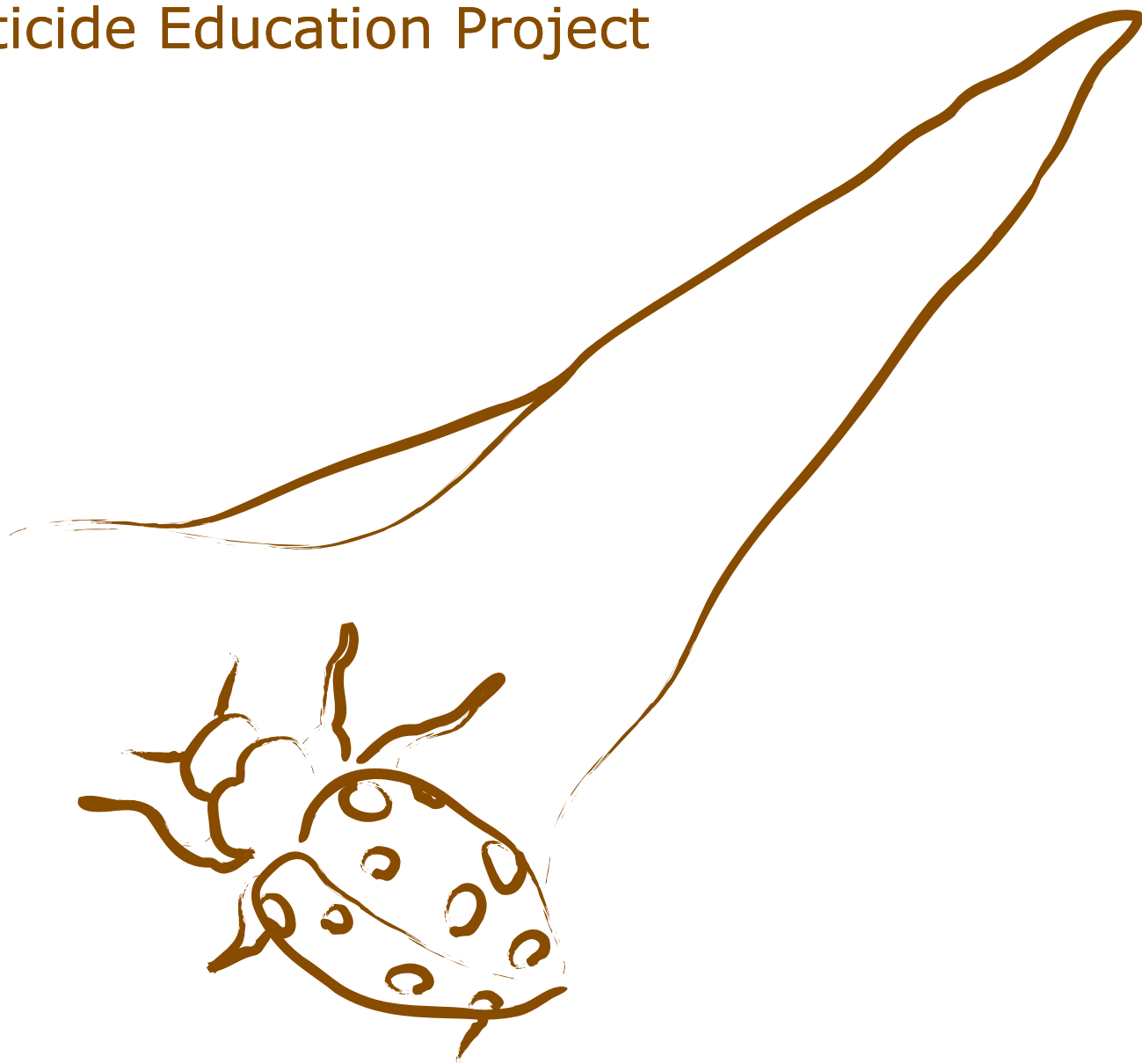


# Agricultural Resources Center

Pesticide Education Project



## Annual Report 2003

# About ARC/PESTed

**Mission:** ARC advocates for alternatives to toxic pesticides in North Carolina by empowering people to make sound decisions about their health and environment.

**Right-to-Know:** Right-to-know about toxic exposures should be a fundamental human right. Whether working with pesticides, living downwind from them, or ingesting them in food, everyone deserves the right to know what chemicals are being used, what their effects are, and how to act on their right of refusal to exposure.

**Sustainable Future:** Our vision of sustainability includes the freedom from toxic threats to our health. By working with organizations around the state and beyond to decrease the use of toxics, we hope to ensure a future less dependent on dangerous chemicals that over-burden natural resources and harm our communities.

**Pesticide Reform:** In North Carolina the regulation of pesticides is left to the Department of Agriculture, and to a Board comprised largely of agricultural and chemical industry representatives. We are working for long-term changes in this structure, so that pesticides are officially treated as a legitimate matter of environmental health.

## Program Areas

**Toxic-Free Schools Project** – ARC works with schools to replace toxic pesticides with low-cost, least-toxic pest control programs. Children whose parents work with pesticides, or who live in agricultural areas or sub-standard housing tend to have higher-than-average pesticide levels in their bodies. The Schools campaign focuses on these children and the adults whose decisions affect their well-being. We seek to improve school environmental quality and working conditions, and to reduce children's exposure to pesticides. We also hope to engender students with an understanding of toxics (especially pesticides) that will develop as they grow. These sustainable programs will become models for other districts.

**Drift Watch** – Pesticides don't stay put when sprayed. "Drift" of pesticides from farms, power lines and roadside spraying can damage crops, ruin organic produce and harm health. ARC has formed a statewide coalition to protect human and environmental health from pesticide drift. Our new toll-free hotline for drift victims (1-877-NO DRIFT) helps them report exposures to state authorities, obtain information about the chemicals to which they were exposed, including appropriate medical treatment, as well as organize their communities to stop sources of dangerous pesticide drift.

**Outreach & Education** – PESTed is dedicated to educating the public on alternatives to pesticides at home, work and school and in our food and water. We are available in our office every weekday to help those who come to us with specific concerns. PESTed locates and strengthens local organizations and leaders who will be agents of change, both in their regions and statewide.

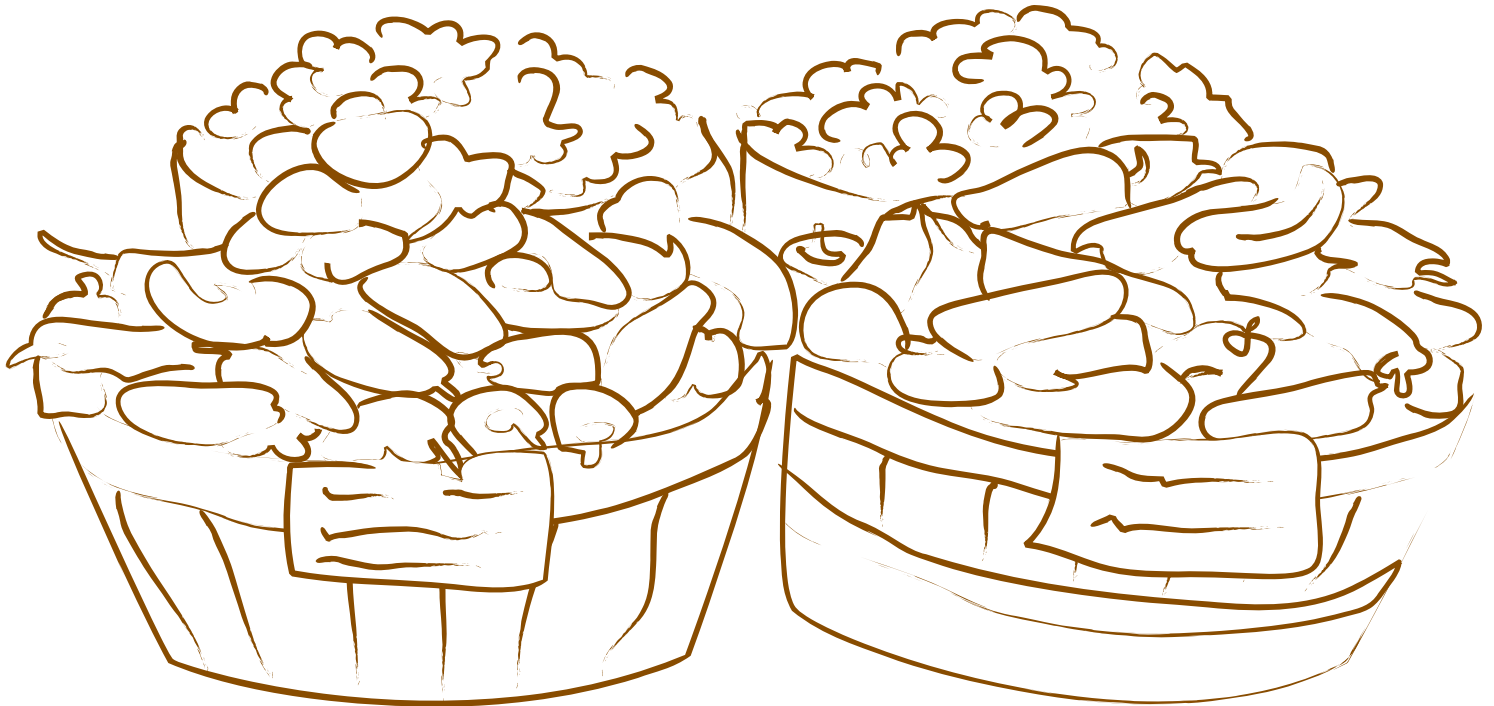
**Policy Watchdog** – We work with community groups, local governments, private landowners and others to create least-toxic pest control policies that serve as models for new programs. These model sites not only serve as a resource for others, but also support policy change at the larger level by generating local “experts” and demonstrating the viability of alternatives. PESTed also fights damaging pesticide policy by watch-dogging the NC Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Section, and other pesticide policy-making bodies whose decisions affect North Carolina’s health and environment.

## Notable achievements 2003

**Aerial spray victory:** In 2003 PESTed led a broad coalition of health, labor and environmental groups to defeat a dangerous chemical industry proposal that would have gutted North Carolina’s aerial pesticide spray regulations. The proposal would have deleted buffer zones around homes, schools and businesses and allowed crop dusters to deposit some level of pesticides anywhere, with no prior notice or warning.

**Clean Schools, Safe Kids:** This year we kicked off our new Toxic-Free Schools campaign at Carroll Middle School in Raleigh with the release of our new report, “Clean Schools, Safe Kids: Striving for Safer Pest Management in NC Public Schools.” To get the report or find out more about reducing pesticide dependence in your school system, please call us at (919) 833-1123.

**New electronic services:** Thanks to the excellent work of our interns, volunteers and staff, we have a great new website! Check out [www.PESTed.org](http://www.PESTed.org) to see the site and get the latest news on pesticide reform. We are also offering new services to our subscribers. A new electronic version of our newsletter, *PESTed News* is now available as an alternative to the print edition. PESTed is also releasing a monthly action alert to let our subscribers know how they can take action on the most current pesticide issues. You can sign up for the e-mail newsletter or receive the action alerts by visiting [www.PESTed.org](http://www.PESTed.org), or send an email to [PESTed@envirolink.org](mailto:PESTed@envirolink.org) to subscribe.



## Financial Report (unaudited)

### REVENUES

Individual Contributions	11,772
In-Kind (non-cash) Contributions	17,223
Workplace Fundraising	2,886
Grants	57,726
Interest Income	129
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>89,736</b>

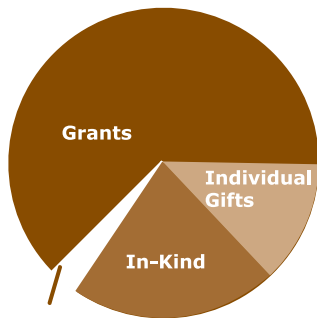
### EXPENDITURES

Program	54,915
Administration	9,235
Fundraising	7,698
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>71,848</b>

Net Income	17,889
(applied to Reserve Fund and 2004 Program)	

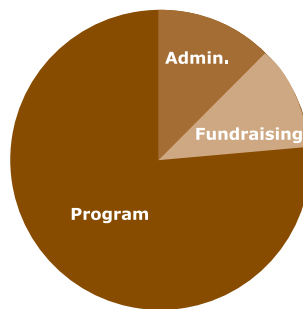
**In-Kind contributions** are gifts of non-cash goods and services, which include saleable items such as stock certificates, as well as non-saleable contributions including accounting service, office space, equipment and office supplies (for accounting purposes, only saleable items are included in the Financial Report). To find out about making in-kind donations to ARC, please call our office at (919) 833-5333.

### Sources of Income



Workplace (EarthShare NC)

### Expenditures by type



### Wish List

- Digital Camera
- Mac-compatible laser printer
- Small couch
- Bookshelves
- Office supplies

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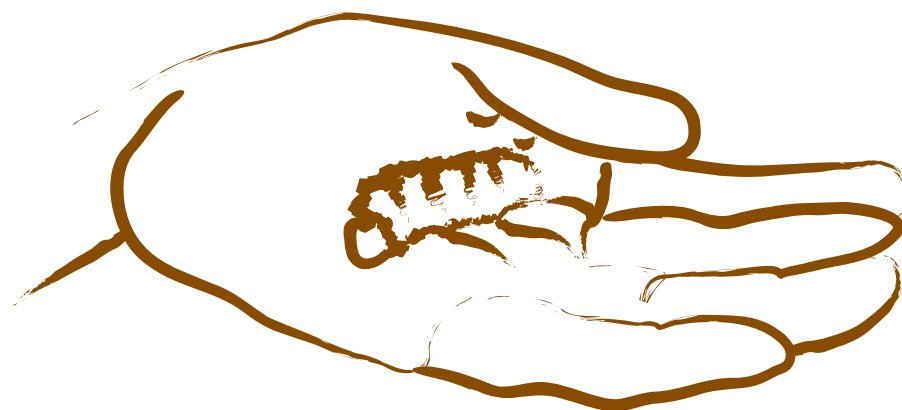
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- Leave stocks and bonds to ARC.
- Name ARC as the beneficiary of your pension plan, IRA or life insurance policy.
- Make a planned gift such as a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity.

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