

Year In Review:

**An Impact
Report from
Louisiana
Bucket Brigade**



Message from our Director

ANNE ROLFES



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I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the incredible strides we have made together as a community committed to ending the petrochemical industry’s destruction of Louisiana. This has been a year of success and challenges; resilience and courage; patience and persistence. Thank you for all the ways that you have supported our efforts to protect Louisiana communities and the health of the planet this past year. It is because of you that we’ve gotten this far, and I am thrilled to share our annual Impact Report with you.

In 2024 we continue to work in the geographies that we have focused on for the last two years: Cancer Alley and the coast of Southwest Louisiana.

In St. James Parish and Ascension Parish, we are collaborating with local partners to stop relentless industrial expansion while taking steps to develop a new, better economy for our region.

In Southwest Louisiana, we are collaborating with local residents and fishermen to prevent the Cameron Parish coast from being destroyed by the ten gas export terminals planned for the area.

We are dedicated to protecting our state and pivoting to a better future. Whether you wrote a letter to the editor, submitted a public comment, shared our content on social media, attended an action, sent a check, or talked to your friends and family, thank you for standing with us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Rolfes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

“ [The LNG facilities] come and take over everything...It’s really like an invasion...The fishing industry has sustained my family and my life. There’s no life for fishermen if this is done.

They say they’ll respectfully build through oyster reefs but how can you do it respectfully? If they build this here then it will be the end of commercial fishing.”

—TRAVIS DARDAR, Houma Nation fisherman and founder of Fishermen Involved in Sustaining our Heritage (FISH)

Wins for the people + wins for Louisiana = Wins for us all

Here are some of the standout climate and environmental justice wins over the past year:

1. Stopped gas export facilities (for now)

When we started our work to halt the construction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals in Southwest Louisiana in 2021, it was a nearly unknown issue in our state. Our work over the past three years has changed that. We spent time in Cameron Parish getting to know the landscape and the people. We developed a national monthly media briefing, [exposed shoddy operations in the industry](#), and generated over 120 media stories about the terrible plan to industrialize the Louisiana coast. The result? [In January of 2024, the Biden Administration announced a pause on all pending LNG projects](#). This is a significant victory.



2. Helped organize fishermen in Cameron Parish.

Our staff member Lori Cooke has spent days and weeks working with fishermen to protect their homes and livelihoods from gas export terminals. In August, she rallied 60 fishermen to turn out to a town hall with General Honore in Cameron Parish. Our media efforts have gotten over 60 stories featuring them in the past year alone. They know better than anyone what stands to be lost if the gas terminal buildout proceeds. That's why we are all in with the fishermen.



3. Moratorium suit in St. James Parish.

For the last seven years, we've stopped everything they've tried to build in St. James Parish, including Formosa Plastics, Wanhua and South Louisiana Methanol. Our efforts were foundational to the lawsuit to stop the petrochemical industry once and for all in that parish and we are an ongoing advisor for the suit. The future of the parish's historic Black communities is at stake.



4. Supported the creation of new frontline groups in Louisiana.

Core to our work is collaboration with local community-led grassroots groups by identifying and developing leaders from impacted communities. This past year, Bucket Brigade staff helped directly-impacted community members start two new organizations: Fishermen Involved in Sustaining Our Heritage (FISH), led by Travis and Nicole Dardar along the Louisiana coast, and Rural Roots Louisiana led by Ashley Gaignard in Ascension Parish. We introduced them to funders and supported their grant writing efforts. Our staff also co-presented on panels and involved the groups' leaders along on media tours and site visits.

You can read more about their work at fishermenfightback.org and ruralrootslouisiana.org.





Louisiana Bucket Brigade staff on a French Quarter historical walking tour led by Leon Waters of Hidden Histories Tours.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Bucket Brigade

From the first days of our inception, partnering with the most impacted communities here in Louisiana has been our mission. Those communities are usually, though not always, African American. We center their goals as our own, while also understanding the responsibility we bear in our white supremacist society. We work every day to undo it at both the interpersonal and systemic levels.

Our progress over the past two years:

- ✓ We implemented a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee composed of staff and board members to serve as a guiding force for DEI work within the organization
- ✓ We launched a Cultural Awareness Program for all staff with a 20 hour per year per staff member requirement
- ✓ Our entire staff participated in an Anti-Oppression training led by VISIONS, Inc. while the Bucket Brigade leadership team completed the Adaway Group's Whiteness at Work training, made possible by support from our long-time funder Patagonia.

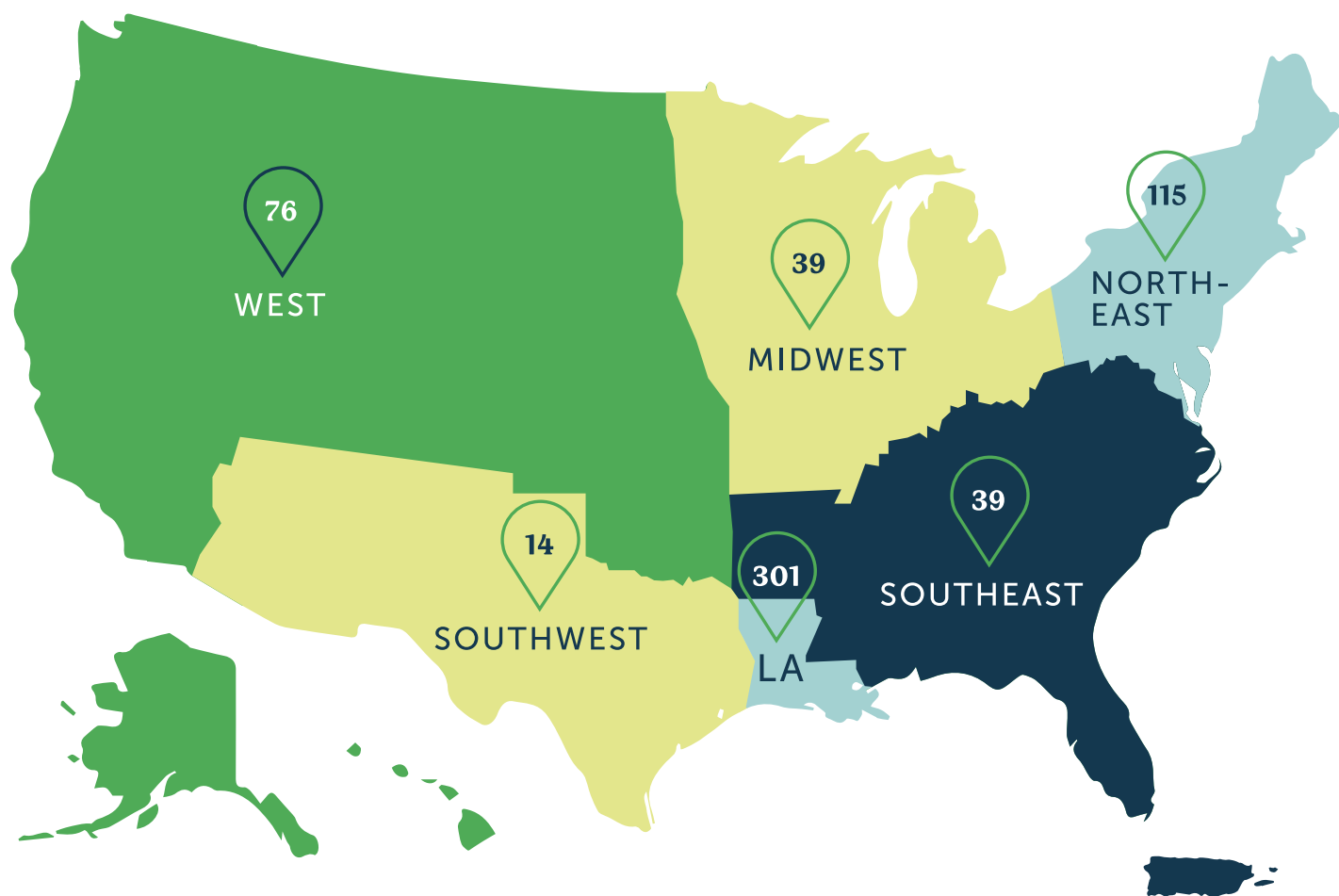
We are continuing to review our internal policies to reflect our DEI values and best practices, in alignment with our forthcoming strategic plan.

“Louisiana Bucket Brigade has played a major role in my fight against industries, starting in St. James with the HELP organization over a decade ago, and now through my work as a board member with Rural Roots Louisiana.

Louisiana Bucket Brigade is the cornerstone of our work. You have supported us with many opportunities - from securing our first funding to do our preservation and sustainability work to collaborating on education and outreach to residents in our community to fight for the quality of life we deserve.”

—PASTOR HARRY JOSEPH, Mt. Triumph Baptist Church and Rural Roots Louisiana

Louisiana is a driver for climate change globally.



Our donors recognize that our wins within state boundaries have ripple effects across the country and planet. We are honored to have support from over 584 donors who live Coast to Coast to Coast!

By the Numbers

136

Media stories featured our work stopping industry



20

High school students from New Orleans got a firsthand glimpse of Cancer Alley on our inaugural youth-focused Down By the River ride



6

Environmental justice groups convened at Southern University for the first ever Louisiana Environmental Justice cohort retreat



50

Louisiana frontline leaders partook in the Gulf South delegation of the March to End Fossil Fuels in NYC, thanks to our coordinated organizing and fundraising effort

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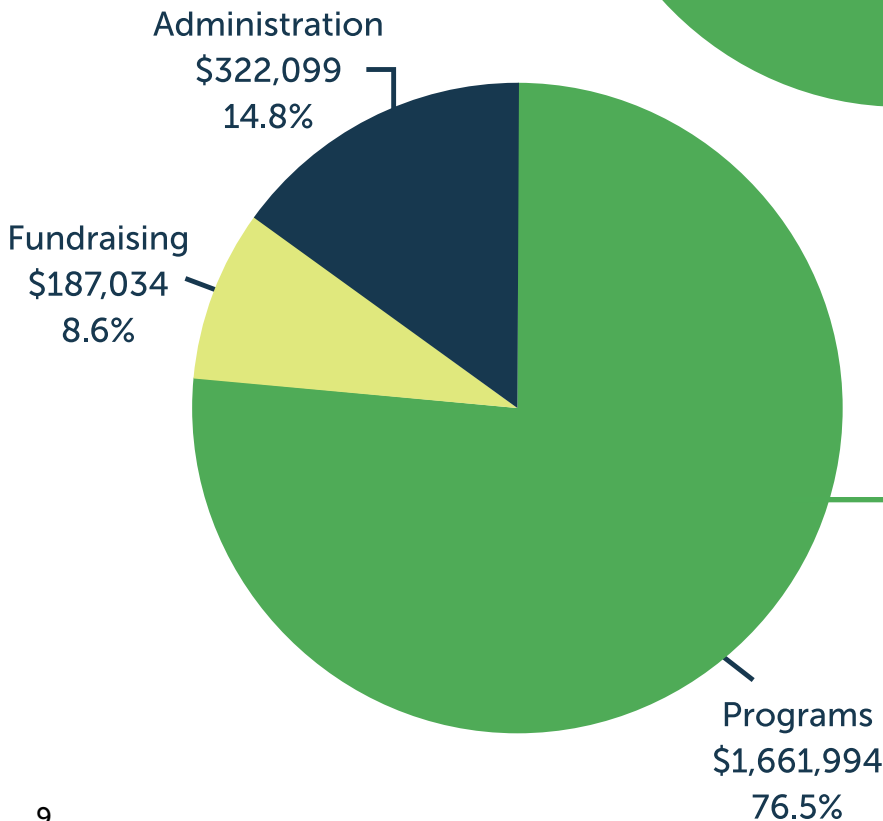
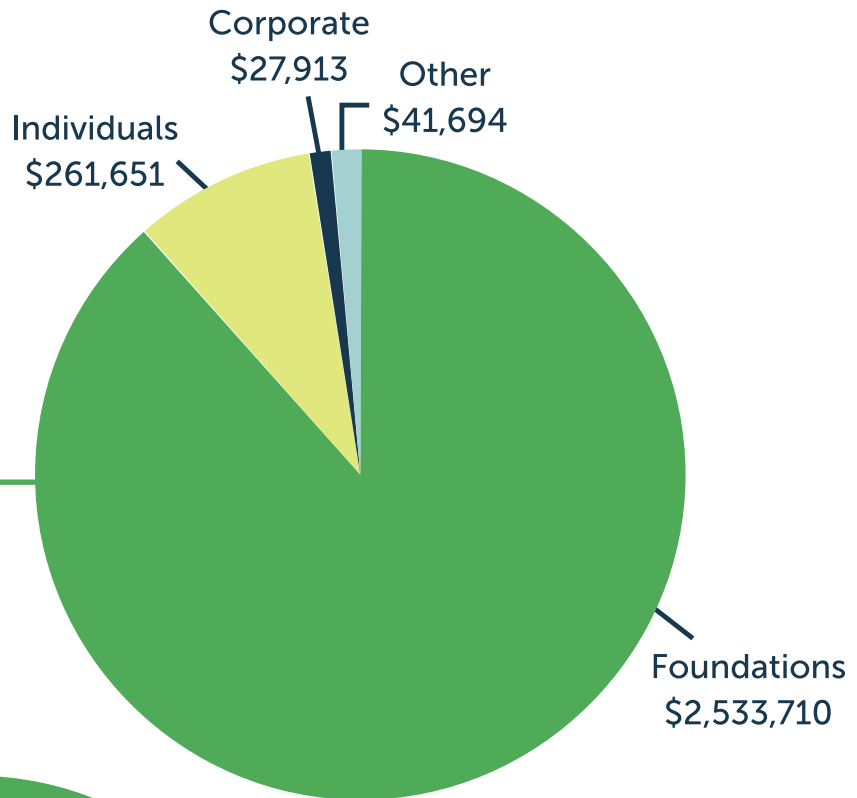
60+

Journalists attended a Beyond Plastics media briefing and Cancer Alley tour, co-hosted by LABB, Inclusive Louisiana, and the Descendants Project

Financials for FY 23

Pre Audit

Total Revenue:
\$2,864,968



Total Expenses
\$2,171,127

Many thanks to our Fiscal Year 2023 Funders - you power our work!

Fiscal Year 2023 Foundation Partners:

- Anonymous Foundation
- 11th Hour Project/The Schmidt Family Foundation
- Clif Family Foundation
- Cloud Mountain Foundation
- Elizabeth B. and Arthur D. Roswell Foundation
- Ella West Freeman Foundation
- Equation Campaign
- Fleetwing Charitable Foundation Trust
- Foundation for Louisiana
- Frontline Justice Fund, a fund of Tides Foundation
- Funder Collaborative on Oil and Gas
- Green Advocacy Project ("GAP")
- New Ventures Fund - Climate and Clean Energy Equity Fund
- Normandie Foundation
- Our Part
- The Overbrook Foundation
- Patagonia
- Plastic Solutions Fund
- PRBB Foundation
- Resource Legacy Fund (Beyond Petrochemicals)
- Ronald W Naito Foundation
- The Solutions Project
- Tides Foundation
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