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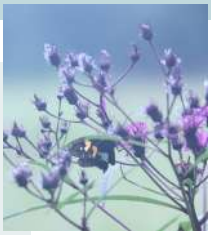

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You all have done one heck of a job for almost 30 years now!

You really have. Your donations have saved about 36,000 acres of land right here in our home towns across central, southern and southwestern Virginia. That's dozens and dozens of farms. . . seemingly endless expanses of forests. . . so many rugged mountains. . . miles and miles of twisting and turning creeks and majestic rivers.

Thank you!

What if you could do even more?

What if you could save more family farms. . . more forests. . . more beautiful blue-green mountainsides. . . more cold, rocky streams and bold rivers bound for the sea?

What if you could help with things you hadn't dreamed of 30 years ago, like data centers and solar "farms"?

A generation of Virginia farmers is retiring. They're making tough choices about what to do with their land. Sell it to a developer? Keep it in the family? Lease it out for solar panels running to the horizon?

Now is your chance to be an absolute super hero for conservation.

Next year, a volunteer from your local land conservancy will call on you and ask you to increase the amount you give to save land and water. The goal is $100,000 in "new money" every year from here on out—new funds that will make sure the special places you love and call home will be protected—forever.

(And don't worry, we're asking new folks who have never donated to make a gift, too.)

It's called, simply, The Campaign to Save Land. And it needs you.

If we know y'all—and we think we do—you'll rise to the occasion. It's going to be awesome.

Sincerely,

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BLUE RIDGE LAND CONSERVANCY

BY EMILY BENDER

All of our easement properties are beautiful, but over the course of the past year we have seen such a variety of properties conserved. We have worked with you to protect a summer camp, tiny cabin campgrounds, rare plant habitat, indigenous sites, waterways, and Appalachian Trail buffers. Virginia's Blue Ridge is so diverse and landowners across the region are working to ensure that it stays that way, forever.

In any work that has lots of moving parts, and details that are important to get correct, every time, it can be easy to look for routine. Trying to fit each project into the same cookie-cutter certainly saves time and can help prevent mistakes. However, I think it can fail to recognize the beauty and unique features of each property and each landowner's goals. Conservation work has long-lasting impacts, beyond my lifetime or yours, and it is important to make sure that we have an end result that fits each property.

I have been so appreciative of our team, from the staff to Stewardship Committee and Board, for taking the time to protect what is special about every property that we look at. Taking the time to find new solutions to a variety of landowner requests and new situations isn't always easy but I am grateful that we take the time to do it. It's a balance!

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA LAND CONSERVANCY

BY CHRIS HOLDREN

Land conservation throughout Southside Virginia had a different feeling on Saturday, November 1. Supporters gathered at the stunning Sutherlin Barn in Halifax County for the inaugural Southern Virginia Land Conservancy Conservation Celebration. Guests enjoyed the perfect fall weather, camaraderie, drinks, and a delicious barbecue dinner.

After introductions by Program Manager Chris Holdren and Executive Director David Perry, speaker Kathy Liston, easement donor and landowner from Charlotte

County, gave guests an insight as to why she chose to protect her historic home "Westview" and the surrounding acreage with a conservation easement. Kathy also spoke on the journey and what ultimately led her to choose Southern Virginia Land Conservancy to help protect her land and home forever, stating that "It was the Southern Virginia Land Conservancy's flexibility that made them the perfect fit for her easement". This fantastic evening could not have been possible without the support of our event sponsors, the SVALC advisory committee, numerous volunteers, board members, and staff.

We are extremely grateful to all those who could attend and help us grow and support land conservation throughout southern Virginia. Next year's gathering is currently being planned, and we are looking forward to an even greater turnout. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of next year's event or would just like to support the Southern Virginia Land Conservancy, please contact Chris Holdren, Program Manager, Southern Virginia Land Conservancy at (276) 224-6489 or choldren@svalc.org.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA LAND CONSERVANCY

BY CHARLES C. LACY, JR.

We have a great 2026 teed up for Central Virginia Land Conservancy! We have three new easements moving forward in development, with several other promising relationships blossoming. Annual easement monitoring will be complete by the time this newsletter is released.

Planning for the Cornerstone Celebration in March of 2026 is in full stride. We are currently working on putting together a live auction for the event, as well as a raffle table. Expect to see some awesome local experiences and weekend getaways up for bid.

Thank you for your continued support! We are still accumulating our sponsorships for the Cornerstone Celebration, so please consider donating or sharing our sponsorship flyer with your friends. Email clacy@cvalc.org for more information or call (434) 942-4320.

Wishing for Warmer Days?

Join us in ECUADOR

August 8–22, 2027

The Blue Ridge Land Conservancy is sponsoring an amazing trip to Ecuador from August 8–22, 2027! Experiece "The Land of Four Worlds" as you explore the country that loves life from the Andes to the Amazon rainforest. The cost for the fifteen-day trip is just $4,450 per person (not including airfare), and a portion of your trip is tax-deductible.

Quito > Tena > Puyo > SKIS > Baños > Chimborazo > Puerto Lope

Registration is open—be sure to secure your spot!

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Financial Summary

SUPPORT

Contributions	$141,983
Stewardship receipts	$161,166
Stewardship reimbursement	$86,661
Carbon credit income	$3,495
Special event income	$80,665
Other income	$1,985
Investment income	$65,532
Loss from sale of real estate	$(65,154)
Net assets released from restrictions	$54,526
Total support:	**$530,859**

EXPENSES

Program services	$427,789
Management and general	$67,639
Fundraising	$68,341
Total expenses:	**$563,769**

TOTAL SUPPORT

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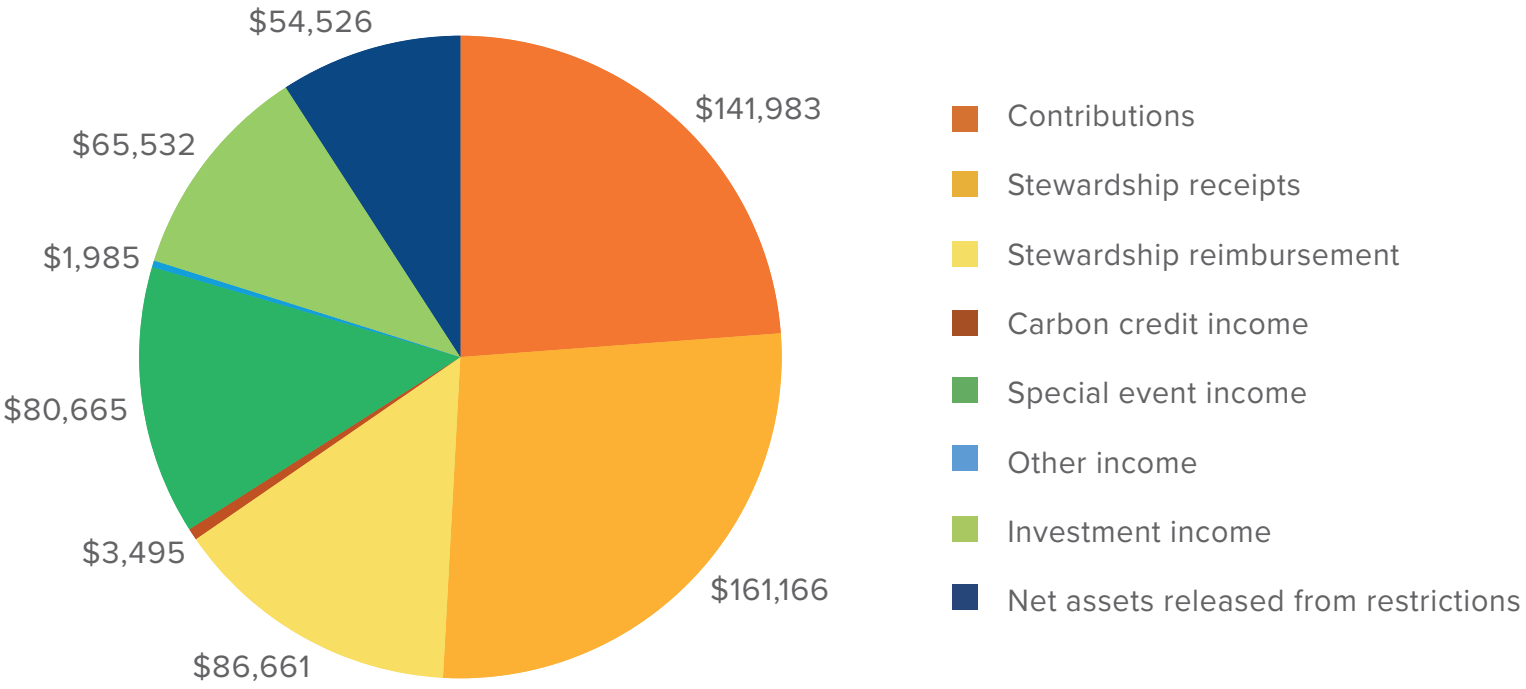

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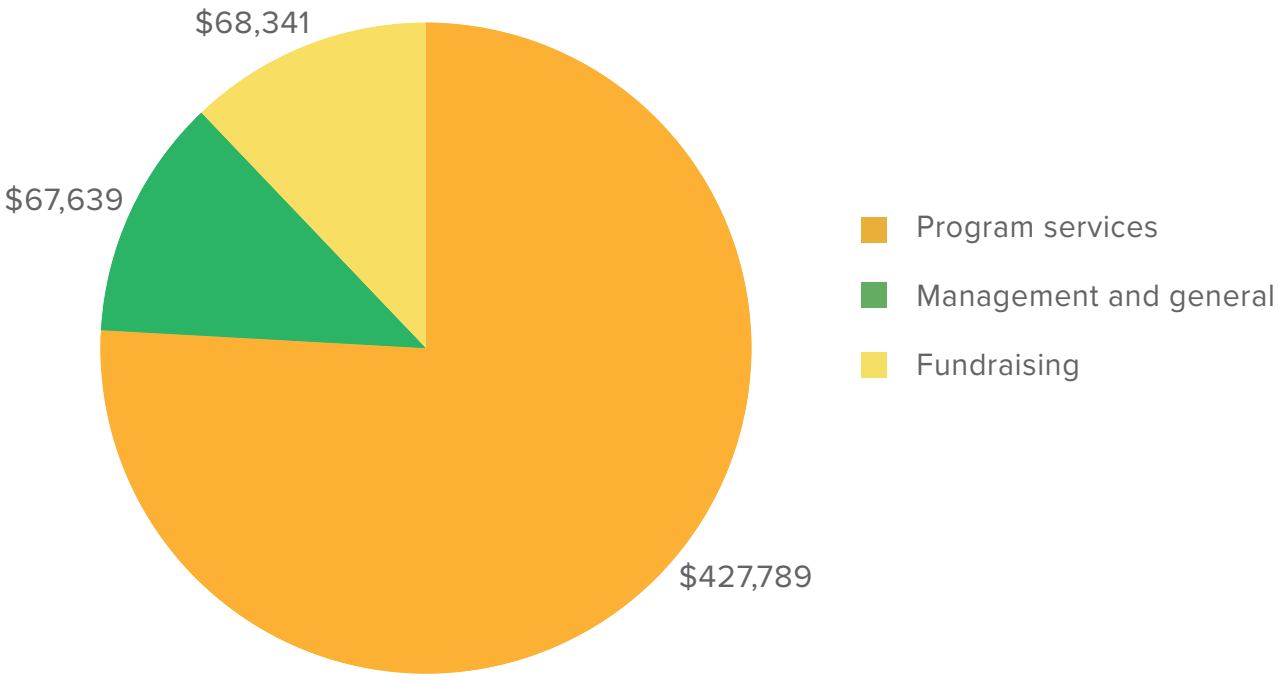

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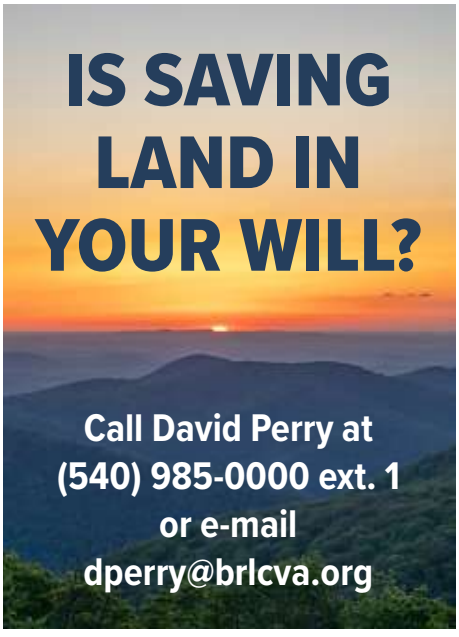
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