

## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

2004 has been a year of growth and opportunity for Community Conservation. We are grateful for the support received from so many people in the furthering of our mission of empowering local people in the sustainable management of their resources. Particularly of note this past year has been our taking a new role in Belize, the first country in which we catalyzed a community-based conservation project in 1985 with the Community Baboon Sanctuary. We are proud to have the opportunity to work with the Government of Belize, environmental organizations, the Peace Corps, and communities in Belize in creating a national system of co-managed protected areas. Belize remains on the forefront of community-based conservation in the world, and we are excited to be a part of this historic process.

Our organization is financially sound, and we are proud that so much of the contribution that comes to our organization goes directly into supporting community conservation programs. Our Board of Directors has been active this year in working on a strategic plan for Community Conservation, allowing us to better define our strengths and opportunities in the changing world of conservation. As one of the first - and still one of the few - organizations to take a hands-on approach to catalyzing communities to manage their resources in their own cultural context, we are exploring new opportunities around the world where we are able to make a difference. Community-based conservation is now recognized as a viable alternative to traditional parks, and with twenty years of experience, Community Conservation continues to make a difference in communities of people and in the protection of our natural resource within the United States and other parts of the world.

Thank you again for the support you have given us in the past, and we look forward to continuing this partnership well into the future.

Scott Bernstein  
President of the Board of Directors



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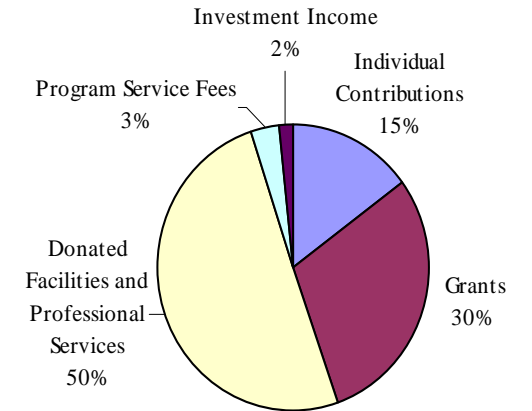
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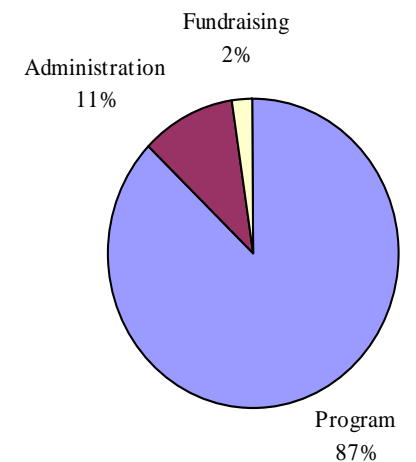
## Financial Summary

July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004

### Revenue \$123,748



### Expenses \$106,111



A full financial report is available upon request.

# People and Conservation

## Mission Statement

In order to promote global biodiversity and sustainable land use, Community Conservation catalyzes, facilitates and empowers local people to manage and conserve natural resources within the social, cultural and economic context of their communities.



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## Community Conservation Annual Report 2003-2004



## Nurturing the Growth of Community-Based Conservation

## Program Highlights

### Sprouting in Papua New Guinea

- Created a book for landowners on the legal aspects of protecting clan lands in connection with the Tree Kangaroo Conservation Project.



Black Howler Monkey of Belize

### Growth in El Salvador

- Determined the location, size and biology of populations of spider monkeys utilizing the expertise of local villagers.
- Educated schoolchildren and villagers about spider monkey protection.
- Worked with villages and government to establish a co-management area that will be the model project of the new national protected corridor.
- Associate Karenina Morales was given a national award for this conservation work.

On Cover - Spider Monkey of El Salvador

### Maturation in India

- Created the Manas Biosphere Conservation Forum to coordinate environmental efforts in a regional plan.
- Inspired 35 new villages to join the Joint Forest Management program.
- Established tree nurseries and continued reforestation plantings.
- Created models of sustainable agriculture and alternative income production including forest cash crops, a weaving factory and mini loans for small businesses.



Karenina Morales and schoolchildren in El Salvador

### Blossoming in Belize

- Worked with the Government of Belize, environmental organizations, the Peace Corps, and communities in Belize in creating a national system of co-managed protected areas.
- Evaluated the organizational strengths and abilities of community based organizations to determine areas of need.