

2022-2023 IMPACT



REPORT





HELPING RESTORE NATIVE PLANTS

We are excited to roll out our first annual impact report. We value transparency and hope to shed light on our work in the community.

1,157

Square feet of MiniNature Reserves installed and planted throughout Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

19

Community events including Pan y Plantas workshops, Petal Project with the Oxnard Bike Hub, OAKtober workshops, and MiniNature Reserve installations.

250+

Variety of native plants planted and restored in Oxnard and Port Hueneme.





"MiniNature Reserve's events provide a forum for learning, growing, and discovering how to be a more open-minded citizen of both our community and our Earth."

-Cooking with Acorns Workshop Volunteer



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Autumn '22 Highlight

On October 14, 2022, we planted our first MiniNature Reserve at Plaza Park and named it Yepunash.

Winter '22 - 23 Highlight

In January, we participated in the second Native Plant Festival and gave away free bladderpod to people who won an interactive game.

Spring '23 Highlight

Spring 2023 was a game changer for our organization. The first Pan y Plantas and first Tending events were hosted in March.

Earth Day week was an especially exciting time. We hosted a seed ball making workshop at UCLA. We planted our second MiniNature Reserve and named it Tswana'atl 'ishup. Our second Pan y Plantas was a blast. And together with Oxnard Bike Hub & Community Roots, we put on our first ever Petal Project - a tradition we will be sure to continue in the years to come.

In June, right before summer started, we also invited our first guest speaker, Nicholas Hummingbird, to host a workshop.

Summer '23 Highlight

The seasons changed in Summer 2023 when MiniNature Reserve and the Port Hueneme Nature Conservancy merged under the title MiniNature Reserve. With this came the acquisition of Onchoshi Nature Preserve, which became our third official MiniNature Reserve.

Summer was busy with workshops. We held more Tending events at Onchoshi. We held a Seed Sorting Workshop and two more Pan Y Plantas at Onchoshi.

Autumn '23 Highlight

In partnership with the Ventura County Tree Coalition, we participated in OAKtober by hosting two Oak-themed workshops. For the first workshop, Karla Gonzalez Reyes and Julia Samaniego taught about Acorn Gathering, Sorting, & Propagation. In the second workshop, hi ho' stogošlóg' hi xus taught about how to Cook with Acorns.

We also held a workshop that focused on Cold Stratification and we planted our fourth MNR which we named 'Usha'ak.

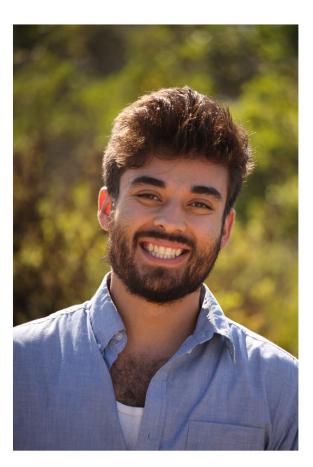


A WORD FROM **OUR PRESIDENT**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Your eagerness to learn, share your knowledge, or grab a shovel is what makes this nonprofit strong. I have no doubt that, together, we will transform the forgotten spaces of our city into pockets of beauty.

Moving forward, it won't be as simple as digging a hole and putting a plant in the ground. We want to make sure these plants help to heal the communities we plant them in, otherwise, we are complicit in gentrification. We seek to operate more democratically, otherwise, we are no better than private landscape contractors who privatize the last remaining shared spaces. We also want to hold more events and programs that focus on building up the most vulnerable in our communities, otherwise, we fail on our mission. Only through your continued engagement, will we be able to achieve these goals, remain accountable, and truly accomplish our mission.



We like to talk about that we are the **eco-movement**, but the truth is, MNR the 501 (c) (3), is not. We protect the movement. We enable the movement with knowledge and resources. We connect movementists through events. We offer a platform for movementists to share their knowledge when we invite guest speakers, but we are not the movement.

The real movement is all of you.

Diego Magaña

-Diego Magaña



WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR **SUPPORTERS FOR** THEIR GENEROSITY

Especially,

Jacob Marquez Francisco Contreras Shannon Shoup **Antonio Sanchez** Esme Ayala Lisette Espinosa Hievon Banks-Flinn James Sun Sierra Herbold

Julia Samaniego Karla Gonzalez Reyes hi ho' stogošlóg' hi xus Nicholas Hummingbird

Community Roots Garden Pesticide Free Soil Project Rio Plaza Elementary School Rio Farm School

Recreational Equipment, Inc. Social Justice Fund Ventura County Cheetos Deja Tu Huella Fund Ventura County Tree Coalition **Growing Works - Turning Point Foundation**

