



SINGING FOR CHANGE

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION

Singing for Change empowers people to become more self-sufficient.

Singing for Change supports nonprofit organizations that inspire personal growth, community integration, and the enhanced awareness that collectively, people can bring about positive change. We believe people can achieve sustainable self-sufficiency through dynamic, connected, diverse communities.



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CHANGE**

GUIDELINES

Focus: 501(c)(3)s operating in the US (with board or founder-requested exceptions)

Grant sizes: \$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00

Ideal grantees:

- Work to engage individuals in their communities
- Help people realize their full potential
- Create lasting change in the communities they serve

Ideal projects:

- Help people overcome social or economic barriers to education or employment
- Promote the empowerment of individuals toward self-sufficiency, and provide opportunities for personal growth that benefit their greater community
- Demonstrate human equality and encourage people to cross boundary lines to help others



FULL GUIDELINES AVAILABLE ONLINE



ASSETS - Transforming Communities through Business

\$10,000

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ASSETS creates economic opportunity and cultivates entrepreneurial leadership, with the aim of alleviating poverty and building vibrant, sustainable communities. Its long-term goal is to reduce Lancaster's 30% poverty rate and 17% unemployment rate. Women and people of color are significantly underrepresented in business ownership, which reduces opportunities for wealth building, equity and leadership in this city. SFC supports the **Women's Business Center** which provides trainings, one-on-one sessions, and educational and collaborative opportunities that focus on leadership and business development. It offered a 10-week Learning Circle business plan training twice this year, in fall and spring, and it facilitated the Business Growth Accelerator, a 9-month course for established businesses starting this fall, which will run through 2017. In the summer of 2017, ASSETS will host a series of 6 seminars: Export Assistance, Finding Your Funding, Government Contracting, Legal Issues for Business, Marketing and Basic Start-up information - in both Spanish and English.

Backyard Growers, Inc.



\$10,000

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Backyard Growers (BYG) is a grassroots organization helping to reshape Gloucester's relationship with food. It provides resources and support to establish vegetable gardens at homes, housing communities, organizations, and schools. In the end it creates life-long gardeners, who are inspired by the power of growing their own food. BYG serves over 2,000 low-to moderate-income residents and over 1,600 public school children in Gloucester, MA. Its goals are to increase residents'

access to fresh produce, build community and self-sufficiency within diverse populations, and help families and children make positive changes in their attitudes and behaviors toward making healthy food choices.





FOUNDER

BLUME-Haiti (Building Leaders Using Music Education)

\$10,000

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Dessaix Baptiste Music School
Janet Anthon



and composition.

Dessaix-Baptiste Ecole de Musique offers children a positive alternative to violence, prostitution, drugs and delinquency, and hopes to create the next generation of Haitian musicians, by teaching a foundation in music that will allow for the possibility of earning a livelihood through performance, teaching

The music school provides food and shelter for street children in Jacmel, who, often deserted by parents incapable of feeding and educating them, frequently become beggars or have small businesses near bus stations. Currently, a large number of the students at the school under the age of 16 are at-risk youth from orphanages and youth group homes. They are fully integrated into the structure of the school without regard to social or economic status.



SFC's grants supplemented salaries of 12 music teachers, including four Cuban teachers for piano, percussion, viola, and trumpet. The school serves about 1200 students from Jacmel and surrounding areas, and is very active in helping start other music programs, following the Haitian saying, "When you learn something, your future is secure."



Carmelite NGO / Congregation of Our Lady of Carmel



\$10,000

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The programs of the Carmelite Non-Governmental Organization (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 in which 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).

Center for Community Solutions



\$10,000

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Center for Community Solutions aims to help people live lives free of abuse. It wants to end relationship and sexual violence by being a catalyst for self-sufficiency, caring communities, social justice. SFC supports the **Self-Sufficiency Achieved through Family Empowerment (SAFE)** Program, for survivors of domestic violence and their children in San Diego County. Relationship and sexual violence affects poor women

in two critical ways: it makes them poor and keeps them poor. These populations often have considerable and complex legal problems, including family law matters, securing civil protection orders, and navigating court systems and processes (especially for undocumented victims). For immigrant victims of domestic violence who have limited English proficiency, finding a way to communicate with law enforcement officials is the main obstacle they face in making police reports, and seeking or receiving services. The lack of language access to police and hospital assistance further contributes to immigrant and refugee victims' lack of knowledge about available help. CCS' multicultural, multilingual staff provides services in English and Spanish and partners with organizations whose primary focus is the well-being of new immigrants.

Charleston Urban Squash / Chucktown Squash Scholars



\$10,000

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Chucktown Squash Scholars is an after-school youth development program, which uses the sport of squash in combination with academic tutoring, literacy development, fitness education, community service, and mentoring to make a difference in the lives of Charleston's urban youth population.

Currently more than 17,000 children in Charleston are alone and unsupervised from 3:00-6:00PM. These are peak hours when youth are most likely to engage in juvenile crime, abuse drugs, and become teen parents. Afterschool programs keep kids safe and inspire learning. Chucktown Squash Scholars' mission is to provide academic guidance, athletic training, community service opportunities, and mentors through an afternoon, weekend, and summertime program that serves as a springboard, preparing low resource kids for wide-reaching success in the classroom, on the squash court, and in life. Chucktown Squash Scholars provides quality programming for students that includes help with homework, mentorship, and hands-on learning opportunities to develop the critical thinking skills they will need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Through partnerships with the College of Charleston and 11 Title 1 schools, Chucktown Squash is able to give students from disadvantaged communities the tools and peer connections needed to achieve their most ambitious life goals.

Chucktown Squash is excited about the potential to be part of an array of diverse, influential organizations led by people who believe that all children should have safe, enriching and inspiring places to go in the hours after school.

Chicago Lights



\$10,000

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The work of Chicago Lights is to provide compassionate, dynamic educational and social services to Chicagoans who are dealing with poverty. Through supportive relationships and diverse programs, it empowers people to thrive academically, secure economic stability, lead healthy lives, and build community. The Chicago Lights Farm operates year-round and provides a safe, secure, and stabilizing presence, a place of peace—free from the anxiety and violence of the streets—in the economically challenged neighborhood on the former site of the infamous Cabrini-Green public housing complex. As the area transitions to a mixed-income, residential and commercial district, the threat of gang violence is still very real. At the Farm, however, people of all ages, abilities, and socio-economic backgrounds come together to learn, form positive relationships, and explore nature. SFC supports the Workforce Development program, where teens are employed (Level I) and gain a variety of skills that position them to further their education or explore future careers. Young adults (Level II) act as leaders for teens, and gain additional training in agricultural and career skills. Adults, seniors, and families work as volunteers or tend their own allotment beds. Freshly harvested produce is available to all through farm stands and Community Supported Agriculture.

Coastal Conservation League



\$22,471

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The mission of the Coastal Conservation League is to protect the threatened resources of the South Carolina coastal plain - its natural landscapes, abundant wildlife, clean water, and quality of life - by working with citizens and government on proactive, comprehensive solutions to environmental challenges. **GrowFood Carolina**, a program of CCL, helps the local food market reach its full potential, thus securing the future of a regional food supply and ensuring that rural lands remain in agricultural use. Combined, this work supports local farmers, a local food system, rural agricultural communities, and land conservation.

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Inc.



\$10,000

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At the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, the motto is: "...feeding the hungry today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow." SFC supports the Food Bank's **Caridad Community Kitchen**. This program

targets adults who are considered "hard to employ" because their barriers to securing and maintaining work include homelessness, a criminal record, and physical or mental disabilities, among others. Even if they are improving slowly, an under-educated person who is seen as "unemployable" has very little chance of finding a job without assistance. Caridad Community Kitchen trains unemployed and under-employed, low-income men and women who are either homeless or receiving public assistance who are 18 years old or older, are drug and alcohol free, and possess a strong desire for a career in the food service industry. All trainees must commit to a 10-week, 40-hours/week program without interruption and to secure their housing, transportation and childcare arrangements prior to enrollment. They take classes in cooking skills, food safety, ServSafe® training, as well as life and job skills. The program staff offers ongoing assistance with resumes and job applications, and directs graduates to apply for open positions. For one year following graduation, staff follows up with each graduate, first weekly, then monthly.

Covenant House Florida, Inc.



\$10,000

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Covenant House Florida (CHF) transitions homeless youth through a safe haven, providing a continuum of services to help youth develop academic, social, emotional, and life skills while enhancing their opportunities to live self sufficiently. CHF's goal is to reunite kids with their families or other appropriate long-term placement whenever possible, or for older adolescents who cannot go home, to prepare them to live independently. SFC supports "**Project Empower: G.E.D./Adult Basic Education for Homeless Youth**" to be held on-site at CHF's Fort Lauderdale facility. Project Empower is a new kind of school. It will provide youth with the education that they need to go on to college, career training, or job opportunities.

As the primary goal is integrating homeless youth into productive future employment, key evaluation results will demonstrate that youth can be successfully transitioned out of homelessness and poverty into a positive life stream.

Daily Acts Organization



\$10,000

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Daily Acts' education programs, action programs and strategic alliances connect people to one another and their own power to grow food, conserve resources and build local resilience. A key part of Daily Acts' work is to teach home-scale, low-tech, and low-cost sustainability solutions that reconnect people to possibility, hope and their own personal power to "be the change they wish to see in the world" in order to create more nourishing and resilient communities. SFC supports its Resilient Homes Program. Resilient design is the intentional design of buildings, landscapes, communities, and regions in response to the vulnerabilities of climate change. The Resilient Homes Program provides training on sustainability solutions to everyday people, and empowers them with information, skills, and tools they can share for the benefit of others. Daily Acts provides leadership and support to those who wish to model home-scale resilience, conserve resources and build local self-reliance so that they can become beacons for the **resilience** movement, while leading the way to community transformation. (*"At various levels —individuals, households, communities, and regions — through resilience, we can maintain livable conditions in the event of natural disasters, loss of power, or other interruptions in normally available services. Relative to climate change, resilience involves adaptation to the wide range of regional and localized impacts that are expected with a warming planet: more intense storms, greater precipitation, coastal and valley flooding, longer and more severe droughts in some areas, wildfires, melting permafrost, warmer temperatures, and power outages."* - Resilient Design Institute.)

DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality)



\$10,000

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DARE's mission is to organize low-income families in communities of color for social, political, and economic justice.

One example of DARE's work... Even before the recession hit Rhode Island, communities faced staggering unemployment figures. DARE organizes for access to good living wages jobs by ensuring that when public money goes to support a business or a development, that business gives back to local communities by hiring unemployed Providence residents. Several years ago DARE members discovered the First Source Hiring Ordinance on the books - it was passed by Providence City Council in 1985 but had never been implemented.

The First Source Hiring Ordinance says that when the City supports a development or business through a tax break, grant or loan, that business or organization is required to use a City-maintained list of unemployed residents as the "First Source" when it is making any new, non-managerial hires. Working with RI Jobs With Justice, DARE organized neighborhood by neighborhood, talking to people who were out of work and who would like to be part of the program.

DARE worked with City Council to update the Ordinance, include a non-discrimination clause for people with records, and update goals for hiring women, people of color and people with disabilities. DARE tried to work with the Mayor's office to put the law in action. Finally, DARE sued the Mayor and Department of Planning in Rhode Island Superior Court for not complying with the First Source Law. It won in court and the City allocated funding and reporting requirements for the program.

DC SCORES



\$25,000

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DC SCORES builds teams for low-income DC youth by instilling self-expression, physical fitness, and a sense of community. It accomplishes its mission through a holistic model, engaging the whole child through poetry, soccer, and service learning. DC SCORES creates supportive teams rooted in local public school communities. DC SCORES combines poetry and spoken word, soccer, and service-learning in an after-school model five days a week, 24 weeks of the year in the fall and spring. It also runs a six-week winter nutrition and soccer program, and holds free summer camps focused on soccer and the arts.

Poetry and spoken word: During the 12-week fall season, students learn how to write creatively and perform. Every student writes at least five original poems, and the season culminates with each school performing at the DC SCORES Poetry Slam!

Service-learning: During the 12-week spring season, students at each school work together — building upon the teamwork formed on the soccer field and at the Poetry Slam! — to identify and then research an issue in their school and/or greater community, and then address it with a service-learning plan. Projects range from neighborhood and schools cleanups, to awareness campaigns, to raising money for the homeless, and much more.

Soccer: DC SCORES runs the only consistent public soccer leagues for both elementary and middle school youth in the District. During both the spring and fall, each team practices twice a week. Thursday (elementary schools) and Friday (middle schools) are game days, when teams from throughout the city play a girls game followed by a boys game.

Coaches: DC SCORES hires and trains motivated DC public school teachers to run the program at their schools, thus providing each student with direct access to a trusted mentor.

FOOD, KIDS AND FAMILIES

Extra Table



\$10,000

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Extra Table supplies food pantries and soup kitchens with the food they need every month. It purchases food and has it delivered to emergency food centers in need. Extra Table is proudly partnered with the nation's largest food distribution company, Sysco. By partnering with **Sysco**, it is able to purchase healthy food at the lowest possible price point, thereby supplying food pantries and soup kitchens with the food they need.

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



\$25,000

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Work continued in Jamaica on the **Jamaica Sustainable Farm Enterprise Program (JSFEP)**, which was created to spur self-sufficiency in areas that can benefit from volunteer technical assistance along with small grants. In year three, this program sought to increase the reach and profitability of local organic farmers through improved tractor services and access irrigation. FAVACA was able to negotiate a deal that leveraged the purchase of a tractor, and allow its 10-farmer cooperative to acquire 10 irrigation systems. The JSFEP tractor, purchased with extra funding from Singing for Change, broke new ground at the St. Thomas Technical High School in November 2016. The JSFEP tractor is mandated to work on any lands deemed organic, and it was a great opportunity to utilize the tractor to help plow land for the students. Use of the tractor will generate income for JSFEP.

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County



\$10,000

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The Foodbank works to end hunger in Santa Barbara County and transform the health of the communities served through good nutrition. SFC supports its **Nutrition Advocate Network**, a nutrition education, food literacy, and civic engagement network that empowers food bank participants to make healthy behavior changes for themselves, their families, and their peers through positive role modeling. Trained Nutrition Advocates are community leaders who model health and wellness and are committed to personal growth. Nutrition Advocates attend at least four Cooking/Training Groups every year, and are required to engage in annual Advocacy Projects in order to maintain their Nutrition Advocate status.

Friends of SwitchPoint, Inc.



\$7,000

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SwitchPoint Community Resource Center believes “**People in poverty need to be in charge of their own lives.**” The journey back to stable and decent housing begins as soon as new residents arrive. Each person meets with a case manager and receives a comprehensive needs assessment. Individualized plans of action are formed to get the residents employed, housed, and equipped with the skills necessary to regain stability in their life, and help them obtain permanent housing. Switchpoint also provides them with opportunities to contribute to their community.

Genesis Joy House Homeless Shelter, Inc.



\$10,000

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Genesis provides shelter, enrichment programs and counseling services for female veterans upon their return to their community.

Genesis Joy House also bridges a great network of resources in Middle and Central Georgia to help the community at large. The general public is welcome to participate in programs training individuals how to develop effective relationships, build self-esteem, apply for employment, create resumes, interview, deal with life's challenges, and more.

The founder and staff at Genesis believe individuals can contribute to their communities when they are properly equipped to do so. At Genesis, anyone who wants a secure, supportive place to learn life skills, heal wounds, and make positive changes in their lives finds a safe AND affordable place to go. All too often, money is the deciding factor in accessing counseling services and programs. Therefore, Genesis House counseling services and programs are free, safe and confidential. They include overcoming military sexual trauma, PTSD, addictions, anger management, and emotional health. (Donations are accepted.)

Girls Incorporated of the Central Coast



\$7,500

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**girls
inc.**

Girls Inc.'s mission: to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold, to respect themselves and the world around them. The organization ensures that participating girls and young women are active partners in program design and service delivery, which take place in public schools after school hours. Its vision is to create a community of girls and women who have the strength and experience to become leaders and agents of change, and aims to cultivate and grow those qualities.

KIDS AND FAMILIES, JOBS

globalbike



\$25,000

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globalbike
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“Two Wheels Make A World Of Difference.” globalbike was created with this statement in 2006, as six friends met in a coffee shop with \$850 and the commitment to do something meaningful and sustainable in the developing world. Since then, globalbike has used the transformative power of bicycles to change lives and communities. Using bikes to help health workers reach patients in rural areas more efficiently was its first program.

In 2013, globalbike began to focus on connecting women and girls around Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, to necessary resources for daily living, namely healthcare, education, and economic opportunity. Research indicates that connecting women to these vital resources increases opportunities for higher education, improves access to health care for families, reduces rates of infant mortality, and ultimately increases the chance for a community to rise out of poverty. globalbike’s 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.



FOOD

Green Light New Orleans

\$10,000

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Green Light New Orleans invests energy in people by assisting New Orleans residents in person, one household at a time. Volunteers install free energy efficient light bulbs and backyard vegetable gardens to demonstrate that a mass movement of individual actions creates a significant impact on our environment and community. The organization connects New Orleans residents to relevant local opportunities and encourages individual actions so that everyone can benefit from a vibrant, resilient, and sustainable community.



Growing Places Indy Inc.



\$10,000

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Growing Place Indy's mission is to empower people to be well - happy, healthy, thriving - by providing skills, resources and experience to Grow Well, Eat Well and Live Well! Day to day, Growing Places Indy brings people together at the unique intersection of urban farms, food access and education, with yoga, meditation and mindfulness practices. By integrating the cultivation of gardens and local food

systems with the cultivation of human well-being, this program creates access, awareness and experiences that change lives and communities.

FOOD, KIDS AND FAMILIES

Hands On Nashville, Inc.



\$10,000

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Home Energy Savings for Low-Income Homeowners

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Leah Holt



Hands On Nashville
Be the Change. Volunteer.

As the greater Nashville area's only volunteer resource center, Hands On Nashville meets community needs through volunteerism. SFC is funding its **Home Energy Savings (HES)** Program, which engages volunteers to improve energy efficiency of homes owned by people living on low incomes.

Through HES, volunteers complete "done-in-a-day" improvements that increase comfort and safety of a home while decreasing utility costs, resulting in an average savings of \$390 per year* for HES residents. Since 2011, 275 homeowners saved an estimated \$275,000 in utility bills thanks to Hands On Nashville volunteers. (*Based on utility bill analysis.)

Harlem Grown



\$25,000

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Harlem Grown
Tony Hillery



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 and green spaces 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 urban greenhouse, which gives students and the greater Harlem community a year-round growing and learning space. The greenhouse is home to these initiatives and more:

- 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 teach earth science and nutrition education, and created a curriculum specific to the population served.
- The Outdoor Classroom, providing 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.

IDignity, Inc.



\$10,000

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IDignity's mission is to restore dignity and hope by helping individuals regain proof of their identity. IDignity's vision is to ensure that all citizens and legal immigrants of the United States have access to their essential identification documents, while protecting the integrity of identification. IDignity compassionately assists the poor and disadvantaged in navigating the inherently complex process of obtaining various forms of legal identification documents, at no cost to clients. These documents are often required to obtain education, employment, housing, healthcare, benefits and numerous other opportunities. The resulting benefits are both tangible and intangible. Not only do they empower individuals, they also cultivate a more inclusive, productive and secure society. IDignity collaborates with government agencies, churches, businesses and community, and operating a monthly "clinic" in downtown Orlando where all are welcome to access these services.

Insight Garden Program



\$9,985

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Insight Garden Program at San Quentin Prison transforms prisoners' lives through environmental education and connection to nature so they become productive members of society. The yearlong program combines a scientifically robust, transformative, in-class curriculum with experiential learning in prison vegetable and native flower gardens designed and built by the inmates themselves. IGP's staff and volunteers facilitate weekly classes focused on a holistic curriculum that tends to both the "inner" and "outer" gardener. "Inner gardener" classes integrate transformational tools such as meditation, emotional process work and ecotherapy. In flower and vegetable gardens, men practice "outer gardening," where these diverse students also learn the basics of organic gardening, human/ecological systems and useful work and life skills. This transformational approach is based in the latest neuroscience research on learning strategies. When combined with experiential gardening, participants experience big picture shifts that can last a lifetime.

By advocating for environmental justice and access to nutritious food, together, we build healthier, more sustainable neighborhoods, and ensuring the successful reintegration of people who are formerly incarcerated. This innovative model is now in place or being launched in eight California prisons, two prisons in Indiana, and through a reentry partnership in New York. IGP also

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FOOD, JOBS

Insight Garden Program



continues to strengthen and expand a “reentry bridge” to connect those leaving prison to viable pathways toward employment and support services, both critical to long-term reentry success.

To date, IGP has served more than 2,000 people in California facilities. Considering the program’s less than 10% recidivism rate and the state’s historic cost of \$60,000 to incarcerate one inmate per year, IGP estimates it has saved California taxpayers over \$54 million dollars since 2002. The positive impact on human lives is incalculable and has been expanded with support from Singing for Change.

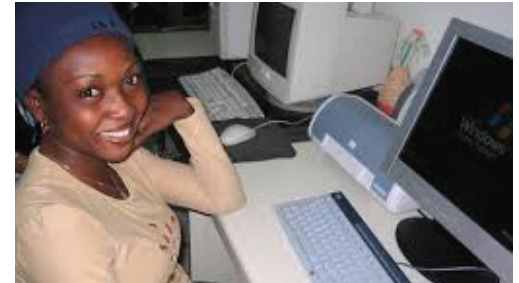


KIDS AND FAMILIES, FOOD, JOBS

International Partners in Mission

\$25,000

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Mr. Joseph Cistone



International Partners in Mission (IPM) works across borders of faith and culture on behalf of children, women, and youth to create partnerships that build justice, peace, and hope. Co-founded by Jim and Peter Mayer's father, IPM has become a family. It 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.





FOUNDER

Johnny Mac Tennis Project

(Referred by Jane Buffett)

\$10,000

Tax ID: 37-1625465
c/o SPORTIME Randall's Island
One Randall's Island, New York, NY 10035
P 212.427.6150



The Johnny Mac Tennis Project (JMTP) changes young lives by removing the economic and social barriers to success, through tennis. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, JMTP introduces tennis to thousands of under-resourced New York City area kids, particularly those living in East Harlem and the South Bronx, two communities immediately adjacent to its base at Sportime Randall's Island. JMTP kids are first introduced to tennis as a life-long health, fitness and social activity. For its most dedicated young athletes, JMTP provides a pathway to success through competitive tennis, leading to college scholarships, careers in the industry, and, for a few, professional tennis careers and, perhaps, Grand Slam titles.

KIDS AND FAMILIES, JOBS

John P. Craine House



\$10,000

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Suzanne Pierce



Craine House promotes a culture of self-sufficiency and self-confidence by providing an alternative to traditional incarceration for women, whose preschool children may reside with them while they serve their sentences. Here, women learn and can safely practice life skills essential to breaking the generational cycle of criminal behaviors, forging brighter futures for themselves and their children.

Love A Sea Turtle - (Help Them) L.A.S.T. The River Guardian Project



\$7,500

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Casey Sokolovic



Contrary to its name, Love A Sea Turtle is not solely dedicated to one species. It promotes marine and ocean conservation awareness by engaging students in leadership development and environmental stewardship. It inspires families to get involved in year-round service learning projects and community activities, provides free nature-based summer programs and experiences for under-served youth, and engages and empowers communities to improve fresh water drinking sources through innovative, grass-roots efforts.

Lowcountry Local First



\$10,000

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Jamee Haley



Lowcountry Local First advocates the benefits of a local living economy by strengthening community support of local-independent businesses and farmers. SFC supports the **Growing New Farmers Program (GNFP)**, which provides introductory level classroom and hands-on training in farm production and business planning. It offers apprenticeship placement with a mentor farmer that provides long-term, job-based training proven to be invaluable when venturing into the world of small to mid-sized sustainable agriculture. Since 2011, Growing New Farmers has trained over 130 new farmers and food systems leaders in the Lowcountry, and with this support, will continue to grow its resilient local food system. **This video** features Steven Wilson, one of the 2013 GNFP graduates, and his journey.

KIDS AND FAMILIES

lowernine.org



\$10,000

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Laura Paul

lowernine.org

lowernine.org is involved in the continuing recovery of New Orleans' historic Lower Ninth Ward from Hurricane Katrina and the levee breaches of 2005. It is actively engaged in the long-term rebuilding of this neighborhood, arguably the hardest-hit, slowest-recovering neighborhood in New Orleans, if not in the Gulf Coast Region. lowernine works to ensure that all pre-storm residents who wish to return to their homes have the opportunity to do so.

Midlands Housing Alliance (dba Transitions)



\$10,000

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2025 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201
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Cecilia Newman, Craig J. Currey



Transitions engages and equips homeless adults of the Midlands with life skills to transition into stable jobs and permanent housing. Transitions staff, along with over 45 on-site business partners, work with Transitions clients to overcome barriers that prevent clients from securing long-term employment and safe housing, and becoming self-sufficient once again.

Monroe County Education Foundation Inc. (dba Take Stock in Children)



\$10,000

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Take Stock in Children
John Padget



Monroe County Education Foundation's flagship program, **Take Stock in Children**, provides access to higher education for Florida students who are at risk of not attending college. Take Stock in Children is active in over 800 schools throughout the State of Florida. Students are selected in their communities by highly engaged committees comprised of local education and civic leaders as well as corporate sponsors. They are between 6th and 9th grades, many from minority families, and must meet the program's low-income and at-risk guidelines.

Take Stock in Children matches at-risk students with trained College Success Coaches, who guide students in making smart career choices. The Coaches also monitor leading indicators of student success to identify when a youth is getting off track. They rally the student's family, school, and ensure the student completes high school and enters college. This program also provides a Florida Prepaid Scholarship, an incentive to students who invest their "sweat equity" in improving grades and investing the time needed to be fully prepared for college. The Scholarship also allows students to complete college with minimum debt loads.

New Directions of Horry County



\$10,000

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www.helpnewdirections.org
Kathy Jenkins



New Directions is a culmination of an effort by the City of Myrtle Beach, local non-profits, and local funders to address the challenges of homelessness, both for the individual who is homeless or in danger of becoming so, and for the greater community. New Directions has three main objectives: 1)

To help economically-challenged residents move out of poverty and homelessness through regaining their financial footing, self-worth and self-confidence; 2) To streamline and make more efficient and effective the delivery of services and emergency shelter to residents who are homeless or in crisis; and 3) To eliminate the negative secondary effects of homelessness on the greater community.

Our House, Inc.



\$25,000

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Atlanta, GA 30312
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Tyese Lawyer



Our House breaks the chains of homelessness by providing quality early childhood education and comprehensive support services for families experiencing homelessness. At Our House, there are game changers. The shelter is the only one of its kind in metro Atlanta, giving the most vulnerable families – homeless families with newborns – a place specifically designed for them to thrive.

Our House provides homeless families with up to six months of emergency housing in a safe and caring environment. The 76-bed facility has 18 individual family bedrooms. The program provides families with between 2-7 members with a private room, daily nutritious meals, laundry services and a weekly provision of infant and personal care items. In addition, shelter residents receive free childcare, job training and case management, delivered through our other core programs.

In addition to the supportive services received through the Family Advocacy program, shelter residents participate in weekly education sessions, life-skills activities and an income-savings program. The goal is to provide families with the shelter and resources they need to achieve regular employment, and improve their housing stability.



Points of Light Institute

\$25,000

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Civic Incubator at Points of Light
Points of Light Institute
Mark Crosswell



The Points of Light **Civic Accelerator “CivicX”** is the first national accelerator program and investment fund in the country focused on “civic ventures” -- for-profit and nonprofit early stage ventures that include people as part of the solution to critical social problems. The 10-week, boot-camp-style program convenes 10-15 teams in person and online with the goal of equipping each venture to seek investments and scale their social innovation. This year’s CivicX Accelerator was based in Detroit.

Power Inspires Progress, Inc.



\$6,983

Tax ID: 31-1367071

1301 Vine St.

Cincinnati, OH 45202

P 513-221-7020

<http://pip-cincy.com/>

Gregory Zoller, Mark Shannon



Power Inspires Progress (PIP) operates pre-employment training programs, using small businesses in the inner city as unique classrooms to provide meaningful work-like experiences for adults with chronic barriers to employment. PIP offers basic and remedial educational opportunities, life skills training, an exposure to a work ethic, and training in personal responsibility. Trainees gain the knowledge and experience to be successful in the general workforce while experiencing economic stabilization.

RESULTS Educational Fund



\$20,000

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www.results.org
Faith Cordell



RESULTS Educational Fund’s mission is to create the public and political will to end poverty by empowering individuals to **engage with and influence policymakers**. With support from Singing for Change, RESULTS will increase the impact of its Experts on Poverty—a cohort of its grassroots volunteer network that has experienced poverty firsthand— by providing opportunities for them to share their stories, participate at high-profile events, and engage in policy dialogue. This project will ensure their voices are heard by policymakers and those making decisions on funding for the social safety net.

S.A.Y. Detroit



\$25,000

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S.A.Y. Detroit
Mark Mendelsohn



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 group of S.A.Y. Detroit nonprofits includes:

- The S.A.Y. Detroit Family Medical Clinic, the nation's first full-time clinic devoted to homeless children and their mothers,
- Bright Beginnings, a daycare program for mothers who are undergoing treatment or transitioning back to the work force, and
- Working Homes/Working Families, 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.

Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership (Fiscal Sponsor: Seward Neighborhood Group)



\$5,000

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<https://sng.org/restorativejustice/>
Michele Braley



Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership convenes “restorative” conferences, where youth who have broken the law have the opportunity to resolve their issues in a curative justice process focusing on understanding and repairing harm caused. Through collaboration with community members and the judicial system, this program also seeks to recognize and alleviate racial disparities present throughout the justice system. SLRJP builds community by providing juvenile offenders the opportunity to repair harm by involving the victim, the offender and the community in solutions that promote healing, accountability and reconciliation.

FOOD

Soul Fire Farm Institute, Inc.



\$10,000

Tax ID: 47-2549969

Black and Latino Farmer Training

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Leah Penniman and Jonah Vitale-Wolff



Soul Fire Farm is committed to ending racism and injustice in the food system. It brings diverse communities together to share skills on sustainable agriculture, natural building, spiritual activism, health and environmental justice. By raising food and acting in solidarity with people marginalized by food apartheid, “in reverence for the land and wisdom of (their) ancestors,” farm staff and volunteers work to reclaim their collective right to belong to the earth and have agency in the food system. Soul Fire Farm is training the next generation of activist-farmers and strengthening the movements for food sovereignty and community self-determination.



FOUNDER

St. Barths Music Festival

\$10,000

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St. Barths Music Festival

Frances DeBroff



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 2016, the Festival celebrated its 32nd season.



FOUNDER

St. Patrick High School

\$5,000

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www.stpatrick.org
Gary Santella



Shortly after John Leonard '75 succumbed to his battle with lung cancer in January of 2015, his family promised to find a way to honor John's legacy. "We wanted to do something he would be proud of," his brother, Dan Leonard '76, recalled. The combination of a lifelong passion and a family tradition was just what the Leonards were looking for. Softball was an obvious choice, as John regularly played and umpired 16-inch softball at Merrimac Park, where he was also the Youth Counsel President. A partnership with Saint Patrick High School was an easy decision, as well, since the Shamrock tradition runs deep in the Leonard family. "Without St. Pat's we wouldn't have had the bright futures we enjoy today," said Dan, in reference to himself, his brother Tom '70 and John's sons, Jason '97 and John '04, all of whom graduated from St. Pat's. "There's no better way to keep honoring John than to give back to St. Pat's, which has done so much for our family." The end result: Saint Patrick was chosen as the beneficiary of the inaugural **Fins Up Softball Tournament**, which was held in honor of John Leonard on June 18 at Merrimac Park.

The Doe Fund



\$25,000

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The Doe Fund
Shannon Carey



The Doe Fund

2016 is year two of The Doe Fund's Youth Initiative, serving one of New York City's most vulnerable populations - young, homeless adults ages 18-26. Large numbers of young people aging out of foster care and

reentering society from juvenile and criminal justice systems contribute to an increase in homeless youth. The Doe Fund has worked tirelessly to develop specialized services to address their unique needs, focusing 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

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The Doe Fund (cont'd)



- 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 - the Youth Initiative debuted a photography course (modeled after the highly successful, New York Times-reviewed photography club in The Doe Fund's Veterans Program). Its inaugural class exhibited its work at Brooklyn Fire Proof in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn.



The Sustainability Institute



\$10,000

Tax ID: 58-2474104

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www.SustainabilityInstituteSC.org

Katherine Westmoreland Richards, Bryan Cordell



The Sustainability Institute (SI) empowers South Carolinians to conserve energy and reduce their environmental footprint. SI creates energy-efficient, sustainable buildings through a well-tested, successful combination of community education, outreach, innovative direct services, and workforce training.

Thousands of low-income families face high energy costs that they cannot afford due to the inefficiencies of their home. SI remedies this with the work of The Energy Conservation Corps, which Singing for Change supports. The ECC targets at-risk young adults and returning veterans facing significant challenges in their local community and who are searching for a positive career pathway and opportunity to build leadership through service.

The ECC Program provides alternative industry training that includes classroom instruction in national protocols and standards that lead to certification, on-the-job training - as Corps members perform work on homes under the supervision of a licensed contractor - and apprenticeship training with private sector industry employers.

JOBS



Thrive Communities of Massachusetts (Fiscal Sponsor: Communities for Restorative Justice)

\$6,290

Tax ID: 45-1220191
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<http://thrivecommunitiesma.org/>
Audrey Bryant



Thrive's mission is to empower adults returning from incarceration and to revolutionize the role community members play in their lives upon reentry, by organizing and supporting grassroots efforts for restorative reentry, community building, and constituency leadership.

Urban Green Lab, Inc.



\$4,000

Tax ID: 27-1011744

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Nashville, TN 37206

P 615-442-7072

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Charlotte McGoldrick, Jennifer Westerholm



Urban Green Lab offers a one-of-a-kind, student-informed curriculum on the basics of environmental literacy and strategies for taking action. Led by five core interrelated issues – energy, water, food, transportation, and construction – and with a focus on the public health consequences of a changing climate, UGL works with K5-12 classrooms county-wide, engaging teachers, measuring progress, and ensuring positive change. UGL hopes to inspire participants from all socioeconomic backgrounds to implement sustainability practices—in their homes, neighborhoods, and businesses.

SFC funds UGL's **Mobile Lab**, a traveling environmental science classroom that fills a gap in sustainability and science education in Nashville public schools and provides a valuable resource for residents who strive for a more cohesive, cooperative, and healthy community. Nashville's economically disadvantaged areas -- such as Southeast Nashville where the Urban Farm is located -- are disproportionately affected by environmental challenges such as pollution and natural disasters, and individuals in these communities often lack exposure to sustainable practices that save money, improve health, and protect local ecosystems.

Urban Peak Denver



\$10,000

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Denver, CO 80205
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www.urbanpeak.org
Jane Morton Sovndal, Kim Easton



Urban Peak's mission is to help youth experiencing homelessness become self-sufficient adults. It offers them ways to overcome real-life challenges in a supportive community. Urban Peak is the only non-profit organization in Denver that provides a full convergence of services for youth ages 15 through 24 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Urban Peak ignites the potential in youth to leave homelessness and create self-determined, fulfilled lives. Funding from Singing for Change supports Education & Employment programming, a daytime center, street outreach, and supportive long-term housing.

WINGS for Kids



\$25,000

Tax ID: 57-1055054
476 Meeting Street, Ste. E
Charleston, SC 29403
843.442.2835
WINGS for Kids
Bridget Laird



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 built new nests in public schools in Atlanta and Charlotte as well as Lake City, SC and still serves children in its home base of Charleston, SC. Successful expansion to California this year led to requests from Detroit and other markets, which the organization is negotiating now.

Young Eisner Scholars



\$10,000

Tax ID: 27-2633827
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Inglewood, CA 90304
310.419.1845
YES
Alina Beruff



Since 1998, Young Eisner Scholars (YES) has been changing the face of leadership in America by empowering underserved students in Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago to capitalize on opportunities in their education and career. Growing by 60 new candidates each year, YES currently serves more than 300 children and young adults from elementary school to graduate school. It offers a proven approach for academic and professional success. With support from YES, these young scholars thrive at every stage of their development, growing into the innovators who are changing the face of leadership in America.

SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Statement of Revenues/Expenses : For the 12 Periods Ended December 31, 2106

INCOME // YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH 12/31/16

Income From Operations

Contributions	\$956,021.22
Margaritaville Stores	
Guitar Picks	\$15,327.28

Total Income From Operations **\$971,348.50**

Income From Investments

Interest Income	\$18.31
Dividends	\$97.40

Total Income From Investments **\$115.71**

Other Income

Nontaxable Income	\$126.00
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Total Other Income **\$126.00**

Total Income **\$971,590.21**

Direct Expenses

Business Management	\$25,000.00
Contributions	\$661,729.00
Depreciation	\$219.00
Employee Welfare	\$9,763.25
Entertainment	\$164.60
Fees	\$35,255.62

Freight and Cartage	\$92.93
Insurance	\$7,066.50
Legal Fees	\$10,867.97
Office Supplies and Exp.	\$19,337.59
Salaries - Office	\$104,229.14
Taxes Licenses Misc.	\$2,800.52
Taxes - Payroll	\$7,944.21
Taxes - State Income - Other	\$8,094.59
Federal Taxes	\$126.00
Telephone	\$916.16
Airfare	\$829.60
Hotel	\$1,186.47
Local Transportation	\$350.12
Total Direct Expenses	\$895,973.27

Gross Income Less Direct

Expenses **\$75,616.94**

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