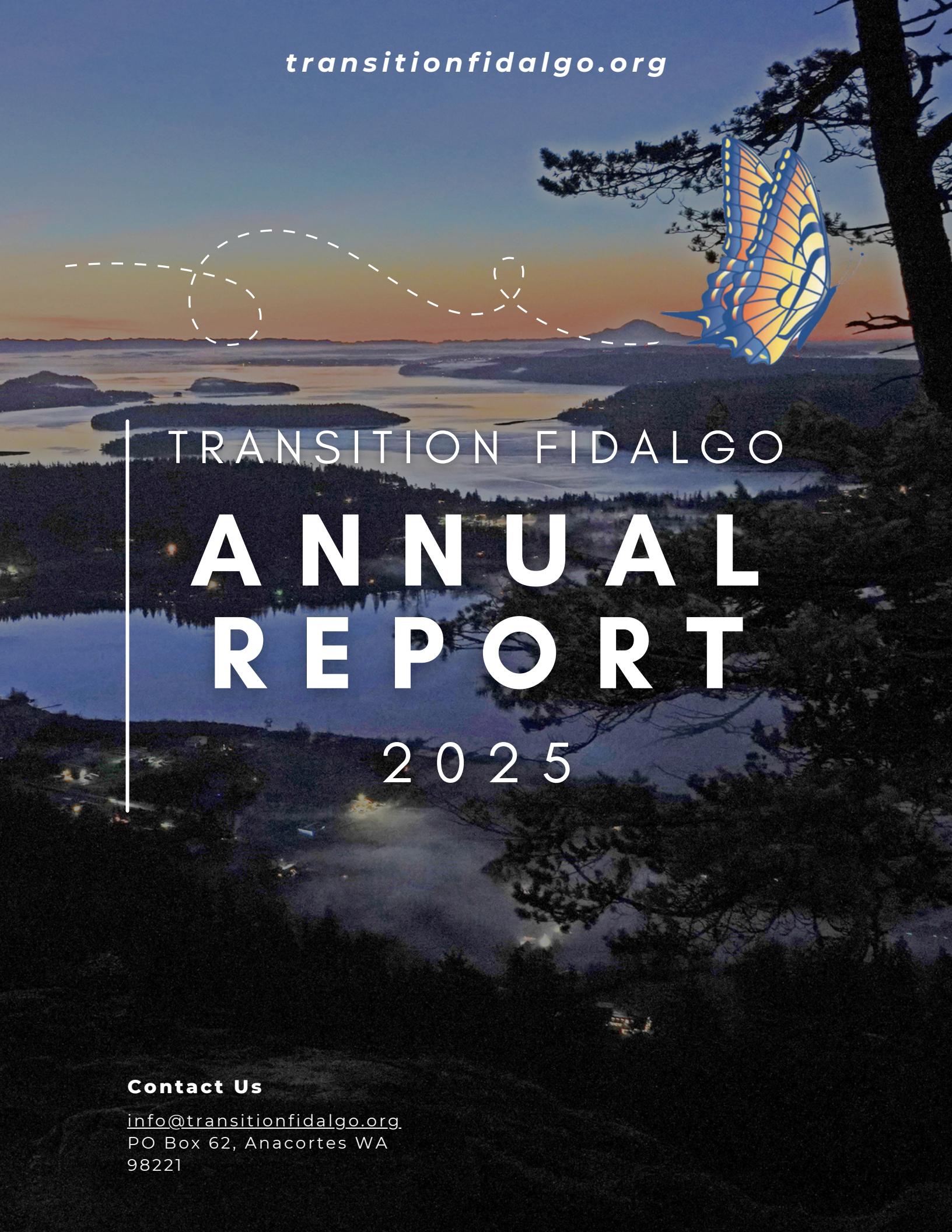


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Our Mission

Our mission is to spur local responses to climate change that strengthen our community and help heal the planet. TF urges a move away from fossil fuels through decreasing energy demand, increasing efficiency, supporting renewable energy, and fostering the local production of food, energy, and goods.

We envision a world where humanity has drastically reduced its reliance on fossil fuels, living wisely and well within planetary limits.

What We Do

Transition Fidalgo is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, community-driven organization. We sponsor events to help Fidalgo Island and the surrounding area become a resilient, close-knit, and caring community, able to sustain itself and thrive. We focus on creating opportunities to help move our community toward a positive, low-carbon future.



***Let us acknowledge we reside
on the ancestral lands and
waters of the Coast Salish
people who have called this
place home since time
immemorial and let us honor
inherent, aboriginal and treaty
rights that have been passed
down from generation to
generation.***

***Transition Fidalgo is based on
Fidalgo Island, the traditional
territories of Samish,
Swinomish, Upper Skagit,
Lummi, and Sauk-Suiattle.***

***We feel honored to learn from
and commit to finding avenues
to support Indigenous voices
and interests.***

Message from Our Board President



Bud Anderson, Board President, at a Fix-It Day

I feel especially honored to finish my fifth year as Transition Fidalgo President. I joined Transition Fidalgo in 2007 and have watched it grow and thrive ever since. The year 2025 has been especially eventful for Transition Fidalgo as our e-mail membership continues to grow and now reaches over 750 local households.

A significant part of this increasing interest in our group is the continued outstanding services of our Board, and our "Outreach Coordinator", Katrina White, who is in her second year of service. Katrina is our "technical expert" and supports all Transition Fidalgo programs. She is pivotal in the success of our Fix-It-Day Program, which will expand in 2026 to better serve Anacortes residents. Katrina also serves on our Finance/Grants Committee as well as on the Administration Committee.

Also, I want to welcome our new magnificent Board member, Jamie Joy Throgmorton, who has already provided some impressive ideas on new programs and options for our group. Our past President, Rich Bergner, continues to keep us on track for success because of his background, experience, and historical insight.

Additionally, we are enjoying the rock-solid service of Elizabeth Walker as our volunteer treasurer. This requires a dedicated effort to handle multiple tasks and keep track of every expense and income donation – all with 100% accuracy. She has done this while finishing her master's degree in 2025 and now works full-time for the State of Washington. I so appreciate her!

Cindy Heath is equally impressive and dedicated to serving our community. Cindy was tasked with providing the leadership for the Anacortes Middle School "Garden-2-Kitchen" program about a year ago, along with quality help from long-time Board members Peter Heffelfinger and Laurie Sherman. Since then, this program has become amazingly popular for the teacher, Molly Robbins, and three classes of middle-schoolers. This is an optional class for students, and the demand exceeds the supply! All the students feel fortunate to have been selected to be assigned to this class. Every week, 24 Transition Fidalgo member volunteers help teach the students about gardening. The students build their own raised beds, plant them, keep them weed-free, and grow an impressive variety of vegetables and fruits. Transition, with the help of the Anacortes Schools Foundation, paid for and built a large greenhouse at the AMS facility. This facility improves the learning options for the students.

Speaking of Laurie earlier, she has provided endless energy and activism on the Board for many years. Another great gardener is board member Sequoia Ferrel, who is leading a project to grow seeds and vegetables on a farm that she owns on Guemes Island, for free distribution around town.

I must mention our past President, Eric Shen, for his continued outstanding service. Eric is the current leader of two of our major community service projects: the ACFL Forest Health Monitoring and Fix-It-Days. Eric has taken responsibility for the ACFL for the past several years, a huge effort that requires dedication, expertise, and a major time commitment. Eric was the founder of Fix-It-Days and continues to provide the leadership for this growing and popular event since 2011.

Mark Radka joined our board a year ago after retiring from the United Nations, where he worked on climate issues for the past 25 years. Mark will be our featured speaker for our first quarter meeting in January 2026.

With tireless commitment and efficiency, Jack Hartt provides reliable Board minutes and leads the organization of our annual fall fundraiser. Great job, Jack!

Unfortunately, our work is not done; in fact, our situation as a society is slowly deteriorating. In 2007, there was mixed public opinion about the effects of global warming. Now in 2025, there is no doubt that the planet is facing real sustainability issues. Worldwide, our summers are becoming longer and drier, which increases the chances of major forest fires. In Washington and throughout the world, water supplies are declining as glaciers slowly melt away. On December 12th, 2025, the Skagit River was forecast to rise to 41 feet, which is 9 feet above the major flood stage mark and 4 feet above the record historic flood of 1990. Our fourth-quarter meeting at the Senior Center on October 28 featured a presentation on the flood potential of the Skagit River. This study was a science-based research project that projected the outcome of major flooding in the valley. One conclusion in this study is that the Skagit River's 100-year flood potential would be every 25 years because of Global Warming. We just witnessed that in December.

I would like to ask for your continued support of Transition Fidalgo and your financial support this year as we try and do our very best to ensure our community is resilient and sustainable.

Bud Anderson

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President Transition Fidalgo 2022-2026



Transition Fidalgo Board, staff & facilitators, 2025-26 Board Retreat

Board of Directors



Bud Anderson
Board President



Laurie Sherman
Board Vice President



Elizabeth Walker
Board Treasurer



Peter Heffelfinger
Board Member



Rich Bergner
Board Member



Sequoia Ferrel
Board Member



Cindy Heath
Board Member



Mark Radka
Board Member



Jamie Joy Throgmorton
Board Member



Tara Johnson
Youth Board Advisor

Staff Members/Contractors



Jack Hartt
Administrative Assistant



Megan Broadie
Forest Monitoring
Data Manager



Katrina White
Education & Outreach Coordinator

Changes To Our Team

New Additions



Elizabeth Walker
Treasurer

Elizabeth has a Masters in Forest Resources-Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington, and founded her own consulting business Terra Firma and the Slow Food Snoqualmie Valley convivium. Elizabeth moved to Skagit Valley in 2012 with a desire to practice permaculture and live off the land, then transitioned to Anacortes in 2019. She has served as the President of the Lincoln Theatre board, and volunteered with The Salish Sea School. We are thrilled to welcome Elizabeth as Transition Fidalgo's new Treasurer.



Mark Radka
Board Member

Until his retirement in July 2023, Mark headed the UN Environment Programme's Energy and Climate Branch from its offices in Paris, France, where he managed the organization's efforts to link the global energy and climate mitigation agendas. Before joining UNEP in 1994, Mark supported domestic and international environmental programs of the U.S. EPA and the World Bank, and before that spent three years in Thailand as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer working on rural infrastructure projects. Mark has degrees in environmental engineering and environmental policy, and we are incredibly grateful to welcome him to our Board..



Jamie Joy Throgmorton
Board Member

With a career in family law, litigation, mediation, and high school teaching, Jamie also has an active history in volunteering, ranging from Hospice counselor to legal aid. After witnessing a melting glacier in the Himalayas 15 years ago, she embarked on a deep dive into climate change and the issues surrounding it. Her activist focus now is building local awareness, preparation, and resilience in the Skagit Commons community and the Salish Sea. Transition Fidalgo welcomes Jamie to the Board!



Warren Carr

Fond Farewells

Transition Fidalgo bid farewell to our incredibly dedicated Board Member and Treasurer, Warren Carr, as he stepped off the Board in 2025. Warren remains actively involved in the AMS Garden Project, and we would like to thank him for his years of committed service, generosity, kindness, and ready willingness to lend a hand wherever needed!



YOUTH BOARD ADVISORS

Student Partnership Program

By Katrina White

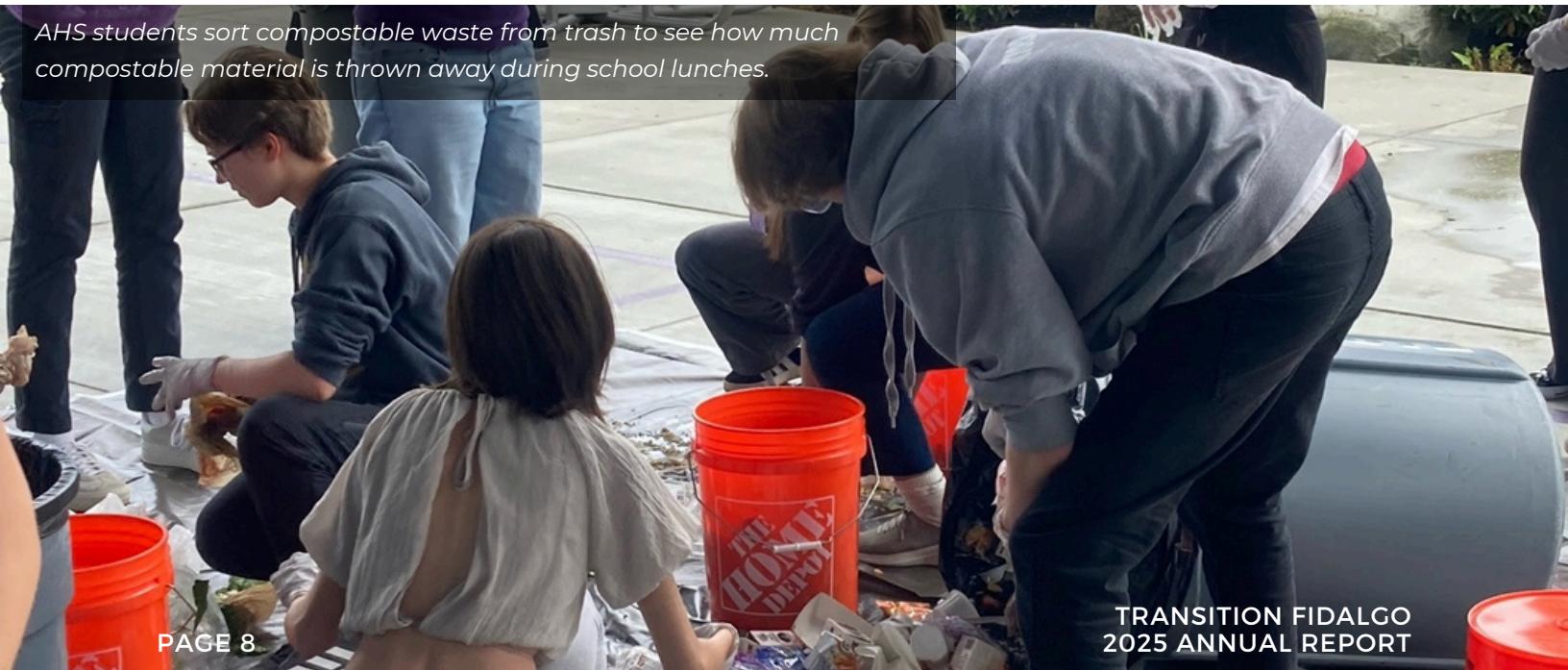
Supporting The Next Generation Of Climate Stewards

2025 welcomed the first cohort of Transition Fidalgo's new Youth Board Advisor program, which was a resounding success! In partnership with the Anacortes High School (AHS) Green Club, this new program offers an opportunity for young individuals to contribute to local climate resiliency efforts, develop leadership skills, gain valuable experience in non-profit governance, and make their voices heard in climate action.

Our first two advisors were Dylan Willingham and MJ Anderson, both Seniors at AHS, who worked alongside our Board to develop and implement their own climate mitigation projects in the community. MJ chose to target the compostable waste issue at AHS, while Dylan focused on reducing fast-fashion by hosting a clothing swap and mending event.

We are thrilled to welcome our next Youth Board Advisor for 2026, Tara Johnson, and look forward to working with her throughout the year!

AHS students sort compostable waste from trash to see how much compostable material is thrown away during school lunches.





GARDEN TO KITCHEN PROGRAM

Anacortes Middle School

By Cindy Heath

Growing Skills, Food, And Community!

The Anacortes Middle School (AMS) Garden continued to flourish in 2025, serving as one of Transition Fidalgo's most visible and impactful youth programs. The school garden has grown into a vibrant, hands-on learning space where students connect classroom learning to real-world skills through soil, seeds, food, and shared work.

This year, approximately 180 middle school students participated directly in garden-based education across two 4,000-square-foot garden spaces. Students planted, tended, harvested, and prepared food, gaining firsthand experience with seasonal growing, soil health, composting, and basic kitchen skills. The Garden-to-Kitchen model continues to be a powerful bridge between food preparation and core subjects of science, math, health, and environmental stewardship.



Climate resilience in action

The AMS Garden is also a living example of climate resilience in action. Students learn about composting and vermiculture, soil stewardship, vegetable cultivation, and the importance of local food systems. These lessons go beyond theory—students see how healthy soil supports healthy plants, how waste becomes a resource, and how small, local actions contribute to broader climate solutions.

Community involvement remains a cornerstone of the program. More than 50 dedicated volunteers helped with garden maintenance, planting days, and instruction, while local support made it possible to sustain and expand our programming. Summer produce grown in the garden was donated to local food-access organizations, extending the garden's impact beyond the school and reinforcing values of generosity and community care.

In 2025, planning also began for key infrastructure improvements, including greenhouse upgrades, that will allow the program to grow more food more efficiently, reduce annual plant costs, and provide students with year-round opportunities to learn plant propagation and greenhouse growing skills. The Anacortes Rotary Club awarded a generous grant to support this work, and the community provided additional support through donations at the First Annual Plant Fair and Open House in May. Watch for more information about the Second Plant Fair in early May 2026, where you will be able to purchase student-grown plants and tour the garden.

"I've been a volunteer at the Garden to Kitchen project for the past two years. I've been awed by the interest and energy displayed by the students. Many times I have heard them say, 'This is my favorite class.' It's a hands-on fifty minutes outside in the fresh air: plant, tend, harvest, cook—the full cycle is on display. A most satisfying fifty minutes!"

- AMS Garden Volunteer Ray Megill



Students learning to service their garden tools.



Exciting Plans For 2026

This year also brought important staffing updates. A new Lead Gardener/Educator will join the program as an independent contractor. Cindy Heath will transition into a volunteer role as the overall Garden Coordinator. Laurie Sherman will lead fundraising efforts, Anne Chase-Stapleton will serve as the very capable volunteer coordinator, and Cathy Wissink will help with PR and publicity.

The AMS Garden continues to embody Transition Fidalgo's mission: strengthening community resilience, nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards, and demonstrating that meaningful climate action can begin right where we live and learn. Each seed planted represents not only food, but also confidence, curiosity, and hope for a more resilient future.



Filling the greenhouse beds

Join Us In Growing Together

We always welcome new volunteers who can work directly with the students. But if you prefer to focus on gardening, we need help during the summer and on dedicated garden work days, too.

Please contact Cindy@transitionfidalgo.org for more information.

Let's grow a brighter future—together.



Hard at work in the greenhouse



SHARE THE BOUNTY

Community Produce Stands

By Evelyn Adams & Bud Anderson

Sharing Our Bounty!

Share the Bounty stands returned for a sixth summer to their posts at the Anacortes Library, Harbor House, and Senior Activity Center. Those looking for free garden goodies helped themselves to home-grown food and flowers donated by generous local gardeners and by our good friends at the Anacortes Middle School Garden.

Donations significantly increased this year, and we are thankful to all those who supported this effort. Many thank-yous came our way for this communal sharing!

Hand-crafted by volunteers, decorated by local artists, and regularly monitored by volunteers, the stands have the double benefit of reducing food waste while strengthening the community by providing access to free, healthy, home-grown food.



Share The Bounty box fully stocked.





FIX-IT DAYS

Repair & Restore Events

By Eric Shen

Making Our Community Sustainable

The Fix-It Day project had a great year in 2025. We held seven repair café events throughout the year at the Anacortes Library, the Mount Vernon Library, and the Anacortes Farmers Market. Each year, the interest in our repair cafes grows, and this year, our community kept our repair team busy throughout the entire day of each event.

In addition to those events, many members of our volunteer repair team went the extra mile and accepted items to be repaired at their homes.

Over the course of the year, we evaluated over 200 broken treasures and were able to repair 159 of them.

That resulted in helping community members avoid throwing away 720 pounds of appliances, lamps, sewing machines, clothing, tools, toys, and more, which would have gone to the landfill. That is also thousands of dollars that people were able to spend on other things they needed.



Program Coordinator Eric Shen fixing a lamp.

Accessible Repairs

To staff all our events, we had a repair crew of 15 volunteers that worked diligently to get items repaired and ready to hand back to their owners the same day, often while they waited. This year's Fix-It Day events featured specialized repair offerings. The sewing machine repair team was busy at every event, as was our mending staff.

The Fix-It Day information booth created opportunities to talk with people about the value of having items repaired (beyond the money they saved). Over the course of the year, our information specialist spent time talking to 427 people about our goals to create a more sustainable and resilient community. By bringing in things to be repaired, many people were delighted to learn about their part in reducing waste going to the landfill.

The Fix-It Day project hopes to continue to expand the number of repair café events in the future to make repair services more accessible to a greater number of people. Our goal is to have our friends and neighbors automatically think about having broken items repaired rather than buying a replacement.



Barbara Horton, one of our skilled sewing machine repairers, hard at work at a Fix-It event.





FOREST MONITORING

Anacortes Community Forest Lands

By Eric Shen

A Project Helping To Understand Our Local Treasure

At the close of 2025, the ACFL Monitoring Program completed its seventh year of monitoring the health of the ecosystems in the forest lands. We had over 60 volunteers who:

- Inventoried the understory species and documented each tree's status and health on twelve plots near Whistle Lake;
- Surveyed 1100 western redcedars to track changes to their health through the years
- Observed how the forest regenerates itself following the fire at Little Cranberry Lake;
- Saw and/or heard over 108 bird species in our forest throughout the year;
- Studied how the entire forest canopy has changed since the 1940s;
- Watched closely as tree and shrub lifecycle events unfolded;
- Carefully recorded weather and soil moisture data.



A Year Of “Firsts”

This was a year of firsts for the program. For the first time, the forest monitoring program was able to thoroughly analyze the data and develop conclusions about what the data is telling us.

This is also the first time we've been able to share our data and what we're seeing on a virtual Dashboard created this year. You can explore this Dashboard here:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6cc1d322bfce4b86ba843f231d25939b/page/Main-Page>

And this is the first year we've been able to show that the health of the western redcedars living in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands has remained stable since this program started in 2019.

As we continue to collect data in the coming years, more conclusions and observations will emerge to help give everyone a better understanding of what is happening in our forest.





FIDALGO SEED SHARE

Gardening Starts With Seeds!

By Evie Opp

Saving Seed

Gardening starts with seeds! Saving seeds to ensure a diverse supply of plants adapted to local growing conditions is a vital part of a strong community food system. Seed-saving is also fun, frugal, and fulfilling.

Begin in 2023, our seed share program had another successful year in 2025, giving away about 3,700 seed packs. These were available for free at our display in the Anacortes Public Library. Our heartfelt thanks to our many volunteers, who labeled and packaged seeds, maintained the library seed shelves, and kept accurate records. We also provided information to our community about the importance of local seed saving and the specifics of how to save seeds.

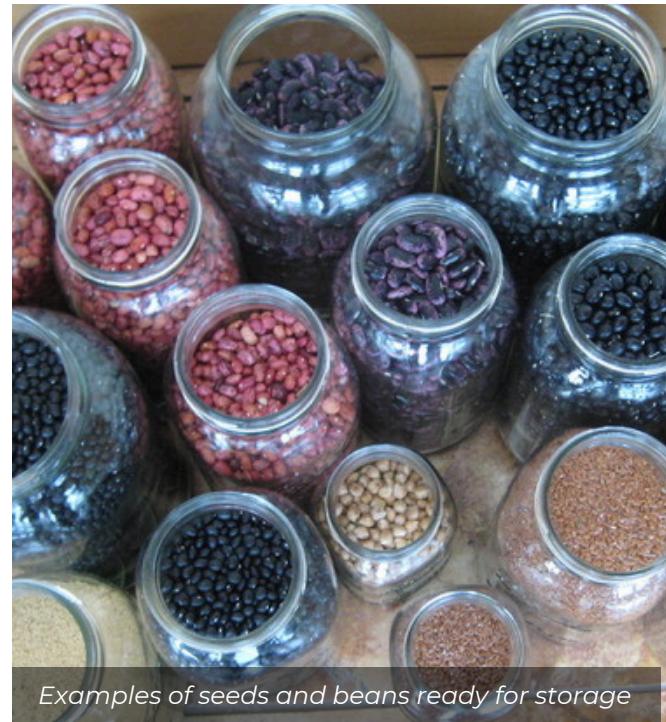
Produce



Sharing and saving seeds, growing plants to feed ourselves and support local pollinators ... it all helps to grow a future our children will thank us for!

Many of the seeds we offer have come from local gardeners who have been growing foods and flowers in their gardens and selecting seeds for their ability to thrive in our region. Gardeners learn about seeds and their stories, become more self-reliant, and help increase the resilience of our local food supply by helping develop seeds specific to our soils and climate.

At the end of the growing season, the Fidalgo Seed Share hosts a seed threshing event. There the community can get hands-on experience cleaning seed, trying different tools, and meeting their fellow garden enthusiasts.



Get Involved!

More volunteers will be needed to keep this project alive in 2026!

Sharing and saving seeds, growing plants to feed ourselves, and supporting local pollinators – it all helps to grow a future our children will be thankful for.



If you're interested in joining the Seed Share team, get in touch!

You can email Evie Opp at evie@thebusinessanacortes.com to learn more, or sign up at the Library display to find out how you can be the seed of change in your community.



GUEMES SEED GARDEN

Gardening Starts With Seeds!

by Sequoia Ferrel

Building Resilience In Our Seeds

2025 was the second season for our seed garden on Guemes Island. It's where we grow crops specifically for their seeds. With the help of many volunteers, we had a successful harvest of a flour corn variety, a squash mix, and a pumpkin seed mix.

Our goal is to develop crop varieties that are hardy and perform well in our bioregion. A *landrace* is a variety of domesticated plant or animal that has been selected over time for a specific region and its climate conditions. We planted mixes this year to ensure maximum genetic diversity and to let the crops cross-pollinate.

We had fun community events to harvest and clean the seeds! Children especially have fun with the corn sheller and smashing pumpkins!

All the seed harvested this year will be mixed together and planted in the 2026 seed garden, and made available to the Transition Fidalgo seed library at the Anacortes public library. From that crop, we will begin to select for those traits that are most desirable, such as hardiness, adaptability to stress or neglect, ripening time, flavor, and storage life. We will then save the seeds from those that do best and continue that process in the following years. In this way, we will develop landrace varieties that have the best chances to thrive in our greater Fidalgo Island area.



A fun day at the Farm Fair!



Get Involved!

Food security starts with the availability of seeds!



Our goals for 2026 are to plant a larger selection of crops and to expand the garden to fill the land within the fence.

We hope to locate a garden space in Anacortes to give volunteers easier access, and we want to develop a network of gardeners who will commit to growing one or more crops specifically for harvesting their seed.

To join our team or support the Guemes Seed Garden in any capacity, please contact Sequoia at:
sueforpeace@protonmail.com.



FIDALGO GROWS

Community Blog

By Jack Hartt

Voices Of Gardening Experts

There is nothing like a fresh tomato, carrot, green, or strawberry picked right out of your garden just before mealtime! It doesn't have to be shipped to our town. We know the soil it grew in is healthy and organic. And we know that what we are now eating is packed full of vitamins and minerals and devoid of hidden chemicals, rather than the other way around.

To help and encourage us in growing our own, Transition Fidalgo launched the Fidalgo Grows blog in 2020. Written by master gardeners experienced in raising food on Fidalgo Island, the stories teach about soils, seeds, weeds, watering, harvesting, overwintering, and so much more. Previous blog posts are available on our website. New ones are sent out to members by email.

In 2025, we featured Permaculture Concepts written by Sara Jo Kinslow of Eco-Restore. Each month, she shared articles based on the twelve principles of permaculture. Thank you, Sara Jo, for all your inspiring insights into gardening the natural way!

For 2026, our master gardeners Peter Heffelfinger, Cindy Heath, and others return with timely gardening stories to help us continue to grow our own and share what we can.



“So let us pause, even in the middle of all the doing, to give thanks—for the food, for the life, for the living web that holds us.”

- Sara Jo Kinslow

Eco-Restore



THE PATHFINDER

Monthly Newsletter

By Jack Hartt

Navigating The Climate Crisis

Every month, Transition Fidalgo's co-founder Evelyn Adams publishes a monthly newsletter entitled the Pathfinder.

As the one who gets to send it out via email to our members, I have the privilege of being the first to read it. And every month, I get inspired by her insights in the Reflection, encouraged by the Good News, saddened by the Climate Updates, and then motivated by the Parting Gift.

Every month, Evelyn packs in so much thought, wisdom, local and world news, and viewpoints from people and cultures all around the planet.

Sent to members around the end of each month, look for it in your inbox. Spend time with it, gleaning the latest about what is happening to this planet, our only home in this universe. Get motivated and inspired!

What people are saying...

"Your Pathfinder was extraordinarily powerful. The Reflection was touching, heartfelt, and beautifully written, actually poetic! The "what we need to know" had my stomach clenched and filled me with a deep sadness. And, I'm so grateful that you are telling the truth that we do need to know! Thank you!!!"

"You are faithful to point to the path that leads to better lives, while also faithfully recording the path we are on. ...Your Pathfinder offers joy, between the lines, in showing us the work ahead."



DEEP RESILIENCE CIRCLES

Sparking Inner Resilience

By Evelyn Adams

Practices To Develop And Maintain Emotional Resiliency

People who've signed up for Transition Fidalgo's Deep Resilience Circles often mention they did so because they felt lonely. They had no one they could talk to honestly about their feelings for what's happening to our world.

What we're going through now is what's known as a "polycrisis", a confluence of multiple global crises such as climate chaos, a sixth mass extinction, rising fascism, and other upheavals. Most of us shy away from this hard truth and try to find refuge in constant distraction — because it's not an easy trip, going inside ourselves and acknowledging fear, guilt, grief, and anger. People will say they just can't talk about the nature of things now because they fear sinking into a pit they won't be able to rise out of.

But the thing is, you can come out the other side.

In 2022, Transition Fidalgo began offering Deep Resilience Circles to help people navigate an upended world. The aim isn't to dissect the climate crisis or other upheavals, but to support each other by giving our most difficult feelings the attention they deserve. It's only through honoring and processing our pain that we can use it to fuel life-affirming action.

The Circles provide a community where people can honestly share feelings and not be judged or urged to "stay positive." We promise a journey that won't avoid the darkness, but we will walk through it together and come out the other side strengthened, with new resolve and yes, even joy. (We are not "doomers") We focus on finding out how to live a good and purposeful life despite all the trauma of this time.

Practices to develop and maintain emotional resiliency

Circles are always free, and are limited to 12 adults. They are guided by Eileen Templin, a licensed psychotherapist, who also shares practices based on leading-edge neuroscience to help develop emotional resiliency.

We gather together monthly on the third Tuesday from 10am-11:30 am over a span of six months. In between sessions, we ask participants to focus on a variety of readings and podcasts from some of the wisest of our time who'll help guide us through a journey of overwhelming loss and transformative opportunity.

Deep Resilience Circle Participant Reflections

“I appreciated the chance to talk openly and honestly about what was going on ecologically and in our world, and how we felt about it. This was something I had not experienced in any other meetings or with the people around me.”

“Though it could be painful, it was also soothing to have both experts and others in the group validate what I instinctively felt.”

“The assignment material introduced me to experts and information I wasn’t aware of, and which was enlightening and helpful.”

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Supporting the Next Generation

By Bud Anderson

Future Climate Stewards



2025 Scholarship Recipient, Mikiah Dunham

Mikiah Dunham: Mikiah received a \$1,000 scholarship from Transition Fidalgo to help her continue her studies at Whitworth University. Mikiah will major in Environmental Science, and she will also minor in Political Science. Of interest, she will be on the same campus as her older brother, Noah, who was awarded a Transition Fidalgo \$2,000 scholarship in 2023. Noah is majoring in Mathematics and is drawing national attention for his excellence and outstanding competence and achievement. Mikiah's leadership abilities during her high school career with the Green Club were exceptional. It is noteworthy that one of her teachers stated, "She is a highly motivated and active participant, consistently going above and beyond in her commitment to environmental causes. Her passion for environmental science is evident in her enthusiasm for club activities and her dedication to promoting sustainability on campus." Additionally, Mikiah's commitment to community service is equally impressive. She has generously volunteered over 300 hours of her time to various causes, demonstrating her compassion and desire to make a positive impact on her community.

Dylan Willingham: Dylan will be heading out of state to attend the University of Colorado, where she will major in Political Science and minor in Environmental Science. Transition Fidalgo awarded her a \$1,000 scholarship. Dylan aspires to ultimately be an Environmental Lawyer. A teacher noted that Dylan has excelled in all her science classes, including Chemistry, Physics, and AP Environmental Science. She possesses a keen intellect, a strong work ethic, and a genuine thirst for knowledge.

She is an active participant in class discussions, always prepared with insightful questions and thoughtful contributions. As a Green Club officer, she is highly organized, proactive, and passionate about environmental causes. She has spearheaded numerous club initiatives, including starting up a paper-making endeavor, which has Green Club members recycle school papers into new artisan paper. Her ability to motivate and inspire her peers is truly remarkable.

Dylan is dedicated to environmental sustainability, including being actively involved in community outreach programs and volunteer work. Good job, Dylan!

We wish our 2025 scholarship recipients the very best of luck in their endeavors as Future Climate Stewards!



2025 Scholarship Recipient, Dylan Willingham



“There is a growing number of people, especially young people, who are aware of these problems and are fighting for the survival of our only home, Planet Earth. We must all join that fight before it is too late.”

- Dr. Jane Goodall



FINANCIAL REPORT

From our Treasurer

By Elizabeth Walker

Since I took the financial helm for Transition Fidalgo in early 2025 as Treasurer, I continue to be impressed with the generous community support for our work, especially in response to the amazing programs we offer. Kudos to Warren Carr for laying down a solid foundation and organization of the financials that made the transition so smooth.

I am pleased to share that we had healthy growth in nearly all the programs:

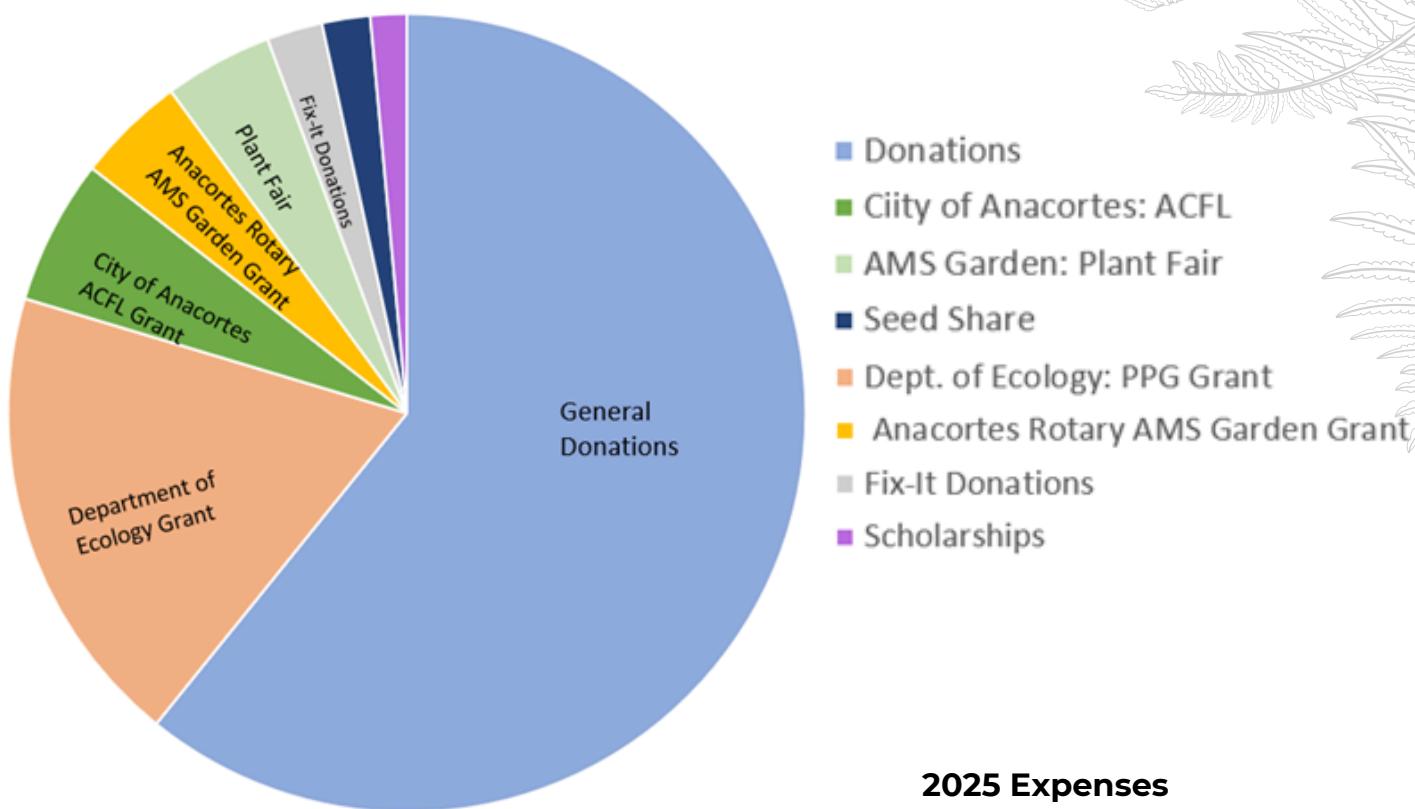
- A sizable grant and community support to help build and strengthen the popular Anacortes Middle School Garden program.
- The Department of Ecology's grant for Fix-it Days concluded mid-year, and we received over \$1500 in cash donations from the events.
- The Seed Share received a small grant to purchase supplies and offer thousands of free seed packets to the community.
- The City of Anacortes continues to provide generous funds for the Forest Monitoring program.
- A successful fundraising campaign with unprecedented revenue from general contributions from the community. Our donors gave more than \$42,000 throughout the year.

While we anticipated an operating budget deficit of \$14,850 in 2025, grants and generous donations covered our expenses and resulted in a net income of \$9,835 at year-end (see full breakdown on next page). This trend is tremendous to witness as we wisely manage our spending and program investment into 2026, keeping our reserves largely intact.

With this outcome, I'm proud to serve as the Treasurer and look forward to continuing to see Transition Fidalgo become a robust organization for community resilience during these challenging times.

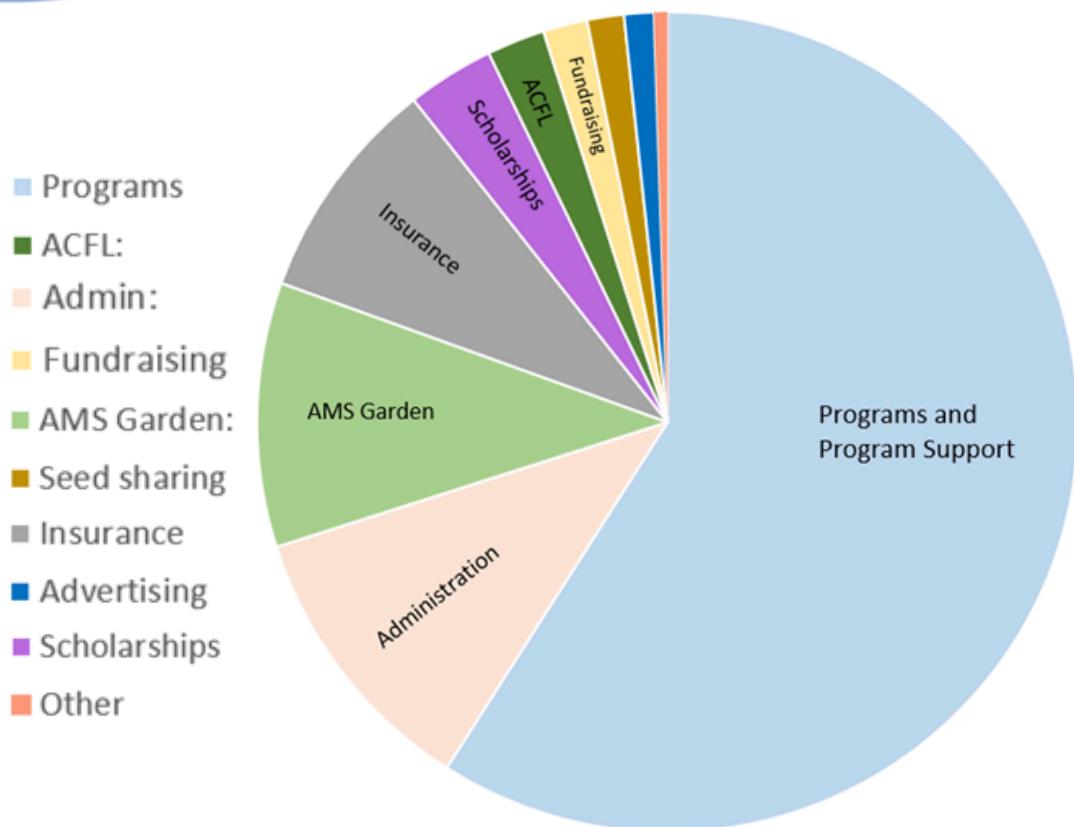
Financial Overview - 2025

2025 Revenue



- Donations
- City of Anacortes: ACFL
- AMS Garden: Plant Fair
- Seed Share
- Dept. of Ecology: PPG Grant
- Anacortes Rotary AMS Garden Grant
- Fix-It Donations
- Scholarships

2025 Expenses



Thank You to our Donors



As President of Transition Fidalgo, I want to specifically thank all of our wonderful donors who generously supported our 2025 Fundraising Campaign this Fall.

When I joined Transition Fidalgo in 2007 (initially called "Beat The Heat"), we would "pass the hat" at our meetings and collect a few dollars to defray expenses. Since then, we have steadily grown into a large and influential group that aspires to provide support to our community to offset the harmful effects of global warming.

Our budget for next year is projected to be about \$60,000, which reflects a huge increase in our local community footprint, impact, and awareness. Additionally, a solid group of our community friends has stepped up to the plate to help our community thrive in these uncertain times. Our financial success is critical to continue our programs of community support. Because of YOU, we enjoyed success in 2025. To be clear, any contribution is valued and appreciated. I respect the person who donated \$10 as much as the one who donated \$5,000. Everyone is doing what they can to help us make a difference in our community.

With sincere gratitude,

Bud Anderson, TF President 2025/2026

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