



Singing for Change

2014 Grants

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\$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.

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CARMELITE NGO

A NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WITH SPECIAL STATUS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND AFFILIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (DPI) OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The programs of the CNGO focus on empowering participants in the work of systemic change for the common good of society. Since first being affiliated with the United Nations, the CNGO has positioned itself to be most effective in the areas where Carmelites are presently involved. These areas include: education, freedom of belief, human rights (the right to food and the right to personal safety) and sustainable development (climate change).

The funds will be used for a three-phased project. Phase I includes participation in the international gatherings, i.e. UNFCCC, where governments and member scientists meet to discuss, set and monitor carbon emissions that affect global temperatures leading to climate change. The information gathered in Phase I will lay the foundation for Phases II and III. Phase II is a larger undertaking and is focused on creating an environmental lesson plan that can be incorporated into the curriculum of our schools in the United States (Arizona, California, Illinois, Louisiana, and New York). The lesson plan will be developed mainly from the information gathered from their on-going participation with UNFCCC. The information will also be used in educating the public-at-large on the justice implication resulting from climate change on the middle class and the poor. Phase III will implement Phase II in Carmelite schools and institutions outside the United States.

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

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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. Singing for Change completed its 4-year commitment to funding infrastructure rebuilding in Haiti this year, but we hope to continue working with FAVACA in Jamaica and Haiti on similar agriculture projects to spur self-sufficiency in areas that can need technical assistance and some small grants.

Growing Places Indy – Referred by Tom Battista

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Growing Places Indy works to cultivate wellness in the community through urban agriculture, food access and awareness and practices for healthy, sustainable living (with primary focus on yoga, meditation and healthy eating). Their vision is for a future in which individuals are empowered to Grow well, Eat well, Live well, and Be well. A major aspect of GPI's work is urban agriculture. They currently farm on seven urban micro-farms in Indianapolis, totaling nearly one acre. Despite being a small farming operation, GPI grows more than 60 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs each year. The vast majority of work is done by hand and deliveries are done by bicycle, decreasing the carbon footprint involved in their growing process.

The GPI Summer Apprenticeship Program immerses participants in the work of Growing Places Indy, from hands-on farm work to community engagement to fundraising to youth education. Participants are challenged to consider what changes they want to see in the world and are trained in skills they can employ to take action. Participants build strong team relationships within their cohort and have the opportunity to meet many leaders doing transformational work in the Indianapolis area. Typically eight to ten apprentices participate in the 9-week program.

Harlem Grown

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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 to the growing space and participate in every phase of food production from seed to plate.

International Partners in Mission (IPM)

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Find IPM on Facebook by [clicking here](#).

\$25,000.00



IPM (International Partners in Mission) works across borders of faith and culture on behalf of children, women, and youth to create partnerships that build justice, peace, and hope. The IPM Family comprises donors, friends, and partners who reflect the rich diversity of the global community while remaining grounded in four core principles: facilitation, global awareness, personalization, and shared partnership. IPM partners with over 70 community-based organizations worldwide, providing them with funding and technical assistance. IPM also conducts Immersion Experience programs, which offer groups and individuals short-term travel opportunities to learn and share one-on-one with Project Partners. Through all of its programs, IPM strives to provide an alternative, effective, and personal way to participate in projects that promote justice, peace, and hope.

Points of Light Institute

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The Civic Incubator inspires entrepreneurs and strengthens early-stage “civic ventures.” It embraces service and civic engagement as fundamental to a purposeful life and essential to healthy communities. It serves as the platform which entrepreneurs are able to launch and scale new ventures that inspire, equip and mobilize people to drive positive change.

The Civic Incubator helps civic entrepreneurs in three ways:

Civic Accelerator – Points of Light has partnered with Village Capital to launch the first startup accelerator

program focused on civic ventures. The program includes mentoring, entrepreneur education, peer support and networking. Singing for Change is helping sponsor a nonprofit called Project Greenwave in this program. <http://www.thimbleislandoysters.com/innovation-lab/>
It is one of first 3-D farms in the US, using the entire water column to grow a variety of species — ranging



from sugar kelp and oysters to mussels and scallops.

Along with a consortium of scientists, chefs and engineers, it developed a system for growing seaweed and shellfish to help curtail ocean acidification, generate sustainable source of biofuel, and ensure healthy — and delicious! — local food for local communities. But it isn't thriving financially and is struggling to replicate, so it needs the experts eye and ear of the Civic Accelerator...

Ventures in Residence – They help entrepreneurs launch, grow and scale their civic ventures. They provide strategic and operational support for a period of one to three years including strategy and networking, finance, human resources, marketing and communications, systems and infrastructure.

Mergers and Joint Ventures – They will pursue strategic mergers and joint ventures in areas where there is a market gap, shared interests, and entrepreneurs and organizations are aligned with Points of Light's mission, values, networks and growth strategies.

These ideas become programs, social enterprises, nonprofits, and joint ventures—each aimed at putting people at the center of change and advancing civic engagement around the world.

S.A.Y. Detroit

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Mark Mendelsohn

\$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."

St. Bart's Music Festival - Referred by Kino Bachellier

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Frances DeBroff
\$10,000.00



For the past twenty-seven years in January, the St. Barts Music Festival has presented a series of concerts on its small French Caribbean Island. Each year, depending on the availability of international artists, concerts take the form of chamber music, opera, orchestra, jazz, and dance. This year 60 artists came to the island from Italy, Brazil, Canada, France, and the United States. The venues are small and intimate, so that members of the audience may interact with the musicians. In addition to their many exciting performances, musicians visit island schools to perform and discuss their instruments. Children are bussed to open rehearsals and are prepared in advance by their teachers. This year the Festival brought two music teachers, a violinist and a cellist (specialists in the classroom), to present outreach programs to all island schoolchildren.

Since January 2010, the St. Barts Music Festival's outreach program staff and volunteers have been raising money, instruments, and music materials for the St. Trinity Music School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which was destroyed during the earthquake. The school relies on visiting musicians as its instructors. Preceding the January Music Festival in St. Barts, two musicians (one from France and one from Canada) went to PAP bearing donated music supplies to teach at St. Trinity's, which serves 1,300 students. An instrument repair

expert accompanied them, and taught students to repair instruments and provided them with proper tools.

Take Stock In Children

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Since 1995, more than 16,000 children in the State of Florida have been enrolled in the Take Stock in Children Program. Upon selection, students and parents/guardians sign contracts agreeing to fulfill specific performance standards. To be awarded their scholarships, students must stay in school, maintain good grades, exhibit good behavior, remain crime and drug free, and meet with their mentors once a week. Students are held accountable; if they do not fulfill their program standards, they risk losing their valuable college scholarship.

Take Stock in Children scholars' high school graduation rate is 21% higher than Florida's average, and 65% higher than their deserving low-income youth/students peer group. Take Stock in Children scholars' college enrollment rate is 55% higher than Florida's average, and amazingly it is 229% higher than their deserving low-income youth/students peer group.

Their college graduation rate is 23% higher than Florida's average and is 136% higher than their deserving low-income youth/student peer group.

The Doe Fund

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Sarah Barrett
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This year, The Doe Fund formally launched its new Youth Initiative in order to serve one of New York City's most vulnerable populations. Large numbers of young adults aging out of foster care and reentering society from juvenile and criminal justice systems have contributed to an increase in homeless youth, and The Doe Fund has worked tirelessly to develop specialized services to address their unique needs. We

began laying the groundwork for the Youth Initiative in 2012 and received generous funding from The Heckscher Foundation for Children the following year.

The Doe Fund's Youth Initiative, which serves young adults ages 18 to 26, focuses on three key areas:

Education

- Increased instruction in the areas of literacy, mathematics, and computer skills
- Specialized work/education schedules for youth who do not possess a high school diploma or equivalent

Job Readiness

- Dedicated training in The Doe Fund's social enterprises • Enrollment in occupational training tracks

Personal Growth

- Mentoring and life skills curriculum
- Moral Recognition Therapy, a cognitive-behavioral treatment focused on enhancing moral development and self-regard
- Recreational and cultural activities

In 2013, the Youth Initiative debuted a photography course. Modeled after the highly successful, New York Times- reviewed photography club of our Veterans Program, the inaugural class exhibited its work at Brooklyn Fire Proof in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

The Southampton Fresh Air Home – Referred by Jane Buffett

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Thomas Naro
\$10,000.00



The Southampton Fresh Air Home is one of the few residential camp facilities in the eastern United States that accommodates severely as well as mildly and moderately physically challenged children. SFAH provides an environment in which campers play, socialize, mature and develop physically, emotionally, and psychologically. With its unique atmosphere and adapted programs, SFAH encourages self-confidence and new skills and attitudes, to enable its campers to live more rewarding lives. During their time at SFAH, they develop a sense of community, a sense of belonging, and a sense of equality.

WINGS for Kids (in Atlanta)

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Bridget Laird
\$25,000.00



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.

Social Media Spirit Award Grants:

Black Warrior Riverkeeper

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\$2,500.00



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 volunteers Opportunities.

Mobile Baykeeper

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\$2,500.00



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.

Portland After-School Tennis & Education

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www.pastkids.org
Danice Brown
\$5,000.00

For those of you not familiar with Portland After School & Education (PAST&E), here's couple of things that kids here in Portland are faced with:

- * Over 80% of kids in the Portland Public Schools get reduced or free lunches at their school.
- * Some of them, this is the only meal they get every day.
- * We help hundreds of kids with their school work, nutrition and tennis in 10 elementary schools in the Portland Public Schools

Portland After-School Tennis was founded in 1996 by Nancy Osborne, then Schools Director for the USTA/PNW, and Dr. Ernest Hartzog, then Assistant Superintendent of Portland Public Schools, to provide an after-school tennis and education program to underserved children. Over the years, the organization evolved to include a summer tennis and reading program. Hours were increased from 1-2 hours where 60% of the time was dedicated to reading, writing, life skills, nutrition, and 40% of the time to tennis and fitness activities.

Portland After-School Tennis and Education announced its status as a First Serve Chapter! in 2009. First Serve is an organization whose mission is to provide "educational and recreational programming that challenges and inspires underserved young people who are dedicated to succeed in life. " PAST&E shares a similar mission and is excited to work with First Serve.

Carolina Studios Corp.

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This is Noteworthy is an educational, multi-media and events nonprofit geared towards bridging the gap between classroom and career for aspiring creative professionals. It provides real-world experience in the realms of writing and graphic design, video production and editing, print and web publishing, artist performance and development, events management and promotion, with the subject matter focusing on music.

{tin} was formed by a group of like-minded civic leaders, activists, industry professionals, and artists engaged in the preservation of the arts. {tin}'s mission is to help artists grow and prosper: "We know that the arts do not exist with cultivation of the artist. We take care of the person who creates."