



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



*Our mission is to advance understanding and stewardship of the earth through science, education and exploration of volcanic landscapes.*

# TOP STORIES



## VOLUNTEERS ROCK

We love our volunteers and their commitment to Mount St. Helens. In 2018, 290 amazing volunteers gave over 12,000 hours of service to support our favorite volcano. Volunteers assisted climbers and hikers on popular trails, taught children both on the mountain and in classrooms, provided interpretation and assistance to Monument visitors, supported our office operations and special events, and stewarded trails and facilities. Volunteers support the Mount St. Helens Institute, the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, the Washington Trails Association and visitors from across the globe.



## GUIDED PROGRAMS

A highlight of our Guided Programs in 2018 was not only helping people achieve their adventurous goals of summitting the mountain or hiking into the crater, but to help people celebrate some of the most important days of their lives. MSHI planned a mountain-top wedding ceremony for Brent and Michelle, an adventurous Midwestern couple who always wanted to have an epic wedding. Together the couple, an MSHI guide, and friends who served as event photographer, ukulele processionist, and ceremony officiant, the party summited on a sunny day in August. With the wedding dress and suit in tow, the couple did a quick costume change and held a beautiful ceremony at the top. Brent and Michelle are committed supporters of the Institute, and we were thrilled to share in their special day with them.



## EDUCATION

Education programs and summer camps saw a huge increase in attendance over 2018. Especially among low-income school groups. Students had the opportunity to work alongside scientists they could identify with. As they grew comfortable with staff they opened up and became more comfortable asking questions. We hope that by offering equal parts fun and learning, we will encourage these kids to continue pursuing science far into the future.





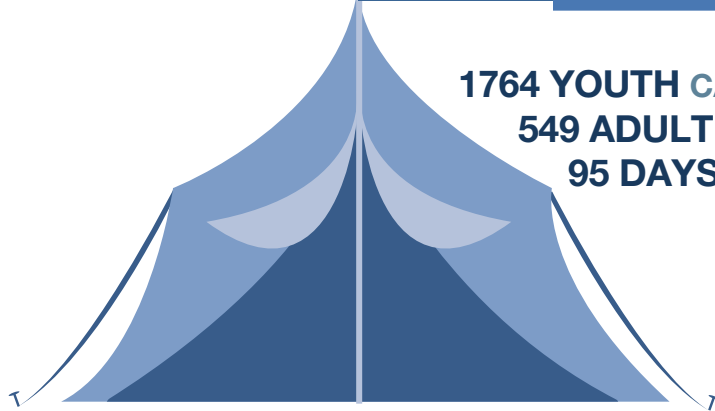
# OUR IMPACT

## OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS



SUMMER CAMPS

1764 YOUTH CAMPERS  
549 ADULT CAMPERS  
95 DAYS OUTDOORS



## OUR CAMPING PROGRAMS

IN 2018, WE ENGAGED MORE THAN



38,244  
VISTORS

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

IN 2018, 290 VOLUNTEERS:

EDUCATED  
4,163  
YOUTH

GAVE  
12,152  
HOURS OF  
SUPPORT





## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are truly at an inflection point in our history as an organization. As we continue to grow our impact and make significant strides towards improving access to science and the outdoors for everyone, we have also invested in internal systems. Though internal processes are less exciting than climbing the volcano, these systems allow us to operate more sustainably and to dream BIG while looking towards the future. Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the 1980 eruption of our beloved volcano. We are putting a lot of time and effort to envision what the next 40 years look like for MSHI and the volcano. Stay tuned for our “Big Idea”... onward and upward together!

## FINANCIALS

### ASSETS

Cash & case equivalents	\$185,013
Other assets	\$26,759
Fixed assets	\$1,715
	<b>\$213,486</b>

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$5,173
Accrued Expenses	\$31,070
Deferred revenue & other	\$25,989
	<b>\$62,233</b>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted funds	\$125,219
Restricted funds	\$26,035
	<b>\$151,254</b>

### TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$213,486**



Mount St. Helens Institute is a silver-level GuideStar participant, dedicated to our commitment to transparency.

### SUPPORT & REVENUES

Contributions	\$271,931
Government grants	\$198,638
Foundation & community grants	\$4,240
In-kind contributions	\$17,427
Program income	\$568,419
Rental income	\$30,174
Equipment rental income	\$816
Merchandise sales	\$2,632
Reimbursed expenses	\$3,208
Net assets released from restrictions	
Expiration at time of restriction	\$106,664
Interest Income	\$1
	<b>\$1,204,150</b>

### EXPENSES

Programs	\$849,266
Fundraising & Development	\$112,029
Operations	\$145,601
	<b>\$1,106,896</b>

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$97,254**

\*Our fiscal year runs January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.



42218 NE Yale Bridge Rd.  
Amboy, WA 98601  
(360) 449-7883  
mshinstitute.org

### BOARD

Dan Wagner | President  
Mary Sauer | Vice President  
John Bishop, Ph.D. | Secretary  
Michelle Howell, CPA | Treasurer  
Jim Adams  
Frank Barsotti  
William Iyall  
Jeff Marso  
Bill Nye  
Evan Strandberg  
Tom Wolverton

### YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Ray Yurkwycz | Executive Director  
Abigail Groskopf | Programs Director  
Kate Richardson | Finance & Human Resources Director  
Sonja Melander | Science Education Manager  
Gina Robert | Science Education Coordinator  
Taylor Feldman | Outdoor Programs Manager  
Sarah Phillips | Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager  
Jared Stewart | Communications Specialist

### 2018 SEASONAL STAFF

Taylor Blomquist | Science Educator  
Jack Bennett | Science Educator  
Abby Schmeichel | Science Educator  
Shaina Myers | Science Educator  
Eileen Kiely | Lead Guide  
Jennifer Cox | Lead Guide  
Sierra Smith | Lead Guide  
Patrick Beebe-Sweet | Lead Guide  
Tom Rodrigues | Lead Guide  
Sarah Croston | Assistant Guide  
Miriam Caron | Assistant Guide  
Caleigh Warner | Assistant Guide