

# 2020 Annual Report

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## Year in Review

2020 was mostly a year of hibernation for Fertile Ground. In January, our board member Saba Malik participated in a feminist event in Seattle. Other board members have continued their work, mostly remotely, during the CoViD-19 pandemic. We have continued to support other organizations through our fiscal sponsorship program. “Good Grief Network” and “Mountains and Waters Alliance” both reflect the holistic, multifaceted perspective on social and ecological issues that is the foundation of Fertile Ground.

The Good Grief Network “is a network of individuals and groups refusing to settle with the status quo. We work for social, political, and spiritual change. Good Grievors treasure critical thinking, nuanced dialogue, and coloring outside of the lines.” The second organization, the Mountains and Waters Alliance, is based on a small farm in Minnesota. Their mission is “to heal the mind of separation, the cause of our time’s unthinkable violence, and to ally with forces of nature to protect and restore the wholeness of life. Releasing human arrogance, with love and beyond conventional wisdom, we seek and follow guidance from those forces: land care, growing food, teaching, writing, retreats, and whatever is required. This is our intervention on climate catastrophe, while we prepare to offer hospice if needed.”

We provide these groups with support, accounting, and 501c3 fiscal status, and in return take a small portion of their income as a processing fee.

## Outlook for 2021

In 2021, we plan to continue our core work, engaging with allies and partners engaged in grassroots organizing and resistance work. Board members Max Wilbert, Saba Malik, and Dillon Thomson have all been involved in community opposition to mining in Nevada in early 2021, and Fertile Ground is following this issue closely.

## Financial Summary

### Income

- Fertile Ground donations and program income: \$299.83
- Mountains and Waters Alliance donations and program income: \$4,712.26
- Good Grief Network donations and program income: \$11,534.58

Total gross income: \$16,546.67

### Expenses

- Fertile Ground Program Expenses: \$772.66



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- Fertile Ground Misc. Expenses: \$289.16
- Mountains and Waters project expenses: \$3,105.06
- Good Grief Network project expenses: \$11,534.58

Total expenses: \$14,928.80

### Assets

Total end of year assets for Fertile Ground Institute: \$6,801.44

Total end of year assets for Mountains and Waters Alliance project: \$1,158.03

Total end of year assets for Good Grief Network project: \$1,212.94

Total: \$9,172.41