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Wilburforce Funding for Organizing for Change and Related Projects (2002 - 2010): \$942,000

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Mr. Greyhavens and Mr. McMillan,

I noticed recently that Groundwire provide technical and other support to Organizing for Change, and that the Wilburforce Foundation paid Groundwire for "engagement coaching" and capacity building. In light of that, I have revised my figure which summarizes that support that it seems to me that the Wilburforce has provided - directly or indirectly to Organizing for Change.

I would appreciate it if you would please let me know how much of the funding that the Wilburforce foundation has paid to Groundwire, was used to support the Dogwood Initiative and Organizing for Change.

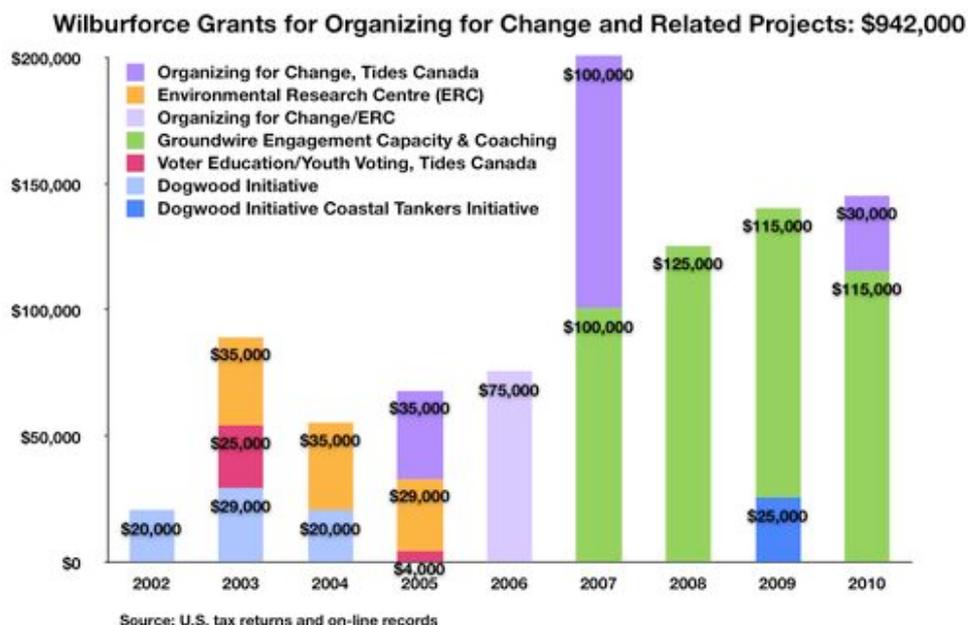
If I have presented anything below that is factually inaccurate or misleading, or if I have missed any important points, please let me know. If I do not hear from you tomorrow by 5 pm, I will assume that you do not dispute the numbers that I have presented below.

Sincerely,
 Vivian Krause
 604.618.8110

\$942,000 for Organizing for Change and Related Projects (2002 - 2010)

According to calculations based on [U.S. tax returns](#), since 2002 the Wilburforce Foundation has paid \$942,000 for Organizing for Change, and several related projects. Of that, \$170,000 was for 2010. It is not known what portion, if any, was used specifically for Organizing for Change's campaign to get people to join the B.C. Liberal party.

The Wilburforce Foundation *says* that it provided funds to Tides USA/Tides Canada Initiatives Society, "To support Organizing for Change efforts to promote and support collaboration among environmental organizations in B.C."



The \$942,000 referred to in the figure above includes:

- \$165,000 for Organizing for Change
- \$75,000 that is ear-marked Organizing for Change/Environmental Resource Center, the project that came before Organizing for Change.
- \$99,000 for the Environmental Resource Center
- \$29,000 for Tides Canada's "youth voting initiative" and for constructing an entity similar to the U.S. League of Conservation Voters. Groundwire handles the web-site for Conservation Voters of B.C. and has supported it since 2005.
- \$94,000 for the Dogwood Initiative; that included \$25,000 for NO TANKERS.
- \$455,000 for Groundwire for Engagement Coaching & Capacity Building

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From: VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com>
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Subject: Wilburforce Funding for environmental and political campaigns in Canada, through Tides USA/Tides Canada

Mr. Greyhavens,

I didn't receive any e-mail from you today, nor a call.

At my blog, I have posted information about the Wilburforce Foundation:

- \$80 million contributed to the Wilburforce Foundation from James & Rosanna Letwin. [Click here](#).
- Grants from the Wilburforce Foundation to the Dogwood Initiative. [Click here](#).
- Wilburforce grants to Tides USA & Tides Canada (2001 - 2009): \$2.5 million. [Click here](#).
- Wilburforce grants for Organizing for Change and the Environmental Resource Centre: \$329,000. [Click here](#).
- Tax returns for the Wilburforce Foundation (1999 - 2009). [Click here](#).

If you would be willing to post your tax returns at your foundation's web-site, I would be glad to remove them from my blog.

If I have posted anything that is factually incorrect, or if I have missed important points, please let me know. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at 604.618.8110.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com>
Date: February 16, 2011 10:52:11 AM
To: tim@wilburforce.org, jeanne@wilburforce.org
Subject: Contributions from James & Rosanna Letwin (\$80 million), grants for the Dogwood Initiative, and grants to the Tides Foundation

Mr. Greyhavens,

I have not received any response from you to my earlier e-mails. I spoke with Jeanne Cragin today to try and determine whether you are in fact receiving your e-mails, or if you are perhaps away on holidays. I have been told that you are working (eg. not on holidays) and that you are in receipt of your e-mail.



Further to my previous e-mails, please find below my notes on:

- 1) The contributions to the Wilburforce Foundation from Mr. & Mrs. James Letwin.
- 2) Wilburforce Grants to the Dogwood Initiative.
- 3) Wilburforce grants to the Tides Foundation.

If I have presented anything here that is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important point, please let me know.

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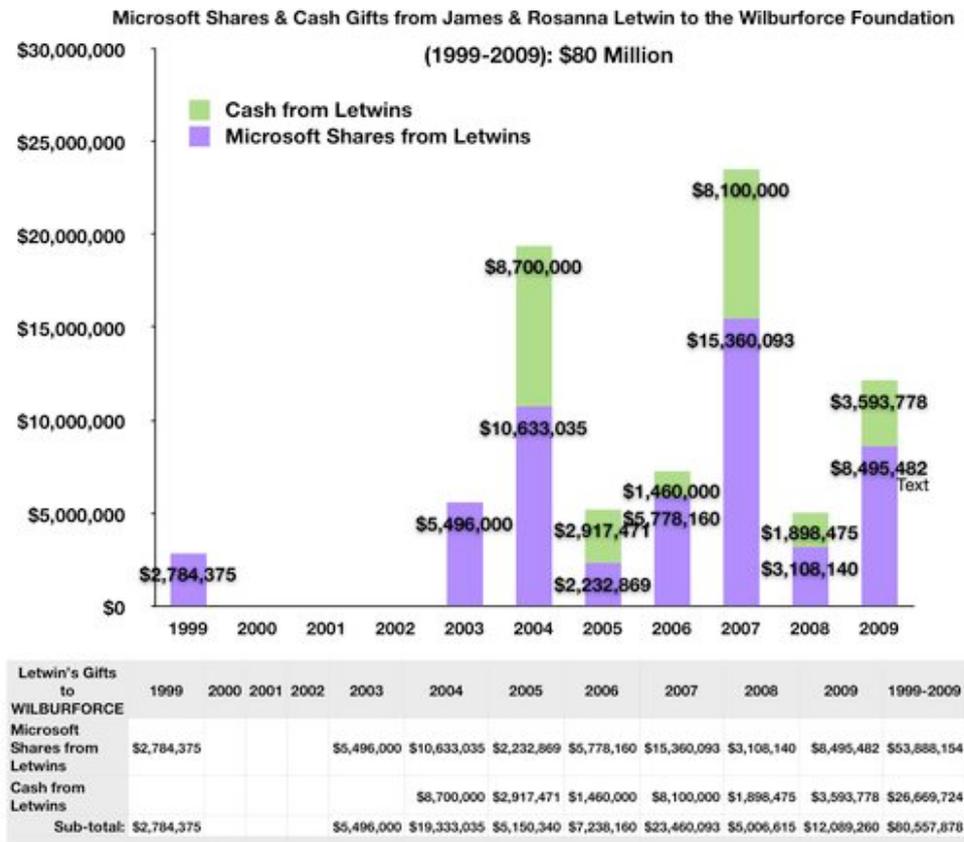
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1) Contributions from James & Rosanna Letwin: \$80 Million, nearly \$54 Million in MICROSOFT SHARES

U.S. tax returns show that since 1999, Mr. James Letwin and Mrs. Rosanna Letwin have given a total of **\$80 million** to the Wilburforce Foundation. Of that, nearly **\$54 million** was in Microsoft shares while \$26 million was in cash.

As shown below, during 2000 - 2001, Mr. & Mrs. Letwin did not make contributions to the Wilburforce Foundation.



2) Wilburforce Grants to Tides USA for the Dogwood Initiative: \$94,000

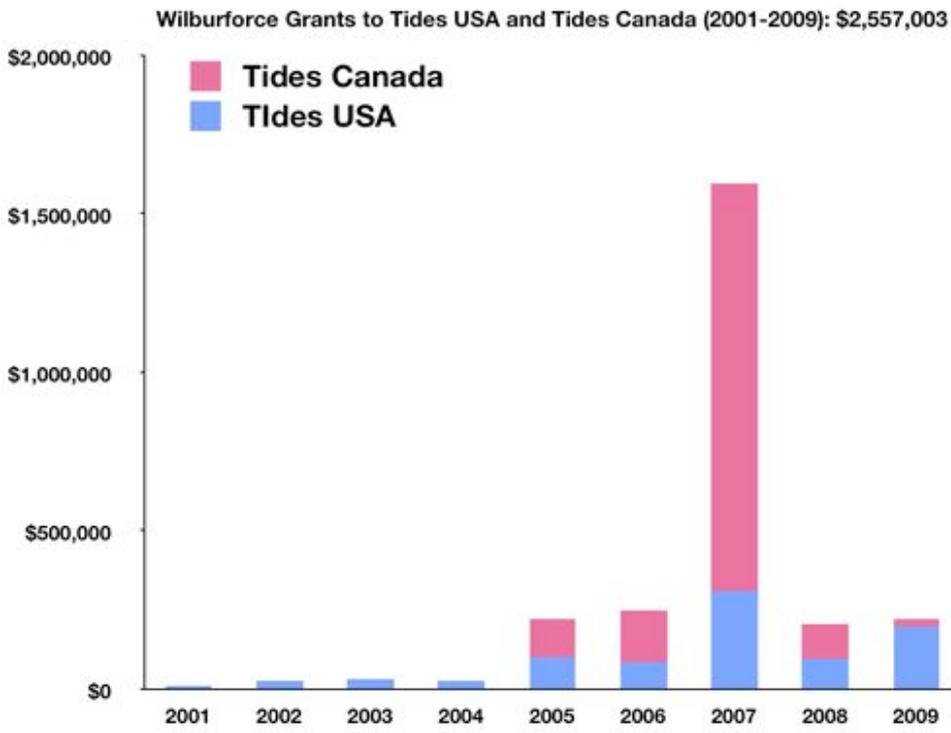
- In 2002, the Wilburforce Foundation ("Wilburforce") paid Tides USA \$20,000 for Forest Futures "To develop conservation-based legal and policy framework to devolve control over land in BC's central coast to First Nations and communities in the interest of long-term habitat protection." In that same year, Wilburforce also paid Training Resources for the Environmental Copmmunity (TREC) a grant for \$325,000. The purpose of this grant was "To provide Wilburforce grantees and other conservation groups with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully carry out their missions and to effectively manage change." Wilburforce grants to TREC total of \$7,666,700 between 2000 and 2009.
- In 2003, Wilburforce paid Tides USA \$29,000 for the Dogwood Initiative "To work with First Nations to increase leverage to expand conservation and local control of land in the Great Bear Rainforest."
- In 2004, Wilburforce paid Tides USA \$20,000 to get the Dogwood Initiative "to work with First Nations to increase leverage to expand conservation and local control of land in the Great Bear Rainforest."
- In 2009, Wilburforce paid Tides USA \$25,000 for the Dogwood Initiative. The title of this project was "Expanding the Reach - Coastal Oil Tankers Campaign."

Four Grants from the Wilburforce Foundation to the Dogwood Initiative/Forest Futures: \$94,000

2002	Tides Foundation	Project: Forest Futures Land Reform for Sustainability	\$20,000
		Purpose: To develop a conservation-based legal and policy framework to devolve control over land in BC's central coast to First Nations and communities in the interest of long-term habitat protection Awarded: 02/16/02	
	Training Resources for the Environmental Community	Project: General Support (Bridge Funding)	\$325,000
		Purpose: To provide Wilburforce grantees and other conservation groups with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully carry out their missions and to effectively manage change Awarded: 02/16/02	
2003	Tides Foundation	Project: Dogwood Initiative and Capacity Building	\$29,000
		Purpose: To work with First Nations to increase leverage to expand conservation and local control of land in the Great Bear Rainforest Awarded: 06/28/03	
2004	Tides Foundation	Project: Dogwood Initiative & Capacity Building	\$20,000
		Purpose: To work with First Nations to increase leverage to expand conservation and local control of land in the Great Bear Rainforest. Awarded: 7/2/2004	
2009	Organization	Tax Class	Project
	Tides Foundation	501(c)(3)	Dogwood Initiative: Expanding the Reach - Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign
	Training Resources for the Environmental Community	501(c)(3)	General Support
			\$25,000
			\$900,000

3) Wilburforce Grants to Tides USA and Tides Caanda (2001 - 2009): \$US 2.5 Million

According to U.S. tax returns, since 2001 the Wilburforce Foundation has granted \$2.5 million to the U.S Tides Foundation and the Tides Center ("Tides USA), and Tides Canada (Tides Canada Foundation and Tides Canada Initiative Society). Of that, \$900,000 was granted to in 2007 to Tides Canada for the Coast Opportunities Fund. This fund supports First Nations on the central and north coast of British Columbia.



To see the excerpts of U.S. tax returns on which this figure is based, please click [here](#).

2001	Tides Foundation	Grantmakers for Effective Organizations	\$5,000
	Tides Foundation Project: Forest Futures: Land Reform for Sustainability Purpose: To develop a conservation-based legal and policy framework to devolve control over land in BC's central coast to First Nations and communities in the interest of long-term habitat protection Awarded: 02/16/02		\$20,000
2002	Training Resources for the Environmental Community		\$325,000
	Project: General Support (Bridge Funding) Purpose: To provide Wilburforce grantees and other conservation groups with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully carry out their missions and to effectively manage change Awarded: 02/16/02		
	Tides Foundation		\$29,000
2003	Project: Dogwood Initiative and Capacity Building Purpose: To work with First Nations to increase leverage to expand conservation and local control of land in the Great Bear Rainforest Awarded: 06/28/03		
	Tides Foundation		\$20,000
2004	Project: Dogwood Initiative & Capacity Building Purpose: To work with First Nations to increase leverage to expand conservation and local control of land in the Great Bear Rainforest. Awarded: 7/2/2004		
2005	Wilburforce Foundation		
	Summary Report of Grants for 2005		
	Organization / Grant Project / Grant Purpose / Date Awarded		Grant Amount
	The Banff Centre - 501 (c)(3) charitable organization Project: General Support Purpose: To provide general support to the Banff Centre. Awarded: 4/28/2005		\$8,000
	Tides Canada - 149 (1)(f) charitable organization Project: General Support Purpose: To strengthen Tides Canada's organizational ability to increase the amount of Canadian philanthropic dollars supporting Western Canadian conservation opportunities, help strengthen the long-term impact of the conservation community, and build the organization's value proposition to prospective donors thereby advancing its own self-sustainability. Awarded: 10/27/2005		\$125,000
	Tides Center - 501 (c)(3) charitable organization Project: Transboundary Watershed Alliance Technical Capacity Purpose: To provide Transboundary Watershed Alliance with a new laptop, back-up system, printer and scanner. Awarded: 9/23/2005		\$3,000
	Tides Center - 501 (c)(3) charitable organization Project: Alaskans for Responsible Mining Purpose: To limit the impacts of major hardrock mining operations in Alaska. Awarded: 3/11/2005		\$25,000
	Tides Center - 501 (c)(3) charitable organization Project: Transboundary Watershed Alliance Purpose: To further efforts to conserve the biodiversity and landscape level ecosystem integrity in the wild and pristine Taku River watershed shared by BC and Alaska. Awarded: 2/25/2005		\$40,000
	Tides Foundation - 501 (c)(3) charitable organization Project: The Environmental Support Centre: Earthapalooza Event Purpose: To assist the Environmental Support Centre as it co-sponsors Earthapalooza, a joint non-partisan event with Get Your Vote On, a youth voting initiative, on the environment and democracy. This event, timed for Earth Day, will give BC environmental groups access a segment of the population that they are otherwise not usually exposed to. Awarded: 4/20/2005		\$4,000
	Tides Foundation - 501 (c)(3) charitable organization Project: Environmental Support Centre Purpose: To bring the BC environmental community together around projects that enhance the salience of environmental issues with both the BC public and BC decision-makers. Awarded: 11/15/2005		\$25,000

2006

Organization	Project	Amount	Status
Tides Center	Tranboundary Watershed Alliance: Laptop for TWA Executive Director	\$4,200	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Environmental Support Centre: Organizing for Change	\$75,000	Public Charity
Training Resources for the Environmental Community	General Support	\$1,100,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada	Markets Initiative Association: Development Director	\$15,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada	Markets Initiative Association	\$25,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada	Taku Opportunities	\$125,000	Public Charity
Tides Center	Transboundary Watershed Alliance	\$40,000	Public Charity

2007

Tides Canada Foundation	Coast Opportunities Fund	\$900,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Taku Opportunities	\$100,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Markets Initiative Association: Mobilizing Publishing Giants to Secure Conservation Gains in the Great Bear Rainforest	\$40,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Markets Initiative Association Laptop	\$3,500	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Taku River Wildlife Conservation Project Acquisition of a Guide and Outfitting Business	\$100,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Taku Opportunities	\$100,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Markets Initiative Association	\$5,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Sage Centre: Hollyhock Leadership Institute	\$1,000	Public Charity
Tides Canada Foundation	Sage Centre: Northern Rivers Initiative Project: Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition	\$6,750	Public Charity
Tides Center	Transboundary Watershed Alliance / Rivers Without Borders	\$40,000	Public Charity
Tides Center	Transboundary Watershed Alliance / Rivers Without Borders	\$6,000	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Organizing for Change	\$75,000	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Sage Centre: Round River Canada	\$5,000	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Sage Centre: Flathead Campaign	\$8,333	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Sage Centre: Round River Canada, Taku River Conservation Project	\$46,000	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Sage Centre: Flathead Wild Project	\$50,000	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Sage Centre: Round River Canada/RRCS	\$50,000	Public Charity
Tides Foundation	Organizing for Change	\$25,000	Public Charity

2008

Tides Canada Foundation	Clayoquot Conservation Fund	\$10,000
Tides Canada Foundation	Environmental Practices of U.S. Newspaper Publishers	\$2,500
Tides Canada Initiatives Society	Hollyhock Leadership Institute: Training, Capacity and Communications support for Key Conservation Priority Regions	\$20,000
Tides Canada Initiatives Society	Canadian Conservation Initiative: Flathead Campaign	\$50,000
Tides Canada Initiatives Society	Cassiar Watch: Stikine Grassroots Communications	\$10,000
Tides Canada Initiatives Society	Hollyhock Leadership Institute	\$1,000
Tides Center	Rivers Without Borders: Taku & Stikine Watershed Campaigns	\$50,000
Tides Foundation	Juneau Communications Workshop	\$10,000
Tides Foundation	Markets Initiative Association: Mobilizing Markets for Great Bear Rainforest Conservation	\$50,000

2009

Organization	Tax Class	Project	Paid
Tides Foundation	501(c)(3)	Dogwood Initiative: Expanding the Reach - Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign	\$25,000
Training Resources for the Environmental Community	501(c)(3)	General Support	\$900,000
Tides Canada Initiatives Society	149(1)(f)	Headwaters Initiative Project	\$25,000
Tides Center	501(c)(3)	Rivers Without Borders: Transboundary Watershed Conservation Campaign	\$80,000
Tides Foundation	501(c)(3)	Canopy: Mobilizing Markets for Great Bear Rainforest Conservation	\$90,000

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Date: February 15, 2011 11:33:08 AM

To: tim@wilburforce.org,jeanne@wilburforce.org,Ross McMillan <ross.mcmillan@tidescanada.org>

Subject: **Inquiries regarding the Wilburforce Foundation and funding for Organizing for Change**

Mr. Greyhavens,

Below, here is the draft of a post that I intend to put up at my blog later today or tomorrow.

If anything here is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important points, I would appreciate it if you would please let me know today.

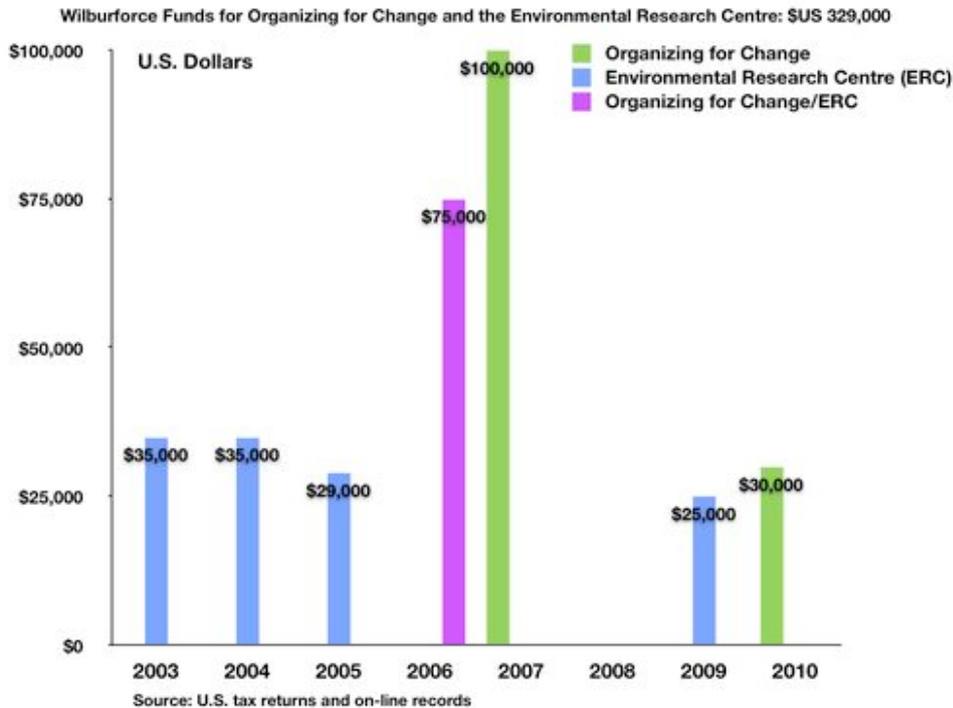
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U.S. Foundation paid \$130,000 for Organizing for Change and \$199,000 for the Environmental Support Centre

Under the umbrella of Tides Canada, [Organizing for Change](#) is a project of a coalition of ten environmental organizations. This project aims to influence the leadership picks of both the B.C. Liberals and the N.D.P., and it is directly funded by the Wilburforce Foundation ("Wilburforce"), based in Seattle, through the U.S. Tides Foundation ("Tides USA"), based in San Francisco.

Since 2003, Wilburforce has paid Tides USA a total of **\$329,000** that was specifically designated for Organizing for Change and the project that came before it, the Environmental Support Centre. Of that \$329,000, \$130,000 was ear-marked for Organizing for Change, \$124,000 was ear-marked for the Environmental Support Centre, and \$75,000 was designed "Environmental Support Centre: Organizing for Change."



know more about Organizing for Change.

I note that back in 2002, Wilburforce paid Tides Canada “to construct an ongoing entity similar to the League of Conservation Voters or the Washington Environmental Alliance for Voter Education that would enhance the effectiveness of BC environmental organizations through enhanced membership lists, targeted messaging and capacity building.” I would like to inquire, what "ongoing entity" did Tides Canada create with funds from the Wilburforce Foundation? Was it Organizing for Change and/or Conservation Voters?

Below, I have listed some of my observations about funding from the Wilburforce Foundation. If I have mentioned anything here that is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important points, please let me know.

In Vancouver, I can be reached at 604.618.8110.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

Information regarding the Wilburforce Foundation:

- Wilburforce is funded by Mr. & Mrs. James Letwin. Mr. Letwin is one of the friends of Bill Gates, part of the original group that gave rise to Microsoft.
- Since 2004, the Mr. & Mrs. James Letwin have given \$77 million to Wilburforce, mostly in Microsoft shares.
- Mrs. Rosanna Letwin is the treasurer and chair, and has been the chair since 1999.
- In 2009, Wilburforce made grants for \$9.6 million. Of that, \$1.7 million was paid directly to Canadian organizations.
- Since 2003, Wilburforce has paid Tides USA and Tides Canada a total of \$329,000 that was specifically designated for Organizing for Change and its precursor, the Environmental Support Center.
- Organizing for Change per se is a small part of the Tides projects funded by Wilburforce. In 2007, for example, Wilburforce paid \$100,000 to Tides USA for Organizing for Change and \$1.4 million for other projects.
- The web-site of Organizing for Change is by Groundwire, a Seattle-based organization. Since 2000 Groundwire and its predecessor, ONE NORTHWEST, have been paid \$840,750 by Wilburforce.
- Wilburforce funds Training Resources for the Environmental Community (TREC), and has granted TREC \$7.6 million since 2000. Most of the training seems to be for on-line advocacy and media relations.
- Since 2000, the U.S. League of Conservation Voters has received \$3.1 million from Wilburforce and has been one of its top grant recipients.