



## Annual Report 2021

Dear community of friends and supporters,

It has been another incredible year for our Trash for Peace community. Despite the challenges of the ever-changing COVID reality, we have remained flexible, resilient, and experienced tremendous growth. I attribute our growth to the most dedicated, passionate, and resilient team of people I could ever imagine working with, and to the dynamic niche we have established - our mission has grown and evolved to be about **collaboratively creating a more equitable, inclusive, and effective recycling and waste prevention system in our region**. Please read on for more of our accomplishments this past year!

### Highlights:

- We again shifted our in-person youth program to deliver hands-on sustainability education kits to over 450 youth every month, but also added over 40 in-person, pop-up events over the summer and launched a new partnership with [Portland Free Play](#), which we are very excited to continue developing in 2022.
- Our [Environmental Promoter](#) program continued to be online, and due to its success, just launched another round at New Columbia this month, in addition to having a new part-time youth coordinator position there. We absolutely love the New Columbia community and are honored to work there!
- We created a new Multifamily Outreach program in partnership with the City of Gresham and the City of Portland. We will be building this out more this next year, in order to re-examine how information and education about waste and recycling can be more dynamic, community-based, and community-led.
- Our Ground Score Association program launched a brand new tent-side litter collection program called GLITTER. This remarkable program is set to grow more in 2022 and we could not be more thrilled about it.
- Our [The People's Depot](#) program continued to prove that alternative redemption services are not only successful, but fundamental to the health and well-being of our city. We have distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to members of the community and are looking forward to making some operations and infrastructure upgrades in 2022.
- We launched a brand new [website](#), opened a satellite office in the [Sunrise Center](#) in Rockwood and are opening our third location for Ground Score Association in the Central Eastside in partnership with [PPOP](#).
- And how we have grown! Our budget this year exceeded \$1Million, and next year our budget is projected to be \$1.6Million!

I am once again so humbled by this incredible team - despite everything, they continue to show up and pour their hearts and souls into what we do.

**Here are more details about some of our program successes this year:**

Despite limits to some of our in-person programming, our **Youth Sustainability Education Program** continued connecting with **450 kids each month** at affordable housing sites throughout the Portland Metro area. We hosted over **40 outdoor activities** and delivered hands-on, sustainability kits filled with crafts and other fun activities monthly. We also delivered school supplies to **over 500 students!** And we built **6 community garden beds** so residents can grow their own veggies.



Our **Environmental Promoters Program**, which offers recycling and waste prevention training and paid outreach opportunities for multifamily housing residents in partnership with Metro and local governments, provided employment and leadership development to **over 80 residents** ages 12–75, and the promoters reached literally **thousands of community members** with community-based education relating to waste prevention, recycling, and healthy homes.



As part of our brand new **Multifamily Outreach Program**, our team provided recycling and waste reduction education at dozens of housing sites and hosted 3 bulky waste (large household items) collection events with the Environmental Promoters, which collected and diverted **hundreds of pounds of waste!** We are very excited to further develop this new program in partnership with Environmental Promoters and local governments in 2022.



**Ground Score Association**, our program of informal recyclers, dumpster divers, and other environmental workers who create and fill low-barrier waste management jobs, provided **over 150 jobs** this year for those facing work and housing insecurity. This work also influenced policy and practice in our waste system, including unlocking public trash cans and appointing Ground Score workers to Oregon's Bottle Bill work group.

**The People's Depot**, Ground service born during the Covid-19 **week** (98% of whom self-identify work for over 25 people who Monday–Saturday. The program each month and provided also helped divert over 50% of trash!



Score's independent bottle redemption pandemic, served over **271 people each** as houseless), and generated regular sorted cans and bottles at two sites collected over **370,000 cans and bottles** **\$460,000** to canners in our community. It all of those cans and bottles from the

Our unique **Bioswales** project, which is a collaborative effort between the Central Eastside Industrial Council, Bureau of Environmental Services, and Central City Concern, also continued to thrive. We continued to provide litter collection services, but also conservation and stewardship opportunities by planting trees and launching our tree care program.

And Ground Score's newest program, **G.L.I.T.T.E.R** — which stands for Ground Score Leading Inclusively Together Through Environmental Recovery — provided litter collection and tent-side waste collection services for houseless camps across the Portland Metro Region, cleaning up over **515,000 pounds** of waste and providing **3,400 individual shifts** for dozens of Ground Score workers.





### **Budget expenditures**

The vast majority of our work is accomplished with people power, hence the reflection that the majority of our budget is spent on people! Here you will find the main categories of our budget and the percentage of expenditures allocated throughout the year.

PROGRAM ITEM	EXPENDITURE PERCENTAGE
Personnel (payroll)	55%
Personnel (Independent Contractors)	25%
Program fees	14%
Administrative overhead	6%

### **THANK YOU!!!**

We could not accomplish this incredible work without support from our funding partners and supporters. Home Forward and their Community Services team, Metro's Waste Prevention and Environmental Services team, the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Bureau of Environmental Services, and Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction teams, Guerreras Latinas, Portland Free Play, the City of Gresham's Recycling and Solid Waste team, OBRC, STCK Design, 99 Girlfriends, The Garth Family Foundation, the Central Eastside Industrial Council, Hygiene 4 All, PPOP, Rockwood Food Systems Collaborative, SCRAP, Schoolhouse Supplies, and of course, incredible individual donors like YOU!!



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