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Report

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“As League secretary, I am very grateful for all new and continuing League donors, supporters, and volunteers. Your support during the second pandemic year made it possible for us to move into 2022 with several very exciting programs to provide direct, grassroots community involvement. We hope that our outreach to you in 2021 with messages about how we were navigating the second pandemic year were helpful in obtaining your continued support in 2022. With you, we are progressing together to encourage, engage, and connect climate advocates throughout Arkansas.” – Fay Knox

Environmental Policy Summit

We embraced the chance to co-sponsor the 6th Annual Arkansas Environmental Policy Summit on Nov. 5, along with our friends at Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light, Sierra Club – Arkansas Chapter, Audubon Delta, and the Arkansas Public Policy Panel. League Administrator Robert McAfee organized and facilitated a Climate Justice Panel featuring League friend Benetick Maddison, a project specialist with the Marshallese Educational Initiative, and League Board member Dr. Paulette Meikle, Associate Dean at UAFS. League Program Director Jan Schaper moderated the clean energy panel.



OUTREACH, EDUCATION & COLLABORATION

The League continued to hold gatherings online rather than in person. These included:

- “Environmental Justice Primer” led by Reverend Soniyyah “Sonna” B. Key
- “Let’s Talk About A Just Energy Transition”: a panel discussion inspired by Shalanda Baker’s book **Revolutionary Power**. Our three panelists Dr. Joanna Person-Michener, Shelley Buonaiuto, and Dr. Paulette Meikle walked through the Why, What, and How of securing a clean energy shift that doesn’t rewrite the old script of environmental injustice, but rather benefits, empowers, and includes low income communities. The conversation included a roadmap for local application.

We will have more for you on this in 2022!

ABOUT THE LEAGUE

Launched in 2017, The League is a grassroots 501(c)3 committed to the Jemez Principles for Democratic Organizing. Our passion is encouraging, engaging, and providing educational opportunities for individuals concerned about climate justice. From the beginning RELATIONSHIPS have been the HEART of our work. We bring people together across life experience, age, race, and zip codes to face the hardest issues of our time – accelerating bio-destabilization, displacement, racism, and poverty.



Citizens First Congress

The League is a proud member of Citizens’ First Congress, a coalition of organizations working to improve Arkansas state policies. In concert with the CFC’s Environmental Caucus, the League educated Arkansans about two clean energy bills the Caucus wrote and worked to have introduced into the 2021 Arkansas legislative session. Despite the best efforts of the Environmental Caucus, neither of the bills advanced out of committee. Much experience was gained, and Caucus members are already having informal discussions about next steps.

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(Up) *Gratitude* by Fay Knox | neurographic in brush, gel pens  
Recreating the outer from the inner, neurographics makes connections between brain cells and neurons creating a calm mindfulness linking the conscience with the subconscious.

YOU ARE THE WOW FACTOR!

Twice in 2021, League donors astounded us with their generosity and commitment to climate justice. Thanks to you, our spring 2021 Forward Together campaign raised \$14,422!

When we launched our “So That” campaign in August, we hoped to raise \$5,000 by year’s end. But, You pushed us to \$7,480. We continue to seek monthly donors to power our work.

The ongoing pandemic has brought economic stress for many. We’re grateful for the good wishes, time, skills, and priceless wisdom shared by so many League friends.

Thanks to you, we enter 2022 in our strongest position yet.

REMEMBERING BOB ALLEN



Bob died Saturday, May 8, 2021 at his home in Bullfrog Valley. He was born Sept. 25, 1946 in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He is survived by “the love of his life”, his wife, Susan Walker Allen.

Bob Allen is missed by his friends, family, and colleagues. Bob was an educator and passionate advocate for progressive environmental policy. He was a leader at Arkansas Tech University including terms as the President of the Faculty Senate. He helped develop the Arkansas Canoe Club serving on the board and as President of the Piney Creek Chapter. Later he was active in the Sierra Club and fought to limit hog farms in the Buffalo River watershed. He was also a vocal supporter of ARKCCCL.

Bob would want us to continue what he started. So let’s not forget him and continue to do what we can to reduce the effects of climate change and clean rivers.

Dr. Allen as his students – Prof. Eric Lovely, knew him was a rigorous Arkansas Tech University.

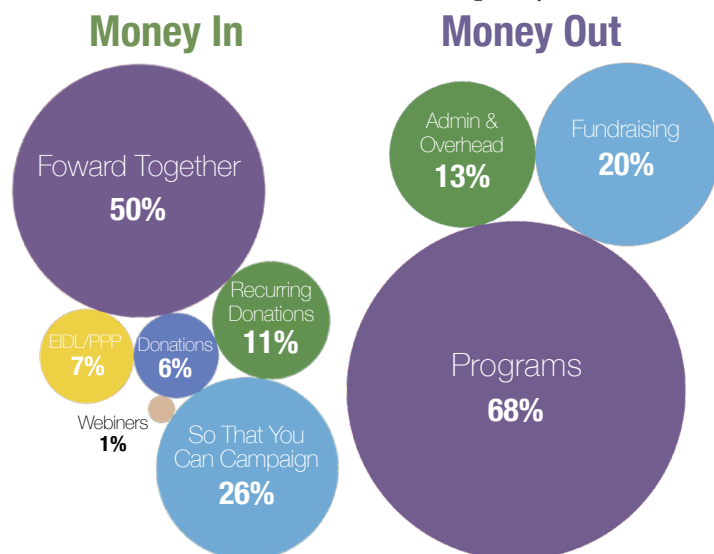
**Bob Allen Memorial Scholarship**

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## 2021 Financial Statement of Activities

### People like you make The League's work possible!

Thanks in large part to your commitment The League actually ended 2021 in a better financial position than ever before. This result was also due to the Board's decision to work from a barebones budget and follow it through. Additionally, we received 2 large unexpected anonymous gifts totaling \$7,000. We were moved that both donors praised the work The League had done and was continuing to do and expressed certainty that the League's future efforts would continue with the same quality.



Money In	
Donations	\$1,636
Webinars	\$160
EIDL/PPP Loan – Grant Forgiveness	\$2,000
Forward Together	\$14,492
Recurring Donations	\$3,145
So That You Can Campaign	\$7,530
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$28,963</b>
Money Out	
Admin & Overhead	\$1,992
Fundraising	\$3,147
Programs	\$10,739
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,878</b>
<b>Money Left Over</b>	
Income Minus Expenses	\$13,085

Whether our donors give monetarily, devote personal time, or support from afar, they understand that the best way to make a difference is to connect with something larger than themselves. Regardless of the size of the gift, it is a catalyst for change.

## LOOKING FORWARD: 2022 Community Engagement

We are moving forward with three initiatives. We hope you'll be as excited by them as we are! Here are the basics:

- Providing funding research and encouraging local organizers who are designing and seeking to build a much-needed community park and playground in Dumas
- Exploring the development of multi-year partnerships dedicated to delivering a demonstration community solar project in the Fort Smith River Valley
- Investigating community development financial institution/micro loan programs

We look forward to sharing updates with you in the months to come!

(Front Cover) *Tree of Wisdom* by Dr. Paulette Meikle from the Nature Unraveled Series