

# Gary Bogue: Muir Heritage Land Trust fundraiser: Let's all celebrate our success!

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Happy Mother's Day to mothers everywhere, to Mother Earth and especially to The Mom in my house.

We did it again!

In the final week of our fundraiser, 211 people donated \$10,769.83 to the Muir Heritage Land Trust, bringing us to an incredible grand total of \$108,029.63 from 1,176 wonderful people since we started March 21! Not only did we reach our original goal of \$70,000 — we passed and even exceeded my new goals of 1,000 donors and \$100,000!

Unbelievable!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping the Land Trust save those beautiful wild open spaces!

Dear Gary:

I continue to sign and mail thank-you letters to your generous readers, and I am inspired and encouraged by so many beautiful notes accompanying the more than 1,000 new donations. The outpouring of support has been such a great example of people working together to create amazing, healthy outcomes that benefit us all.

Your Save Our Open Spaces fundraiser to support the Muir Heritage Land Trust in preserving Franklin Canyon and Acalanes Ridge represents a time when our community gathered together and focused on a hopeful vision for the future. A time when members and friends of the community reached out not only to protect precious resources, but to show that they care.

Together, their efforts will help forever protect these spectacular open spaces.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, I want to especially thank you, Gary, for your leadership in showing us how to maintain a healthy ecosystem and love our Mother Earth! The amazing loyalty of your readers comes from their true respect for your commitment to those values and for all that you do to protect wildlife and the environment.

I would also like to thank the Bay Area News Group for its foresight in promoting land conservation in our region through their excellent reporting and editorial support. As the newspaper of record for our region, we truly appreciate their great work!

I hope you'll be able to join us June 5 out at Fernandez Ranch for the grand opening of that beautiful property and help us celebrate our community's spectacular commitment to Save Our Open Spaces!

Thanks again so very much to you and your wonderful readers. We couldn't do our work without you.

Happy Mother's Day!

Linus Eukel, Executive Director, Muir Heritage Land Trust

Dear Linus:

And a Happy Mother's Day to you, my friend. I'm delighted that my wonderful readers could help make things work out so well!

Let's invite everyone who contributed to our fundraiser to attend the Fernandez Ranch Grand Opening from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 5 so we can celebrate our success! (Details at [www.muirheritagelandtrust.org](http://www.muirheritagelandtrust.org). Click on "Spring Events." Be sure and RSVP if you're coming.) How about it, everyone? We'll see you there!

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Local business donations:

- Paul Ferrara Realtor, Martinez.
- The Pet Nanny, Walnut Creek.
- Animal Eye Care, Walnut Creek.
- Amazing Greys, Tracy.
- Sanford & Son Salvage, Lower Lake.
- Galaxy Press, Concord.
- Child & Family Therapy Associates, Pleasanton.
- George Ochikubo DDS, Concord.
- B.O.L.D. Bright Options for the Learning Disabled, Berkeley.
- Paws-itively Pets Professional Pet Sitting Service, Brentwood.
- Jean Scanlon + 100% match from Clorox Company Foundation.