

CLIMATE RIDE

A silhouette of a cyclist standing on a rocky peak with one arm raised in a celebratory gesture. The background shows a landscape with rolling hills and a clear sky.

UNITING ADVENTURE AND IMPACT



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Greetings Climate Ride Community,

What a year 2025 has been! Every pedal stroke, every hiking step, every personal challenge you took on became fuel for philanthropy and real-world change. Together, we've surpassed \$15 million in grants and welcomed more passionate participants into the Climate Ride family than ever before.

Growing Participation

This year, 624 Climate Riders joined forces, bringing energy, grit, and heart to every ride and hike. Your dedication is the engine behind everything we do. And to our generous donors – thank you for amplifying this impact, turning every mile into meaningful change.

Milestones & Growth

Green Fondo NorCal: Another sold-out event, with 100% of participant fundraising flowing directly into high-impact grants.

New Events Nationwide: We launched several new Climate Ride experiences, expanding our mission and community from coast to coast.

Real-World Impact

- Because of you, funds are helping to:
- Support conservation and active transportation led by diverse voices
- Advance smarter climate and energy policies
- Build community bike paths and safer roads for everyone
- Create safe passages for threatened wildlife

Every pedal stroke, step, and hike you take turns passion into action – strengthening community, protecting public lands, and driving environmental change.

Looking Ahead

Even as we celebrate these wins, national trends show a dip in overall environmental support. That's why your involvement matters now more than ever. With your continued dedication, we can keep creating ripple effects of positive change across the country.

Thank you for riding, hiking, and moving with purpose – together, we're not just participating in events; we're shaping a brighter, healthier future.

Caeli Quin

Founder & Executive Director

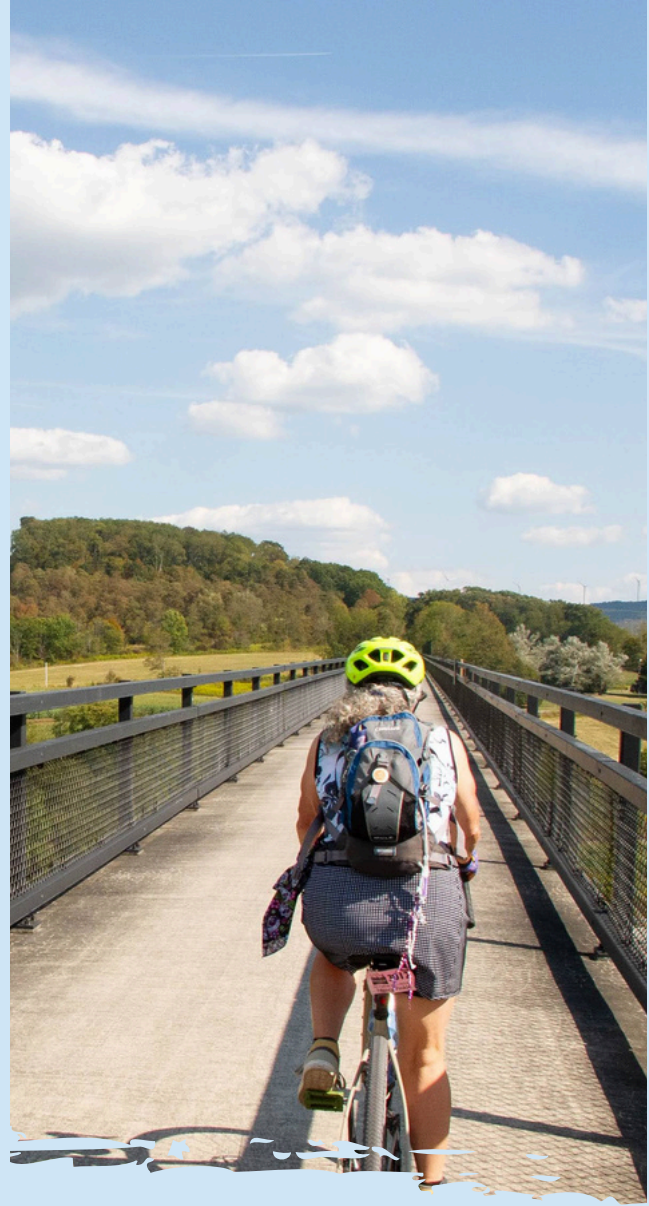


WHAT WE STRIVE FOR

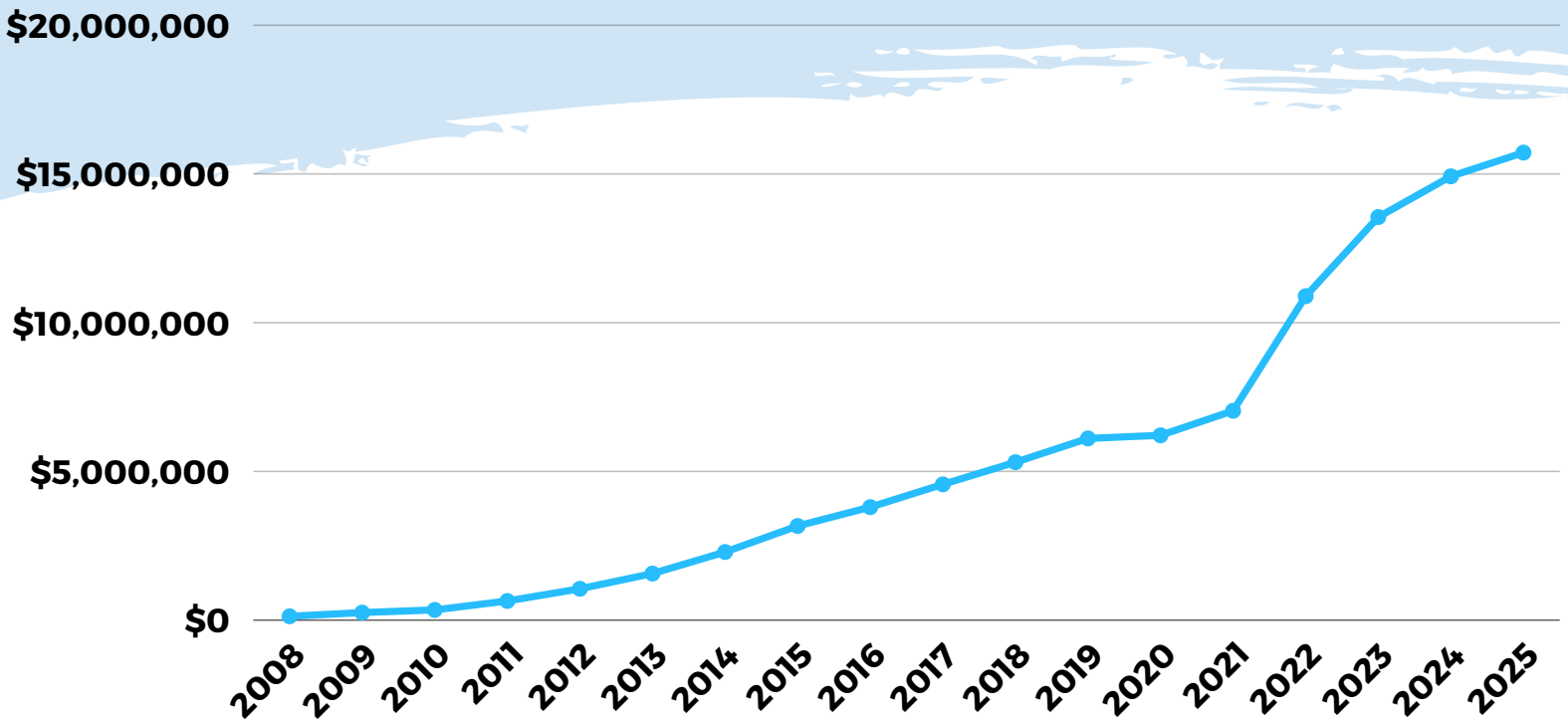
Climate Ride is the only organization using the power of sport to raise money for non-profits in the environmental and active transportation sectors!

We are a community of adventurers dedicated to protecting the planet.

Since our founding in 2008, we've donated \$15,716,428 to support conservation, climate, sustainability, and active transportation.



CUMULATIVE GRANTS BY YEAR



2025 BY THE NUMBERS



20
EVENTS

173
GRANTS

624
PARTICIPANTS
*306 NEW
PARTICIPANTS!*

6,900
DONATIONS

90,000
MILES
TRAVERSED

**AMOUNT
GRANTED**
\$802,671

ABOUT US

Climate Ride mobilizes people to protect our planet through life-changing adventures.

FACING THE CHALLENGE

Climate Ride lights a spark in our participants, helping to reveal their own capacity to make change.

Pushing their limits on epic adventures, participants discover they possess the resilience needed to tackle the planet's biggest challenges. Fundraising goals are shattered as passion fuels their efforts, inspiring a ripple of generosity and action.

THE CAUSE

With climate impacts intensifying and environmental giving lagging, Climate Ride bridges the gap by advocating and providing funds for organizations at the **forefront of building resilience.** Recognizing the need for diverse solutions, our mission is clear: empower individuals to take action while joining together to fund the movement.





OUR IMPACT

Raising funds for organizations that are making the difference for our planet is what we're all about.

GRANTS

Climate Ride transforms everyday people into powerful fundraisers. We provide **expert coaching**, empowering them to champion our beneficiary partners and become citizen philanthropists. In 2025, their dedication translated into grants for 173 nonprofits.

ADVOCACY

We unite individuals from across the globe, inspiring them to ride, hike, and run for a shared future. Each participant becomes an advocate, **connecting with an average of over 100 supporters**. The result? A surge in positive action, both on and off the trail.

OUTREACH

From the California coast to the Vermont wilderness, our participants embrace challenges that amplify their voices. They **spark conversations** about protecting our planet, turning personal journeys into powerful platforms for change.

MOVEMENT

Since 2008, Climate Riders have ignited over **730,700 conversations** about our cause. Every donation becomes a moment of connection, inspiring a ripple effect of awareness and action. Many donors are inspired to join the movement, becoming Climate Riders themselves.



THE TAILWINDS FUND

Investing in community projects

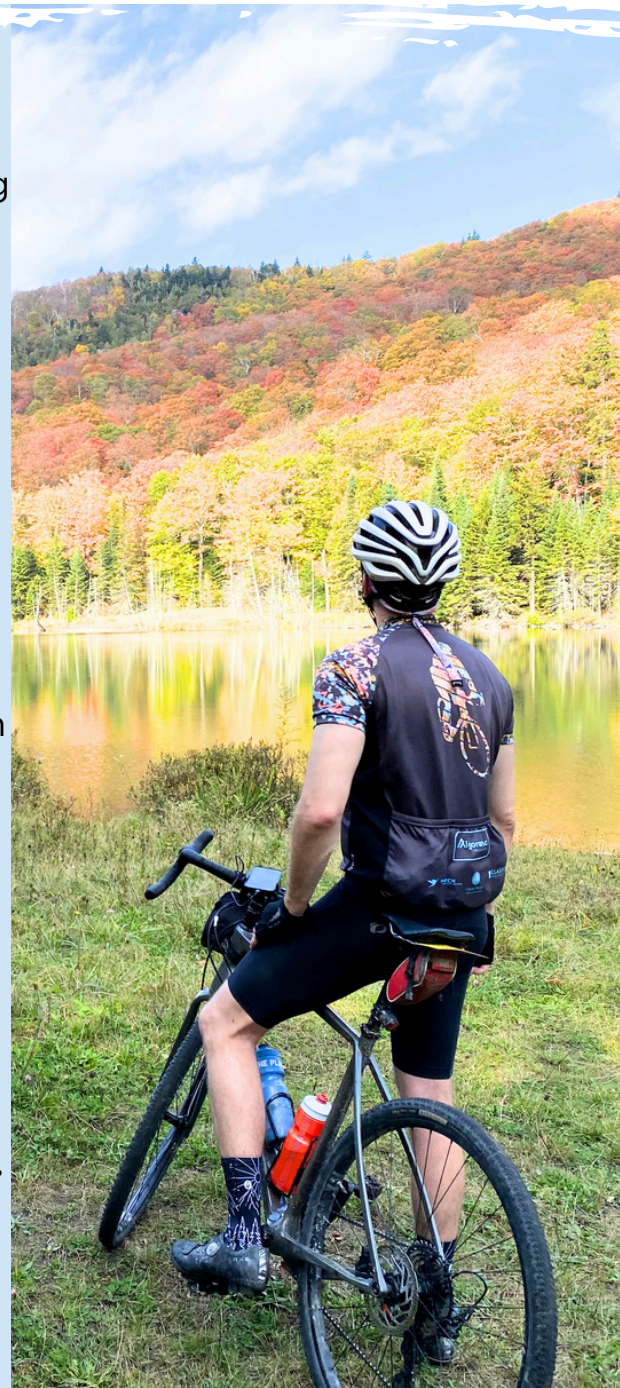
MORE THAN OFFSETS

Climate Ride has committed to offsetting our emissions from the start. But we always found existing programs lacking. They were far away, producing hard-to-verify results, and fundamentally, the whole concept felt a bit like paying to assuage guilt rather than funding real solutions. So in 2024, we launched our Tailwinds Fund to give Climate Riders an alternative to traditional carbon offset programs.

We teamed up with a fellow local non-profit to identify green energy projects in our communities that would benefit from an infusion of funds. We go beyond the simple transactional approach to invest in projects that are more concerned with helping people and our planet than quantifying the market price of a ton of CO₂.

In 2024, we invested over \$10,000 to restore solar to a local subsidized housing program.

In 2025, we contributed towards solar infrastructure for a new Veterans Housing project. This will allow for this all-electric, energy-efficient building to utilize sustainable energy sources in a coal-powered state.



OUR EVENTS

Climate Ride creates charitable cycling, hiking, and running events that give participants the unique opportunity to merge environmental passion with getting outside.



EDUCATE AND INSPIRE

Climate Ride empowers participants to engage in the fight for our planet by completing multi-day cycling, hiking, and running events while fundraising for the organizations who are turning our values into a sustainable reality. On each event, participants get the opportunity to meet and learn from remarkable people who work on sustainability, clean energy, climate change solutions, and active transportation, exchanging ideas and making meaningful connections.

BUILD COMMUNITY

Our events bring together diverse communities of folks and turn strangers into family during the challenges and triumphs of each trip. Year after year, Climate Ride participants return to explore new routes, raise more funds, and deepen their resolve to change our communities and our world for the better. They bring their friends, families and colleagues, growing our movement and deepening our resolve. And we find ways to reward them for stepping up.



EVENT HIGHLIGHT

GREEN FONDO

*The weekend bike fest for
the planet!
Sold out 3 years in a row!*



260

PARTICIPANTS

\$278,000

RAISED

27

TEAMS

**100% OF FUNDRAISING GOES TO GRANTS - THANKS TO OUR
COMMUNITY OF ANNUAL FUND DONORS,
FUNDER'S TRIP PARTICIPANTS AND SUPER SUPPORTERS!**



**\$3.6 MILLION
GRANTED TO DATE!**

EVENT HIGHLIGHT

IDAHO HOT SPRINGS GRAVEL RIDE

*A week of cycling in the
remote wilderness*



20

PARTICIPANTS

\$68,000

RAISED

20+

**SWIM-
PORTUNITIES**





THE EXPERIENCE

ON A CLIMATE RIDE YOU CAN EXPECT TO...



**JOIN A
DIVERSE AND
INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY**

**RIDE FARTHER
KNOWING YOU
HAVE FULL
SUPPORT**



**ENJOY THE
CHALLENGE
AND ALSO THE
REWARD**

**UNPLUG
AND
CONNECT
WITH
NATURE**



TESTIMONIALS

Don't just take our word for it—hear it from our riders!

“Climate Ride did an amazing job planning the route and creating a space where everyone felt welcomed, supported, and seen. The mix of breathtaking landscapes, the physical challenge of traversing from camp to camp, crossing borders, the joy of sharing some incredibly tasty gnar gnar meals, and the unwavering commitment you all have towards climate advocacy made this an unforgettable journey. I’ve come away from this experience a changed person, and I’m deeply grateful for all the work that Climate Ride does.”

**CHRIS BANNISTER
GLACIER RIDE 2025**



“For nearly 50 years I’ve been dreaming about cycling self-contained cross-country. When I learned that Climate Ride could provide the fundraising platform and expertise, it sealed the deal. Climate Ride supported my cross country adventure and allowed me to be a good example to my grandkids and a good ancestor to them and future generations to come by using my privilege to raise money for climate justice organizations.”

**DONNA MINTER
INDEPENDENT CHALLENGE
2025**



JUSTICE & ACCESS

ACTION GRANTS

In 2021, Climate Ride created an action grants program to support organizations expanding access to the outdoors for underserved communities, and making progress on environmental and social justice. This program has delivered \$200,000 in unrestricted grants, all made possible by our network of participants and supporters.

In 2025, we granted a total of \$40,000 through eight \$5,000 grants.

2025 JUSTICE GRANTEES

Indigenous Environmental Network

Native Americans in Higher Ed and Mentorship

PODER!

Intersectional Environmentalist

2025 ACCESS GRANTEES

Outdoorithm Collective

Street Lab

Black Outside, Inc

Slow Spokes



COMMUNITY LEADER AWARDS

Climate Ride is committed to building an inclusive and diverse environmental movement. We provide scholarships for climate and advocacy leaders to ensure they can attend our events. We support Climate Ride teams that represent the diversity in our communities.

In 2025 Climate Ride provided 19 scholarship spots!

“To me riding my bike has been not only a path of genuine liberation, but also a revolutionary guide in learning about the land we all live on.

Outside of riding my bike whenever I can, for the last 7 years I’ve made a commitment to helping get underrepresented youth outdoors, in efforts of building their connection to the land. I’ve done that through both academia and with nonprofit organizations, always advocating for those who have historically had little voice in the outdoors. Even if it’s not biking, I’m just happy to be outside, but especially in community!”

**LUIS OROZCO
SANCHEZ 2025
AWARDEE**





GRANTS IN ACTION

In 2025, we granted over \$800,000 to our grantee network! That's the power of hundreds of Climate Riders, Runners, and Hikers coming together 2025 and bringing our total since 2008 to over \$15.7 million.

These funds are directly supporting legal action for public lands and clean air, amplifying diverse voices in sustainable transportation, and creating safer routes for cyclists and pedestrians. We're also powering renewable energy projects in national parks, protecting our precious ecosystems, and so much more.

Together, we're building the environmental movement of the future, one with engaged citizens who are ready to enact positive change, without waiting on government policy.

On the following pages, we've profiled a few of our grantees.





"Our partnership with Climate Ride has literally transformed Glacier National Park. In just the past couple of years, the contributions from Climate Riders funded the conversion of the Apgar Visitor Center to sustainable solar power, and fully funded the expansion of spring shuttle services to improve biker access to the iconic Going to the Sun Road. It's truly incredible to see the combined power people brought together for passion and purpose."

Doug Mitchell
Executive Director

GLACIER CONSERVANCY

ALL-TIME CLIMATE RIDE GRANT: \$870,129

Activities

Preservation | The Conservancy funds projects and programs that preserve Glacier's heritage for future generations.

Education | The Conservancy funds education initiatives to engage current and future park stewards of all ages.

Research | The Conservancy supports world-class research and science exploring the park's wildlife and alpine landscapes.

Successes

- Making the Apgar Visitor Center net zero by installing solar panels.
- Running a Spring Hiker-Biker Shuttle on the west side of the Going-to-the-Sun road to reduce congestion from cars.
- Surveying wildlife populations in the park such as lynx, golden eagles, and the reintroduction of bison to the park.

Find them here: www.glacier.org



Matt Biggar and his son Jack are on their 5th ride in support of SFBC!

SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLE COALITION

ALL-TIME CLIMATE RIDE GRANT: \$292,589

Activities

Advocacy | Drives transformative street campaigns to create a network of protected bikeways and safer commutes across every neighborhood.

Safety and Education | Serves as the city's leading resource for street safety, providing free bicycle education and resources to tens of thousands of San Franciscans annually.

Community Engagement | Welcomes a diverse range of riders through programming, youth and family initiatives, and neighborhood-based community rides.

Successes

- Expanding Bike Access on Transit: Successfully advocating for increased bike access on BART and regional transit systems to bridge the gap between biking and transit.
- Creating a Network of Protected Bikeways: Securing commitments and implementation for high-quality, protected bike lanes on major corridors throughout San Francisco.
- Biking for All: Distributing hundreds of refurbished bicycles to low-income residents and community partners through the "Bike It Forward" program.

Find them here: sfbike.org



ED Mike Tidwell joined our GAP and C&O Trail ride in 2025!

CHESAPEAKE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

ALL-TIME CLIMATE RIDE GRANT: \$83,657

Activities

Advocacy | Builds a powerful grassroots movement to push for bold state and federal policies that put our region on a path to climate stability.

Neighborhood Resilience | Mobilizes volunteers for hands-on local action, such as invasive vine removal, to protect our region's tree canopy and empower residents to take ownership of local ecosystems.

Community Organizing | Trains and equips community members with storytelling and advocacy tools to challenge fossil fuel interests and fight for equitable clean energy solutions.

Successes

- **Advancing Clean Energy Legislation:** Helping to pass landmark laws like the Maryland Offshore Wind Act and statewide carbon caps across Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.
- **Blocking Fossil Fuel Expansion:** Leading successful campaigns to stop the build-out of fracked-gas pipelines and coal infrastructure throughout the Chesapeake region.
- **Securing Clean Car Standards:** Advocating for and securing the adoption of clean cars and zero-emission vehicle rules to reduce the region's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

Find them here: chesapeakeclimate.org



2025 GRANT REPORT

We ran 20 in-person events and 50% of our participants were new to Climate Ride. And, for a second year in a row, more people than ever before took on Independent Challenges (DIY adventures) with us.

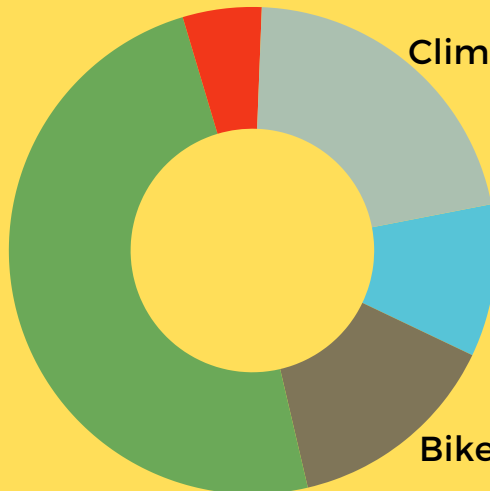
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GRANTED

GROWING GRANTS & OPPORTUNITY

Renewable Energy
8.0%

Climate Advocacy
22.7%

Sustainability and Conservation
45.5%



Active Transportation
6.8%

Bike Coalitions
17%

Grants Awarded by Category 2008-2026

from all events

*Climate Ride and our donors generate powerful, **unrestricted grants** for climate justice, the environment, conservation, and bicycle advocacy.*

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Climate Ride seeks funding and sponsorships from socially responsible organizations, donors, and foundations to help support our programs. To ensure that our voice represents the values of our participants and beneficiaries, Climate Ride relies mainly on small donations from individuals to operate.

Our supporters are more than sponsors - they are actively involved in our movement through their own sustainability efforts.



MARCH
CONSERVATION FUND



**Annual Fund
Supporters**



2025 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

**OUR ANNUAL FUND DONORS
UNDERWRITE GREEN FONDO,
OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS,
AND CONTRIBUTE TO
ACTION GRANTS.**

\$1,000-\$4,999

Mike Gillotte
Randal Avey
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Ed DeMeo
Williams Family Foundation
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Michael Fulton
Trina Peterson

\$5,000 - \$ 50,000

March Conservation Fund
Bailey
Juan Benitez
Mr. and Ms. Steven Whaley
Roger Schwed
Stacey Rashti

\$150-\$1,000

Charles Malone
Mike Beebe
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Jim Kelsey
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and 9 anonymous donations

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Jay R
Ian MacLeod
Alex Levinson
Larry Davidman in honor of my little
sister Rachel Davidman
Deb Clearwaters
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Jeff Logan
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Mackenzie Cole
and 13 anonymous donations

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