2019 IMPACT REPORT

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Dear friends,

Thanks to the amazing support from our community, 2019 turned out to be Mt. Adams Institute’s (MAI) best year ever!

In January 2019, we launched a four-year strategic plan to expand our impact and increase the number of veterans, young adults and youth served by the organization. Looking back on the amazing year, we want to share the progress that all of you helped make happen:

- Secured a 3-year grant to nearly double the size of our career development programs (VetsWork Environment, VetsWork GreenCorps and Public Lands Stewards). This means more veterans and young adults will benefit from our programs that help launch careers in public lands and natural resource management AND our treasured public lands benefit from more hands-on support!

- Set a record for the highest number of youth our education program, Cascade Mountain School, has ever served through in-school, outdoor school and summer camp programming. 670 kids got to spend time outdoors learning, playing and stoking their curiosity about science and outdoor exploration.

- Received national recognition for the role that our VetsWork program has served in bringing military veterans into the Forest Service workforce.

- Launched a capital campaign to expand our infrastructure to better serve our community.

- In partnership with Oberlin College, began researching how our mission’s focus on natural world connection is benefiting our participants and community.

Thank you for your continued support and for caring about the relationship between people and the natural world as much as we do!

Gratefully,

Brendan Norman
Executive Director
**VetsWork Environment**

VetsWork Environment engages military veterans in natural resources and public lands management through a 45 week, career development AmeriCorps internship program.

**Mission**

The Mt. Adams Institute mission is to strengthen the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research.

**Who We Serve**

MAI serves youth, young adults, adults and families because we believe that a strong connection with nature benefits people of all ages and walks of life. We seek out opportunities to connect individuals with the natural world who are historically underrepresented in outdoor recreation and natural resource career areas.

**Impact**

Through our programs, Mt. Adams Institute creates opportunities for people to connect meaningfully with the natural world in order to:

- Improve personal health and wellbeing
- Increase ecological literacy and a sense of interconnectedness
- Promote lifelong environmental stewardship and action
- Enhance civic and community engagement
- Facilitate career opportunities in the fields of natural resource management, conservation, and education
The amount of friends I have made and projects I’ve been a part of because of Mt. Adams Institute’s VetsWork AmeriCorps program has been extraordinary. From day one until now I have kept myself busy digging in the dirt, planting trees with kids, installing water quality monitoring wells, working at educational events, promoting clean water, native seed collecting, sewing, planting, working with youth corps, volunteers, and the list goes on.... There’s not one particular job I find better or worse, I find them all as fulfilling as the last. All things seem to click and have purpose. I am excited and truly blessed; I now have a sense of belonging.

- Chris Sutherland, VetsWork 2019, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership

I want to thank Mt. Adams Institute and WREN for providing such a positive experience for me during this term. It has been a joy and an inspiration to be around so many people with not only a love for the outdoors, but also the drive to conserve natural spaces and make them an even greater and more accessible asset to our communities. These shared values help shape the true strength of this program; across a range of jobs and work settings, we are all putting our skills and experience to use towards a common objective.

- Annie Carter, Public Lands Stewards 2019, Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN)
CASCADE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

670 STUDENTS CONNECTED TO THE NATURAL WORLD!

7 OUTDOOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS

13 DAY SUMMER CAMPS

3 OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT:
MID VALLEY ELEMENTARY
MOSIER ELEMENTARY
PARKDALE ELEMENTARY

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT:
PARKDALE ELEMENTARY
2019 DONATIONS & GRANTS

U.S. Forest Service:
Chattahoochie-Oconee National Forest
Chugach National Forest
Davy-Crockett National Forest
Deschutes National Forest
George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Kittitas National Forest
Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
Mark Twain National Forest
Malheur National Forest
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Ozark-St. Francis National Forest
Pisgah National Forest
Shawnee National Forest
Siuslaw National Forest
Sumter National Forest
Umatilla National Forest

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:
Columbia River Gorge National Fish Hatchery Complex
Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Complex

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

Tillamook Estuaries Partnership

Willamette Resources & Educational Network (WREN)

AmeriCorps

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The expansion of our programs in 2019, brought new staff members to Mt. Adams Institute! We are excited to introduce you to (starting from top left) Cory Kirkpatrick: Administrative Assistant, Sherrie Jackson: Human Resources Director, and Rebekah Rafferty: VetsWork Program Coordinator. Each one is an asset to our organization, bringing a wide variety of skills and experiences to our team. We are grateful to have them on board!

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