Dear Friends,

2018 has been a year of reflection and growth for Right Sharing of World Resources, and I am delighted to be able to share its highlights with you. Inside this newsletter you’ll find information on the financial health of the organization, as well as highlights and stories from our most recent fiscal year.

At the Fall meeting in 2017, the Right Sharing Board approved redesigning the RSWR website. While the prospect of this redesign was exciting from an aesthetic and technological perspective, it also gave us an important opportunity to take a fresh look at how we communicate the life-transforming work of RSWR.

At its core, Right Sharing’s work and mission are centered in mutual partnership. We recognize that our three partner regions (Kenya, India, and Sierra Leone) all have a history of colonization, domination, and oppression, which requires us to act with care and attention to break these destructive patterns as we work together in partnership. Making sure that the text on our website describes our work fully and with respect has been an important part of the process. As we move forward in a spirit of accountability and humility, we acknowledge this relationship work is ongoing.

Parts of our new website and marketing materials, like this “How we work” graphic (at left), were developed to explain more clearly our grant process with our overseas partners. There’s also a greater focus on the groups of women themselves and their stories. We’ve included learning resources that friends of relative wealth can use to identify better the invisible patterns and assumptions given to us by history.

Thank you for doing your part in changing your life and the lives of others to create a kinder and more just world.

With God’s abundant love,

Jacqueline Stillwell, General Secretary
Financial Summary for Fiscal Year 7.1.2017 to 6.30.2018*

Revenue:
- Contributions: $507,282
- In-kind Donations: $16,149
- Earned Revenues: $61,987
- Net Gains on Investments: $70,569
- Total Revenue: $655,987

Expenses:
- Program Services: $467,059
- Administrative and General: $25,466
- Development and Outreach: $97,868
- Total Expenses: $590,393

Assets:
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $398,983
- Investments: $1,570,783
- Pledges Receivable: $45,356
- Prepaid Expenses: $884
- Fixed Assets (Net): $4,206
- Other Assets: $13,931
- Total Assets: $2,034,143

Liabilities:
- Accounts Payable: $4,083
- Grants Payable: $9,575
- Notes Payable: $217,472
- Other Liabilities: $13,713
- Total Liabilities: $244,843

Net Assets:
- Endowment Fund: $1,723,706
- Increase in Net Assets: $65,594
- Total Liabilities and Net Assets: $2,034,143

*Corrected from earlier print version

Profiles from Right Sharing

Linet Kosegi is a member of Kipchekwen Friends Women Group in Hamisi, Kenya. The group has 24 members, and they received their RSWR grant in July 2018. Linet has used her grant to run a business where she buys avocados in bulk and takes them into Nairobi for resale. Her loan from the RSWR grant is helping support her three children, ages 7, 5, and 3.

Yvette Shipman joined the RSWR Board in Fall 2016. Yvette attends Pittsburgh Friends Meeting (Lake Erie Yearly Meeting). She has a BA in Communications and an MA in Social and Public Policy with a focus in Conflict Mediation and Peace Studies. Yvette brings a wide variety of skills and professional and personal experiences to her Board service. When the Board approved a redesign of the RSWR website in Fall 2017, Yvette’s experience in web development was crucial. She brought the skills necessary to guide RSWR through the initial planning stages to find a developer who would be a good fit. We are so grateful for her leadership!
BRiAN YoUNG and STEpHANiE STRAiT have been supporters of Right Sharing since the early 2000s, and have included RSWR in their estate plan. Brian serves West Richmond Friends Meeting in Richmond, Indiana as pastoral minister, and Stephanie works part-time at the Richmond Art Museum and also serves as the treasurer for a local animal welfare organization. For several years they have asked their families to join them in supporting RSWR in place of (or alongside) Christmas gifts.

The Board approved funding to 42 groups of women: 20 in India, 10 in Kenya, and 12 in Sierra Leone. In 2018, Right Sharing grants changed the lives of 1,190 women: 532 in India, 238 in Kenya, and 420 in Sierra Leone. However, the actual number is much larger because the project will continue to revolve the funds. Furthermore, a loan from an RSWR grant transforms the life not only of the woman who receives it, but her family and community as well.

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The Stamp Project is now at First Friends. After 11 years of service, Earl Walker retired from the Quaker Missions Stamp Project. Thankfully, this ministry is now under the care of First Friends Indianapolis! Our thanks to co-coordinators Amy Perry and Brad Jackson for stepping into this role. Learn how saving your stamps can benefit Right Sharing at www.rswr.org/stamp-program.

Right Sharing has a new website and brand redesign! You’ve probably noticed our new logo and newsletter layout and in October 2018 we launched our new website, still at the old www.rswr.org address.

Visiting projects is an opportunity to build relationships with women and groups we work with, to know more deeply their lives and experiences. In January, Program Director Sarah Northrop traveled to Kenya. Current and former Board members visited projects in India in January and in March the Board Treasurer traveled to Sierra Leone.

Right Sharing was at many 2018 Annual Sessions! RSWR General Secretary Jackie Stillwell attended the FGC Gatherings in Toledo, Ohio, as well as WYM, Pacific YM, NYYM, NPYM, and NEYM. Jackie also gave a plenary at New York YM, and led “Power of Enough” workshops at Powell House as well as the FGC Gathering and mini workshops at three other yearly meetings.
Support RSWR

VISIT THE NEW RWSR WEBSITE

The RSWR website is redesigned and better than ever! Still located at www.rswr.org, visit the site to read stories, make a donation, and learn more about the transformative work of Right Sharing.

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