



# Singing for Change

## **2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

Environment: \$91,000  
Disenfranchised Groups: \$120,000  
Children and Families: \$25,000  
Discretionary Grants: \$31,500  
Special Grants: \$10,000

**TOTAL: \$277,500**

## **Environment**

### **Dade Heritage Trust**

190 SE 12th Terrace

Miami, FL

P 305.358.9572

[www.dadeheritagetrust.org](http://www.dadeheritagetrust.org)

Becky Roper Matkov, Executive Director

\$6,000.00

Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) was founded in 1972 as a nonprofit membership organization to preserve Dade County's architectural, cultural and environmental heritage through advocacy, education and restoration. They have long focused on community education, with many school programs and neighborhood outreach projects to "build bridges across cultural barriers." DHT is the leading voice for historic preservation in Miami-Dade County, working to enrich the entire community by sustainably preserving the best of its past for the future. Educational efforts include school programs, videos, lectures, tours and the annual Dade Heritage Days, an 8-week-long celebration featuring Miami RiverDay and 200 events throughout Dade. SFC has supported DHT's Miami River Revitalization Campaign - to clean up pollution and upgrade the neighborhood bordering the river, by improving residential housing around the river park and building greenways to preserve this manatee habitat and to allow the public to enjoy the riverfront safely.

**Dominica Organic Agricultural Movement (DOAM)**

c/o Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA)

1310 N. Paul Russell Road

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

P 850.410.3100, F 850.922.4849

[www.favaca.org](http://www.favaca.org), [www.organicdominica.org](http://www.organicdominica.org)

Demian Pasquirelli

\$20,000.00

Dominica Organic Agricultural Movement (DOAM) was formed in January 2006 by a cross-section of primary stakeholders who are Dominican farmers and traders in the organic food production industry. Their vision is a sustainable food growth and distribution system on their island, based on organic practices, fair trade and labor policies, and food security for all citizens. DOAM enhances the ability of farmers to grow and market their organic products, to better position them to face key challenges, and to find feasible proposals for solutions to sustainable development at the national level.

**EarthEcho International's STREAM  
(Students Reporting Environmental Action Through Media)**

888 16th Street NW, Suite 800

Washington, DC 20006

P 202.349.9828, F 202.355.1399

[www.earthecho.org](http://www.earthecho.org)

Vince Meldrum, VP Strategic Partnerships, [info@earthecho.org](mailto:info@earthecho.org)

\$25,000.00

EarthEcho International was founded in 2000 by the Cousteau siblings in honor of their father, Philippe Cousteau Sr., to empower youth to take action that restores and protects our water planet. SFC supports STREAM (STudents Reporting Environmental Action through Media) program, a vital, new, youth citizen journalism movement that engages, educates, and equips the next generation of journalists, amplifying young voices. Their programs embrace service learning and the power of youth to reshape their communities and our world.

**Mobile Baykeeper**

450-C Government Street

Mobile, AL 36602

P 251.433.4229,

[www.mobilebaykeeper.org](http://www.mobilebaykeeper.org)

Tammy Herrington, [therrington@mobilebaykeeper.org](mailto:therrington@mobilebaykeeper.org)

\$10,000.00

Mobile Baykeeper champions clean water efforts and protects the watershed's communities, ecosystems, and water quality. Mobile Baykeeper formed in 1997 to educate citizens of the realities about air and water quality issues affect the east and west sides of the Bay. They, along with their 4000 member organizations, preserve and protect the beauty, health, and heritage of the Mobile Bay watershed.

**Nashville Civic Design Center**

138 Second Avenue North, Suite 106

Nashville, TN 37201

P 615.248.4280

[www.civicedesigncenter.org](http://www.civicedesigncenter.org)

Gary Gaston, Design Director

\$10,000.00

Founded in 2000, the Nashville Civic Design Center (NCDC)'s mission is to elevate the quality of Nashville's built environment, and to promote public participation in the creation of a more beautiful and functional city for all. Design Your Neighborhood is an innovative, 8-week internship for inner city youth focused on architecture, urban design and planning, graphic design, and filmmaking, culminating in the design and installation of a new public landscape project in a low-income, urban core neighborhood. NCDC also produced a documentary about the project.

### **Southern Environmental Law Center**

201 West Main St., Suite 14

Charlottesville, VA 22902-5065

P 434.977.4090, F 434.977.1483

[www.southernenvironment.org](http://www.southernenvironment.org)

Jennis Warren

\$10,000.00

For 27 years, the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) has leveraged the power of the law to protect the environment of the Southeast. It works with all three branches of government and more than 100 partner groups to shape, implement, and enforce the laws and policies that determine the quality of the air you breathe, the water you drink, and the landscapes and communities you love. SELC offers legal representation and policy advice on major environmental issues in the Southeast, primarily on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

**TOTAL= \$91,000.00**

### **Disenfranchised Groups**

#### **globalbike**

424 Mustang Drive

Spartanburg, SC 29307

P 864.680.9464

[www.globalbike.org](http://www.globalbike.org)

Curt McPhail, Executive Director

\$10,000.00

Since 2006, globalbike has been transforming lives and connecting communities with people and resources through the power of bikes. globalbike provides bikes to community health care workers around the world in order to reach patients in remote rural villages. They enable individuals to travel three times as far, carry five times the weight (for supplies, market goods, or even using the bike as an ambulance), and visit three to four times as many community members in a day.

### **HandsOn Network**

600 Means Street NW, Suite 210

Atlanta, GA 30318

P 404.979.2926, C 770.543.9871

[www.handsonnetwork.org](http://www.handsonnetwork.org)

Emily Sullivan

\$10,000.00

HandsOn Network is a powerful system of more than 70,000 corporate, faith, and nonprofit organizations answering the call to serve and creating meaningful change in their communities. They inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world by adhering to these values: people drive change, passion overcomes obstacles, service bridges and bonds, innovation drives results, and servant leadership transforms. Annually, the network delivers approximately 30 million hours of volunteer service valued at about \$600 million.

### **International Partners in Mission**

3091 Mayfield Road, Suite 320

Cleveland, OH 44118-1732

P 216.932.4082, Toll Free 866.932.4082, F 216.932.4084

[www.ipmconnect.org](http://www.ipmconnect.org)

Joseph Cistone, Executive Director

\$50,000.00

Founded in 1974, International Partners in Mission (IPM) works alongside over 70 project partners around the world, providing financial support, technical assistance, and training opportunities for small, community-based businesses that serve children, women, and youth. They accompany the materially poor and socially marginalized in their struggles and provide seed money to help small-scale, community-based and democratically governed programs implement projects. IPM works across borders of faith, culture, and economic circumstance to create partnerships that build justice, peace, and hope.

### **Just the Right Attitude**

13150 I-10 Service Road

New Orleans, LA 70128

P 504.309.2492, F 504.620.6632

[www.jtra.org](http://www.jtra.org)

Debra South Brown, Founder and Executive Director

\$5,000.00

Just the Right Attitude (JTRA) opened its doors in September 2001 as a food bank, offering basic groceries and hot meals to hungry people - total of 18,018 households - in New Orleans East and Gentilly communities. Meeting the basic human need for food is the cornerstone on which health,

wellness, and wholeness are built. JTRA fills that need, providing a hopeful alternative to people living in hunger and poverty. The communities JTRA serves are struggling through innumerable hardships, beginning with the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina, an economy on a downward spiral, and most recently the BP oil spill, which eliminated the livelihood of those who rely on fishing and the seafood industry as part of their economic well-being. The people JTRA serves continue to grow in numbers and intensity of need. Additional funds (like the grant from Singing for Change) allow JTRA to purchase more food to supplement the needs of its client base. JTRA is extremely involved with the people it serves. Each person who receives food or a meal interacts with the staff, who incorporate their feedback and concerns into its services. By knowing and interacting with their clients, JTRA's staff was able to anticipate a rising need for prepared meals, as well as a need for the addition of mobile distribution to people who cannot access its main site.

**S.A.F.E. House  
(Stop Abuse in the Family Environment)**

921 American Pacific Dr., Suite 300

Henderson, NV 89014

P 702.451.4203, F 702.451.4302

[www.safehousenv.org](http://www.safehousenv.org)

Samantha Willey, Community Outreach Educator, [samantha@safehousenv.org](mailto:samantha@safehousenv.org)

\$5,000.00

S.A.F.E. House (Stop Abuse in the Family Environment) was established in 1994 to address the needs of battered women and their children. Its comprehensive approach includes emergency services, counseling services, advocacy and community outreach, and education. to more than 2,500 men, women, children, and infants each year throughout southern Nevada. S.A.F.E. House's programs service more than 2,500 men, women, children, and infants each year throughout southern Nevada.

**SHARE  
(Seattle Housing and Resource Effort)**

P.O. Box 2548

Seattle, WA 98111

[www.sharewheel.org](http://www.sharewheel.org)

Mark Stewart

\$10,000.00

Since 1990, SHARE (Seattle Housing and Resource Effort) has been representing displaced people. It is a community of 500 men and women, living together in 15 indoor shelters and two tent cities. SHARE works to eradicate homelessness, educate the community, and empower homeless people. Its self-managed community model is the first in the country. SHARE and its sister organization, WHEEL (Women's Housing, Equality, and Enhancement League), operate through self-management and democratic processes to acknowledge, promote, and restore a sense of community, dignity, hope and self-respect to homeless people. This grassroots organization of homeless and formerly homeless individuals runs King County's largest shelter network. SHARE members are proud to contribute to the communities in which they reside – cleaning up the areas they use, providing security in the neighborhoods in which they reside and participating in outside activities such as volunteering in local food banks.

**Shared Housing of New Orleans**

P.O. Box 15316  
New Orleans, LA 70175 (mailing address)  
3600 Prytania St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115 (office address)  
P/F 504.896.2575

[www.sharedhousingofneworleans.org](http://www.sharedhousingofneworleans.org)

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\$10,000.00

Shared Housing of New Orleans provides a mutually beneficial, home-sharing arrangement for elderly and/or disabled homeowners who do not wish or need to be in nursing homes. Homeowners are matched with caring individuals who need a place to live. There is an even exchange of room and board by the homeowner for light housework and companionship by the homeseeker. Since 1988, Shared Housing has been a resource for hospitals, home health agencies and other service organizations for the elderly and disabled, and for agencies working for newly homeless or imminently homeless individuals. The organization prevents the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly and disabled homeowners, and reduces homelessness by providing a transitional housing option for individuals seeking a place to stay. Independence and dignity are preserved in a mutually beneficial home-sharing arrangement. This work fosters strong, stable neighborhoods by keeping individuals in their own homes, and providing a safe place to live for those in need. Difficult economic times combined with the vast changes of post-Katrina New Orleans left many people without a secure place to live, and Shared Housing came to the rescue.

### **The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing, and Able**

232 East 84th Street  
New York, NY 10028

P 212.628.5207, F 212.249.5589

[www.doe.org](http://www.doe.org)

George T. McDonald

\$10,000.00

The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing, and Able program is an innovative business venture that helps homeless and formerly incarcerated individuals achieve permanent self-sufficiency. Since Ready, Willing, and Able launched in 1990, it has used paid transitional work and a holistic, individualized service package to catapult individuals into the workforce and out of cycles of homelessness, crime, and addiction. Through this award-winning program, The Doe Fund has given tens of thousands of individuals the tools needed to rebuild their lives. The Doe Fund "toolbox" includes: safe, comfortable housing; case management; relapse prevention and AA/NA meetings; GED, pre-GED, and adult literacy classes; life skills curricula including conflict resolution, financial management and parenting; career development classes identifying aptitude and interests as well as job searching, resume preparation and interview skills; job readiness and placement; and lifelong graduate resources such as career counseling, job placement assistance and additional training and education opportunities.

### **Women's Bean Project**

3201 Curtis Street  
Denver, CO 80205

P 303.292.1919, F 303.292.9072

[www.womensbeanproject.com](http://www.womensbeanproject.com)

Bob McDonald, Deputy Director

\$10,000.00

The Women's Bean Project - "Where a woman earns her future" - changes women's lives by providing stepping stones to self-sufficiency through social enterprise. It employs chronically impoverished,

unemployed women in transitional jobs in gourmet food and handcrafted jewelry manufacturing that provide immediate income. Its staff arranges support services to overcome barriers to employment (such as the need for child care, training and transportation), and helps women earn the job readiness skills needed to get and keep a job. One participant says, “The Women's Bean Project doesn't hire women to make and sell bean products. It makes and sells bean products to hire women.”

**TOTAL= \$120,000.00**

### **Children and Families**

#### **Boys & Girls Club of Hartford**

170 Sigourney St

Hartford, CT 06105

P 860.724.0700, F 860.724.2722

[www.bgchartford.com](http://www.bgchartford.com)

Michele Palma

\$10,000.00

*For 153 years the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford has opened its doors to youth in the Hartford community. Boys & Girls Club of Hartford is a safe, positive environment where, under the direction of caring and trained adults, Hartford's most at-risk kids can learn, grow, thrive, and develop life-skills, values, character, and leadership, thereby helping them realize their individual potential to become caring, responsible citizens.*

#### **Harlem Grown**

P.O. Box 895

New York, NY 10037

175 W. 143

New York, NY 10030

P 917.409.8479

[www.harlemgrown.org](http://www.harlemgrown.org)

Tony Hillery, Executive Director and Founder

\$10,000.00

Harlem Grown was founded in 2011 with one trash and weed-choked lot across from PS 175, a bunch of school children, and the imagination and determination of a former limo driver. Harlem Grown transforms vacant, abandoned lots into mini urban farms, in partnership with local public schools. Harlem Grown teaches students and families about fresh vegetables and good nutrition while offering hands-on experience with nature and farming. Work in the gardens is integrated with school curricula, and is a privilege students earn only with zero-incidents-of-bullying behavior. Harlem Grown focuses on food justice issues, while increasing the capacity of communities and students to access nature, green spaces, and to expand their range of healthy foods. It creates and facilitates hands-on projects for at-risk youth, and offers educational programs that allow low-income populations to learn about agriculture, nutrition, food sourcing and business. SFC funded early training for staff and a portion of Harlem Grown's new greenhouse, which gives students and the greater Harlem community a year-round growing and learning space.

#### **Snack in a Backpack**

101 Industrial Park Rd.  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513  
P 706.258.4090  
[www.snackinabackpack.org](http://www.snackinabackpack.org)  
Gaye Whalton, Director, [snackinabackpack@gmail.com](mailto:snackinabackpack@gmail.com)

\$5,000.00

Snack in a Backpack focuses on eliminating hunger for more than 350 students in seven schools in Fannin County, Georgia. It purchases food directly from regional food banks, and fresh seasonal fruit is donated by local growers. Snack in a Backpack volunteers fill backpacks with non-perishable, healthy foods and delivers them to schools for needy children who take them home for the weekend, returning the empty backpacks each Monday. This program assists children who get their meals at school, and may have little or nothing to eat on the weekends. This food often helps feed other family members as well.

**TOTAL= \$25,000.00**

### **Discretionary Grants**

**All Greater Good Foundation** - recommended by Howard Kaufman

8910 University Center Lane, Suite 725

San Diego, CA 92122

P 858.638.7638, F 858.638.7698

[www.allggf.org](http://www.allggf.org)

Dr. Katje Van Herle, [allggf@allggf.org](mailto:allggf@allggf.org)

\$25,000.00

*Founded in 2007, The All Greater Good Foundation (AGG) is dedicated to identifying and funding rigorous, cutting-edge research and practices in public health, by cultivating a collaborative research environment. The foundation focuses on public health issues that threaten the health and well-being of adults and children across all cultures. AGG develops educational and outreach programs and services by translating rigorous complex science content for public education and outreach venues at a local, grassroots level.*

**Bahama Village Music Program** - recommended by Margaritaville Store Key West

727 Fort St.

Key West, FL 33040

P 305.292.9628

[www.bvmpkw.org](http://www.bvmpkw.org)

Katchen Duncan, Program Director

\$5,000.00

For the 13th year, the Bahama Village Music Program brings free musical education and instruction to children. Creating a great sense of community spirit and pride, it fosters important mentor relationships between local teenage musicians and their students, and inspires students to become not only better musicians, but also better human beings. Bahama Village Music Program's performers sustain the belief that music can remove barriers, unite diverse cultures and uplift the spirits of their community.

**Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston, SC** - recommended by

Margaritaville Store Charleston

81 Gadsden St.

Charleston, SC 29401

P 843.723.7957, F 843.722.2204

[www.rmhcharleston.org](http://www.rmhcharleston.org)

Barbara Bonds, Executive Director, [barbara@rmhcharleston.org](mailto:barbara@rmhcharleston.org)

\$1,500.00

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston (RMHCC) provides temporary lodging and support for eligible families of seriously ill children in a home-like environment. It hosts a 27-bedroom home where families stay at no charge while their children undergo extensive medical treatment. RMHCC Families are provided a forum to communicate and share experiences with other similarly situated families.

**TOTAL= \$31,500.00**

### **Special Grants**

#### **Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc.**

(Earthquake Relief Fund)

8260 NE 2nd Ave.

Miami, FL 33138

P 305.762.6448, F 305.756.8023

[www.projectmedishare.org](http://www.projectmedishare.org)

Catherine Murphy, Director of Corporate & Media Relations University of Miami Global Institute,

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\$10,000.00

Project Medishare is a Haitian-run organization that was founded in 1994 with a focus on community health and development, including programs on health care, education, clean water, malnutrition, protection for orphans and vulnerable children, HIV/AIDS treatment, agriculture and women's empowerment programs. It runs the only Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in the country.

#### **Earthquake Response**

As first responders, less than 24 hours after the January 2010 earthquake Project Medishare's team of trauma doctors set up a major field trauma hospital on the grounds of the Port-au-Prince airport, at the request of Haitian President Rene Preval and the Haitian Ministry of Health. Project Medishare had been engaged in health and development work in Haiti for more than 15 years prior to the 2010 earthquake. Existing relationships allowed for seamless coordination with the decimated government on the ground. Just days after the quake, Project Medishare began operating a 300-bed critical care hospital with four operating rooms and an ICU, which acted as a triage area and staging point for U.S. military evacuations in Haiti.

Project Medishare transitioned its field hospital in February of 2010 to Haiti's first (and only) trauma, critical care and rehabilitation hospital. Volunteer staff began offering physical therapy and psychosocial support for those with spinal cord and brain injuries, and to the many amputees who lost limbs due to severe crush injuries and wounds. Over 200 amputees were fitted with prosthetic limbs in April 2010 and continue to receive the physical therapy necessary to work toward living normal, productive lives.

The non-profit also created a comprehensive rehabilitation program including Haiti's first spinal cord injury unit for paralyzed patients, and established an amputee soccer team composed of Project Medishare patients. A major cholera treatment center was also developed, and a school-based health

center that treats over 20,000 children a year. Project Medishare's community health program provides comprehensive healthcare services to over 100,000 people in Haiti's poorest area.

**TOTAL= \$10,000.00**