



Singing for Change

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Environment: \$86,000
Disenfranchised Groups: \$222,000
Children and Families: \$53,000
Discretionary Grants: \$15,000

TOTAL: **\$376,000**

Environment

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The 5 Gyres Institute is dedicated to researching the global impact of plastic pollution in the world's oceans, and engaging communities in solutions. Its mission is to educate consumers about the full extent of persistent plastic pollution, dispel myths about plastic, and enable systematic reduction of plastic pollution through collaboration. Since 2010, 5 Gyres has completed oceanic research voyages to the five main gyres and the Great Lakes to conduct research on the global density and distribution of plastic pollution. Using this scientific research, it engages new audiences in solutions-based education. 5 Gyres' educational outlets include publications in peer-reviewed journals, school and public outreach programs, traveling exhibitions, outreach tours, social and mainstream media, and by consulting with policymakers and the business community. Its goal is to utilize first-hand knowledge to protect our oceans from the increasing threat of plastic waste.

AccessSurf

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Since 2006, AccessSurf Hawaii has offered free, adaptive ocean programs on a monthly basis through its **“Day at the Beach”** (**“DATB”™**) programs, including one-to-one instruction in adaptive surfing, canoe paddling, swimming and flotation. The purpose is to help children and adults overcome the barriers of going to the beach due to a disability, and to empower them to enjoy a safe, therapeutic day of exercise and ocean activities with their ‘ohana (family). These services are provided free of charge for visitors, Wounded Warriors and Hawaii residents alike.

In 2010, AccessSurf started a free Wounded Warrior **“DATB”™** program that provides monthly adaptive aquatic recreation for any military personnel with a disability, by utilizing specialized surfboards, standup paddleboards, and lie-down paddleboards. Now in its third year, the WW program provides small group instruction by professionals in the fields of physical, occupational, and recreational therapy with certified surfing instructors and lifeguards, allowing wounded veterans to achieve the highest level of independence in the ocean. AccessSurf’s goal is to provide a therapeutic program that empowers military personnel to connect with the ocean, and learn healthy areas of recreation and leisure pursuits for their everyday lives.

AccessSurf was awarded the title, **“Paralympic Sport Club for Hawaii”** by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), allowing it to provide training clinics for challenged athletes and WWs who want to compete in Paralympic competitions across the nation and world. In 2012, Singing for Change supported **“DATB”™** programs and AccessSurf’s new Paralympic training clinics. The grant allowed AccessSurf to grow its programs by purchasing a V-1 canoe for recreational and Paralympic ocean paddling training, and an enclosed trailer to transport and store specialized adaptive beach equipment for families.

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Founded in 2001, Black Warrior Riverkeeper is dedicated to improving water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation, and public health throughout the largest watershed entirely contained within Alabama, America's leading state for freshwater biodiversity. The Black Warrior River watershed supplies roughly half of Birmingham’s drinking water and all of Tuscaloosa’s and other cities. When its staff finds major pollution sources, they collect water samples for laboratory analysis and then try to convince facilities’ representatives to fix the problems. The organization also promotes public awareness of pollution threats, and volunteer opportunities. 214 volunteers generously donated 6,030 community service hours through Black Warrior Riverkeeper in 2011.

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Bridging The Gap's mission and vision are to "connect environment, economy and community." BTG is dedicated to environmental education and action, with the help of 2,500 volunteers, across all social sectors. Over the 20 years since its founding, BTG has developed perhaps the most diverse environmental program array of any non-profit in America, including the Heartland Tree Alliance, Keep Kansas City Beautiful, Kansas City WildLands, Five Green Things, the Environmental Excellence Business Network, WaterWorks!, Housewarmings, and By-Product Synergy (learn more at bridgingthegap.org). With the help of Singing For Change, Bridging The Gap this year will purchase a compressed natural gas van, which will decrease the agency's carbon footprint, reduce wear-and-tear on employee vehicles, save gas money, and help advertise our programs by its presence on the road. By educating citizens about the environment, and engaging them to improve and protect local habitats, Bridging The Gap believes that it is not only substantially improving the quality of life in Kansas City, but also doing its part to help protect the future of all life on earth. *"If you care about social justice, if you care about poverty, you must care about the environment. For everywhere that the environment deteriorates, social injustice and poverty follow."* E.O. Wilson, *The Future of Life*

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Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) helps people grow and eat local, organic food by advocating for fair farm and food policies, building systems that family farms need to thrive, and educating communities about local, organic farming. We support sustainable farming that is good for consumers, good for farmers and farm workers, and good for the land. Sustainable agriculture represents one of the most cost-effective ways to improve our environmental challenges of water quality, soil health, and climate change. SFC funds will support CFSA's annual Sustainable Agriculture Conference, in Greenville, SC in Oct. 2012. The audience is significantly young farmers, who appreciate the depth of resources and the networking opportunities. With the average age of farmers now 58 and climbing, for the Carolinas to maintain a viable agricultural industry every effort must be made to educate new generations of farmers. Sustainable agriculture is a means for small farm profitability, as well as environmental protection, and offers a healthy economic future for agriculture in the Carolinas.

Dominica Organic Agriculture Movement (DOAM)

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Demian Pasquirelli

\$20,000.00 Final grant

Dominica's goal is to be the first entirely green island. DOAM was created to assist rural farmers to organize, establish organic certification, and market their produce to maintain a sustainable living wage. SFC ended its commitment to DOAM with this grant, create a database of international donors, a marketing strategy for selling produce in local farmers markets and to eco-tourism hotels, and

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Farmers in Bas Gormand were concerned over the current state of their irrigation canals. Due to a state of disrepair, the canals cannot filter the necessary amount of water to fields during the dry season. During the rainy season, the canals overflow, and the one bridge linking the community to outside markets is not accessible even with SUVs. With funding from SFC in the rural community of Bas Gormand, FAVACA hired local workers to hand-dredge and clean canals, lay down pipes, and construct a small bridge to allow the community access to clean water, outside markets, and to sell their produce.

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Florida Organic Growers has created several unique programs to help alleviate hunger in an effective and sustainable manner. These programs include the Alachua County Farmers Market EBT Project, which allows food stamp users to use their benefits at Farmers Markets and the "Gainesville Initiative for Tasty," or "GIFT Gardens," which installs free raised-bed vegetable gardens and edible landscaping for low-income families or institutions that support them.

FOG's GIFT Gardens program has been tremendously successful in Alachua County. This project uses vegetable gardens to improve the self-sufficiency of community residents and increase food production. GIFT Gardens are provided to low-income area residents, schools, and communities, typically consists of between 1-10 raised bed gardens. Recipients also receive fertilizer, seeds, seedlings, and a GIFT Garden Guide, which covers basic vegetable gardening information from planting dates to pest

management. With over 270 GIFT Garden sites thriving across Alachua County, this project has increased food production in Alachua County as well as beautified the area with edible landscaping.

GIFT Gardens benefit low-income families by allowing them to provide for themselves and also influences food systems at large. Home and community gardens are increasingly recognized as an important component in local food systems by providing a way for people to learn about and interact with the environment. GIFT Garden's reach and influence can be found at every level of the community including 17 schools, 7 churches, and 17 community centers. These gardens have now been used to feed thousands of people, many who may not have grown their own food without the assistance of this program.

Harlem Grown - \$10k

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Harlem Grown transforms abandoned community lots into accessible gardens in partnership with local public schools and the community. Work in the gardens is integrated with school curricula, thereby providing opportunities for inner-city youth, their teachers, and family members, to experience nature and farming. 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. Harlem Grown also engages communities in nutritional and outdoor educational activities. 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 its new greenhouse, which gives students and the greater Harlem community a year-round growing and learning space. The greenhouse will house expansion of initiatives currently in place:

The Explorer's Club, a science program that serves approximately two hundred students during the school day, and twelve to fifteen students on the weekends. Licensed teachers and assistants will teach earth science and nutrition education, and create a curriculum specific to the population served. Current resources restrict the program to 2 days a week, including a weekend class.

The Outdoor Classroom, that provides students with an opportunity to learn by doing. Through planting and garden maintenance activities, students tend the growing space and participate in every phase of food production from seed to plate.

TreeFolks

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TreeFolks' mission is to grow the Central Texas urban forest through tree planting, education, and community partnerships. TreeFolks works closely with schools, community organizations, government municipalities, and neighborhood associations to educate and involve citizens in tree planting and care. Last year, TreeFolks planted 13,000 trees and provided education services to over 10,000 individuals in Central Texas.

SFC funds CityShade, a TreeFolks program that engages citizens in tree planting on public lands. CityShade provides volunteers, supervisors, publicity, marketing, and event coordination to support tree planting and park maintenance events. CityShade successfully partnered with land management agencies to plant more than 200,000 trees in Central Texas parks, preserves, and right of ways. It focuses on three primary goals: (1) providing free urban forestry education to community groups, (2) engaging the community in public tree planting events, and (3) by facilitating ongoing tree care opportunities.

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Waterkeeper Alliance is a global environmental movement uniting 200 Waterkeeper organizations around the world and focusing citizen advocacy on the issues that affect our waterways, from pollution to climate change. Part scientist, teacher, and legal advocate, Waterkeepers combine firsthand knowledge of their waterways with an unwavering commitment to the rights of their communities and to the rule of law. Whether on the water, in a classroom, or in a courtroom, Waterkeepers speak for the waters they defend – with the backing of their local community and the collective strength of Waterkeeper Alliance.

With the help of Singing for Change, Waterkeeper Alliance launched the CWA 40 campaign, commemorating the Clean Water Act's 40th anniversary, to engage all Waterkeeper organizations in promoting and celebrating the Clean Water Act and to work to make U.S. waters swimmable, drinkable, and fishable for all.

Disenfranchised Groups

Beyond Shelter

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\$10,000.00

Created in 1988, Beyond Shelter's "Housing First" Program for Homeless Families is an innovative, cost-effective approach to ending and preventing family homelessness. Since its inception, the "housing first" methodology has helped thousands of homeless families - primarily single mothers with children - to rebuild their lives in permanent rental housing in residential neighborhoods located throughout Los Angeles County.

The "Housing First" Program was designed as the next step for homeless families in the emergency shelter system in L.A. County. Homeless families are referred to Beyond Shelter by 70 referring agencies. The "Housing First" Program: 1) helps homeless families move as quickly as possible into permanent affordable rental housing in residential neighborhoods, and 2) provides families with six months to one full year of individualized case management and social services support, to enable them to attain improved social and economic well-being.

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Founded in 1990, Community Housing Partnership (CHP) is the only San Francisco nonprofit organization exclusively dedicated to providing permanent, supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals and families. Community Housing Partnership owns or manages eleven buildings with over 900 units, with an additional 144 units in development. These supportive residences address the needs of seniors, families with young children, youth at risk of homelessness, and adults with physical or cognitive disorders. CHP provides an essential, comprehensive network of services including job training and placement opportunities, a social enterprise, family and youth programs, substance abuse treatment, and civic engagement. These services annually impact the lives of over 2,000 formerly homeless adults and children, by supporting them in retaining their housing and leading stable, productive lives. CHP creates *Solutions to Homelessness*.

SFC chose to fund CHP's new employment program: the Recycling & Environmental Awareness Program (REAP). It promotes environmental education, civic engagement, and access to green jobs to formerly homeless individuals in San Francisco. REAP includes three components: an internship program, a graduate program, and short-term, green waste management employment opportunities. REAP educates and trains formerly homeless individuals in: zero-waste, toxics reductions, urban agriculture, climate protection, energy and water conservation, food justice, environmental justice, green jobs, and more. Through REAP's diversion efforts, over 2 million pounds of waste from 37 supportive housing sites in San Francisco was diverted from landfills in 2011.

The Doe Fund

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For The Doe Fund, "social enterprise" isn't a buzz phrase. Its innovative ventures empower homeless and formerly incarcerated individuals to join the workforce while providing the community with important services, and generating revenue to support program operations. Here are other ways The Doe Fund is putting social enterprise to work:

Community Improvement Project

The Doe Fund's signature enterprise, **Ready Willing and Able**, cleans and maintains 150 miles of New York City's streets. The iconic "men in blue" help create a cleaner, greener, and safer New York City through several services, including sweeping and bagging litter, shoveling snow, removing graffiti, watering and cleaning tree beds, and washing sidewalks. Each year, RWA men collect approximately 9,000 tons of garbage while they build soft skills like work ethic, punctuality, and teamwork.

Pest at Rest

With locations in New York and Newark, Pest at Rest is an environmentally friendly, preventative-integrated pest management company, serving both residential and commercial real estate customers. It helps eliminate all types of pests - from bedbugs to roaches to rodents. The venture also provides extensive training, paving the way for participants to achieve state pesticide applicator certification and well-paying jobs in the industry.

Resource Recovery

One of New York City's most innovative green enterprises, Resource Recovery provides more than 1,000 restaurants in New York City with free, on-demand pickups of waste cooking oil, which is recycled into premium grade biodiesel. This alternative fuel reduces harmful emissions by 78% compared to petroleum diesel. Resource Recovery also mitigates the improper disposal of waste oil and the resulting sewer infrastructure damage all while equipping trainees with commercial driving, warehousing, and green industry skills.

Back Office of New York

This social venture is a one-stop shop that provides businesses and organizations with a variety of services, including direct mail and letter shop production, data processing, Internet polling, and market research. Trainees who work at the Back Office gain hands-on experience they can apply in office environments, printing plants, and warehouses.

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

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SFC made a four-year, \$100k per year commitment to help long term rebuilding in Haiti. This is SFC's third year of funding but only \$200k of the pledge has been spent.

Hospitality Training in Pignon and Cap Haitien

Building on recent work in hospitality and restaurant management, FAVACA is looking to expand the capacity of small to medium sized hotels and restaurants across the country. Tourism development is widely recognized as a key area of economic development and FAVACA has been developing interest at VisitFlorida (Florida's marketing engine), Disney, the Florida Hotel and Restaurant Association, and several State university hospitality programs to build capacity and support local organizations and businesses and the Haitian Ministry of Tourism.

One such local partner is Hosean International Ministries in Pignon, Haiti, which has requested an expert in hospitality management. The trainer would help to train several students that are heading to university as well as employees of Dinewes and Camp de la Grace in Pignon. The trainer would also travel to Cap Haitien to work with Hotel Mont Joli, Hotel Christophe, Aubere du Picolet, Cormier Plage, and Lakay Restaurant to provide instruction in customer service, food and beverage management and other aspects of the hospitality and tourism promotion. The expert would likely travel to Haiti for approximately two weeks in October to provide training in both cities.

Women Artisans and Entrepreneurs to receive Handicraft Assistance

Femmes en Democratie has organized trade fairs for Haitian women artisans and entrepreneurs both in Port-au-Prince as well as in Miami, Florida. FAVACA supported several volunteers, including Debbie Farah, Founder and Executive Director of Bajalia Trading Company in Orlando, Florida, to provide professional support on the overall organization of the Miami Trade fair in May of this year as well as advice to individual artisans/entrepreneurs on improving the quality of their products. While Bajalia has grown tremendously in recent years and since the founders' initial trip to Haiti in 2007, the company has remained true to their original mandate of partnering with women from developing countries to raise the quality of the women's products and improve their distribution capacity while preserving their artistic traditions and cultural vitality. Bajalia now has its own Home Shopping Network (HSN) program and a retail store in Winter Park, Florida. Several members of the Bajalia team will travel to Port-au-Prince to train Femmes en Democratie artisans in jewelry design, product replication, distribution channels, and other fundamentals to building their businesses. Eventually the goal is to feature these artisans' products both in Bajalia's store as well as on HSN.

The Haitian products at the Bajalia opening were from the women entrepreneurs project supported in May under SFC. Farah launched the Haitian line and is planning "country focus" for her Home Shopping Network spot down the road. Resulting from technical assistance provided through Singing for Change, Haitian women entrepreneurs' handicrafts and jewelry are now being featured in retail outlets in Orlando, Florida.

globalbike inc.

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Curt McPhail

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globalbike is a grassroots non-profit that supplies bicycles in third world countries to health care workers in poverty-stricken areas. Check out this worthwhile cause here. The globalbike cycling team will be raising money throughout the season to provide bicycles to workers who would otherwise walk to perform critical functions such as delivering HIV/AIDS medication in Zambia. On a bike, these people can travel three times farther, carry five times as much, and see three times the number of people. globalbike was founded with a simple mission: use the transformative power of bikes to create positive social change in the developing world. Its contagious vision is a world where bicycles and creative partnerships provide those in need with access to health care and services vital to their collective prosperity.

Unique in the nonprofit community and in the cycling world, the globalbike professional cycling team is the main marketing effort of the nonprofit. At the beginning of 2011, the team stood poised to rock the world of bicycle racing by continuing its dominance in the Southeast Region, making its presence felt on the national scene. Along the way, the team spreads the word of globalbike - bikes that make a difference for those most in need.

HeadSpring (for Wellness in Tune/This is Noteworthy, in Charleston, SC)

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Levi Morehouse, Director

\$10,000.00

Created by musicians for musicians, Wellness in Tune (a program of This Is Noteworthy) will offer affordable health insurance and/or health care to the working musician who is currently living at or just above poverty level, but maintaining a music career. SFC's grant covered costs associated with establishing This Is Noteworthy as a nonprofit organization - writing Articles of Incorporation, applying to the state of South Carolina, and applying to the IRS for nonprofit status.

Interfaith Community Services

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Interfaith Community Services addresses growing problems of poverty, homelessness and other human needs. Its primary mission is to equip clients with the tools they need to retake control of their lives and rise to their highest level of self-sufficiency. Determined to develop a better, coordinated method to meet these needs, the founding fathers (three faith-based leaders) pooled

their financial and human resources to create a systematic safety net that has endured for over 30 years and grown to over 300 faith center members. Singing for Change funds The Corner Garden Project, which develops gardens in collaboration with churches, mosques and temples to provide fresh, local produce to the food-insecure. Community volunteers and Interfaith clients work together to develop and maintain them, sending 100% of the fresh produce directly to people who need it. In addition to the fresh vegetables, the volunteer gardeners reap the additional benefits of gardening - exercise, relaxation, enjoying the outdoors, a sense of accomplishment, and the opportunity to contribute to the good of the community.

Just the Right Attitude

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Debra South Brown, Founder and Executive Director

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JTRA believes in promoting the health, wellness, and wholeness of each person it serves. Meeting the basic human need for food is the cornerstone on which health, wellness, and wholeness must be built. JTRA fills that need, providing a hopeful alternative to people living in hunger and poverty. The communities JTRA serves are struggling through a number of hardships, beginning with the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina, an economy on a downward spiral, and more recently the BP oil spill, which took away the livelihood of many who rely on fishing and the seafood industry as part of their economic well-being. Each person who receives food or a meal interacts with the staff, which has incorporated their feedback and concerns into its services. The grant from Singing for Change supports a life skills program to help clients get back in the workforce and out of the meal line.

National Center for Appropriate Technology (for FoodCorps)

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Hannah Lewis

\$10,000.00

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) helps people by championing small-scale, local and sustainable solutions to reduce poverty, promote healthy communities and protect natural resources. Every day NCAT helps individuals find solutions that will ensure our children and grandchildren inherit a world with cleaner air and water, efficient and renewable energy production, and healthy foods grown with sustainable techniques. NCAT has a well-deserved national reputation for providing research-based technical assistance and information in the fields of sustainable agriculture, sustainable energy and community development. Its agriculture work includes promoting farm to cafeteria for elementary school students through FoodCorps. FoodCorps in Iowa uses school gardens and nutrition education to help kids understand the importance of local, healthy foods. Its members also work to develop relationships with local farmers who can provide food to school cafeterias.

In its first year, FoodCorps' 50 service members reached more than 50,000 children across 10 states (including Iowa), catalyzed nearly 500 school garden projects, mobilized more than 1,700 new community volunteers, and donated more than 11,000 pounds of garden produce.

Now in its second year, FoodCorps expanded to 80 members in 12 states, including six members in Iowa (Des Moines, Waterloo, and rural NE Iowa). Members nationwide are cultivated as the next generation of health leaders through semi-annual national trainings, quarterly state trainings, individual mentors, and national network of passionate and talented peers. Singing for Change helped build capacity for FoodCorps' hands-on work in Des Moines schools. FoodCorps provided education and hands-on opportunities to teachers, students, and their families in an effort to increase awareness and accessibility to local, healthy food and decrease rates of obesity among children.

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\$9,000.00

Next Step's mission is putting sustainable homeownership within reach of everyone, while transforming the manufactured housing industry one home at a time. Next Step is the first and only national, strategic, and scalable approach to bring factory-built homes to nonprofits nationwide. It organizes, brokers, and trains nonprofits on the Next Step System for creating affordable housing. The strategy is a direct reaction to the needs of its housing network and consists of three primary components:

1. Building and training a national network of nonprofits to increase nationwide access to affordable factory built housing;
2. Ensuring that high quality, ENERGY STAR factory built homes are available with reasonably-priced, fixed-rate financing pricing to our members; and,
3. Advancing the use of factory built housing as an asset-building strategy for low- to moderate-income Americans.

Replacing pre-HUD Code mobile homes with ENERGY STAR certified homes can significantly drive down the cost of home ownership and reduces energy use. Securing access to fair financing motivates homeowners to make rational, long-term investments in their homes. Placing families in safe housing works for everyone.

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Edna Rodriguez, Grants Officer

\$5,000.00

Creating diverse, just and environmentally sustainable agricultural systems has been the Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA's (RAFI-USA) mission since 1990. It traces its heritage back to the Great Depression, when a group of bi-racial tenant farmers organized for fair treatment. That organizing effort led to the National Sharecroppers Fund and to the present North Carolina-based organization, which works nationally and internationally, focusing on the southeastern United States, guided by the belief that in order to ensure a safe, adequate supply of healthy food we must protect family farms and encourage environmentally sound farming. RAFI's mission is to cultivate markets, policies, and communities that sustain thriving, socially just and environmentally sustainable family farms.

SFC funded the Agricultural Justice Project (AJP), which helps farmers and business owners implement fair practices in employment through the "Food Justice Certified" program. Food Justice Certified is a domestic fair trade certification program designed to reward farmers and businesses for socially just and environmentally sound farming and business practices. A grant was needed to offer free labor standards training, provide technical assistance, and publicize an electronic toolkit for farms and businesses.

S.A.Y. Detroit

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\$25,000.00

Founded by writer, radio personality and philanthropist Mitch Albom, the charities of S.A.Y. Detroit help the poor and homeless of Motor City with shelter, medical care, job training and transitional housing. The money donated to Mitch's 2012 Radiothon helped specifically in the following ways:

- 1) Continuing the operation of the S.A.Y. Detroit Family Medical Clinic, the nation's first full-time clinic devoted to homeless children and their mothers,
- 2) Funding for Bright Beginnings, a daycare program for mothers who are undergoing treatment or transitioning back to the work force, and
- 3) Funding to reconstruct several houses as part of the Working Homes/Working Families program, which refurbishes donated residences and awards them to two-parent working families, under the condition that they stay together, continue working, and make the tax and utility payments for two years, after which the home is theirs.

"The contribution from Singing For Change was hugely significant and will allow our charities to continue their work on behalf of our city's most needy," said Mitch Albom and Chad Audi, co-directors of the S.A.Y. Detroit efforts. "We thank Jimmy Buffett, Judith Ranger Smith and all the wonderful people there for caring so much about our city and its people. It was truly generous."

Children and Families

For Love of Children

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Diane Haddick

\$5,000.00

Since 1965, For Love of Children has developed innovative programs that address the needs of some of Washington DC's vulnerable young people and their families. FLOC's mission is to provide educational services beyond the classroom to help students succeed from first grade through college and career. FLOC wants local youth to do well academically, graduate from high school, go on to postsecondary education, and live lives that contribute to their communities. About 600 students annually access FLOC's school year and summer programs at DC public schools, at FLOC's DC headquarters, and at FLOC's Outdoor Education Center near Harpers Ferry, WV. The Outdoor Education Center (OEC) is a 350-acre facility that was given to FLOC in 1971. OEC offers cutting-edge environmental and experiential opportunities that compliment the work in its DC-based programs. OEC conducts school-year workshops for West Virginia middle school students, along with intensive summer camps for DC and WV students.

Kids and Police Tennis Association (KAPTA)

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\$10,000.00

The original concept of the Kids and Police Tennis League Association, or KAPTA, began three years ago with the inspired leadership of a dedicated deputy sheriff and tennis enthusiast, Ira Peskowitz. An experienced tennis player and law enforcement officer, Deputy Peskowitz sought to use his love of tennis to help prevent juvenile crime and give kids a way to get to know their local community police officers and to escape the rampant gang recruiting he was seeing every day on the streets of West Palm Beach. Helping kids to get "on a court, rather than into one" was his motto. Through his efforts as a police officer and a coach/mentor, Deputy Peskowitz has discovered a powerful new concept, which is, as the KAPTA mission states, "*utilizing the sport of tennis to develop positive and long-lasting relationships between at-risk youth, their families, law enforcement and the tennis community.*"

Realizing that he need not reinvent the wheel, Deputy Peskowitz initiated a strategic partnership between the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the oldest, most experienced USTA Community Tennis Organization in Palm Beach County: the Palm Beach Area Tennis Patrons. The PBATP, for the last 19 years, has provided college scholarships, opportunities to travel and play tennis in Europe and Central America, top level tennis training, opportunities for service, summer employment, access to professional tournaments, amateur tournament assistance, mentoring, academic tutoring, introductions to potential employers, as well as the life-skills program and National Student Athlete Competition. While the partnership is new, the partnering organizations have years of expertise and

proven leadership and effectiveness in the community. Now they're legally incorporated under a new combined board of directors as Palm Beach Area Tennis Patrons, Inc., dba Kids and Police Tennis Association-Police Athletic League (KAPTA-PAL).

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston, SC (on behalf of the Margaritaville Store Charleston)

81 Gadsden Street

Charleston, SC 29401

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www.rmhcharleston.org

Barbara Bonds

\$3,000.00

The Ronald McDonald House of Charleston provides a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children. It began as a 12-bedroom house in 1983 where families stayed while their children were being treated at nearby hospitals. In November 2006 an addition was opened, enabling the facility to serve up to 25 families each night. The Ronald McDonald House eliminates the financial burden of costly hotels and provides a home-like atmosphere where families can lead a life as normal as possible during their time of need. 90% of families have children in intensive care units. 40% of families have children undergoing open-heart surgery and another 36% have babies in neonatal intensive care. Over half return for a second treatment or surgery. While the majority of families served are from South Carolina, RMHC has served families from all 50 states and 12 foreign countries. SFC is proud to join with the Margaritaville Store in downtown Charleston in support of this community gem.

Rural and Migrant Ministry

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Laurie Konwinski

\$5,000.00

Under the umbrella of Rural & Migrant Ministry, an organization that has fought for over 30 years for social justice and rights of farm workers in Sullivan County (where 17% of households live below the poverty level), the Youth Economic Group (YEG) was formed in 2010. YEG is a diverse group of low and middle-income teens working together to solve the problems of unemployment and poverty. These teens identified two major problems, a lack of jobs and a lack of challenging creative opportunities. They spent a year studying financial literacy and microenterprise, and developed their own small business: creating and selling hand-dyed, silk-screened accessories to create jobs for themselves. YEG's 15 members are responsible for creating products, tracking inventory, and promoting sales. The teens researched their product, traveled to NYC for creative inspiration, and brainstormed ideas and concepts on storyboards. The first in what will be a long line of accessories is the market bag. The teens purchase the bags from Justico, a fair-trade women's cooperative in Mexico. They then hand-dye each bag with a variety of custom natural dyes. When the bags are dry, the teens silkscreen custom designs with messages of social justice and equality.

The YEG business is youth-run and youth-operated. Following a cooperative business model, everyone does equal work, has equal accountability, and is constantly reinvesting in the project. The business is also a grant-funded project, and each teen earns a salary. Throughout the summer, students worked 26-hour weeks, and the bulk of the grant monies went to materials and startup. To that end the group endeavors to find local sponsorship so that they may continue their venture, and retailers to sell their wares. The organization's other programs and training are geared to farmworkers and rural women to increase skills and knowledge to improve their lives. Rural and Migrant Ministry's annual budget is \$88,300.

Snack in a Backpack

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www.snackinabackpack.org

Gaye Whalton, Founder

\$10,000.00

Snack in a Backpack is a nonprofit organization serving seven schools in Fannin County, Georgia, a rural community in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The program provides food for students who get their meals primarily at school, but may have little (or nothing) to eat on the weekends at home. Each week, volunteers fill over 350 bags with non-perishable foods, and deliver them to seven schools in the county for children to take home. This process is repeated throughout the school year. Volunteers regularly drive to Chattanooga and Dalton food banks to purchase supplies in bulk, to conserve costs.

Snack in a Backpack strives to provide adequate and nutritious foods, which may help feed other family members, as well as the elementary school student. The cost of this program is currently \$2.75 per weekend bag, or \$110.00 per child annually. Additionally, many volunteers create crafts and merchandise at their own expense, to sell at the local Farmers Market and in several retail outlets in Blue Ridge, Georgia in exchange for contributions, 100% of which goes to Snack in a Backpack. This year's goal is to reach out to other communities and assist in developing similar programs, offer experience and advice, and encourage them to make a difference in the life of a child, one backpack at a time.

Urban Peak

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Donna Baiocco

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Since 1988 Urban Peak has helped tens of thousands of homeless youth, and youth at risk of becoming homeless, overcome real life challenges by providing essential services and a supportive community, empowering them to become self-sufficient adults. Urban Peak youth come from a range of backgrounds and are varied in age, gender, sexual orientation and race. They face a myriad of barriers

to self-sufficiency such as mental illness, trauma, social services involvement, and drug or alcohol abuse. Urban Peak's highly trained staff helps them address these barriers through a safe environment and comprehensive case management services.

Urban Peak created a new drop-in center, The Spot. The Spot was designed to complement Urban Peak's existing low-barrier program, Street Outreach. These two programs require minimal commitment from youth, making it easy for them to satisfy basic needs and receive refuge from the streets – the first crucial step in working toward self-sufficiency. As programming at The Spot got underway, renovations took place resulting in brand new showers, laundry facilities, lockers, and even a commercial kitchen from which street youth receive breakfast daily.

Education & Employment Services: The Education & Employment Department engages youth through an individualized approach to help them develop and work towards educational and career goals. E&E Staff equip youth with appropriate resources and support they need to achieve their goals in coordination with all Urban Peak programming, other community professionals, and available resources. GED classes, high school re-engagement collaborations, and assistance accessing post-secondary education and training help youth prepare for the next phase of their lives. Job Readiness Training and the support of E&E Counselors and a Job Development/Retention Team enable youth to obtain the kind of employment necessary for a sustainable transition out of homelessness and instability. A partnership with the City & County of Denver's Office of Economic Development and Workforce Investment Act programming allows Urban Peak to provide numerous additional resources to support youth in their education and employment goals.

WINGS for Kids (in Atlanta)

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www.wingsforkids.org

Liz Mester

\$10,000.00

WINGS for Kids is a social and emotional education program that teaches kids how to behave well, make good decisions, and build healthy relationships. WINGS leaders weave a comprehensive social and emotional learning curriculum into a fresh, fun after school program. Kids get the life skills they need to succeed and be happy, as well as a safe place to call home after school. WINGS for Kids opened its doors in Atlanta on September 4, 2012, and will be serving 200 kids until school's out for the summer in June. The grant from Singing for Change supports this expansion of the Charleston, SC-based WINGS program to two Atlanta public schools: Heritage Elementary School and S.L. Lewis Elementary School.

TOTAL= \$53,000

Discretionary Grants

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra – recommended by Tom Battista

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Rita Steinberg, Director of Development
\$5,000.00

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, one of only 17 full-time orchestras nationwide, performs 150 concerts annually for more than 300,000 people. In addition, the ISO provides innovative educational opportunities for young people in Indianapolis and central Indiana offering 18 educational programs, all linked to Indiana state education standards that reach over 105,000 students annually. Through structured music instruction, the ISO's Metropolitan Youth Orchestra (MYO), supported by Singing for Change in 2011, engages students in activities that discourage at-risk behaviors and keeps them committed to staying in school and graduating. The Metropolitan Youth Orchestra is a transformative program that uses music to get the student's attention, but the ultimate goal is personal achievement that leads to future success. MYO fits very well into the life cycle of the ISO and enhances its ability to fulfill this mission: To inspire, entertain, educate, and challenge through innovative programs and symphonic music performed at the highest artistic level.

St. Barths Music Festival – recommended by Kino Bachellier

6847 Juniata Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15208
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Frances DeBroff, Founder
\$10,000.00

The annual St. Barths Music Festival presents the best of music, dance, orchestra, jazz, and opera, performed by internationally and nationally recognized artists on the island of St. Barthelemy in the French West Indies. A longtime favorite of Jimmy's, it is a tradition unto itself in the international music community. Its mission is to support educational activities; encourage more adults and students to appreciate classical music, dance, and jazz; and to nurture exceptional, emerging young artists. In January 2013, the Festival celebrates its 29th season, beginning with two dance programs starring dancers from the famous company, The Opera de Paris. This is followed by a week of chamber music, orchestra, opera, and jazz, then a week featuring piano recitals with guest performers and special concerts for children. The children's concerts will be directed by Jean-Luc Tingaud, and narrated by the Festival's vice president, Eric Houdant. The concerts will present Claude Debussy's "La Boite a JouJoux" ("The Toy Box"), with piano, musicians, a narrator and audiovisuals, written for Debussy's only daughter. Singing for Change's grant is earmarked to sponsor the last concert - the Gregoire Maret quintet. Mr. Maret is considered one of the world's greatest harmonica jazz performers. In addition to his concert he will be doing outreach programs for the island's children and presenting them with harmonicas.

TOTAL= \$15,000