



## 2009 YEAR END REPORT

As we reflect on 2009 and move into 2010 it is clear that people are interested! They are interested in food, health care, the environment, the economy, and our collective ability to make positive change. With the breadth of issues that intersect food systems and sustainable agriculture, it can be overwhelming to keep track of how all of this ties together and where each of us fits in the puzzle.

Luckily, SAFSF continues to forge unique conversations and action between seemingly disparate sectors to help balance the big picture and the details. We believe that improving our understanding of the ways in which action in one discipline directly impacts outcomes in another will lead to more holistic, lasting, and sustainable change.

*"It is apparent that this is a community of funders who are learning from each other and doing more collectively than they can do alone."  
-Call Participant*

### STAFFING

SAFSF expanded our staff this fall by 50%, hiring Bridget Dobrowski as our Program Assistant. With a Master's in Environmental Science and Management from the Bren School at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Bridget brings knowledge, excitement, energy, and many significant talents to our network.



### SAFSF STEERING COMMITTEE

The 9-member Steering Committee provides strong leadership for our network. Staff would like to offer special thanks to the Co-chairs, both outgoing (Bruce Karmazin and Bruce Hirsch) and incoming (Greg Horner and Gerry Wang) for their additional service. Members are:

- William (Bill) Buchanan, USDA - Risk Management Agency
- Becca Golden, Ben & Jerry's Foundation
- Bruce Hirsch, Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation (outgoing co-chair, Dec 2009)
- Greg Horner, Cedar Tree Foundation, Co-Chair (July 2009 - June 2011)
- Bruce Karmazin, The Lumpkin Family Foundation (outgoing co-chair, July 2009)
- Cecily Kihn, Agua Fund, Inc.
- Ron Kroese, The McKnight Foundation
- Ricardo Salvador, W. K. Kellogg Foundation
- Geraldine (Gerry) Wang, William Penn Foundation, Co-Chair (incoming Jan 2010)

## 2009 SAFSF MEMBERS (\*\* NEW MEMBERS IN 2009)

Agua Fund, Inc  
Americana Foundation  
Michael and JoAnne Bander Family Fund  
Ben & Jerry's Foundation  
*\*\*The Bowline Fund*  
The Bullitt Foundation  
Castanea Foundation, Inc.  
Cedar Tree Foundation  
*\*\*The Christensen Fund*  
*\*\*Claneil Foundation*  
Columbia Foundation  
Compton Foundation, Inc.  
*\*\*Tim Crosby, individual*  
*\*\*The Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation*  
Farm Aid  
*\*\*First Nations Development Institute*  
Flintridge Foundation  
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation  
W.K. Kellogg Foundation  
Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture  
Liberty Prairie Foundation  
Lumpkin Family Foundation

McKnight Foundation  
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation  
Orfalea Fund  
Organic Farming Research Foundation  
Oxfam America  
*\*\*The David and Lucille Packard Foundation*  
William Penn Foundation  
*\*\*The Philadelphia Foundation*  
Presbyterian Hunger Program  
Pugsley Fund of the HRK Foundation  
Quixote Foundation  
*\*\*Elizabeth Rix, individual*  
*\*\*RSF Social Finance*  
Sandy River Charitable Foundation  
Solidago Foundation  
*\*\*The New Tamarind/GRACE*  
True North Foundation  
USDA- Risk Management Agency  
Lawson Valentine Foundation  
Wallace Center for Sustainable Agriculture  
William Zimmerman Foundation  
Woodcock Foundation

Since January 2009 SAFSF has welcomed 11 new members ranging from individual donors, small family funds, and community foundations, to large private foundations. Several of our newest members are actually long-term actors in the food/ag world. Others have come to the work and/or to the network relatively recently. All are welcome!

Membership applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. If you are interested in finding out more please contact *Virginia Clarke* at [vclarke@safsf.org](mailto:vclarke@safsf.org).

## SAFSF FINANCES

Given the rise in interest in our issues and growth in membership, SAFSF has been remarkably fortunate to have been spared the financial difficulties and strains which are affecting too many of our colleagues. That said, given the economic uncertainties, SAFSF's leadership continues to maintain careful financial oversight and looks to grow our programs and services within a prudent budget.

### **FY09 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)**

#### **Audited Financials**

Total Revenues \$235,490.05  
Total Expenses \$213,906.72  
Beginning Balance \$35,616.08  
Excess Revenue over (under) Expenses \$21,583.33  
Ending Balance \$57,199.41  
Reserve Fund \$100,000.00  
**Total Funds: \$157,199.41**

### **FY10 Mid-year Financial Snapshot (as of November 30, 2009)**

Total Revenues to date: \$54,270.51  
Total Expenses: \$63,950.80  
Beginning Balance: \$57,199.41  
Excess Revenue over (under) Expenses: (\$9,680.29)  
Ending Balance: \$47,519.12  
Reserve Fund: \$100,000.00  
**Total Funds: \$147,519.12**

*Note: An estimated 40% of annual dues/grants payments are expected in December.*

## A LOOK AHEAD

### MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

SAFSF will host a member call in February to share your thoughts and suggestions for how we can strengthen our programs and services.



## STUDY GROUPS

We'll be testing a new model for communication within this funder community. Think of it as 'study groups' meets 'social networking'; the theory is that the funders represent a huge resource to each other, and that this resource is not easy to access. The hope is that study groups will be useful to some of us, and that combining conference calls and online communications can make for a richer dialogue. These will be launching in early 2010 - stay tuned!

### JANUARY 13, 2010 - FUNDERS CALL

#### **Low-Hanging Fruit: Helping Ensure Better Access to Urban Market Through Increasing and Reforming Federal Food Assistance**

*Co-sponsored by SAFSF and The Funders' Network on Smart Growth and Livable Communities*

Check out [www.safsf.org](http://www.safsf.org) for more information

### FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FUNDERS

SAFSF will host a funder networking reception in conjunction with our annual Steering Committee meeting. For details contact Virginia at [vclarke@safsf.org](mailto:vclarke@safsf.org)

### MARCH 23 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EAT HERE!

Local Foods Dinner/Reception at The Funders' Network Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - Urban Ag featured in the program <http://www.fundersnetwork.org/index.php/events/annual-conference-2010/>

*"This conference was one of the best I've attended because the focus was truly about getting work done." -2009 Forum Attendee*



### JUNE 15-18 SAFSF'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FORUM IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Planning Committee is putting together an exciting and challenging program. Registration and the preliminary program will be available in March 2010. Workshop ideas are being solicited - the RFP is available online at [http://www.safsf.org/events/2010\\_forum.asp](http://www.safsf.org/events/2010_forum.asp)

### WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR 2009 PROGRAM?

Please visit our newly revamped website. Fresher - cleaner - new photos, and an expanded resources section makes the site more user-friendly. 2009 presentations, call recordings, additional resources and more are available at [http://www.safsf.org/events/events\\_2009.asp](http://www.safsf.org/events/events_2009.asp)

### WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

We welcome your input and involvement. Please contact Virginia at [vclarke@safsf.org](mailto:vclarke@safsf.org) or Co-Chairs Greg Horner ([greg@cedartreefound.org](mailto:greg@cedartreefound.org)) or Gerry Wang ([gwang@wpennfdn.org](mailto:gwang@wpennfdn.org))

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