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MARGARET MEAD



## Joplin Reforestation Efforts Continue

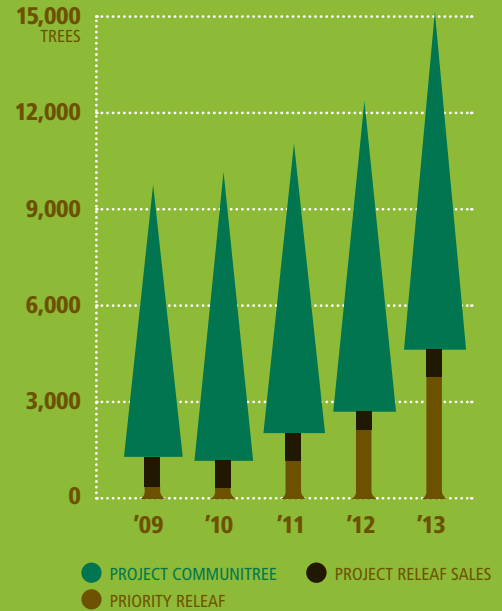
In 2013 Forest ReLeaf continued to assist Joplin with its tree planting projects throughout the city. Working closely with the Missouri Department of Conservation and City of Joplin officials, more than 1,800 trees were delivered last spring and fall. The majority of these trees were planted for homeowners working to rebuild after the May 2011 tornado.



### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) 50% TAX CREDITS

are still available for qualifying business donations to Forest ReLeaf. Visit our website for details on this special program designed to "Re-Green Joplin." [www.moreleaf.org](http://www.moreleaf.org)

## 2013 WAS ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR, DISTRIBUTING MORE THAN 15,000 TREES THROUGHOUT MISSOURI AND SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS!

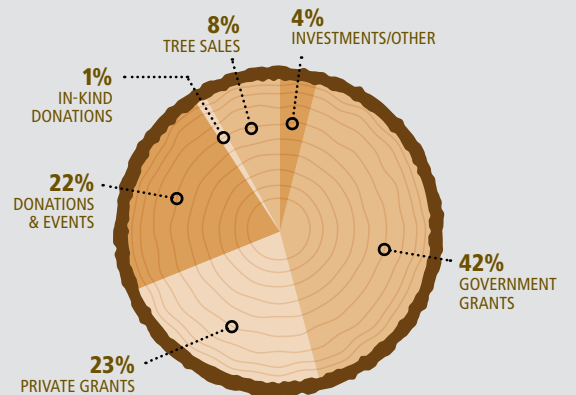


## New Planting Partners

New partners **Alliance for Community Trees** and **CSX Railways** provided funding for two large planting projects. The first, in East St. Louis, was done with the help of school children and several local organizations, including the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation, to bring much needed trees to this community. The second planting of another 100 trees was a riparian planting to secure the banks of Mallard Lake adjacent to the nursery. Local deer eagerly looked on as the planting took place, but were dissuaded from injuring the trees due to proper preventative planting techniques and pest control measures.



## Sources of Revenue & Support



### Revenue & Support

	\$
Government Grants	201,075
Private Grants	111,725
Donations & Events	106,725
Tree Sales	41,014
Investments/Other	18,778
In-Kind Donations	3,707
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$483,024</b>

## Volunteer Spotlight TOM NAGLE

Tom Nagle gives the word volunteer a new definition. Fueled initially by his love of nature, he has since become an integral part of Forest ReLeaf participating in nearly all aspects of the organization. Tom, a Missouri Master Naturalist and St. Charles Master Gardener, began working at the nursery after taking the TreeKeepers course in 2011. His once-a-week volunteering soon turned into three days or more when he took it upon himself to adopt a field of newly planted trees and keep them watered during the summer drought. Since then, he has helped design and build a hoop house to overwinter the trees, serves on the Operations Committee, coordinated a \$5,000 donation from his garden club to support the construction of a greenhouse, and identified and assisted with grant applications.



When asked why he gives so much of himself to Forest ReLeaf, Tom says "It basically boils down to I feel good about giving back to the community and I'm also pleased that I'm not only able to do something for the environment, but I'm able to learn a lot."

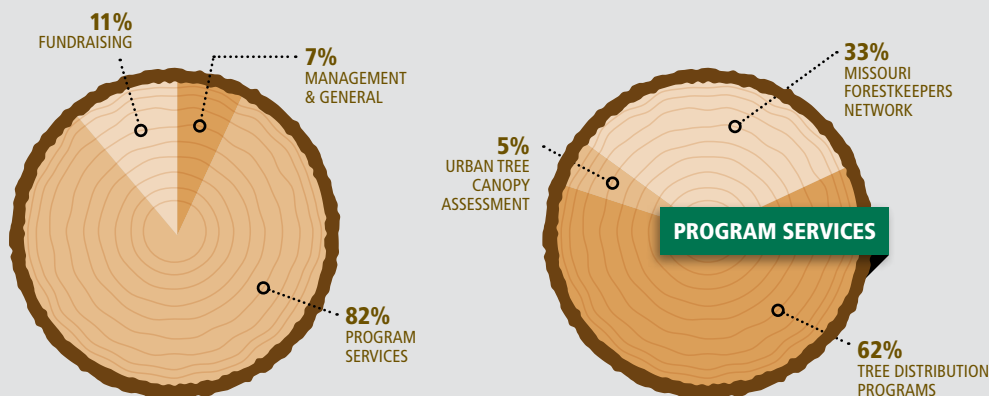
### OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

With a single forester on staff, Forest ReLeaf relies on its "regular volunteers" to get the work done at CommuniTree Gardens nursery.

Volunteers clocking the most hours of service in 2013:

- Tom Nagle – 550+
- Kay LaBanca – 300+
- John Bohney – 200+

## Functional Expenses



### Expenses

Expenses	\$
Program Services	383,387
Fundraising	50,327
Management & General	34,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>468,314</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>14,710</b>
<b>Net Assets at Start of Year</b>	<b>215,277</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>229,987</b>

**SOURCE:**  
Devereux & Company  
Independent Auditors' Report  
dated May 6, 2014

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri meets all charity standards of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.



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20 YEARS & GROWING!

360

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED 4,846 HOURS OF SERVICE AT COMMUNITREE GARDENS NURSERY.

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MISSOURI FORESTKEEPERS ATTENDED THE 2013 CONFERENCE IN AUGUST, TOURING THE COMBINED HEAT & POWER PLANT BIOMASS FACILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IN COLUMBIA.

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CLASSES COVERING SUBJECTS SUCH AS TREE IDENTIFICATION, FOREST ECOLOGY, SOILS, AND SMALL TREES & SHRUBS WERE TAUGHT BY FORESTRY PROGRAMS MANAGER MIKE WALSH.

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ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING KDHX, FOX 2 NEWS, THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL CONFERENCE, GREAT RIVERS MASTER NATURALISTS, ST. LOUIS EARTH DAY, MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN AND 4TH GRADERS FROM THE CITY ACADEMY IN ST. LOUIS SHOWCASED FOREST RELEAF'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES VIA NURSERY TOURS, PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES.

### ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARD

FOREST RELEAF OF MISSOURI WAS HONORED TO RECEIVE THE 2014 ARBOR DAY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN URBAN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP!



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## Exceptional ReLeaf Awards

Each year, organizations and individuals that completed exceptional community planting projects with trees from Forest ReLeaf are recognized at the Missouri Community Forestry Council Conference. Awardees for 2013 are:

### Drury University Grounds Crew

#### SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING

In 2012 and 2013, the Drury University grounds crew received more than 250 trees and shrubs from Forest ReLeaf. These plants have formed the native foundation of a significant, comprehensive and very necessary planting regimen on Drury University campus. As part of an overall campus landscape concept, several areas of intensively maintained but underperforming turf have been replaced with stylized natural areas. The native plants supplied by Forest ReLeaf have diminished maintenance requirements and inputs while enhancing the overall image of campus. The impact and sustainable benefits of these areas would not have been possible without this program. Drury has also been fortunate to be able to coordinate with Forest ReLeaf staff to assist in delivering trees to City of Ash Grove and Ozarks Technical College.

### Mark Grueber

#### COMMITMENT TO URBAN FORESTRY

Mark Grueber, an Urban Forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation, is also an avid supporter, volunteer, and ambassador to Forest ReLeaf. His involvement with the organization includes teaching TreeKeepers classes, helping at events, volunteering at our nursery and much more. Mark also served as Forest ReLeaf's first forester so having his expertise at our nursery is invaluable.

### City of New Haven

#### PARK RESTORATION

Last year, New Haven received a TRIM grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation to conduct a tree inventory in their park, plant new trees, and maintain the existing trees. The majority of the trees went to McDonald Park, specifically to a 6-acre parcel of land recently donated to the city. The area was in need of restoration to take it back to the historic woodland it once was. Forest ReLeaf donated more than a thousand trees for this project and, under the guidance of our local MDC urban forester, the forest was replanted with mostly container oak trees. Trees were planted by park staff with the help of countless volunteers during several work days. The City of New Haven's commitment to ongoing restoration of native habitats makes them worthy of the Exceptional ReLeaf Award.

# TWENTY YEARS & GROWING!

Nearly 250 people from across the state joined together in October to celebrate Forest ReLeaf's 20th Anniversary at the Visitors Center in Forest Park. Top ranking officials from the Missouri Department of Conservation and corporate sponsors, volunteers, friends and supporters toasted the organization's accomplishments and helped to raise more than \$30,000. To commemorate the occasion, October 17th, 2013 was proclaimed Forest ReLeaf Day by both St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay and by Charlie Dooley, St. Louis County Executive.



## Our Supporters

### Gift of Trees

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Volunteers, staff and board members gathered on October 26th, 2013 to plant 20 trees adjacent to Communitree Gardens to commemorate Forest ReLeaf's 20th Anniversary.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri Founding Leadership include:

Ted Allison	Mark Grueber	Mary Sherfy
Rob Emmett	Skip Kincaid	Kent Theiling
Mary Lou Green	Jim Rocca	Ray Wiesehan



## YOUNG FRIENDS

The Young Friends of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri held their second annual "Crawl the Grove," an ugly sweater pub crawl in The Grove area of St. Louis, on December 14th, 2013. The event was a great success with almost 100 "crawlers" who helped raise nearly \$1,000!

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