

A photograph of three people standing side-by-side, all wearing face masks. The person on the left is a man with short dark hair, wearing a black face mask and a dark blue long-sleeved shirt. The person in the middle is a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue surgical mask and a dark grey t-shirt. The person on the right is a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a light blue surgical mask and a red t-shirt with the text "ATD World" visible. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with a doorway and some equipment.

2020 Annual Report



Dear Friend of the Gulf,

Last year was a challenging year for everyone. COVID-19 shut down in person meetings and travel, and seriously limited how we could do our work. Nonetheless, I am proud of our work in 2020 to address threats from polluting industry and destructive development and to support a transition to a clean energy economy.

I am grateful to our board, our members, and our supporters for helping us face the challenges posed by COVID-19 and allowing us to make a real difference in the health of Gulf communities and natural resources upon which they rely!

I am proud of Healthy Gulf's new strategic plan which propels us forward on our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and justice. And I am grateful for how staff and board have embraced that plan, centering our work at the intersection of the environment and justice.

Healthy Gulf's board and staff recognize that we could not have achieved success in 2020 without the support, both moral and financial, of our members, donors, and corporate and foundation supporters. Thank you!

United for a healthy Gulf,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Sarthou', with a stylized, flowing script.

-Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director

Mission

Healthy Gulf's purpose is to collaborate with and serve communities who love the Gulf of Mexico by providing the research, communications, and coalition-building tools needed to reverse the long pattern of over exploitation of the Gulf's natural resources.

Vision

A healthy Gulf of Mexico returned to its former splendor that supports a thriving ecosystem that includes the Gulf's natural resources and, just as importantly, the people, communities, and cultures that depend on those resources.

Rice's Whale – the Gulf's Great Whale

In 2020, Healthy Gulf worked with our partner's to protect the Gulf's Rice's whale – potentially the rarest and most endangered whale in the world. A small population of this rare whale is found off the Gulf coast of Florida. It is believed that there are less than 50 Rice's whales, so protecting them from harm and their habitat from destruction is a Healthy Gulf priority.

Healthy Gulf and the Natural Resources Defense Council sued the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for failing designate critical habitat for the whale in the time required by the Endangered Species Act. Our goal is to get NMFS to agree to designate critical habitat and the protections that accompany that designation as soon as possible, but no later than the end of 2022.

In 2021, we joined with a coalition of groups in filing a petition with NMFS to establish a year-round mandatory 10-knot speed limit and other vessel-related regulations needed to save the endangered whales from deadly ship strikes.



No Radioactive Roads

Over the past year we have been working with legal and organizing partners to fight fertilizer pollution, specifically phosphogypsum waste, which is a toxic radioactive substance created in the production of phosphate fertilizer. In October 2020, EPA approved a request to use phosphogypsum waste in road building which would have allowed for the spread of pollution throughout the Gulf states. We challenged EPA's decision which resulted in EPA withdrawing its approval of use of this waste in road construction.

FERTILIZED TO DEATH

From mining, to production, to application, to the Gulf Dead Zone **nitrogen and phosphorus pollution devastates Gulf communities.**

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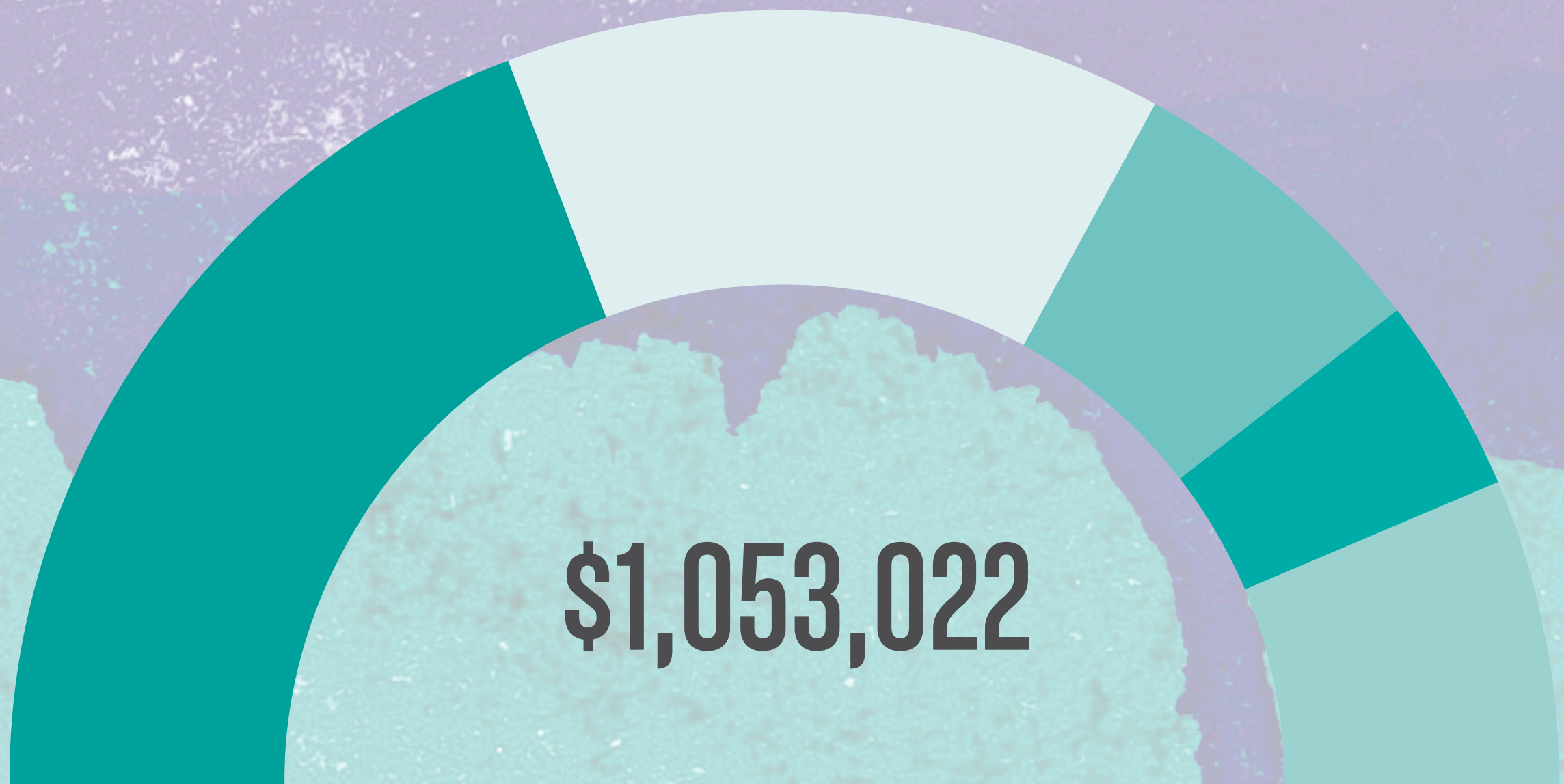
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In Focus: Southwest Louisiana

In 2020, Healthy Gulf began working with communities in SW Louisiana to resist the continuing buildout of Liquefied Natural Gas and oil export facilities in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes. In response to the hurricanes that hit SW Louisiana in 2020, we flew two post-hurricane flights in 2020 and compiled hundreds of pollution reports from LDEQ and the National Response Center for spills associated with the hurricanes last year.

We were also excited to hire Roishetta Sibley Ozane as a Southwest Louisiana organizer. Roishetta initially focused her time on conducting one-on-one meetings with civic leaders and impacted community members in the area to discuss concerns about planned LNG export facilities. However, the back-to-back hurricanes followed by the historic winter storm in mid-February shifted Roishetta's focus to direct mutual aid efforts, like assisting residents in finding temporary housing, conducting food distribution events, and meeting community members' needs. We are proud of Roishetta's efforts to help SW Louisiana residents in these difficult times.

Healthy Gulf Expenses



38%

Resilient Communities and Climate Justice

27%

Resilient Habitat and Healthy Water

13%

Conserving Marine Resources

8%

Management and General

13%

Fundraising

Healthy Gulf Revenue



75%

Contributions and Grants

3%

Membership Dues

5%

Program Service Revenue

3%

Other Income

16%

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<1%

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