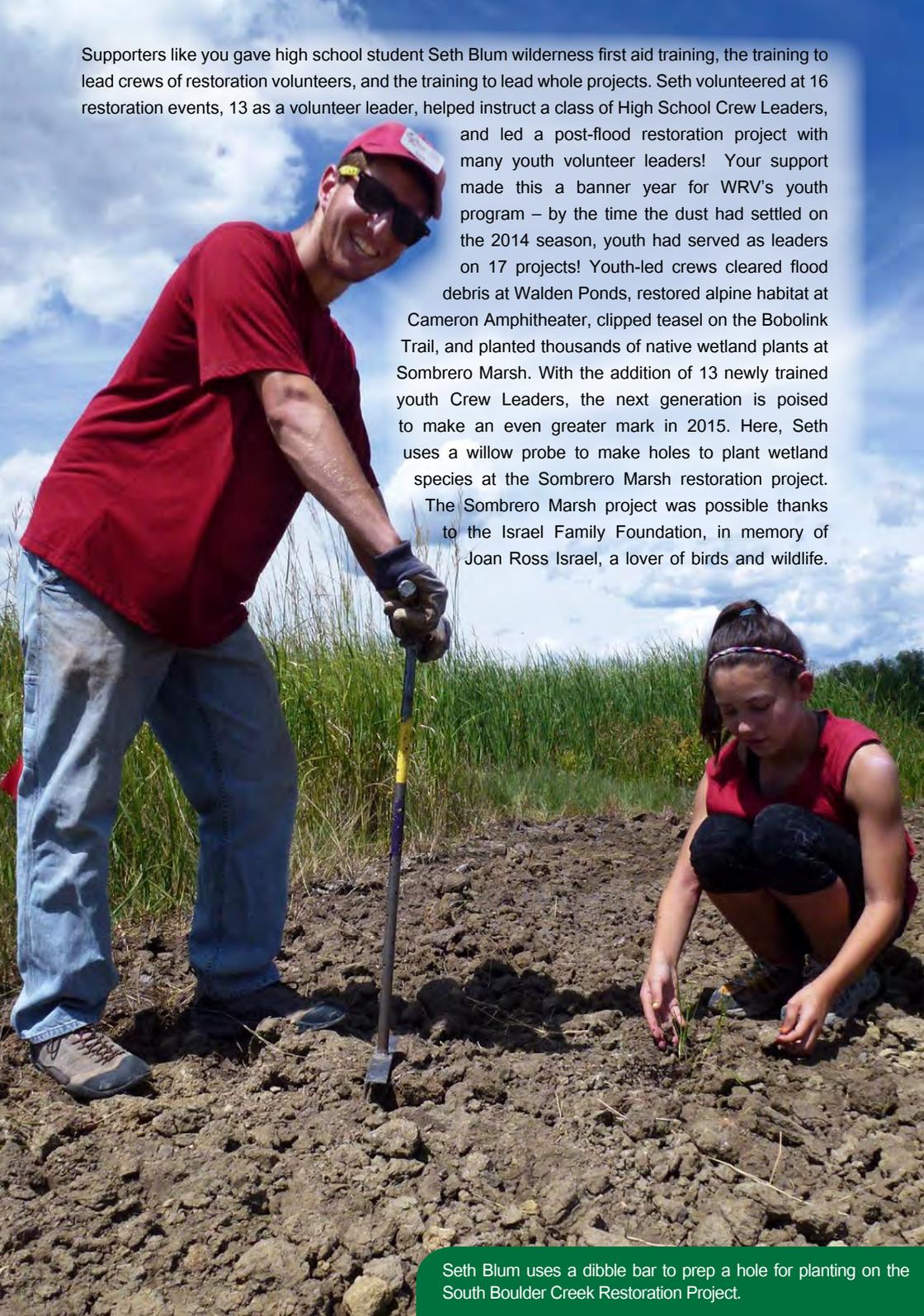




2014 Annual Report



A photograph of a man and a woman working in a field. The man, Seth Blum, is wearing a red t-shirt, blue jeans, a red baseball cap, and sunglasses. He is using a long-handled dibble bar to dig a hole in the soil. The woman, wearing a red tank top and black shorts, is kneeling and planting a small green seedling into the hole. The background shows tall grasses and a blue sky with white clouds.

Supporters like you gave high school student Seth Blum wilderness first aid training, the training to lead crews of restoration volunteers, and the training to lead whole projects. Seth volunteered at 16 restoration events, 13 as a volunteer leader, helped instruct a class of High School Crew Leaders, and led a post-flood restoration project with many youth volunteer leaders! Your support made this a banner year for WRV's youth program – by the time the dust had settled on the 2014 season, youth had served as leaders on 17 projects! Youth-led crews cleared flood debris at Walden Ponds, restored alpine habitat at Cameron Amphitheater, clipped teasel on the Bobolink Trail, and planted thousands of native wetland plants at Sombrero Marsh. With the addition of 13 newly trained youth Crew Leaders, the next generation is poised to make an even greater mark in 2015. Here, Seth uses a willow probe to make holes to plant wetland species at the Sombrero Marsh restoration project.

The Sombrero Marsh project was possible thanks to the Israel Family Foundation, in memory of Joan Ross Israel, a lover of birds and wildlife.

Seth Blum uses a dibble bar to prep a hole for planting on the South Boulder Creek Restoration Project.

(Left) After the devastating flood of September 2013, your donation helped WRV facilitate the Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition to bring community members together and make a Master Plan for the area. Your support mobilized over 700 volunteers to remove debris, repair trails, and restore habitat scoured by the flood waters at 16 projects and leadership courses in 2014.



(Right) Your support helped volunteers place erosion matting on flooded stream-banks; the matting held soil in place while the willow transplants they installed had a chance to take root.

2014
Tangible
Results

 **Volunteers in 2014: 3,595**

 **42,497+ Volunteer Hours**

Value of Hours \$958,307 

 **Over 642 Projects Since Inception**

 **26,838 Feet of Trail Worked**

 **Volunteer Trained as Leaders: 331** 

Stream Channel Restored 28,795 ft 

2,636 Hours Native Seed Collection 

 **20,448+ Acres of Habitat Restored**

 **Plants Planted: 17,105**

122+ Volunteer Projects 

 **Area Seeded 4,185,158 ft²**

 **511,342 ft² Wetland Restored**

Youth Educational Hours: 383 

Your Influence

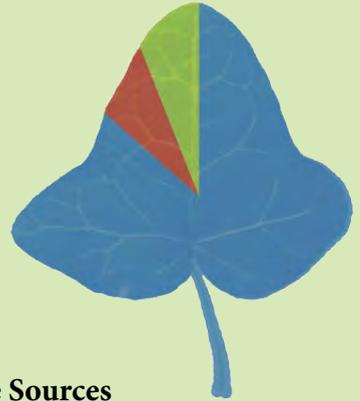
Thank you! In addition to the stories told here, your 2014 contribution to Wildlands Restoration Volunteers:

- engaged diverse youth in restoration service learning
- certified new chain sawyers to reduce community risk from wildfire and re-route trails
- established school gardens to grow-out locally adapted native seeds for restoration
- launched a broad campaign to eradicate the habitat-degrading weed, myrtle spurge
- began new ambitious habitat restoration work in Colorado's Gunnison Basin
- continued commitments to adopted sites for restoration in the long-term in partnership with over 100 different agencies, businesses and community groups.

2014 Financial Statement:

Expenses

Program	1,183,067	85%
Management and General	113,234	8%
Fund-Raising	98,709	7%
Total	1,395,010	



Income Sources

Government Fee for Service	442,334	31%
Government Grants and Contracts	292,982	21%
Foundations	237,478	17%
Individuals and Board	152,001	11%
Corporate	132,770	9%
In-Kind	68,344	5%
Community Partners	58,568	4%
Special Events	20,242	1%
Training	6,270	<1%
Other	489	<1%
Total	1,411,478	

In 2014, you helped address growing needs for restoration by helping WRV's staff, budget and reserves grow. Why are non-program parts of the expense pie important? Without them, there would be no on-the-ground accomplishments. These expenses are used to train leaders, recruit new volunteers, begin new partnerships, and turn every \$1 donated by an individual into \$17.84 worth of restoration on the ground. How? WRV uses these funds to bring together volunteers, in-kind donations, grants, business donations, and government agency funding to make it happen. Thank you for making a huge difference!

Your generosity brought interns, fellows, and future leaders together with experts in restoration in 2014. They made a tangible difference while learning technical and interpersonal skills. Here, Preston Zimmerman, Restoration Intern, learns from Laura Backus, Volunteer Leader and Professional Ecologist. Laura has volunteered with WRV for fifteen years at over 50 restoration projects and fifteen leadership courses in roles from Instructor. Here, Laura serves as the Technical Advisor for the Coal Creek Trail Post-Flood Restoration event, where Preston serves as a Crew Leader.





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