

"Embracing the diversity of life, creating an environment to energize people to work for positive change."

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President's Annual Report for 2001

Tom Warth

"Keeping Things in Perspective."

A coed in the 60s, from a mid-western college, wrote the following letter to her parents during her sophomore year:

"Dear Mom & Dad: How are you doing, fine I hope. I know it's been a long time since I've written but so much is going on that it's hard to find the time. Let me tell you everything. I've met this most wonderful guy and we are crazy about each other. We met when our sociology class took a field trip to the community center. He was there as part of a work release program. He is so caring and funny - oh, I forgot to say, that he had to drop out of college because he had a little problem but he's in the work release program and will finish his jail term the end of this year. You'll both really like him, as I know I'll like his family. Oh, did I tell you? He is from Alaska and I will be meeting his folks this summer when we move there - oh, yes, we have planned to get married and settle in his home town as his Dad has found him a job. But not to worry, we will be fine, as they have found the three of us a nice small apartment to live in. Oh, I meant to call you and tell you I was pregnant. Well, must run to class, will write again soon. It would be great if you

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could send money as things are a little tight right now. My love to you both. Your loving daughter! P.S. None of the above is true but I did fail biology and I wanted you to put that news in perspective."

Keeping things in perspective. Authors Michael Jinkins and Deborah Bradshaw Jinkins in their latest book, The Character of Leadership, write, "If we want to achieve goals that further our values we must take reality into account." My report to you this year puts the realities of our business in perspective.

As Jean Findley, the Board's Financial Adviser, states in this Annual Report, "2001 was a difficult year for The Mountain ... Total Expenses exceeding Total Revenue by \$296,859." This is the first loss we have had in the last 12 years and the largest loss ever. However, putting it in perspective, it was a difficult year for nonprofits across the country. In November, leading analysts of the nonprofit sector forecast that 6 of 10 "small nonprofits" (less than \$5 million annual budgets—The Mountain qualifies) will go out of business within 12 months because of September 11 and the worsening economy. The Mountain is one of the 4 in 10 that will rebound. The fact is, first quarter 2002 is one of our better first quarters in recent years from an earnings and a cash perspective.

The reality is we did not sell enough space, market our programs effectively nor secure the level of donor support required to sustain and grow our business. However, putting it into perspective, as Board Chair Tony Stringer writes in his Annual Report article titled "The Measure of The Mountain," "The Mountain has only deepened its commitment to embracing the diversity of life and to energizing people to work for positive change." And the perspective includes testimonials of transformative experiences as follows:

- · An Advisor comment for Sr. Hi CON, December 2001: "The openness of staff, and youth from all around allows the shvest to feel welcome and gives the most cynical a window of hope for the world."
- From Asheville 2001 Leadership School for Social Justice youth participants: "I learned that I have a long way to go and also that this is definitely what I want to do in my life." . . . "I learned that one doesn't have to be a 'leader' to help the group. Though I tend to be a leader, I also learned that I just want to be part of the group."
- · From a guest at one of our retreats, "After hearing Shelley this morning, I am so grateful to The Mountain for their wonderful acceptance of our group. I have heard so many awful things said from the pulpit of my own Dad's church. I crave a safe spiritual environment."

Transformative experiences, "The Measure of The Mountain"—but the reality and the perspective is, we aren't doing enough. Our youth deserve more from us. Our multi-faith, diverse, communities demand more of us. The economically and physically challenged look to us for more. We must continue to develop new programs that will reach those who need them, continue to build accessible, safe buildings, maintain the spiritual and energizing place that is so important to so many and keep our financial house in order. The reality is, we do so much and the perspective is, we have so much more we can do.

The events of Septembber 11, 2001 are still fresh in our minds. Miami Herald Columnist Leonard Pitts, writing about 9/ 11, wrote, "We will never again be without Sept 11. The only thing we can do now is learn to be with it." And that's the reality. But the perspective for me is that we

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A Message from The Board of Trustees Tony Stringer, Chair

"The Measure of The Mountain.

Our Annual Meeting is a time to take stock of The Mountain, to see how it has measured up in the year that has passed. In an ordinary year, this would be an easy task. We would turn to the "usual and customary" measures of performance. But this is no ordinary year. Nonetheless, I will start with the usual and customary indices. This is what they tell us in 2001:

- The Mountain is worth more than ever. An independent appraisal valued The Mountain property at \$6.4 million, a tripling of our financial assets in a single decade.
- Despite taking some financial hits in 2001 (see Financial Report), The Mountain is soundly managed. An independent accounting audit resulted in a "clean opinion" of The Mountain and its finances.

It's also usual and customary to look at our progress towards programmatic goals. My predecessor, John Rakestraw, highlighted some of these goals in his Year 2000 Annual Report. Here is how we have progressed on the things John was excited about.

- In 2000, engineering studies on the Cabbage Patch land confirmed the feasibility of our vision for developing this property. In 2001, feasibility studies gave way to actual planning. Richard Rothman provided architectural plans for a "green community," and a Planning Committee, led by Hildegarde Gray, began discussions with developers.
- · In 2000, the Learning Center for Leadership (LCL) was launched and Milestone Learning Center became clear about their program offerings. In 2001, these two program centers expanded The Mountain's reach into 19 communities across 10 states—both are becoming continent-wide resources for leadership,

youth, and social justice training. Thank you LCL Director Helen Bishop and Milestone Director Shelley Denham, and your talented, dedicated staffs.

· In 2000, the Board of Trustees embraced a new governance model that called for expanded membership. In 2001, that model became a reality with board members now hailing from 12 states and a new standing committee structure in place that allows for greater collaboration and support between the Board and The Mountain Centers.

What do the usual and customary numbers tell us? They tell us that The Mountain is strong, healthy, and vibrant. But, as I said, this is no ordinary year. What do I mean by that? Well, as I write this, I am mindful that in Bethlehem Israeli troops are laying siege to Palestinian fighters holed up in a Christian church at the spot where Jesus purportedly was born. I am mindful that in a period of two weeks, French police counted 360 acts of violence against Jews. I am mindful that a few weeks ago in Atlanta, three white supremacist drifters nearly stomped two black men to death while shouting racial slurs, less than a mile from where my daughter attends school. I am mindful of the distrust and suspicion haunting my Catholic friends as they grapple with the revelations of sexual predation in the clergy. This is no ordinary

And so, as we take stock of The Mountain, I think we must look beyond the usual and customary measures. In this extraordinary time, we must remind ourselves of how remarkable it is that we have created a place that truly diverse religious groups share in peace and respect. We must remind ourselves of how remarkable it is that we have created a place of security without guns or a police force. We must remind

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Board Appointment

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Interest	\$ 12,128	\$ 12,120
Dividends	932	346
Contributions		1,352
Total Unrestricted Revenues	13,060	13,818
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EXPENSES	NONE*	NONE*
Administration	NONE* 2,332	NONE*
Board Travel Expenses Professional Fees, Audit, etc.	1,250	2,452
Miscellaneous Expenses	527	
Telephone, conference call meeti		
Printing		45
Total Expenses	4,785	2,497
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SUPPORT		
Direct Support to The Mountain	14,538	8,628
Total Expenses and Support	19,323	11,125
Increase (decrease) in Unrestricted		
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Net Assets at Beginning of Year	290,750	172,663
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not only must learn to "be with it," we must learn **from** it. We must pay attention to the lessons of September 11. We are a global community. It's not "we Americans," but "we humankind." It's not about our issues—"we" were attacked, "our" freedoms are at risk, "our" economy took a hit ... it's about a world at war with itself ... at war about ideas, beliefs, oppression, power, fear, mistrust. It's about people not at peace, a world not at peace with itself.

Anna & Bill Forbis

And the truth is, as UU minister, noted author and Mountain Trustee, Rosemary Bray McNatt writes, "If there is no **justice**, there will be no peace...."

And we **make justice** by acknowledging the horror of physical combat and work to end all violence, all wars—we say to our leaders, "find another way!"

And we **make justice** by reaching out to one another in the pews, in the schools, in the communities and we say to our leaders, "embrace differences!"

And we **make justice** by supporting a world view that respects the depth of influence of culture and creed.

And we **make justice** by saying to our leaders, "the environment counts, act responsibly!"

The reality is, we need to learn to live with 9/11. The perspective is, we need to learn from it.

And lastly, I want to share words by Martin Luther King, Jr. in which the reality and the perspective are one. He wrote, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree ... to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle ... to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity or the second theory of thermodynamics in physics ... to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

This report began with the coed letter. I'd like to finish with one of my own:

"Dear Members and donors: 2001 was a most difficult year. We lost money.... Your dedicated President.

P.S. Although the above **is** true, I want you to put that news in perspective. The Mountain is about service. With commitments to financial stewardship, programs of relevance, justice and diversity, The Mountain serves with 'hearts full of grace and souls generated by love.' Count on it!"

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Financial Advisor's Report to the Board

Jean Findley

2001 was a difficult year for The Mountain. Although growth continued to be strong with Total Assets increasing 5.9% and Operating Revenue increasing 2.7%, Development receipts decreased significantly 28.2%. This resulted in Total Expenses exceeding Total Revenue by \$296,859.

LIQUIDITY AND DEBT

As The Mountain continues to evolve, liquidity and debt remain vital areas to monitor. On the positive side, The Mountain's ability to meet immediate obligations (the Current Ratio) and it's level of working capital (the Quick Ratio) have both improved by 100%. Current Assets have increased 35.8% to \$857,925 while current Liabilities have decreased 31.9% to \$557,434. This is a result of a strong cash position at the end of the year, debt restructuring, camp deposits for 2002, and additional member loans.

In 2001, the Debt-to-Total-Assets Ratio increased for The Mountain to 92.3%. This measure is the percentage of Total Assets financed by debt, and indicates the amount of risk an organization assumes by financial leverage, the lower the percentage the better. Fortunately, The Mountain is worth much more than its asset valuation on the books.

Despite our strong cash position at year-end, Operations used \$691,644 more than it generated during the year. We borrowed \$846,418 to cover the shortfall and chose to lower Capital Spending, using only \$106,835. Available cash will continue being carefully scrutinized during 2002 to ensure the stability of The Mountain.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

2001 continued the increase in Operating Revenue, to \$1,253,885. The Youth programs led the way, showing a 16.2% increase over the prior year. However, Operating Expenses continued to increase at a faster pace than Operating Revenue, as did Interest Expenses. Since Operations is not yet self-supporting, it depends on revenues from Development. When Development receipts do not meet expectations, as in 2001, the gap has to be financed by debt.

CONCLUSION

Although our financial statements were audited this year and we received a clean opinion, we must continue to keep close tabs on our finances. We are optimistic about the future and are focusing on increasing Development receipts back to the level necessary to fund an active organization like The Mountain.

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years on the Board—I think of Winston Churchill's immortal words when he said: "So much accomplished; so much yet to be done." We have formalized our committee structure, established our own supporting 501(c)(3) organization and accounts, created an investment policy for the current \$300,000+ in the endowment fund, created policies for accepting non-cash and restricted gifts, and begun a multifaceted publicity campaign to make sure potential donors know about us.

Now we need you.

Only the tip of the iceberg has been tapped for this initiative which can be so critical to the long-term financial health of The Mountain. Every time a Mountain member or friend makes a bequest to the Mountain Endowment Fund in their will or trust, every time the Endowment is named as beneficiary of an IRA or retirement plan, every time the Endowment is a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, such actions become a vote of confidence in the future and a note of thanks for the gifts this place has bestowed upon us and upon the many lives that it touches.

We are now in the **Charter Membership** period for the President's Society—a group consisting of those who have named

The Mountain or the Mountain Endowment Fund in their estate plans or as a beneficiary of a life insurance or a retirement plan. This period will last from now through June 30, 2003, and will be celebrated over Memorial Day Weekend 2003. It would be wonderful to have a large, grand celebration at that time to welcome all the new members.

If not you, then who? If not now, then when?

Please join me in becoming a "well-digger;" please join me in being a "fire-builder."

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ourselves of the unbroken record of safety enjoyed by every single one of the youth programs that are run at The Mountain. We must remind ourselves of the overwhelming sense of love and well being that pervades this place we call home.

In this extraordinary time, when faith-based and secular non-profit institutions are scraping to get by and are questioning their missions, The Mountain has only deepened its commitment to embracing the diversity of life and to energizing people to work for positive change. I hope 2002 will be the year you deepen your commitment to The Mountain.

The Mountain Retreat & Learning Centers, Inc. **Financial Report 2001**

Robin Canady, Controller

STATEMENTS	OF FINANCIA	I POSITION
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Management Statements	INCIAL PC	SITION
Unaudited	Dec. 31, 2001	Dec. 31, 2000
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 97,053	\$ 49,114
Donor pledges receivable, net	717,818	526,718
Inventories, net	7,419	18,011
Prepaid expenses	12,397	10,385
Other current assets	23,238	27,296
	857,925	631,524
Property and equipment, net	2,787,292	2,810,478
Total Assets	\$3,645,217	\$3,442,002
Accounts payable Accrued expenses & deferred comp Notes payable-bank Current portion of long-term debt Deferred revenue Other current liabilities	\$ 50,223 0. 125,320 43,961 200,000 137,930 - 557,434	\$ 79,836 104,922 365,000 150,000 118,907 - 818,665
Long-term debt, less current portion	2,805,579	2,044,274
Total Liabilities	3,363,013	2,862,939
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	209,590	570,175
Temporarily restricted	72,614	8,888
Total Net Assets	282,204	579,063
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,645,217	\$3,442,002



Available notes are an important part of these financial statements

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

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Management Statements	Year Ended Year Ended			
Unaudited	Dec. 31, 2001	Dec. 31, 2000		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:				
Change in net assets	\$ (296,859)	\$ 68,764		
Adjustments to reconcile change in n		Ψ 00,704		
to net cash provided by operating a		44.4.000		
Depreciation	116,987	114,998		
In-Kind Donations	(22,079)	(21,632)		
(Increase) decrease in current as				
Donor pledges receivable, net	t (191,100)	(331,838)		
Inventories, net	10,592	(3,976)		
Prepaid expenses	(2,012)	(2,205)		
Other current assets	4,058	(9,889)		
Increase (decrease) in current lia	ahilities:			
Accounts payable	(29,613)	(10,048)		
Accrued expenses				
	7,046	20,424		
Current notes payable-bank	(321,039)	93,421		
Deferred revenue	19,023	(7,554)		
Other current liabilities	13,352(76			
Net Cash from				
Operating Activities	(691,644)	(90,298)		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:				
Purchases of fixed assets (106,835)		(173,318)		
Net Cash from				
Investing Activities	(106,835)	(173,318)		
9	(100/000)	(110)		
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:				
Proceeds from borrowings	1,191,067	659,000		
Repayment of debt-bank	(56,041)	(263,830)		
Repayment on notes payable				
Interest payable	64,897 42,659			
Net Cash from				
Financing Activities	846,418	224,730		
Net Increase in Cash	47,939	(38,886)		
Cash at Beginning of Year	49,114	88,000		
Cash at End of Year	\$ 97,053	\$ 49,114		

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Management Statements Unaudited		Year Ended Dec	ombor 21 2001		Year Ended
Ollaudited	Retreat	Milestone	Learning Center		Dec. 31, 2000
	Center	Center	for Leadership	Totals	Totals
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets: REVENUE	- Come	Control	10. 2000.0119	10.000	10.010
Retreats & Conferences	\$ 356,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356,500	\$ 362,909
Senior Programs	280,351			280,351	270,969
Youth Programs	305,104			305,104	262,553
Mountain Design Programs	106,178			106,178	112,383
Drop In	41,357			41,357	42,721
Store Margin	6,263			6,263	7,033
Other	16,157			16,157	9,018
Milestone		73,014		73,014	94,950
Learning Center for Leadership			68,961	68,961	58,593
Sub-total	1,111,910	73,014	68,961	1,253,885	1,221,129
Contributions	.,,,,,,,,		30/00:	590,654	834,787
Support from The Endowment Fund				14,538	8,628
Sub-total				605,192	843,415
Total Unrestricted Revenues	1,111,910	73,014	68,961	1,859,077	2,064,544
Net assets released from restrictions		8,888		8,888	<u> </u>
Total Unrestricted Revenues and Other Support	1,111,910	81,902	68,961	1,867,965	2,064,544
EXPENSES					
Programs:					
Retreats & Conferences	277,632			277,632	286,552
Senior Programs	245,065			245,065	237,491
Youth Programs	389,553			389,553	327,254
Mountain Design Programs	90,227			90,227	64,120
Drop In	48,589			48,589	75,872
Milestone		158,914		158,914	153,373
Learning Center for Leadership			131,486	131,486	71,119
Total Program Expenses	1,051,066	158,914	131,486	1,341,466	1,215,781
Support Services:					
Administration & Board				408.058	319,265
Development				181,616	180,233
Financing/Interest				190,103	182,764
Depreciation, excluding vehicles				107,307	106,625
Total Support Services Expenses				887,084	788,887
Total Expenses				2,228,550	2,004,668
Increase (decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets				(360,586)	59,876
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:					
Contributions				72,614	8,888
Net assets released from restrictions				(8,888)	
Increase (decrease) in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets				63,726	8,888
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets				(296,859)	68,764
Net Assets at Beginning of Year				579,063	510,299
Net Assets at End of Year				\$ 282,204	\$ 579,063