The other day, I had a conversation with my teenage niece that left me with such hope for this planet’s future.

We were on a walk through the woods and she began talking about a presentation she did for school on how deforestation is contributing to animal extinctions. I asked what led to that topic, and she told me she’d spent over four hours reading the IUCN Red List of Endangered Species and wanted to know why so many animals were in danger. She read how people destroying forests for agriculture and climate change were the primary causes.

She then went on to talk about how studying these things and finding solutions was what she wanted to study in college and pursue as a career.

Then she said, “And that is why LightHawk is so incredibly cool. Everything you do, in some way, touches on a piece of the puzzle of climate change and the impact on people. You get to do so many things in so many places that make a difference in this big issue that will help save our planet. LightHawk is amazing!”

Proud Aunt moment. But then fade to…… proud LightHawk moment. To hear young people passionately want to become a part of the work we do in conservation is inspiring. And it is imperative.

And hope inspires us – all of us – to take actions to make a difference.

Of the many contributions LightHawk makes in conservation – whether data, imagery, informing journalism, or educating decision makers – the one that is most powerful is inspiring understanding and feeding hope that change is possible. From a thousand feet up, limitations and barriers fade and solutions become more clear.

When people have hope and can see possibilities, they have the required element for change. And things can get better. They can.

Thank you for being on our team, for spreading the word, and for caring enough to make the differences we want to see in our world.

Warmest Regards,

Terri Watson
CEO

“Young people need hope. They need understanding. They need to know change is possible. They need open doors and hands. It is imperative we have more of them.”

—Dr. Seuss, The Lorax
LIGHT HAWK 2019

282 COORDINATED FLIGHTS

114 CHANGEMAKERS FLOWN

100% // CARBON EMISSIONS // OFFSET

460 GIFTS RECEIVED

92 MEDIA STORIES | 26 FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

121 CONSERVATION PARTNERS

891 HOURS OF FLYING

298 DEDICATED PILOTS

512 HEARTS & MINDS FLOWN

976 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS MONITORED
OUR MISSION
To accelerate conservation success through the powerful perspective of flight.

WHY LIGHTHAWK EXISTS
We know that aviation can greatly enhance conservation work, often in ways that are not immediately obvious. We also know that aviation resources are often too costly for conservation efforts even if their value and contribution is understood.

WHAT WE DO
LightHawk conservation staff seek out projects and partners where we know we can make a significant contribution. We then serve as consultants co-designing flight campaigns to achieve relevant and important conservation outcomes, educational objectives and outreach strategies.

HOW WE DO IT
Once we have a project planned, we tap into our network of nearly 300 volunteer pilots who donate expertise, time, aircraft, and fuel to support the project, making flight support free of direct cost to our partners.

IMAGE: Mt. Rainier looms over checkerboard forests. LightHawk flies this region in search of white-headed woodpeckers, a keystone species that other animals rely on. Benjamin Drummond, VP Roy Lewallen
CONSERVING LANDSCAPES
Healthy landscapes are crucial to our ability to thrive. We fly to conserve critical and sensitive landscapes and ecosystems. We address threats that would damage their health, advocate for science-based land management, and seek to increase the amount of public and private land conserved.

SAFEGUARDING RIVERS & ESTUARIES
Rivers and wetlands form a network of life that flows through our lands and communities. We fly to keep those waters and their natural ecosystems healthy, and keep communities thriving. We work to restore affected river systems to their natural states, protect them from pollution, sedimentation, and diversion, and to safeguard the integrity of our drinking water.

PROTECTING OCEANS & COASTLINES
We fly to protect our sensitive coastlines, oceans and sea life. We monitor the health and well-being of protected marine areas, advocate for increased safeguards, highlight the impacts of climate change and sea level rise, and shine a light on pollution or other damages.

ENSURING SPECIES SURVIVAL
Saving endangered animals from extinction is our enduring responsibility. We fly to restore threatened and endangered species to sustainable populations. We allow scientists to gather data critical to their survival through tracking. We also transport animals across the continent for breeding programs.

HOW LIGHTHAWK INSPIRES CHANGE
The Power of Awe
From the sky, LightHawk unleashes the power of awe, revealed through the windows of a small plane. Awe causes people to see a much bigger picture, far larger than themselves. Our passengers are inspired. Hope is reignited. They go on to create change, and take action to help save our land, oceans, coastlines, rivers and wildlife.

WITHIN THESE CONSERVATION INITIATIVES, WE HAVE THREE LEVELS OF EMPHASIS:

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS
- Issues of regional and continental significance
  - Multiyear
  - Many partners
  - Long-term goals
  - May result in hundreds of flights over several years
  - Produces significant results

  117 FLIGHTS
  8 PROJECTS

STRATEGIC PROJECTS
- Focused on regional issues
  - Previously identified priorities
  - Single or multiple year
  - Fewer partners
  - Produces significant results

  127 FLIGHTS
  36 PROJECTS

FLIGHTS OF OPPORTUNITY
- One time requests
- Exploring a new conservation project area
- Working with a new partner
- Broadens our focus and impact
- Produces significant results

  31 FLIGHTS
  21 PROJECTS
Conserving the Sonoran Desert
Straddling Mexico and the US, the desert is home to incredible diversity of animal and plant life. Yet it’s one of the most rapidly increasing population centers in the US. LightHawk flies to build cross-border partnerships among the region’s nonprofit organizations, and to monitor conservation efforts.

PROTECTING OCEANS & COASTLINES

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS
Patrolling San Francisco Bay
The beloved bay is threatened by mining, pollution and erosion. LightHawk flies photographers, writers and decision makers to experience the grandeur of the bay and encourage its protection.

Monitoring California Marine Protected Areas
Since 2006 we have helped establish and monitor aquatic habitat for fish, shellfish and marine mammals. Today we monitor for dangerous fishing gear and illegal use within the MPAs.

STRATEGIC PROJECTS
• Supporting Restore America’s Estuaries
• Documenting King Tides and Sea Level Rise
• Monitoring Shoreline Habitat
• Keeping Long Island Bay Healthy

FLIGHTS OF OPPORTUNITY
Building donor support for Galveston Bay and Chesapeake Bay.

CONSERVING LANDSCAPES

FLAGSHIP PROJECT
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FLIGHTS OF OPPORTUNITY
Photographing areas threatened by mining, Lyme disease and forest fragmentation.
ENSURING SPECIES SURVIVAL

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**Saving Salmon**
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**California Condor Recovery**
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SAFEGUARDING RIVERS & ESTUARIES

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

**Protecting the Delaware River**
Over 15 million people from five states depend on this river basin for water, which has been polluted for centuries. We are protecting this critical river by assessing threats and creating partnerships with more than 50 nonprofits, an unprecedented collaboration.

**Safeguarding the Colorado River**
The Colorado River is one of the hardest working rivers in the US, yet it’s plagued with degradation from decades of damming, pollution and misuse. We unite partners throughout this seven-state, 1,450 mile river to witness impacts of development and advocate for change.

**Everglades Flagship Project**
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LIGHTHAWK PARTNERS WITH 28 LAND TRUSTS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA. HERE WE MONITOR CRESTED BUTTE LAND TRUST EASEMENTS IN COLORADO. JERRY CLARK, VP JIM GRADY.
Imagine if you could get 380 hours of work done in just 1.5 hours.
That’s what LightHawk does for land trusts.

Land trusts routinely monitor the conservation easements they hold. These easements prohibit building or property development. Traditionally, land trust staff members drive to visit each easement property and tour it from the ground, noting any infractions. Driving to view properties often takes hundreds or thousands of hours each year. In just a few hours, LightHawk provides close-up aerial views of easements, freeing staff to spend more time on acquisition and stewardship.

Project: The Upper Valley Land Trust in New England is a new partner for LightHawk this year.

With more than 500 easements spread over 45 towns in Vermont and New Hampshire, monitoring takes thousands of hours each year.

“We tried hiring a drone pilot, and purchasing aerial photos,” noted Jason Berard, Stewardship Director for the land trust.

“We working with LightHawk gave the best results by far with 317 properties photographed in just six hours!”

With our partner, the Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust in Colorado, we flew to show Colorado state representative Donald Valdez their important work in the San Luis valley.

Outcomes:
The size of Connecticut, this is one of the largest alpine valleys in the world. Some funding for conserving this area comes from the state lottery, but that funding is perpetually in jeopardy. Rep. Valdez is now armed with stories and images of how much the program has benefited farmers, residents and tourists to defend the law.

Outcomes: Just a few weeks after the flight with Valdez a landowner called Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust to conserve her 800 acres. She learned about this opportunity after Valdez told her about the flight.

“We truly appreciate that the pilots volunteer so much to advance the goals of other organizations. It is an amazing service.” - John Roe, Upper Valley Land Trust

“This flight made it clear that it was effective in getting the representative to understand our work on a bigger level.” - Nancy Butler, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust

Project highlights

2945 Saved Staff Hours
176,654 Acres Monitored
$86,500 in Staff Time Saved by Aerial Monitoring

“We working with LightHawk gave the best results by far with 317 properties photographed in just six hours!”

The Denny’s River meanders through forests in Maine. LightHawk captured photos of this area to bring awareness to its important role for endangered Atlantic Salmon spawning. Lauren Owens Lambert. VP Scott Cianchette
PROTECTING OCEANS & COASTLINES

LIGHTHAWK FLIES TO PROTECT OUR SENSITIVE COASTLINES AND OCEANS AND THE SEA LIFE THAT CALLS THEM HOME. MATTHEW REYES
"This is way worse than I ever expected…"

I didn’t expect this. I didn’t expect our beach to wash into the estuary,” commented Serge Dedina, Mayor of Imperial Beach, CA as ocean water flooded the streets of his city.

This January in Imperial Beach, California, along with many other coastal communities in North America, residents experienced a sample of the inundation possible for future sea level rise during a king tide. King tides occur naturally when the alignment of the sun, moon and earth causes high tides to be much higher than usual. The resulting flooding shows us first hand what sea level rise will do to our coasts in the future.

“We have higher tides so we have coastal flooding going on today, the worst that I’ve ever seen in my 40 years of living in Imperial Beach,” noted Mayor Dedina. However he hasn’t lost hope. Dedina is committed to confronting the reality of sea level rise, and gathering community and national support to adapt. “It’s a wake up call. The reality is, it’s not easy to get people to think about what’s going to happen in 100 years...but the way to frame that discussion is through coastal flooding. It’s less abstract.”

LightHawk and Surfrider Foundation annually tour coastlines from the air, documenting exactly how the sea will inundate our towns and cities if no action is taken to mitigate and prepare for climate change. It is a golden opportunity to influence the hearts and minds of decision makers and to share powerful images with the world. In response, we planned LightHawk’s most ambitious flight campaign to date.

"Flooding shows us first-hand what sea level rise will do."

For the January 2019 king tide, we flew 21 flights in two days, covering thousands of miles, on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. We flew influential photographers, journalists and state and local elected officials and experts who saw the undeniable damage occurring in real time.

From the icy waters of Maine, the sunny Florida Keys, to the crashing waves of California, up to the Pacific Northwest, LightHawk carried change makers who can directly combat climate change.

One passenger that day was Kellie Shay Hinze, Councilwoman for Encinitas City, one of 41 passengers LightHawk flew to witness the king tide.

“We have a pristine coastline... it’s really a welcoming environment for recreation. And so to me, the top priority is that skinny stretch of beach where people love spending time,” said Kellie. Flying over the king tide swell, “There was no sand. Zero beaches [remaining]. The waves were pounding right up to the cliffs. I see the ocean every day, but the perspective from above and so close to the shore, was exceptional.”

OUTCOME: Kellie’s team is defining ways to combat sea level rise and climate change, and working to protect the vulnerable infrastructure she saw during her LightHawk flight.

“"I see the ocean every day, but the perspective from above and so close to the shore, was exceptional. You need the perspective from the sky to grasp the power of the ocean and the vulnerability of adjacent development." -Kellie Shay Hinze

21 FLIGHTS
2 DAYS
2 COASTS

TOP IMAGE

BOTTOM IMAGE
King tide waves break over sea walls in Ventura, CA. While coastal building has increased, it is in increasing danger as sea level rises. Paul Jenkin/Surfrider/LightHawk
ENSURING SPECIES SURVIVAL

PROTECTING ENDANGERED ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION IS OUR ENDURING RESPONSIBILITY. KLAAS HUIZENGA
“Without LightHawk’s help...” is a universal response we receive from passengers, ...and a description of incredible conservation outcomes that wouldn’t have been possible otherwise. This fall, LightHawk partnered with the Southern Interior Land Trust (SILT), a Canadian nonprofit that works to acquire fish and wildlife habitats for habitat connectivity in British Columbia. SILT facilitates research on how lynx and bobcats move across landscapes straddling the Canada and the US border. In Washington, lynx are state-listed as endangered, while in British Columbia, they’re commercially harvested for fur. Collecting lynx and bobcat movement data is critical to improving how the cats are managed on both sides of the border, and to prioritize migration corridors to help lynx populations recover in Washington. Bobcats share summer habitat with lynx, and knowing how lynx interact with bobcats will help managers in both countries protect habitat effectively for both species.

Quickly collecting the collars and the precious movement data they contain is paramount – if winter hits before the collars are located the batteries would die and the data would be lost.

OUTCOME: With Volunteer Pilot Dave Riffle’s expert aerial backcountry navigating skills, SILT was able to pinpoint the collar locations, two of which would have likely never have been recovered otherwise due to their remote location. Without LightHawk, our partners would have to track down the cats’ radio collars on foot and snowmobile over rugged terrain, an extremely difficult, time consuming and potentially dangerous job.

“It is very gratifying to feel that I am making a difference right here, right now.”

LightHawk’s Volunteer Pilots bring incredible dedication to conservation. Making an impact for conservation “is the greatest reward of my work with LightHawk. When we are flying missions, it is very gratifying to feel that I am making a difference right here, right now,” writes lynx mission pilot, Dave Riffle, who joined LightHawk in 2017. His dedication goes beyond flight. “SILT Executive Director, Al Peatt, and I became good friends after our LightHawk mission. He extended an invitation following the flight to join the effort to live trap, tranquilize and collar new lynx during the winter. I joined SILT’s team to ride out in a snowmobile for the daily “trap” check. Helping to collar a lynx, to feel the warmth of its fur despite the -5ºF temps, gave me a new perspective on the importance of protecting habitat and wildlife migration corridors between our two countries,” said Riffle.

“You experience the gratitude of the conservation partners sitting next to and working with you in the plane. They appreciate how important these missions are to their work and the goals of their organization. I feel that in all my LightHawk flight missions, I am providing a significant tool to assist the progress of their research,” shared Riffle. LightHawk’s work is making a difference for the many species we fly to research and protect.
SAFEGUARDING RIVERS & ESTUARIES

LIGHTHAWK FLIES TO KEEP FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS HEALTHY. SPOONBILLS, STORKS, PELICANS AND MORE COME TO THE EVERGLADES. LIGHTHAWK DOCUMENTED ONE OF THE LARGEST NESTING BOOMS, A GOOD SIGN FOR EVERGLADES HEALTH. MAC STONE/AUDUBON. VP GARY LICKLE
Where do you find a 60 mile wide river, and the only place on earth where crocodiles and alligators live side by side?

The “River of Grass” we call the Everglades is a world heritage site and incredibly important to wildlife and people. Yet it’s been shrinking at an alarming rate – now only 11% of its original size – as water is diverted and wetlands are drained for development. It’s one of the earth’s largest ecological restoration projects, and one of LightHawk’s Flagship Projects. We are committed to a brighter future for the people and wildlife there.

“[Flying with LightHawk] was an unforgettable experience. That’s a cliché, but it’s literally true—I will never forget that flight,” commented Audubon magazine editor, Andy McGlashen. On his flight, Andy documented an unprecedented explosion in the number of wading birds in the Everglades last spring.

“The Everglades are the most important habitat for wading birds anywhere in North America—big, charming species like roseate spoonbills and wood storks. But their populations in South Florida have plummeted by almost 90 percent since the early 20th century because of changes to the ecosystem wrought by development.”

Yet McGlashen and aerial photographer, Mac Stone, share a glimmer of hope. “The huge boom in wading bird numbers last spring was a really important story for Audubon because it shows that, when conditions are right, these birds can still bounce back,” shared McGlashen. And the bird boom shows that this effort is working. “As efforts continue to restore the historic flow of water through the Everglades, there is hope that restoration will make these kinds of boom years more common. We may still be able to reverse those long-term [wading bird] population declines,” noted McGlashen.

“The couple of hours I spent viewing the region from Volunteer Pilot Kelly Gottlieb’s Cessna P210 helped me understand the Everglades in a much deeper way than I did from all my prior reporting...Viewing the birds from above conveyed the sheer size of the colonies, and the way they interacted with their habitat in a way that would not have been possible from the ground.”

OUTCOME: “It’s essential for the public to understand why a long, complicated restoration that costs billions of dollars is worthwhile. The wading birds are an indicator of the ecosystem’s health, and their recovery will give Floridians and visitors to the Everglades a clear, colorful signal that the work is paying off,” says McGlashen.

“ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS IS RELENTLESSLY GRIM, BUT HERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT NATURE IS RESILIENT AND CAN BOUNCE BACK, IF WE GIVE IT HALF A CHANCE.”
-ANDY MCGLASHEN

TOP IMAGE
Chris Boyer
BOTTOM IMAGE
A threatened wood stork nests in the Everglades. Lighthawk helped to find increasing populations of these wetland dependent birds.
Mac Stone/Audubon
Our Volunteer Pilots dedicated their skill, aircraft, fuel and resources toward LightHawk’s conservation vision.
“THE ENGINE IS THE HEART OF AN AEROPLANE, BUT THE PILOT IS ITS SOUL.”
— SIR WALTER ALEXANDER RALEIGH

PILOT AWARDS

Every year we present awards at our Annual Fly-In to recognize our dedicated Volunteer Pilots.

SPIRIT OF LIGHTHAWK AWARD
WILL WORTHINGTON
In recognition of a pilot who ranks among the highest in total hours, is outstanding to work with, and represents the very best of our pilot corps.

BILL & BETTY ROCKWELL AWARD
DAN MARKS
This award recognizes a pilot who embodies the generous spirit and flexibility of Bill Rockwell, an unselfish soul always willing to fly the extra mile.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
DAVE RIFFLE
Each year LightHawk awards an outstanding volunteer pilot, new to the Volunteer Pilot Corps in the last year.

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ROY LEWALLEN
This award is given to the pilot who flew the most in service of LightHawk during the prior year.

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For information and assistance on planned giving, please contact our Chief Advancement Officer at 970-797-9355, extension 2.

OUR PARTNERS

Here are a few of more than 100 conservation partners.
LIGHTHAWK’S CONSERVATION PARTNERS

We search North America for the most effective conservation organizations that are doing meaningful work that can be greatly enhanced by aviation. Each year we engage more than 100 partners in project-based work, which results in nearly 300 flights, each with measurable benefits for nature.
“MAN MUST RISE ABOVE THE EARTH – TO THE TOP OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND BEYOND – FOR ONLY THUS WILL HE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE WORLD IN WHICH HE LIVES.” – SOCRATES
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING: MARCH 31, 2019

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Individual contributions $1,034,714
Organizational contributions $365,125
Donated services and materials $593,119
Other revenue, interest and dividends $19,754
Realized and unrealized gain on investments -$11,409
Total Support and Revenue $2,001,303

EXPENSES
Program - LightHawk costs $825,109
Program - Volunteer Pilot donated flight services $557,988
Fundraising and Donor Communications $254,473
General and Administration $204,356
Total Expenses $1,841,926

Change in net assets $159,378
Net assets, beginning of year $1,894,885
Net assets, end of year $2,054,262

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents $1,089,191
Unconditional promises to give $75,116
Prepaid expenses $30,597
Endowment investments $934,058
Property and equipment $1,040
Total Assets $2,130,002

LIABILITIES
Accounts payable $75,740
Total Liabilities $75,740

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted $997,325
Temporarily restricted $522,817
Permanently restricted $534,120
Total Net Assets $2,054,262

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $2,130,002

Note: These figures are preliminary. Full audited statements will be available once completed at lighthawk.org

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Every penny of our revenue comes from the generosity of individual donors, foundations, and partners as shown below. About one-third of all our support is a result of our volunteer pilots donating their plane, fuel, and time.

One of LightHawk's fundamental principles is that every expense is evaluated and must help us achieve our mission. We allocate every dollar of our expenses to create successful conservation outcomes.

CONTRIBUTED REVENUE
During FY 2019 LightHawk received $1,992,958 from foundations, in-kind gifts, and generous donors like you. You enabled LightHawk to achieve the conservation successes shown in this annual report. Thank you!

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LIGHTHAWK ACCELERATES CONSERVATION THROUGH THE POWERFUL PERSPECTIVE OF FLIGHT.

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Jonathan Milne. VP Mike McNamara

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Monitoring Crested Butte Land Trust easements in Colorado. Jerry Clark. VP Jim Grady