in conservation for your continued support: local governments and community partners, local, state, federal and tribal land and water management agencies, our non-profit partners, Board of Directors, funders, and everyone else who has lent a hand along the way. We are looking forward to a successful 2014!



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