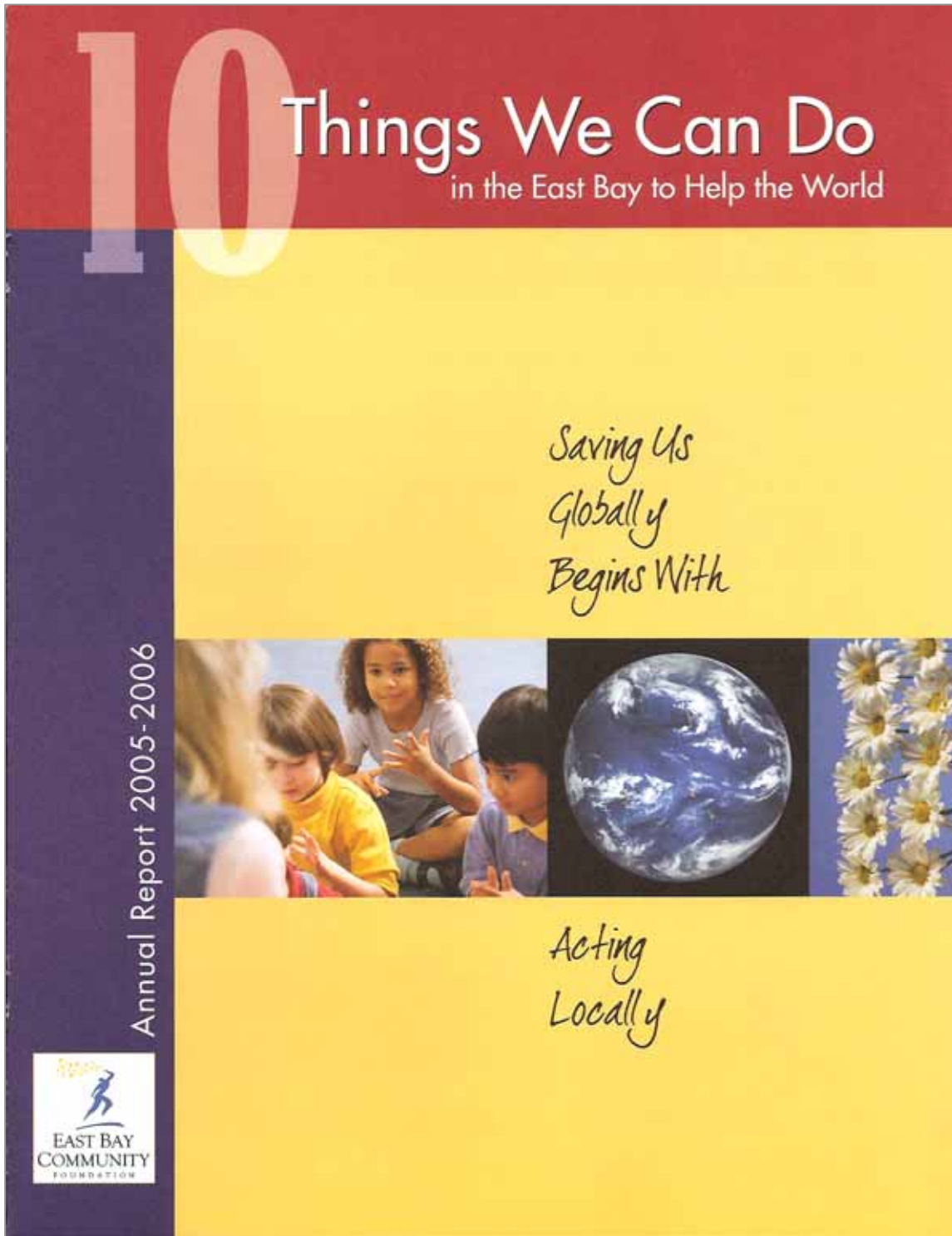


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Leveraging Resources for Change

Focus on the Working Poor

When we encountered Lester Ellis and his idea to advance the lives of the working poor, we knew immediately we could increase the capacity of his "1200 Foundation" to accomplish its mission.

With an estimated 20-25 percent of workers in the East Bay earning incomes below the

poverty line – often with non-existing or inadequate benefits to boot – Piedmont insurance broker Ellis wanted to create a foundation to support programs assisting employed-but-impooverished people in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

So we provided legal, financial and research assistance enabling the start up of the 1200 Foundation so it becomes a player for change. We shared our knowledge of the programs serving the East Bay working

poor, our experience in grant making and our knowledge of tax-deductible donations, enabling the 1200 Foundation to pursue its vision with volunteer help and minimum administrative expenses.

The 1200 Foundation has awarded grants to "Opportunities for Technology Information Centers" in Antioch and to "Bay Area Construction Sector Intervention Collaborative" in Oakland to provide career training, job opportunities, and other support.

In addition to providing financial support, volunteer "members" of the 1200 Foundation take an active role in educating the public on challenges facing the working poor, including influencing legislators and community leaders on behalf of public-policy reform.

Strengthening capabilities of the non-profit sector is part of our mission.



TEN THINGS WE CAN DO IN THE EAST BAY TO HELP THE WORLD

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5. VOTING. This franchise is at the root of representative democracy. But fewer and fewer people are exercising the fundamental right and responsibility to vote. When people don't vote, leaders who make public policy are chosen by smaller and smaller groups of people, resulting in decisions that respond to a smaller and smaller constituency. Get involved in the cause of voter education, voter registration, and the integrity of voting systems and materials. Restore participation at the polls.