



LOUISIANA BUCKET BRIGADE

TEN YEARS (2000-2010)

Clean Air. Justice. Sustainability.

“What the Louisiana Bucket Brigade does best is build relationships with communities. They provide consistent support – breaking the stereotype of fear so that people feel their power to stand up to big industry.” Margie Richard, Concerned Citizens of Norco, Goldman Award Winner

DEAR LOUISIANA BUCKET BRIGADE MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS,


For the last 10 years, we have been able to support community leaders from Norco, New Sarpy, Alsen, Chalmette, Baton Rouge, Shreveport and St. John Parish with a modest annual budget and a small staff. We have accomplished great things with a median budget of \$234,665 – this in the face of an industry that vastly outspends us.

Ten years and 700 media stories later, fenceline neighbors have been featured on local programs and in national outlets. This publicity matters because it helps communities win. Flaring and emissions have been reduced in every community in which we've mounted a campaign. Air monitors have been installed, fines have been issued, violations of the law have been documented in court and families have received compensation to move away from polluted land.

We thank you for working with us for the last 10 years. Raise a toast to our fenceline partners. And let's roll up our sleeves for another 10 years of work.

Sincerely,


Morgan Williams,
Board President


Anne Rolfes,
Founding Director

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission has been the same since our inception. The Louisiana Bucket Brigade is an environmental health and justice organization supporting communities' use of grassroots action to achieve sustainable neighborhoods free from industrial pollution.

OUR PROGRAMS

Refinery Efficiency Initiative

The goal of REI is to reduce accidents at Louisiana's refineries. Our groundbreaking Refinery Accident Database is the first-ever analysis of these accidents, providing crucial information to solve the problem.

Environmental Justice Corps

Launched in 2009, the goal of EJ Corps is to develop a new generation of African American leaders in the environmental health and justice movement. We recruit students for a summer fellowship in development, African American history, media, community organizing and more.

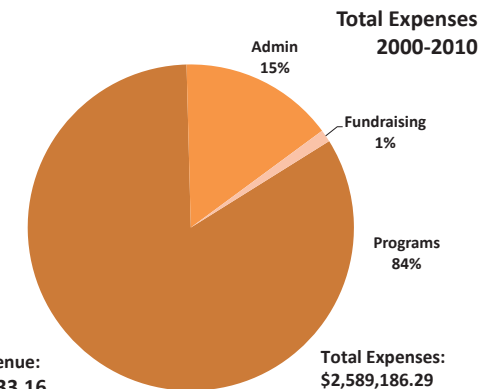
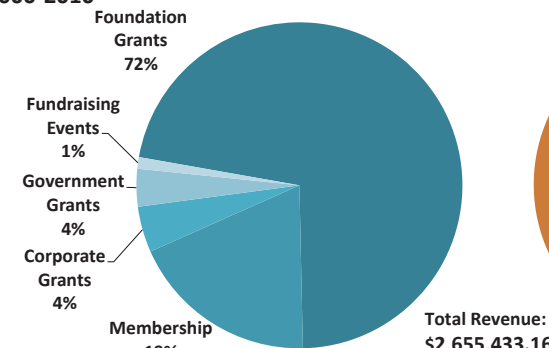
Fenceline Neighbors Network

This burgeoning network unites communities around the state facing pollution-related health problems. The goal is to build power and provide encouragement between communities.

Oil Spill Response

We put our community monitoring expertise to work with the launch of the first-ever Crisis Map for environmental and humanitarian response in the U.S. This map is the largest publicly available collection of oil spill impacts. Our health surveys and ongoing monitoring provide crucial documentation for advocacy.

Total Revenue Sources 2000-2010



119	Samples taken
230	Violations of health standards
8,722	Volunteer hours for 2010 (and counting)
1,332	Health impact surveys taken in refinery communities and along the coast since 2002
3,100	Reports to the Oil Spill Crisis Map since May
2,715	Accident reports analyzed for the Refinery Accident Database
700	Media hits since 2000
262	Citizen complaints about refinery emissions from 2005-present posted to the Chemical Accidents Crisis Map
332,411	Webpage views for 2010
893	Web site visits per day for 2010

POISED FOR GROWTH

Personnel: Founding Director Anne Rolfes has done this work now for a decade, and the experience is paying off. Program Manager Anna Hrybyk, MPH, has led our Refinery Efficiency Initiative for two years, getting rave reviews from our fenceline partners, steelworkers and EPA staff. Hope Roussel is our administrative czar. Our VISTA volunteers provide the dedicated staffing our programs have long needed. This inaugural group deserves recognition: Shannon Dosemagen, Mariko Toyoji, Benjamin Leger and Peter Brabeck.

Monitoring and evaluation is a tangible program presence that ensures accountability and our use of the most effective methods.

Program development: What will our programs deliver in the next few years? Reduced refinery accidents, a cohesive network of fenceline neighbors, long-term oil spill monitoring and a new generation of African American leaders. New partners on these projects include the Kresge Foundation, Dr. Steve Wing from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Howard University, and the United Steelworkers. We hope that you can partner with us, too.

LABB is created with a \$50,000 gift from the Beldon Fund.

Margie Richard of Norco is the first board president.

LABB begins working with Concerned Citizens of Norco in their campaign targeting Shell to purchase the Diamond neighborhood's contaminated property.

2000

JUNE – U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of California joins Diamond residents in their fight against Shell.
DECEMBER – Concerned Citizens of New Sarpy file Clean Air Act citizen enforcement lawsuit against Orion (with help from Tulane Environmental Law Clinic).

2001

MAY – Norco residents protest in downtown Houston in front of Shell's headquarters.
JUNE 1 – Victory! Shell announces buyout for entire Diamond neighborhood.
SEPTEMBER – Victory! Orion is fined \$1 million by LDEQ and told to install \$15 million worth of new emissions control equipment.

2002

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LOGO



Partnerships begin with Community Empowerment for Change in Baton Rouge and the St. Bernard Citizens for Environmental Quality.

2003

JANUARY – Chalmette Health Assessment Project begins. Survey finds elevated levels of respiratory illness in the neighborhood.

2004

FEBRUARY – Chalmette Refining found guilty of violating Clean Air Act.
AUGUST – Million-gallon Murphy oil spill occurs in St. Bernard Parish after Hurricane Katrina.
DECEMBER – Victory! State installs air monitors across from Chalmette Refining.

2005

JANUARY – Pam Dashiell is hired and begins work as the co-director of the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development.
MARCH – Soil sampling with neighbors of Murphy Oil refinery. This is the only post-Katrina participatory sampling to take place.

2006



Anne Rolfes receives the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader Award and the Tides Foundation's Jane Bagley Lehman Award for Excellence in Public Advocacy.

2007

JANUARY – Refinery Efficiency Initiative is conceptualized. Research begins.
APRIL – First-ever Fenceline Neighbors Conference brings together 24 participants from nine communities throughout the state.

2008

APRIL – More than 3,000 people attend the New Orleans Earth Day Festival.
JUNE – LABB creates and launches the Environmental Justice Corps.
DECEMBER – REI's first *Common Ground* report, analyzing refinery accidents and emissions from 2005-2008, is released.

2009

FEBRUARY – LABB welcomes its first two AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers. LABB has five VISTAs currently working one-year terms.
MAY – The Oil Spill Crisis Map is launched in response to the BP oil spill, in partnership with Tulane University. This is the first-ever use of crowd sourcing and crisis mapping for humanitarian purposes in the United States.
JULY – Health and economic impact surveys are conducted in Louisiana towns impacted by the oil spill.
DECEMBER – REI's second installment of *Common Ground*, looking at specific data on refinery accidents and emissions from 2009, is released.

2010

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Ken Cook, President, Environmental Working Group

COMMUNITY GROUP PARTNERSHIPS:

Algiers Community for All People's Rights
Community Empowerment for Change
Concerned Citizens Around Murphy
Concerned Citizens of Norco
Concerned Citizens of New Sarpy
Gulf Coast residents impacted by the BP oil spill
Lower Ninth Ward Center for
Sustainable Engagement and Development
Marietta Gang
North Baton Rouge Environmental Association
Residents for Air Neutralization
Save Our Neighborhoods
St. Bernard Citizens for Environmental Quality
Star Terrace Neighborhood Association

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

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Global Community Monitor
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