

# Reef Check Foundation

## Annual Report 2018

### Our Mission: Empowering People to Save Reefs and Oceans

Reef Check's core programs focus on education and training of kids and adults about the value and importance of reef life through immersion learning; research on the health of reefs and how to restore them; and conservation activities such as the establishment and support of marine parks. This past year we have grown our education and citizen science programs worldwide and hundreds of volunteers have worked tirelessly for the conservation of reef ecosystems against devastating impacts such as overfishing, pollution and climate change.

### Program Highlights



- ◆ We conducted over 260 coral reef surveys in 22 countries around the world;
- ◆ In California, we monitored over 100 reefs - more than in any previous year;
- ◆ We certified over 600 new tropical EcoDivers, 40 Trainers and 4 Course Directors in 29 countries around the world and almost 300 divers in California;
- ◆ Our data informed the response to the enduring crises in the northern California kelp forests and we are working with local stakeholders to develop recovery strategies;

◆ We conducted seven EcoExpeditions - two in California to the Northern Channel Islands and along the Big Sur coast, and five worldwide to Oman, the Maldives, Malaysia, Indonesia and Colombia;

◆ We deployed over 60 temperature sensors along the California coast to track the effects of climate change on kelp forests and collected the first year of data on ocean acidification;

◆ A new Reef Check team was established in Hawaii, and a new RC organization formed in Brunei;

◆ Reef Check Jordan certified the first female EcoDivers in the country;



◆ Reef Check partnered with USX to certify veterans as EcoDivers during a special training in Florida;

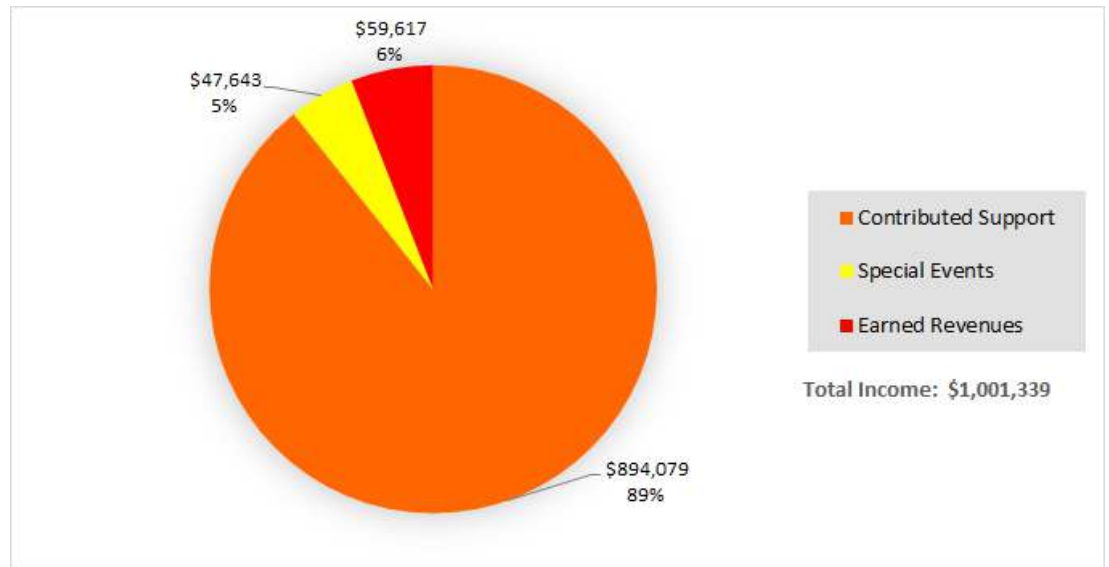
◆ EMBARC, our on-board marine biology education program, taught 500 middle and high school students in Los Angeles about the oceans and the threats they face;

◆ We celebrated the third International Year of the Reef with events throughout the year hosted by Reef Check and our teams worldwide, including a nationwide beach cleanup by Reef Check Malaysia which removed over 16,000 lbs of trash.

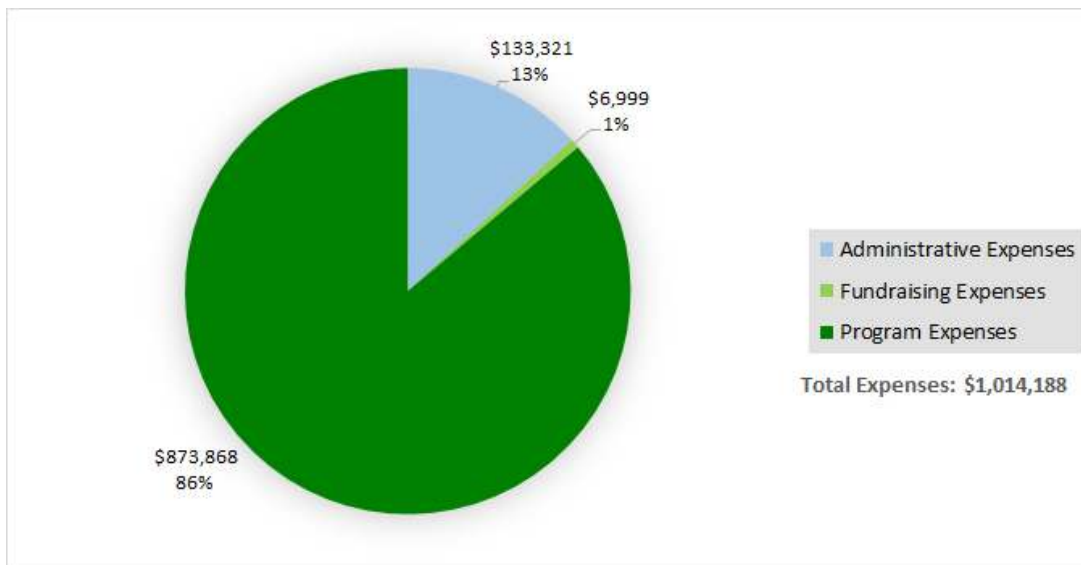


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