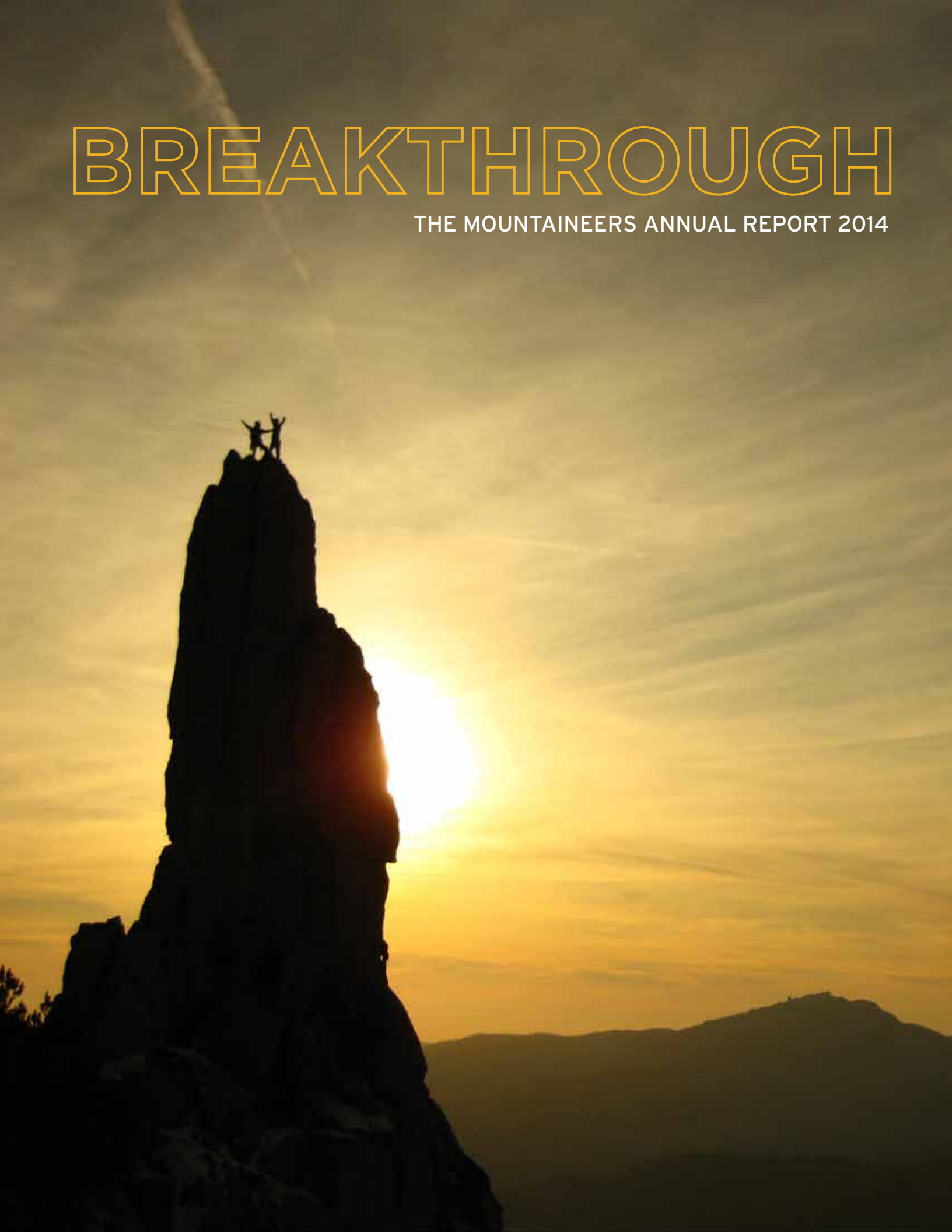


# BREAKTHROUGH

THE MOUNTAINEERS ANNUAL REPORT 2014



# FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



Without individuals who appreciate the natural world and actively champion its preservation, we wouldn't have the nearly 110 million acres of wilderness areas that we enjoy today. More than four million acres are located in Washington state alone – right in our own backyard.

For more than a century, wilderness conservation has been a primary driver of The Mountaineers. Our members care deeply about protecting the outdoors and sharing it with others. Today we are passing that conservation ethic along to younger and more diverse groups, encouraging them to take a key role in the preservation and stewardship of our public lands and waters.

We could not succeed in this important work without the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, more than 1,900 of them. These individuals are integral to the impact we are making in connecting youth and children with the outdoors and in promoting sustainable recreation practices and conservation. Our volunteers help us leverage donor contributions, making every dollar stretch farther and do more.

At The Mountaineers, we rely on your participation as a member to sustain our vision and on your financial contributions to help us develop and grow our programs. Our future impact depends on your continued support. For those of you who have given your time and money, we thank you for your partnership and for inspiring us with your generosity.

For those who have not yet taken the next step to become a financial donor and champion of The Mountaineers, we hope reading this annual report will lead to your own breakthrough moment!

**Dan Lauren**  
President, Board of Directors  
The Mountaineers

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recently I was at Index Town Wall, a well-known climbing area northeast of Seattle, watching an experienced climber work a problem on a 5.11 route. At a critical point, he started having trouble and his climbing partner began to coach him from the ground. "Remember, you've trained for this," his partner encouraged. "Focus and use your power." The climber was clearly close to his limit, but determined. He took a deep breath and executed a series of moves that got him up and over the overhang. What a breakthrough!

A breakthrough is defined as an act of overcoming an obstacle or achieving an unexpected advance that permits further progress. It is an "aha!" moment, bringing about transformation, clarity and insight.


Last year has been a year of breakthroughs for The Mountaineers. Our membership grew substantially, and we saw a 20-point increase in member satisfaction. Our volunteer roles have grown as well – now 1,950 strong – and their contributions are equal to about 55 full-time employees. More than 250 top leaders attended our first volunteer leadership summit, launching a new initiative.

Our youth programs surpassed 5,500 opportunities to get kids outside, far exceeding our original goal of 3,500. And our conservation work connected our community with the landscapes in which they play, creating more advocates, educating more responsible recreationists, and inspiring more than 5,000 stewardship hours.

A new technology platform now connects our community with digital tools, allowing our volunteers to manage and share activity and course information, post trip reports and much more. We've seen traffic to our site increase by about 60 percent and new visitors are up 70 percent.

Each of these achievements is substantial, and would not have been possible without you – our members, volunteers and donors. It hasn't been easy. True breakthroughs never are. Pushing beyond the limits, breaking new and undiscovered ground takes discipline, planning and risk.

This year, we hope you will feel like the climber I watched at Index, tired and spent, but also proud and astonished at what we've been able to achieve together.

A woman wearing a blue jacket and a blue helmet is standing on a rocky trail. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a rocky cliffside and a valley with trees and a river.

Martinique Grigg

Martinique Grigg  
Executive Director  
The Mountaineers



# VOLUNTEERS



## MOTIVATED TO GIVE BACK

After a precarious ascent of Mt. Shuksan taught him he had a lot to learn about mountaineering, Patrick joined The Mountaineers in 1993. He got more than he bargained for, namely, new skills and some lifelong friends. "I owe a great debt to the volunteers who taught me to be a safer, more technically proficient climber and back-country skier," said Patrick, who continues to volunteer with The Mountaineers today. "I feel an obligation to repay that debt by teaching others what I have learned."



# CREATING A CONTINUUM OF EXCELLENCE

Volunteers are the lifeblood of The Mountaineers. More than 1,900 strong, our volunteers love to share their knowledge and passion for the outdoors with others. We benefit from their extraordinary talents while helping them grow on a personal level and develop as recreation experts. In return, our volunteers give back in amazing ways. In 2014, we estimated our volunteers' hourly contribution was the equivalent of 55 full-time employees.

## PROFESSIONAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC

Every Mountaineers volunteer brings a high degree of skill and expertise to the organization. Volunteer leaders and instructors put their experience to work training the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts. We support our leaders, helping them remain motivated while staying up-to-date with best practices to enhance their skills. Their participation impacts every aspect of the organization, from the quality of our programming to the passion and authority of our voice in conservation advocacy.

## ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY PRESENCE

Each branch is the voice and face of The Mountaineers in our communities, allowing us to reach more people in a more personal way. Our seven branches and four lodges deliver on The Mountaineers mission by tailoring programs to meet the needs of each community and engage at a local level.

In 2014, we offered an average of six outdoor adventures a day. This level of engagement across the state would be impossible without the support and enthusiasm of our volunteers.

## BREAK THROUGH moment

Our first **Fostering Leadership Conference**, held in September, brought together 250 volunteers to learn how to be better leaders in the outdoors.

Volunteers heard from experts in the field about innovation in course design, risk management, promoting diversity in outdoor recreation, and making decisions in the wilderness.

All of us were inspired by stories from world-renowned climbers who shared their passion for the outdoors. We acknowledged our volunteers for the superb work they do, promoted cross-branch discussion, and provided a venue for volunteers to share best practices, successes and challenges.





# YOUTH & EDUCATION



## HELPING UNDERSERVED YOUTH

We met Shona, a spirited 9-year-old, through a program we offer for formerly homeless kids at Brettler Family Place. As the other kids were learning climbing skills and exploring the wonders of Magnuson Park, Shona disrupted class and refused to participate. But after watching others enjoy outdoor activities, she decided to try rock-climbing. Within a year, she had become an adept climber, approaching each challenge with excitement and asking to help teach climbing skills to the newer kids. Shona's behavior and attitude shifted through her connection with the outdoors.



# INSPIRING KIDS TO GET OUTDOORS

There is no age limit where the outdoors is concerned. We work with children as young as age four, helping them discover – and be comfortable in – the outdoors. Since we began our youth programs in 2011, we've offered more than \$50,000 in scholarships to help build leadership, outdoor and self-awareness skills for youth of all demographics, especially underserved kids, and we've introduced more than 6,700 young people to the outdoors. Mountaineers youth come away from our programs with a better appreciation of nature and a grounding in life skills, such as resilience and self-confidence.

## PARTNERSHIPS TRIPLE OUR REACH

Partnerships stretch our resources, creating more opportunities to get kids outdoors. Last year, we increased our partners to 43 – up 50 percent over the previous year. Currently, we are building new relationships with Outdoor Adventure Center in Index, Everett YMCA and UW Tacoma.

In 2014, volunteer support and funding from Rotary Club of the International District allowed Bailey Gatzert Elementary School students to attend six all-day Mountain Workshop sessions. Students from the UW's Carlson Center volunteered weekly at The Mountaineers to teach youth from Brettler Family Place, a housing development in Magnuson Park for formerly homeless families. And Sail Sand Point provided water-based activities, such as paddle boarding, that integrated Mountain Workshops for Muslim girls from Al-Noor Academy.

## VOLUNTEERS AS ROLE MODELS

In 2014, more than 75 youth-program volunteers logged some 3,900 hours, providing about 5,500 opportunities to get kids outside. We encourage volunteers to work with the same kids, time and again. It's a win-win situation. The adults connect emotionally with the kids, and the youngsters become more trusting of the adults, creating a more successful learning environment.

## BREAK THROUGH moment

Eleven new partners joined us for two or more Mountain Workshops last year, helping youngsters gain more confidence in the outdoors.

Two long-term partners – Brettler Family Place and Hope Place Shelter – ended the summer with a **weeklong day camp** for 49 kids. After progressive programming throughout the year, both groups participated in an intensive camp experience and two field trips to wilderness areas, where they put the skills they learned to use.

Gradually building up to camp allowed the youth to develop familiarity and comfort with the outdoors before putting their skills to the test.





# CONSERVATION



## MOBILIZING A NEW GENERATION OF PROTECTORS

As a Washington state native, Erin admired the Cascade Mountains from afar. But it was not until she scrambled to the top of Vesper Peak as a Mountaineers student that she truly connected with the Pacific Northwest landscape. Erin walked away from her basic climbing class with not only outdoor skills that would help her safely explore distant peaks, but also an appreciation and desire to protect these places so that future generations can enjoy them for years to come.





# PROTECTING THE PLACES WE TREASURE

As Washington's leading voice for protecting the outdoor experience in the Pacific Northwest, we provide powerful, often life-changing, experiences through our courses, trips, events and publications. Our reputation as a conservation organization has been built on a century-old legacy of stewardship and advocacy, and this work continues unabated today. In 2014, volunteers contributed nearly 5,000 hours of conservation work, helping protect public lands for future generations.

## AN INFORMED PERSPECTIVE

We focus our conservation efforts in three spheres: education, stewardship and advocacy. These areas create different access points through which we can engage the greatest number of members. Because our courses and trips depend on the health and welfare of the outdoors, we carefully integrate a stewardship ethic into all our activities. In 2014, 550 students and volunteers received training in Leave No Trace ethics through our Backcountry Impact Skills classes. We maintain a conservation-focused blog on our website and have more than 20,000 subscribers to *Conservation Currents*, an e-newsletter.

## AN INFLUENTIAL VOICE FOR THE FUTURE

We are committed to inspiring and engaging younger and more diverse audiences. It is this next generation of conservationists who will play a critical role in the future health of our region. Our work with Washington D.C.-based Outdoor Alliance gives us a regional and national presence on land and water protection, management and funding issues. This collaboration allows us to leverage Outdoor Alliance's wealth of contacts, lobbying expertise and research tools while helping us create more awareness for our regional issues on the national level. With Outdoor Alliance support, we launched Outdoor Alliance Washington to harness the collective voice of our partners throughout the state. Together we were able to influence state and federal policy on protective land designations and wilderness management.

## BREAK THROUGH moment

With The Wilderness Society and REI, we co-sponsored Explore Washington's Wilderness, Washington state's premier event marking the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Speakers included internationally renowned mountaineer Jim Whittaker, local environmental advocate Martha Kongsgaard, and diversity advocate Juan Martinez who explored issues facing Washington's outdoors and discussed ways to become more involved in protecting our wild lands. More than 250 people attended this sold-out event.



# PUBLICATIONS



## PUTTING WILD TALENT TO WORK FOR WILD PLACES

"If anything can persuade people to save this place, it will be his images." When an award-winning National Geographic author tells you this, it's a good idea to listen. That author, Douglas Chadwick, introduced us to the exquisite photography of Stephen Gnam and in 2014, Braided River published *Crown of the Continent: The Wildest Rockies*, which includes thoughtful essays by Chadwick. The Missoulian promptly dubbed the book "a new jewel for the crown" and it was a finalist at the 2014 Banff Mountain Book and Film Festival.





# LEADING READERS TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Mountaineers Books, along with its Skipstone and Braided River imprints, publishes award-winning recreation, sustainable lifestyle and conservation advocacy books. In 2014, we added 31 new titles to a catalog of 700 titles in print and earned more than \$3 million in book sales. Our books covered new terrain (*Paddling the Columbia*), brought out leading female alpinist voices (*Tilting at Mountains; Mountains in My Heart*) and encouraged sustainable living (*Real Gardens Grow Natives*). We also inspired audiences outside the pages of the book, with more than 300 author events.

## PRESERVING MOUNTAINEERING MILESTONES

Before 1978, climbing Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen was thought to be impossible. Then on May 8 of that year, Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler reached the world's highest peak in a breakthrough ascent that redefined the physical limits of the human body. Last year, Mountaineers Books published Reinhold Messner's *My Life at the Limit* as part of the Legends and Lore series. As the first English-language edition, this story is now available to readers across North America.

## INSPIRING NEW STEWARDS

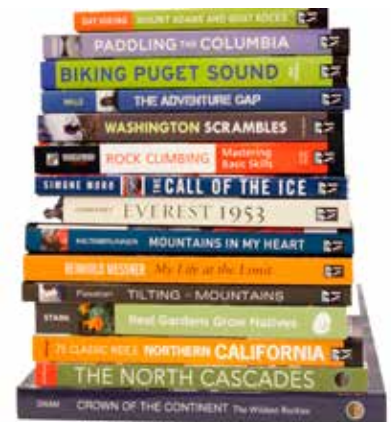
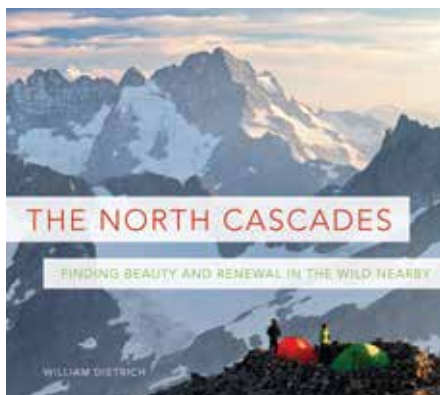
Fifty years ago, Mountaineers Books issued *The North Cascades*, a publication instrumental in establishing North Cascades National Park. In 2014, Braided River published a new book with the same title, featuring compelling stories by Pulitzer-winning author William Dietrich, Christian Martin and Craig Romano as well as vivid imagery by more than 20 photographers. The new book invites readers to step up and serve as stewards of this majestic mountain environment for the next 50 years.

## BREAK THROUGH moment

*The Adventure Gap: Changing the Face of the Outdoors* by James Edward Mills contributed to the dialogue on diversity in outdoor recreation.

The book uses the 2013 climb of Alaska's Denali by the first all African-American team of climbers explore how minority populations view their place in wild environments and share the stories of those who have achieved significant accomplishments in outdoor adventures.

The expedition's goal, and now the book's, is to inspire minority communities to look outdoors for experiences to enrich their lives, and to encourage all of us to value and protect the natural world around us.



# COMMUNITY



## SHARED PASSION FOR THE OUTDOORS

After graduating from the basic course and climbing with The Mountaineers for a year, Liz has found both a place to learn and a community. "For me, the community of like-minded, enthusiastic and talented climbers is the best thing about The Mountaineers," she said. "With climbing there's always something new to learn - thanks to countless volunteers and my fellow SIGlets, I've grown as a climber and a person and I've gained some incredible, inspiring and fun friends. The Mountaineers is part of what makes Seattle my adopted home and I intend to be a lifelong member."





# EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP TO RECORD HIGHS

In 2014, our membership reached 10,450 members – a seven-year high – thanks to new member sign-ups and improved retention rates. To support this growth, we've added staff, redesigned our website and expanded our use of social media. Last year, we hosted 1,350 events, including the new BeWild Speaker & Film Series, and the continuation of popular events like the Banff Film Festival. Overall, events at our program and outdoor centers attracted more than 60,000 outdoor enthusiasts.

## HAPPIER, MORE ENGAGED MEMBERS

We conducted a survey last year, and more than 2,000 members took the time to participate. Their comments showed that our organization is highly valued. We saw a dramatic uptick in member satisfaction. In fact, members have a 20-point increase in member happiness over 2011. Survey results also validated the priorities we've outlined in our new strategic plan: establish better technology, create better volunteer support and deliver more frequent member communications.

## BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

We launched a new website in May 2014, and have seen a 60-percent increase in unique site visitors. Although there is still room for improvement, the new design makes it easier to learn about the organization, get involved and volunteer. The website has helped us grow our online community by leaps and bounds, and we have placed additional emphasis on opportunities available through social media. We have 9,000 followers on four social channels, with 31-percent growth in Facebook followers and 71-percent growth on Twitter in the last year. Social media outlets have proven to be a good testing ground for ideas that matter to our members, and they serve as an entry point to build a deeper relationship with our community.

## BREAK THROUGH moment

Our membership hit a **seven-year high this year – 10,450 strong.**

A guest membership program started several years ago allows individuals to “test drive” the organization for up to two years and participate in two activities, helping us convert guest members to full membership.

In the past year, we've had more than 3,000 guests participate in our programs. Through more creative initiatives and more thoughtful campaigns that personally interact with our members, we plan to grow our membership to 12,000 by 2017.



# FINANCIAL

## Condensed Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2013-2014	2012-2013
Current Assets	\$5,013,905	\$5,051,575
Long-term Investments	\$2,127,796	\$1,927,792
Fixed Assets (less accumulated depreciation)	\$5,759,213	\$5,835,049
Author advances	\$160,960	\$148,657
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$13,061,874</b>	<b>\$12,963,073</b>

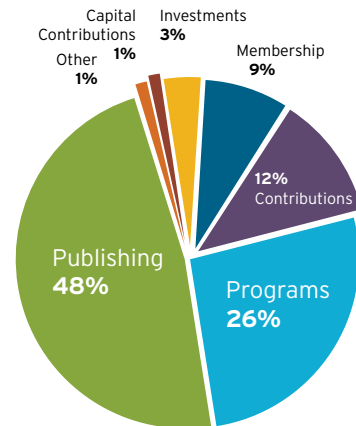
### Liabilities & Net Assets

#### Liabilities

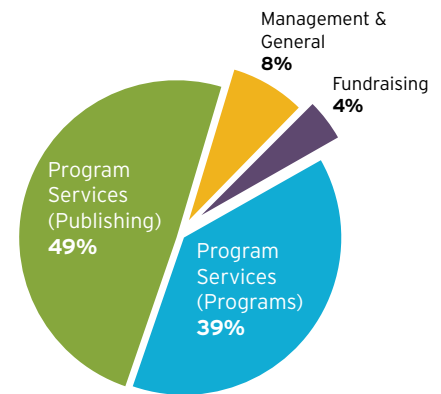
Current Liabilities	\$692,324	\$592,481
Long-term Liabilities	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$692,324</b>	<b>\$592,481</b>

#### Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$12,211,857	\$12,221,701
Temporarily Restricted	\$157,693	\$148,891
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$12,369,550</b>	<b>\$12,370,592</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$13,061,874</b>	<b>\$12,963,073</b>



SUPPORT AND REVENUE  
2013-14



EXPENSES  
2013-14

## Condensed Statement of Activities

Revenues		2013-14		2012-13
Publishing	49%	\$3,009,696	45%	\$3,008,084
Programs	26%	\$1,640,215	21%	\$1,414,009
Contributions	11%	\$705,960	18%	\$1,169,223*
Membership	9%	\$555,148	8%	\$549,493
Investments	3%	\$201,157	3%	\$216,470
Capital Contributions	1%	\$47,346	2%	\$141,968
Other	1%	\$33,615	2%	\$164,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$6,193,137</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$6,663,421*</b>

### Expenses

Program Services (Programs)	38%	\$2,352,636	34%	\$1,917,073
Program Services (Publishing)	49%	\$3,085,868	53%	\$3,026,558
Fundraising	4%	\$230,711	4%	\$248,607
Management & General	8%	\$524,964	8%	\$476,853
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$6,194,179</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$5,669,091</b>

\* Includes \$500,000 bequest

The audit of the consolidated Mountaineers entity, including Mountaineers Books is available on request.



# BREAKTHROUGH GIVING

## PEAK SOCIETY

Generous contributions from early supporters like board member Rich Draves have been central to the success of providing meaningful outdoor experiences that connect people with the natural world. "I see The Mountaineers as an important part of the Pacific Northwest," explained Rich, "as well as an important part of my life. I wanted to support the community where I live and I am fortunate enough to be able to help."

As chair of the Peak Society, Rich is pleased to see so many people step forward and support programs launched within the past four years. "Considering how much time people already give, it's remarkable so many give so generously" he said. "Unrestricted dollars are the lifeblood of any nonprofit organization. Certain programs may have traction, but so much more is needed to ensure their success and impact."



### PEAK SOCIETY PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Peak Society is a donor recognition club for members who make an unrestricted annual gift of \$1,000 or more. We salute the Peak Society members who are listed below.

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## PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

The Mountaineers relies on private contributions to pilot new initiatives and expand mission-critical programs to provide youth outdoor experiences, grow a tradition of volunteer-led education, improve facilities, and publish books to create a community of engaged outdoor citizens. We are grateful to the individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations below who provided contributions and in-kind gifts between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014.

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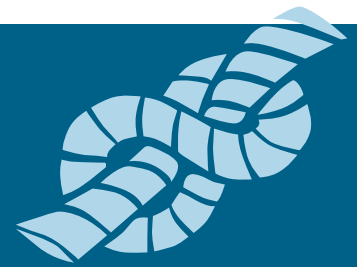
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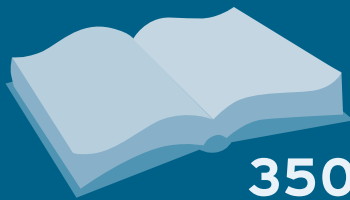


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