

Annual Report 2015-2016



Dharma Rain
Zen Center



Mission and Vision

DRZC is a diverse group of people who come together to share the practice of meditation, and to study the principles of Buddhism. The purpose of the Center is to offer instruction in Zen practice and Buddhist teachings, and to provide a place where people can form a community that supports Zen practice in everyday life.

Our shared intention is to cultivate authenticity and integrity in our own lives and in the larger community in which we live. Our hope is to engage in wise and compassionate activity for the benefit of all beings.



Having outgrown our former location of 25 years, in 2012 we purchased a 14 acre lot that had sat fenced off and vacant for decades. A former landfill, the property was in need of environmental assessment and restoration. Dharma Rain Zen Center at Siskiyou Square is the realization of our vision for a central campus.

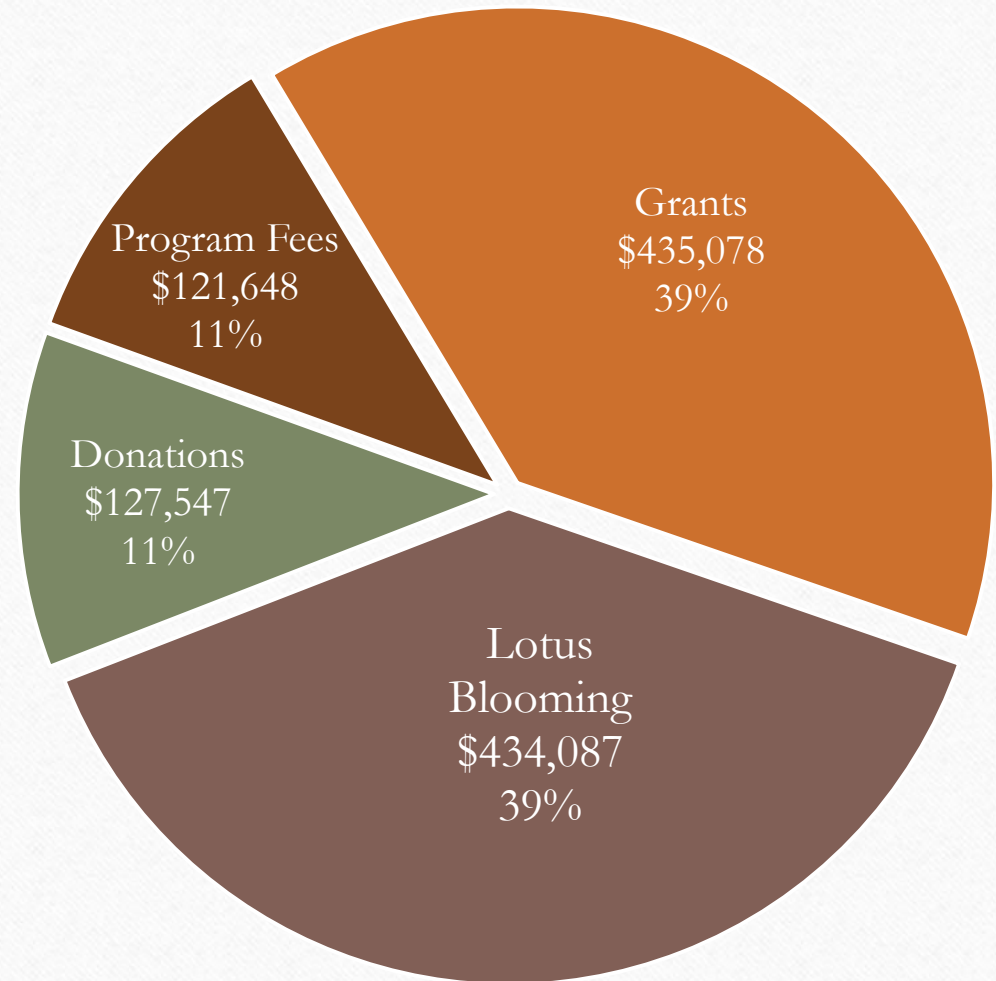
Accomplishments this year...

- Transitioned programming and operations to Siskiyou Campus
- Opened Frog Song Montessori preschool
- Completed storm water management systems and the Siskiyou Pathway



Where the money comes from and what it supports

- Temple operations are funded through donations, mostly from membership, and are supported by program fees. Our goal is to keep program fees low and to continue to provide some programs at no cost.
- Lotus Blooming is our capital campaign, now in its fifth year funding the building and development of Siskiyou Square.
- Dharma Rain has been awarded several grants that fund environmental clean up, habitat restoration and educational programs that serve public school students of all ages in our community.



Programs and Events

A few highlights from the past year

Barn Raising – April 2016

Volunteers helped to assemble the barn, which will serve as a workshop and gardening shed. We had a vegetarian bar-b-que and hoe down style dance. Over \$6000 was donated during the event.





Workshop and Garden Shed has become known as the “Barn”

Assembling the barn structure is a group effort at Dharma Rain



Frog Song

Montessori Preschool



Frog Song is based on our core values of mindfulness, respect, loving kindness and the inter-connection of all life.



Frog Song's First Year

- Enrolled 16 students from families in our surrounding neighborhoods
- 22 children age 3-5 attended summer camp on our campus
- Generated cash flow of \$62k
- Provided employment – 2 teachers \$43k
- Net income of \$14k

A few years ago Sega came to Mandala on the Mountain summer camp with her siblings. She said the experience touched her heart and she knew she had found “a way that fit” for her. She earned money and rode the train from the Seattle area to Portland one weekend each month during her senior year in high school. She talked to everyone at Dharma Rain and made plans to move here after graduation. Sega made her move this summer and is enrolled at Portland Community College.

“I know I will have to get involved and work hard, but I’m looking forward to it.” She feels confident in her decision because “people are always welcoming here and they don’t judge; they support and help me and that is important in a community”.

Sega, resident at Dharma Rain



Lotus Blooming

Capital Campaign

The Lotus Blooming capital campaign funded completion of the Sodo building, a meditation hall with integral kitchen and dining/meeting space. Last fall our Indiegogo online fundraiser pushed us over the top with an additional \$54k. We celebrated by sitting vigil style during the month of May.





Grants

Many thanks to the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, City of Portland, Metro, Environmental Protection Agency, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation for supporting our work



Educational Partnerships

- Madison High School
- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- ECO – youth classroom visits
- Jordon's Mushrooms myco-remediation workshops



Community Partnerships

- Friends of Trees
- Groundwork – Green Team
- Oregon Tradeswomen
- Bureau of Environmental Services
- Portland Parks and Recreation





Native Plants

Restoring the land
Providing habitat for animals



This year we planted 35 pounds of native seed, 950 sedge and rush plugs, and over 600 bare root trees and shrubs.

Siskiyou Pathway

The Siskiyou Pathway was built in partnership with the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services through a grant with Metro Nature in Neighborhoods program. The half mile pathway winds through the natural areas on our property, joining two urban greenspaces, Glenhaven Park and the Rose City Golf Course to the west ending at the foot of Rocky Butte to the east. It provides a continuous corridor for wildlife and a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists.





Stormwater System

Ponds, bio-swales and shallow pipes divert run off to drywells. The completed stormwater system is sufficient to filter, retain, and infiltrate over 100,000 sf of impervious surface, thus mitigating risk of groundwater contamination from contents of landfill.

Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to our member volunteers; they are the heart of our temple and the reason we exist.

~1000 volunteer hours on
building and construction

~2400 volunteer hours on land
and environmental restoration

More than 100 individuals gave
~10,000 volunteer hours in
service to the dharma



Financials

Complete financial statements are available on our website

This year we will record assets for site infrastructure and street improvements, the Sodo building and land improvements that have previously been recorded as construction in progress.

| REVENUES AND SUPPORT | 2015-16 | 2014-15 |
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| Revenues and Contributions | \$ 361,382 | \$ 204,447 |
| Contributions Released from Restriction | \$ 381,293 | \$ 368,621 |
| Grants | \$ 435,078 | \$ 187,467 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 1,177,752 | \$ 760,535 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 270,339 | \$ 200,696 |
| Change in net assets | \$ 907,413 | \$ 559,839 |

