



**ANNUAL REPORT
2018**



**TRASH
MOUNTAIN
PROJECT**

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WHAT IS A TRASH DUMP COMMUNITY?

Landfills throughout the world are not the same as we see in the United States. Sure, the odor, the bacteria, the trash trucks, the vultures...they are all there, but something is different...people are living, working and dying in these trash dumps every day.

Over time, a colony forms with people that scavenge through the trash for recyclables to sell, which results in a meager income. This means the entire economy of such communities is centered on the very thing that is slowly chipping away at their human dignity.

OUR STORY

In the fall of 2008, a team of individuals traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, with the intention of producing a film about the despair found within the city trash dump. While interviewing families living among the garbage, God breathed unspoken passion into their hearts that forever altered and directed the path ahead of them. After significant time spent in prayer, Trash Mountain Project was founded with the mission to develop Christ-centered environments for children and families living in trash dump communities worldwide.

Trash Mountain Project aims to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by addressing their spiritual, physical, emotional and educational needs. In the short time that TMP has existed, God has transformed our simple prayer into a dynamic team of individuals and churches sharing His love with the least, the lost and the forgotten people that we serve.

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CURRENT OVERSEAS
LEADERS SUPPORTED
BY TMP

2.2 MILLION

MEALS SERVED

MORE THAN
\$9.7 MILLION
DONATED

12

12 trash dump communities with
TMP-supported programs

"TMP avoids the temptation to look away from the man caught among thieves and pass by on the other side. Instead, TMP chooses to walk the path of the Samaritan, despite the difficulties. Better still, the organization has not been satisfied to help one man but many."

Devin Thorpe
Regular Contributor
Forbes Magazine

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Dump Communities
Visited by TMP Staff

01000

Dump Communities
Confirmed Through
TMP Research

13000

Dump Communities
Believed to Exist
Worldwide

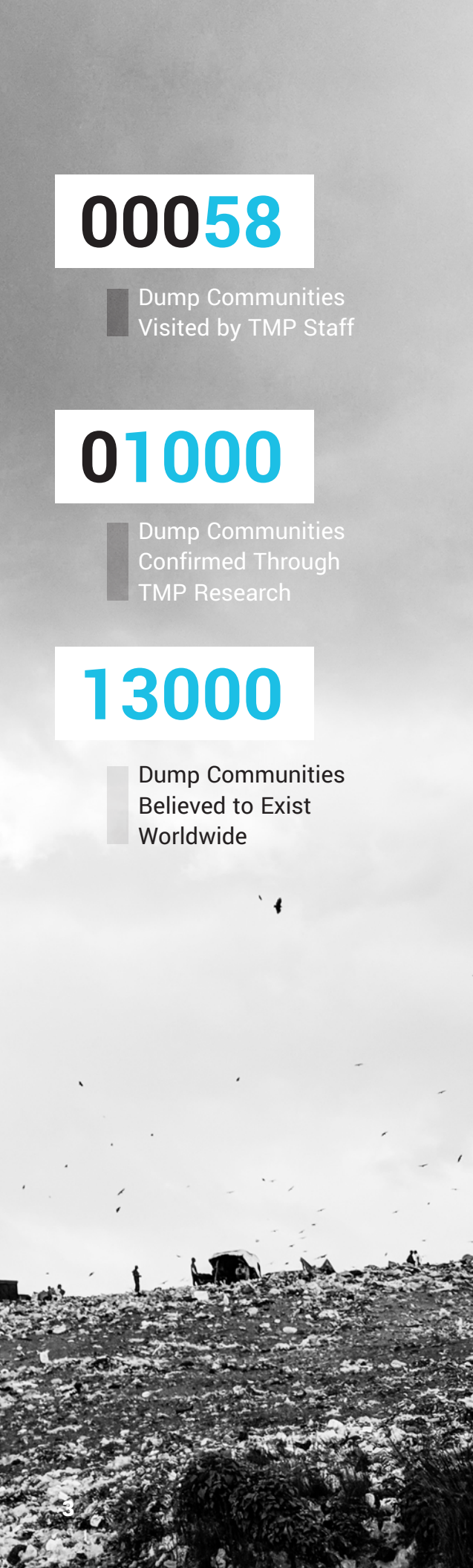


FROM THE FIELD

*Offering hopeful alternatives to
people dependent on a mountain of trash*

Trash Mountain Project exists to **develop Christ-centered environments** for children and families living in trash dump communities worldwide.

Our vision of compassion demands that we move from relief to development and from being providers to partners in the capacity building of local community leaders.



A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC

“These are individuals rummaging through trash and waste to find plastic or other recoverable waste. They are the poorest of the poor in many cities. Their living conditions, their health, and their future is some of the most precarious you will find on the globe.”

James Copple, President of Servant Forge

In the last nine years, TMP has observed that disease, injury, violence, and a general lack of hope are everyday problems in trash dump communities worldwide. Our current research indicates that waste colonies exist throughout the world except in highly developed nations. We are committed to the research and development of this subculture that is often unknown and frequently forgotten, as it is a global epidemic that has remained under the radar for far too long.

The work we do in each of our current locations varies because each community has different needs. Our commitment to God, our international partners and our supporters is to stay focused on the people in each of the communities until His mission through TMP is complete. As we visit new communities and conduct research, it is important to note that we will not expand our borders of commitment or scale beyond our capacity.



Nairobi, Kenya



OUR PROCESS

RESEARCH

Unfortunately, there is very little known and published about trash dump communities, so researching and increasing our knowledge on the issue is essential.

RELATIONSHIPS

To develop long-term solutions, we must build relationships with local leaders within the communities with the ultimate goal of establishing a partnership.

RELIEF

Urgent, and many times life-threatening, needs arise that must be addressed through short-term relief efforts.

RESOURCES

Once the needs and plan are established, we share resources to provide solutions such as leadership mobilization, adequate nutrition, healthcare, education, livelihood projects and spiritual development initiatives.

RESTORATION

We believe that faith, hope and love are the key ingredients to breaking the cycle of despair. To experience lasting change, there is simply no substitute for the slow-growing process of maturing spiritually.

RENEWAL

Trash dump communities are a global problem expected to grow 70% by 2050. Our vision for renewal is to empower our communities with the tools to actually solve the problem, to process trash in safer, healthier, more productive ways.

HOPE EMERGES

Leaders we work with are dynamic individuals that know the people and understand the current situation. We work closely with them, and because of this, trust that each donation is being used wisely. Layers of accountability throughout the process promote trust and transparency, although needs vary and the implementation of programs looks different. We have developed six core solutions through our research, but are constantly learning the most effective and efficient ways of serving internationally.

NUTRITION • EDUCATION • DISCIPLESHIP • HEALTH CARE • INFRASTRUCTURE • LIVELIHOOD



PARTNERSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santiago, Dominican Republic • Partners since 2010 • Serves 250 kids • Trash dump is 300 yards from program



HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa, Honduras • Partners since 2009 • Serves 160 kids • Trash dump is 175 yards from program



PHILIPPINES

5 separate communities • Partners since 2012 • Serving 600 kids • All trash dumps within 100 yards

UNDISCLOSED

(Due to safety of personnel,
location remains anonymous)

5 separate communities • Partners since 2016 • Serving 275 kids • All trash dumps within 50 yards

EXPANDING THE MAP

In 2017, TMP began reshaping programs to reach an even greater number of vulnerable families worldwide. We believe that to expand—this means adding more countries, more community development projects worldwide—we must go deeper with our current partners, strengthening the capacity of our field leaders in their respective countries.



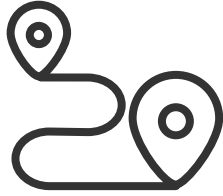
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A WICKED PROBLEM

A woman wearing a light-colored wide-brimmed hat and a high-visibility green safety vest is smiling warmly. She is being embraced from behind by another person whose hands are visible on her shoulders. The background is a blurred scene of a trash dump with piles of waste and some orange flames or smoke.

A problem that is difficult or impossible to solve because of incomplete, contradictory and changing requirements that are often difficult to recognize.

As TMP scales in size, it is important that we carefully assess the trash dump communities that are most in need of project partners. We are facing a widely misunderstood and wicked problem in the world, and as such, we are learning as we grow in understanding of what we are up against. It is important that we practice due diligence before making any commitments to expansion through forming global partners and sharing resources. Our capacity is limited, and we have a strong strategic plan concerning the use of the gifts God has given us.



Path to Sustainability

GOAL

Our goal is to assist our global ministry partners, and the families they serve, to thrive independently of ongoing TMP financial assistance.

APPROACH

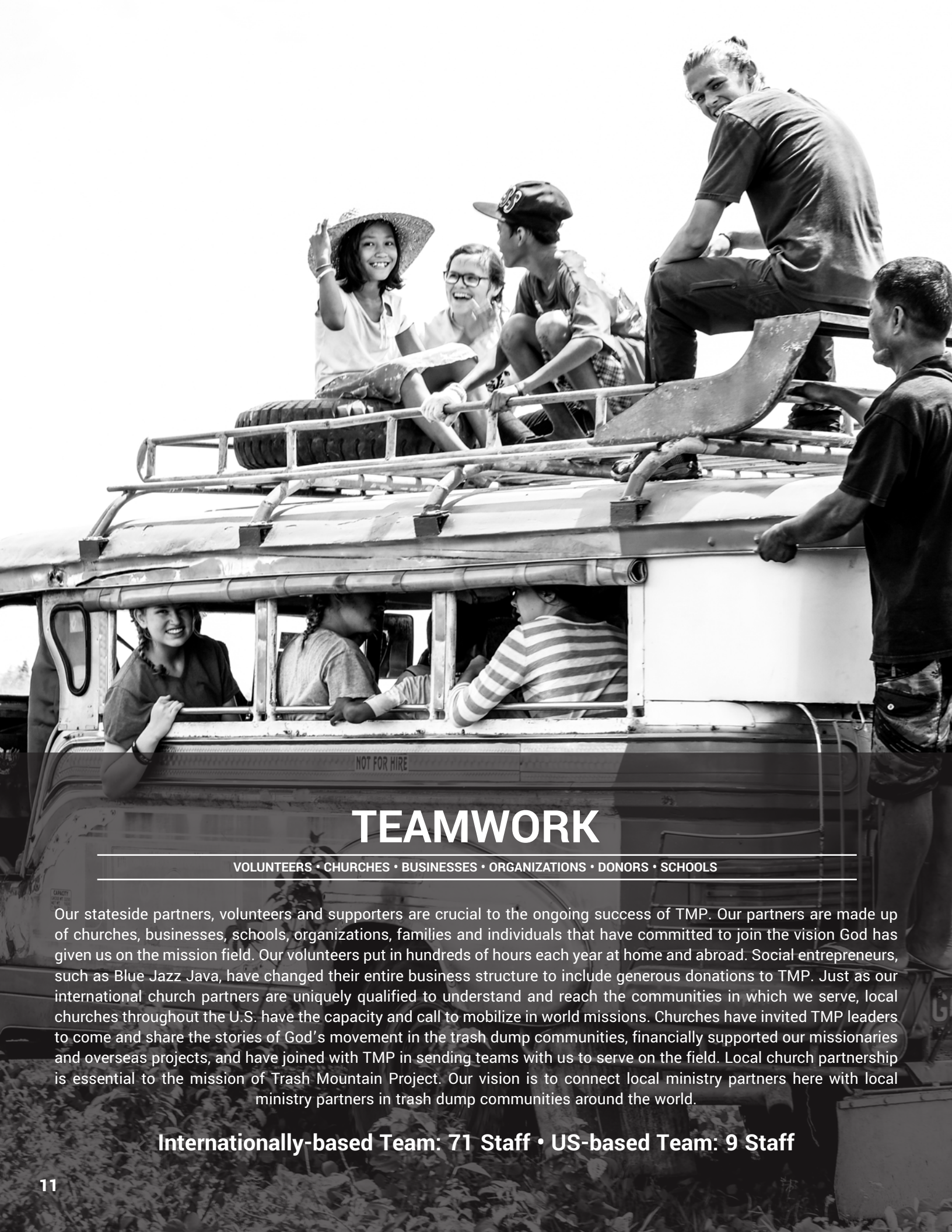
Promote and support diverse livelihood opportunities for partners and families to generate sufficient and sustainable income.

MICRO

- Formal Education
- Technical Training
- Animal Husbandry
- Business Coaching
- Micro Loans/Savings Clubs

MACRO

- Partner-Generated Ideas
- Leader Mobilization
- Spiritual Development
- Business Guidance
- Access to Resources



TEAMWORK

VOLUNTEERS • CHURCHES • BUSINESSES • ORGANIZATIONS • DONORS • SCHOOLS

Our stateside partners, volunteers and supporters are crucial to the ongoing success of TMP. Our partners are made up of churches, businesses, schools, organizations, families and individuals that have committed to join the vision God has given us on the mission field. Our volunteers put in hundreds of hours each year at home and abroad. Social entrepreneurs, such as Blue Jazz Java, have changed their entire business structure to include generous donations to TMP. Just as our international church partners are uniquely qualified to understand and reach the communities in which we serve, local churches throughout the U.S. have the capacity and call to mobilize in world missions. Churches have invited TMP leaders to come and share the stories of God's movement in the trash dump communities, financially supported our missionaries and overseas projects, and have joined with TMP in sending teams with us to serve on the field. Local church partnership is essential to the mission of Trash Mountain Project. Our vision is to connect local ministry partners here with local ministry partners in trash dump communities around the world.

Internationally-based Team: 71 Staff • US-based Team: 9 Staff

2017 FISCAL FINANCIALS

Community Sponsorship • Community Infrastructure • General Program • Basecamp

God has blessed Trash Mountain Project with thousands of people that have supported us financially since our inception. They can give with confidence knowing 100% of their money goes straight to the specific project they choose to support.

How do we “keep the lights on” without charging any administrative fees? We achieve this through Basecamp, which is a dedicated fund supported by individual donors, churches, businesses and foundations who take care of payroll and the majority of other general operational expenses. 100% also means that we are 100% debt-free. If we don’t have it, we won’t spend it.



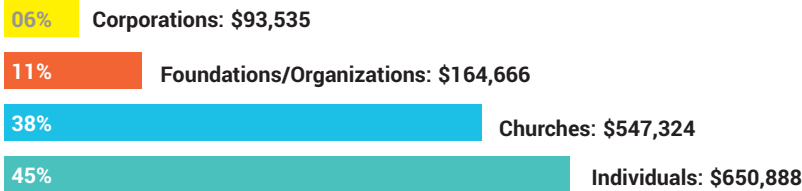
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INDIVIDUALS • BUSINESSES
CHURCHES • FOUNDATIONS

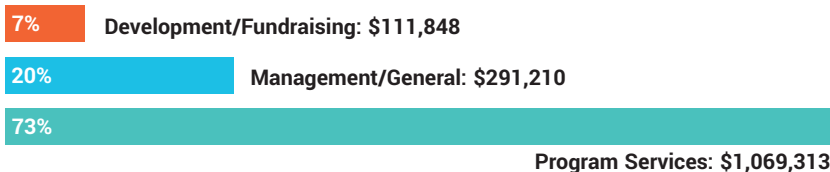
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PAYROLL EXPENSES PAID BY
BASECAMP SUPPORTERS

THE SOURCE Total Income: \$1,456,413



THE DISTRIBUTION Total Expenses: \$1,472,371



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&C & Company, P.A.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

In 2015 the ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) announced the accreditation of Trash Mountain Project. Our continuing accreditation with the ECFA is just one more step in the process of following God’s leading with the resources He has entrusted to this important mission.

Trash Mountain Project is subject to an independent audit every year and has again been approved with zero incident.

June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018

Quick Overview of the year

Total Giving: \$1,456,413 • Number of Donations: 5,464 • Average Donation • \$267

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

The numbers provided for Fiscal Year 2017 will be audited Fall 2018

	Fiscal Year 2017 06/01/17 - 05/31/18	Fiscal Year 2016 06/01/16 - 05/31/17
INCOME		
<i>Ordinary Income</i>		
Stock	-	15,014
Income	1,456,413	1,342,631
Total	1,456,413	1,357,645
<i>Other Income</i>		
Non Cash Contributions	-	10,983
Income from Merch Sales	3,679	4,009
Gain/Loss on Assets	144	(517)
Security Sale Proceeds	(65)	274
Interest Income, Dividends	148	229
Total	3,906	14,978
EXPENSE		
<i>Ordinary Expense</i>		
Development/Fundraising	111,848	115,430
Program Services	1,069,313	988,448
Management & General	291,210	298,422
Total	1,472,371	1,402,300
<i>Other Expense</i>		
COGS & Sales Tax Remitted	3,586	4,088
Basis in Securities Sold		
Total	3,586	4,088
ASSETS		
<i>Current Assets</i>	182,257	223,458
<i>Fixed Assets</i>	13,624	23,596
Total	195,881	247,054
LIABILITY & EQUITY		
<i>Current Liabilities</i>	3,862	39,396
<i>Total Equity</i>	192,018	207,658
Total	195,881	247,054
NET		
<i>Net Ordinary Income</i>	(15,958)	(44,655)
<i>Net Other Income</i>	320	10,890
<i>Net Income by Fiscal Year</i>	(15,638)	(33,765)
Balance Forward	207,658	241,423
Balance Year End	192,020	207,658



INCREASING AWARENESS



Stats and figures rarely compel sustainable action. The most effective fuel for a life-changing solution is communicating through story. A real person. A real obstacle. A real victory.

- David Kinnan, Lead Pastor at Fountain Springs Church, Rapid City, SD

NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive our newsletter, mailed quarterly to subscribers nationwide. Learn about the latest successes and opportunities, then pass it along to others who would like to learn more about TMP.

CURRICULUM

Use the group curriculum we have designed with the TMP story to help start conversations about what it means to live on mission. For more information, contact us at info@trashmountain.com.

BOOK

Share Witness, a book that chronicles the compelling true story of TMP told from the eyewitness perspective of those who were present throughout the foundation of the organization.

Continue the conversation

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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