



Singing for Change

GRANTS

2008

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED 2008 YTD: \$412,882.45

New Grants:	\$33,823.45
Repeat Funding:	\$379,059.00
(Including Gulf Coast:	\$185,000.00)

**Dominica Organic Agriculture Movement
c/o Carolina Farm Stewardship Association**

P.O. Box 448
Pittsboro, NC 27312
P 919-542-2402 F 919-542-7401
www.doamdominica.org
Tony Kleese
\$3,823.45

The Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) is a membership-based non-profit organization of more than 1,000 farmers, gardeners, consumers and businesses committed to sustainable agriculture and the development of locally-based, organic food systems. CFSA promotes local and organic agriculture by inspiring, educating and organizing farmers and consumers. Its goal is regional food systems that are good for the farmer, the consumer and the land. CFSA and Singing for Change are proud to sponsor Tony Kleese with the Dominica Project, an initiative to make that Caribbean nation the first organic country in the world. Efforts will be focused on helping the non-profit Dominican Organic Agriculture Movement (DOAM) and Clemson Universities' Archbold Tropical Research and Education Center (ATREC) at Springfield develop solid plans and funding streams for achieving their goals. The Singing for Change Foundation's grant is aiding Tony in making an exploratory trip to Dominica to assess the situation.

HandsOn New Orleans

4153 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119
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www.handsonneworleans.org
info@handsonneworleans.org
Kellie Bentz
\$75,000.00

HandsOn New Orleans inspires, mobilizes, and equips people to identify community needs and take action through meaningful service. Hands On New Orleans takes a holistic approach by addressing a wide range of local issues through partnerships with other local non-profits to help build our collective capacity and properly leverage community resources; while empowering individuals to develop their own service projects to help rebuild damaged communities. Through general operating funds provided by Singing for Change, HandsOn New Orleans will continue to train community members as volunteer leaders and provide housing for visitors who wish to participate in the recovery progress, as well as expand current programming to include a Youth Volunteer Council and a tool lending library for the community.

Help for Abused Women and Children

27 Congress Street
Salem, MA 01970
P 978.744.8552, F 978.745.6886
www.hawcdv.org
Candace Waldren
\$10,000.00

HAWC provides free, comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, and their children, in 23 cities and towns across the North Shore of Massachusetts. Services include: a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, children's services, advocacy in courts, police departments and health care settings, educational and support groups, counseling, and education in schools and the community. HAWC staff and volunteers respond to thousands of individuals each year who reach out for help. HAWC's hotline is available 24 hours a day at 800-547-1649.

Green Light New Orleans

P.O. Box 13564
New Orleans
LA 70185
P 504-324-2429, F 504-324-2429
www.greenlightneworleans.org
Andi Hoffman
\$10,000.00

Green Light New Orleans is a non-profit charitable and environmental organization based in New Orleans, LA, working to reduce carbon emissions and rising utility bills in New Orleans and surrounding parishes. This free program enables low and fixed income households to switch from incandescent light bulbs to energy efficient compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). Lowering energy costs is especially important to low and fixed income families who are struggling to afford utility bills. Providing free CFLs to residents means not only savings on utility bills, but also saving on the cost of purchasing the bulbs, which are an expensive initial investment. An average household will save approximately \$1,400 and reduce CO2 emissions by 13,500 pounds over the lifetime of the CFLs (5-8 years) by replacing 30 light bulbs. Singing for Change's contribution of \$10,000 made a direct economic and positive environmental impact on 135 New Orleans's families.

Operation Home

1145 Six Mile Road
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466
P 843.853.3211
www.operationhome.org
Anna Hamilton
\$10,000.00

Founded in 1997, Operation Home's mission is to provide safety, handicapped access and dignity to the neediest citizens in the Charleston area. Operation Home provides free emergency home repairs such as roof replacement, wheelchair ramps, plumbing, floor reparations, and other jobs necessary to prevent homelessness and keep the community's most vulnerable citizens in homes that are safe and decent. In 2007, Operation Home assisted over 140 families referred from over 20 different agencies. 35 homes were provided critical home repairs, 60 air conditioning units were provided to families who otherwise would have suffered through a hot, Lowcountry summer without anything to cool their home, and 46 heaters were provided to families who had no way to heat their homes during the coldest days of the winter. Most of these families contained a child or elderly family member. The need for the services that Operation Home provides has not gone away. In 2008 staff and volunteers answered the call of over 150 families in critically unsafe houses from over 25 social service organizations, with the total amount of assistance totaling over \$95,000.

The Arc, Ocean County Chapter

815 Cedar Bridge Avenue
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701
P 732.363.3335 ext. 115
F 732.363.4470
www.arcocean.org
\$10,000.00

The mission of The Arc is to advocate, provide opportunities and support necessary for individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities to be accepted and valued as citizens of the communities in which they choose to live, learn, work and play. The agency accomplishes this through residential, recreational, vocational, family support and health care services. Singing for Change supports The Arc's Primary Care Center, which provides high-quality, holistic care to individuals with development disabilities. In 2008 over 400 individuals received primary, acute, dental, and psychiatric care at the Primary Care Center.

International Partners in Mission (IPM)

3091 Mayfield Road, Suite 320
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118-1732
P 216.932.4082 Toll free 866.932.4082
F 216.932.4084
www.ipm-connections.org
Joseph Cistone
\$55,600.00

Founded in 1974, 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. The IPM Family is composed of donors, friends, and partners who reflect the rich diversity of our global community while remaining grounded in four core principles: project facilitation, global awareness, personalization, and shared partnership. IPM partners with over 70 community-based organizations worldwide, usually run by and for women on behalf of women and children, providing them with funding and technical assistance. IPM also offers Immersion Experience Programs which offer groups and individuals short term travel opportunities to learn and share one-on-one with its Project Partners. Through all programs, IPM strives to provide an alternative, effective, and personal way to participate in projects that promote justice, peace, and hope.

**Leadership Education Foundation/
The Flippen Group**

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College Station, TX 77845
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www.flippengroup.com
Lalena Stavinoha
\$10,000.00

Mention achievement at school and everyone thinks of student grades and test scores, but student successes are possible only when many other things go right. Great learning can happen only in classrooms where trust and respect enable free, active participation; where discipline problems are not allowed to subvert teaching and learning; where enthusiastic teachers connect with students as partners in learning; where administrators fully support the efforts of teachers and students. The Flippen Group helps schools become champions - thriving organizations that grow and succeed, driven by the mutual commitment of administrators, teachers and students. Its approach is to teach, foster and support specific skills, behaviors, relationships, and processes that clear the way to success. When schools turn to The Flippen Group, they do not receive a formulaic program to implement and forget. SFC funded a staff and faculty training program at Mary Ford Elementary School, North Charleston, SC through the Leadership Education Foundation of the Flippen Group. This process helps schools reach their full potential through an ongoing, layered approach that involves training for administrators and teachers, classroom curricula for students, and active mentoring and reinforcement. Since the training, employee turnover has dropped from 47% to 0% from one academic year to the next.

Points of Light Institute
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Atlanta, GA 30318
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Paige Moody
\$100,000.00

Points of Light Institute (POLI) inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world. Its global focus is to redefine volunteerism and civic engagement for the 21st century, putting people at the center of community problem solving. Points of Light Institute is organized to innovate, incubate and activate new ideas that help people act upon their power to make a difference. Its three business units share a unified mission to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world. Learn more about the outstanding civic engagement accomplished by POLI's business units by exploring the pages for HandsOn Network, MissionFish and Civic Incubator. Singing for Change supports a variety of community service programs run by HandsOn Network affiliates in the Gulf Coast area.

**Smith Farm Center for
Healing and the Arts**
1632 U St. NW
Washington DC 20009
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www.SmithFarm.com
Shanti Norris
\$5,000.00

Smith Farm Center for Healing and the Arts was founded in 1996 as a Washington, DC-based nonprofit health, education and creative arts organization with a mission to develop and promote healing practices that explore physical, emotional, mental and spiritual resources leading to life-affirming changes for adults with cancer or other serious illness. One of the primary goals of Smith Farm is to advance the creative arts as a tool to engage and nurture the healing process. As a result the organization supports a year-round schedule of programs, most of which are free to participants, which include arts and creativity workshops, cooking programs, gallery events and artist-in-residence services that currently reach over 6,000 people annually.

**South Carolina Marine
Heritage Foundation**
P.O. Box 22405
Charleston, SC 29413
P 843.722.1030, F 843.722.2243
www.scmaritime.org
Meaghan Van Liew
\$5,000.00

The Maritime Heritage Foundation was created to offer effective, unique educational opportunities for the students of South Carolina, focusing on the history, math, science and literature of South Carolina's water resources and encouraging personal responsibility, contribution to community and stewardship of environment. The Foundation's tall ship, Spirit of South Carolina, provides sailing opportunities for young people to experience the sea while participating in a variety of educational and youth development programs. The structure of the sail training experience encourages character building, teaches youth to take responsibility and develop leadership skills while they learn to work with other student crew members. In addition to learning practical seafaring skills, it is expected that all sailors will bring back from their adventure a new understanding of responsibility, teamwork and leadership. Singing for Change supports the organization's role as a roaming ambassador of the state, reaching out to third world countries and providing clean water systems to communities in need in partnership with Water Missions International.

WINGS for Kids

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Sullivan's Island, SC 29482

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www.wingsforkids.org

Ginny Deerin

\$10,000.00

WINGS for Kids is developing social and emotional intelligence by teaching elementary school-age kids to live by the creed they say every day: "I soar with WINGS. Let me tell you why. I learn lots of skills that help me reach the sky. I love and accept who I am on the inside and know my emotions are nothing to hide. Life's full of surprises that make me feel different ways. If I can control myself, I'll have much better days. I understand the choices I make should be what's best for me to do and what happens is on me and not any of you. I understand others are unique. I want to learn more about everyone I meet. I want to step into their shoes and see what they're going through. I am a friend. I support and trust. Working together is a must. Kind and caring I will be. I listen to you. You listen to me. I soar with WINGS. I just told you why. All of these things are why I fly high."

Kids growing up in poverty often miss out on life lessons - how to behave well, make good decisions, and build healthy relationships. WINGS instills those missing life lessons by weaving a comprehensive social and emotional intelligence education into a fresh and fun after school program. Kids get the life lessons they need to succeed and be happy - and they get a safe place to call home after school. In 1996 Ginny Deerin started WINGS in Charleston, S.C., to give kids the missing piece of their education. Coming from a business background, Ginny took a results-oriented approach that reaches kids in the elementary school years with cost-effective solutions and strategies that really work.

WINGS is the only U.S. organization focused solely on developing and improving social and emotional intelligence within after school programming. We see the hours after school as a tremendous opportunity to fortify kids with the tools they need to succeed against the odds. A carefully constructed 15-hour-a-week curriculum weaves 30 learning objectives into everyday activities that develop self-awareness, relationship skills, social awareness, self-management and responsible decision-making. The WINGS strategies and practices are designed to break down the components of social and emotional learning into readily understood skills and exercises so that students become aware, acquire and practice their newfound capabilities - all within a nurturing environment that provides constant encouragement, constructive feedback and positive reinforcement. Truly making an impact on the lives of kids requires sustained effort - and delivers results that can be measured. This proven track record for quality and effectiveness distinguishes WINGS in the field of youth development and social and emotional intelligence education. Points of Light Institute (POLI) inspires, equips and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world. Its global focus is to redefine volunteerism and civic engagement for the 21st century, putting people at the center of community problem solving. Points of Light Institute is organized to innovate, incubate and activate new ideas that help people act upon their power to make a difference. Its three business units share a unified mission to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world. Learn more about the outstanding civic engagement accomplished by POLI's business units by exploring the pages for HandsOn Network, MissionFish and Civic Incubator. Singing for Change supports a variety of community service programs run by HandsOn Network affiliates in the Gulf Coast area.