# Fundraising Partners & Certifications



At the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI), our impact would not be possible without support from our donors and the communities where we work. Funding partners help us invest in the future of the ocean and the hardworking communities that depend on it. We also understand the importance of transparency—ensuring our partners can access current and accurate data about our organization's programs, leadership, and financials helps build trust and long-lasting relationships.

We are proud to partner with the following organizations that link information about our organization and funding opportunities to the businesses, donors, and communities that help us achieve our mission.

# 1% for the Planet www.onepercentfortheplanet.org



1% for the Planet is a global movement that brings people, businesses, and nonprofits together to increase smart environmental giving. GMRI is an approved nonprofit partner of 1% for the Planet. We are eligible to receive donations from value-aligned business and individual members, who commit to donating the equivalent of 1% of their gross sales or annual salary through a combination of monetary, in-kind, and approved promotional support.

## Charity Navigator www.charitynavigator.org



Through its rating system, Charity Navigator equips nonprofits with a powerful platform to raise awareness and funds. It also empowers millions of donors by providing them with free access to data, tools, and resources to guide philanthropic decision-making. GMRI holds a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, meaning we have achieved their highest rating for our strong financial health and accountability. Learn more about GMRI's rating by visiting our **Charity Navigator profile**.

### GuideStar by Candid www.guidestar.org



GuideStar is a source for up-to-date information on nonprofits and foundations, offering insights on financials, people and leadership, mission, and more. They derive data from validated sources, including 990s and direct reporting from organizations. GMRI is proud to demonstrate our commitment to transparency as a platinum-level GuideStar participant. More information is available through our GuideStar profile.

#### CLYNK www.clynk.com



CLYNK is a Maine-based bottle recycling system that allows people to collect redeemable containers in marked bags, drop bags off at their local grocery store, and accumulate deposit fees in an electronic account. Users can give back to thousands of community organizations like GMRI by donating deposit proceeds from their account. Go to clynk.com, sign up for a free account, and click 'Donations' to transfer some or all of your deposit balance to GMRI.

#### Bags 4 My Cause Bloomin' 4 Good

www.bags4mycause.com bloomin4good.com





At select grocery stores during designated months, Bags 4 My Cause and Bloomin' 4 Good provide a \$1 donation to local nonprofits for reusable bags or bouquets purchased by shoppers. The easiest way to participate is to follow GMRI on social media on Facebook and Instagram—we'll share which stores are participating and when.