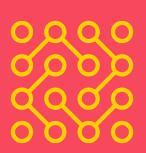


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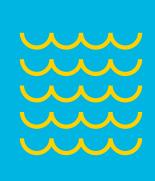














SUN FOUNDATION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



In 2020, the Sun Foundation celebrated our 47th anniversary. Since 1973, we've touched the lives of over 6 million members of our community through art and environmental science programs and publications.

We are happy to report that the Sun Foundation was able to safely meet the challenges FY 2020 COVID-19, and continue to serve its community in new ways and carry out its mission.

One of the most important strengths of Sun Foundation is the ability to overcome problems and innovate. The organization's board of directors, volunteers and staff put their focus on producing results this year despite of the pandemic impact.

All the precautionary decisions and actions were taken to keep everyone safe, Expectations were exceeded.



ounded by Robert and Joan Root Ericksen in 1973, the Sun Foundation of Washburn, Illinois is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization dedicated to investing in educational opportunities for children and the general public by:

- Providing innovative environmental sciences and arts programs
- Engaging audiences and students with outstanding artists, engineers, architects, and scientists
- Promoting in-depth knowledge, creativity, first-hand learning, and stewardship

MISSION STATEMENT

The Sun Foundation works to strengthen and advance the arts and environmental sciences in rural and urban communities by providing quality and innovative programs, services, publications, research, regranting financial support and cooperative efforts for the general public, under served groups, schools, Illinois artists, and local arts organizations.

Sun Foundation programs are funded by public contributions and awarded grants.

SERVING THE UNDERSERVED SINCE 1973

Thanks to our generous donors the Sun Foundation was able to create and provide educational enrichment kits for 86 students of Neighborhood House of Peoria. With an awarded grant for the Illinois Arts Council Agency and matching local funds the Sun Foundation's Community Arts Access program was able to provide funding to four rural underserved communities for public arts programing.

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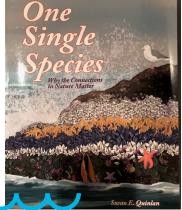
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The 28th Clean Water Celebration was ready to share a stellar line up of six youth leaders, the Sea Youth Rise Up delegates of the Ocean Project, along with the choices from 42 special event sessions, five environmental streams, and 40 interactive exhibits, all aligned to the state of Illinois learning goals.









LEFT Signed copies of One Singles Species by Susan E. Quinlan included in the teacher's gift packets.

CENTER You Inspire Us! gift packets created for our more than 100 registered teachers.

RIGHT Making Waves Award provided by J. Draper Glass.

By the Numbers*

CLEAN WATER

SCHOOLS & RESOURCE

AGENCIES REGISTERED

5TUDENTS & TEACHERS ANTICIPATED TO ATTEND

120 VOLUNTEERS

PRESENTERS, EXHIBITORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMUNITY MEMBERS
REGISTERED FOR THE
KEYNOTE DINNER

10 COUNTIES SERVED

RISE UP AND A YEAR FOR RESILIENCE

With a month to go before the event, health protocols needed to control the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a postponement These protocols also meant schools were no longer meeting with their students in person and were now engaging in remote learning.

Our keynote speakers, session and streams presenters sent short video clips and an online Clean Water Celebration was created for our audiences. Images and video clips from the 2019 event helped create the feel of an entire day of sessions, interactive exhibits, and environmental streams. We even posted lunch time and sorting our waste streams at the zero waste stations!

"You Inspire Us" gift packets were distributed to all registered schools and organizations.

Resilient, the Clean Water Celebration Navigating Committee committed to continuing the Clean Water Celebration and providing resources for audiences online in 2020. Plans also began to enrich online experiences for 2021 as well as a future in person celebration in 2022.

CLEAN WATER MAKING WAVES AWARD

Awards are given annually to schools, individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions in community water quality projects.

We honor the 2020-2021 Making Waves Award winners:

- Astoria High School Environmental Club (Catharine Reavley club sponsor)
- Charter Oak Primary School (Principal Kathy Rodriguez, Teachers Jeff Marjanovich & Kyle Romine)
- Dunlap High School The LEAF Club, Zero Waste Stations
- Holli Green, Community Garden
- Jennifer Zuccaro Zipp Tyre, art instructor
 St. Thomas School, Ocean Mural
- Jessica McGhee, Environmental artist and educator
- St. Thomas School, Ocean Mural
- Tim Noonen, Dunlap Middle School, Zero Waste Station coordinator and dedicated Navigating Committee member

Thank you to the Clean Water Navigating Committee, our program partner Illinois American Water Company, granting agencies, and sponsors.

> *Numbers based on registration before COVID-19 mitigation measures began.

Art& Science in the Woods





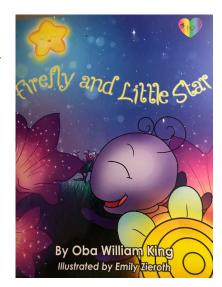
ABOVE Sun Kits being delivered to Children's Home Peoria and Neighborhood House

BELOW Oba William King's book, included in the educational enrichment kits for Neighborhood House students

ue to the pandemic the 48th year of the Art and Science in the Woods summer program was postponed until summer of 2021. A special thank you to program director Brett Root Ericksen who researched virtual platform options and worked with other camps to forecast if the program could be presented. Thank you to Brett and program coordinator **Sharon Obrey** for the many weeks they followed the science and made adjustment to postpone the program. The Neighborhood House of Peoria (one of the youth agencies that the summer program serves) reached out and asked if the Sun Foundation could create educational enrichment kits for their 86 students who did not have consistent Internet service, computers, and limited income. During the year the Sun Foundation created for Neighborhood House students STEAM, Art and STEM Sun Kits. Neighborhood House Volunteers delivered the kits to the students with their meals. Blick Art Materials donated the art supplies for the Art and STEAM Sun Kits. Our local business donated supplies for the STEM Sun Kits. A new partnership was formed with Barnes and Noble providing discounted books for the program. Nature's Haven of Peoria surprised us with a fundraiser for the Sun Foundation which raised \$1,500 that will be used for materials for the enrichment kits.

Associate artists

Preston Jackson, Oba
King and William Butler
created the instruction
content for the visual
art kits. Included in the
kits they sent an invitation for the students,
when it is safe, to visit
the Peoria Contempary
Art Center. Oba King in
his book Sun Kit sent
a personal letter and
return address envelop
for the students to send



Oba their thoughts and their writing.

Neighborhood House students receiving the kits will be invited to the Sun Foundation Art and Science in the Woods program in June 2021 or if postponed June 2022. Students will have the opportunity during the program to study with the artists they have connected with through the Sun Kits.

SPECIAL THANKS

A shout out to educator and Clean Water Navigating Committee chair **Karen Zuckerman** for her development of the content for STEAM and STEM kits.

Community Arts Access



 ${\tt ABOVE} \ \ \textbf{The 2020 Community Arts Access Grants committee reviewing applicants}$

The Sun Foundation, in collaboration with the Illinois Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, awards grants for community and public arts programing.

ommunity Arts Access Grants are funded by an awarded grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency and matching funds from local business and individual donors. Last year, the Sun Foundation was awarded a \$10,000 grant for community and public arts programs for regranting.

With this grant and matching contributions from **Katherine and James Weber, Mary Ann Child, First National Bank of Lacon, Hallmark Corporation and Goodfield Bank**, the Sun Foundation awarded \$12,500 to schools, arts organizations, and community groups throughout rural counties of Bureau, Marshall, Stark and Woodford.

The program was fully underway when the pandemic impact was in effect. Grantees were able to adapt and innovate their programs with safety measures in effect.

2020 GRANTEES

Association For the Developmentally Disabled of Woodford

EUREKA, IL

\$550 for promoting community integrations through the Arts. Adults with intellectual disabilities and children come together participating in an art seminar and artist lead multimedia art workshops.

All to take place at Maurie's Sugar Shoppe in Eureka III, which is run/operated by ADDWC.

Bureau County Historical Society

PRINCETON, IL

\$1000 for local artist presenter to expand access and interpretation of the museum's collection for the community.

Charles Perdew Museum

HENRY, IL

\$1000 to fund artist instructors, scholarships, wood kits and tools for High School student to study the art of bird carving.

Gateway Services

PRINCETON, IL

\$500 for empowering people thought creating art in our community. Fee for artist to conduct a variety of experiences in the visual arts and provide art materials.

Henry Community Character Counts

HENRY, IL

\$1000 to support artist Tim
Hannig's programs for school
students: "Good character" and
Anti-bulling." Tim's uses his theatrical talents of magic, music, puppetry, comedy and story telling in
his PRO-kids (People Respecting
Others) Program.

Henry Event Committee

HENRY, IL

\$1000 to support artist's fees for a series of community music performances and concerts by 20 musicians performed throughout the summer.

Learning Stage

PRINCETON, IL

\$825 to hire an artist to conduct a summer youth theater program and student theater performance for the community.

Malden CCSD #84

MALDEN, IL

\$1000 Experiencing Diversity in the Visual Arts. Fee for artist to teach and carry out workshops for students grade K-8 in diverse art forms representing cultures from throughout the world.

Marshall Putnum Stark Show Choir

HENRY, IL

\$1000 to hire a music instructor and dancer to teach, serve locally and steer area youth toward dance and music excellence. Summer classes culminate in performances for the community.

Midland Elementary

LACON, IL

\$1000 fee for artist Tim Hannig to present his Prokid's show for 240 elementary students. Tim's show engages students through his music, stories and comedy while leaning about respectful responsible, trustworthy character traits.

Princeton Theatre Group Festival 56

PRINCETON, IL

\$1000 for artistic director for summer festival.

River Valley Players

HENRY, IL

\$1000 fee for artists to conduct a summer musical theater classes and community performance production for students ages 5-14.

Toulon Public Library

TOULON, IL

\$1000 fee to hire five performing artists to conduct the Dig Deeper Read, Investigate, Discover program, a summer reading program for students, adults and seniors. COMMUNITY ARTS

By the Numbers

5,157

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED, INCLUDING:

900

YOUTH (UNDER 18)

5,157

RURAL

138

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

723

SENIORS

1,044

UNDERSERVEL

61

ARTISTS EMPLOYED

35

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Impact & Media

SUN FOUNDATION FY 2020 IMPACT

From September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 the Sun Foundation engaged 65,000 people though educational programs, services, publications, broadcasts, performance exhibits, community service organizations, presentations, classes, and workshops.



ABOVE Blair Hannah and Jeff Meador of Concentric Design

WEBSITE

Our website continues to provide an important means for communication, reaching over 12,900 unique visitors over the fiscal year, an increase of 3% from the previous year.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR PROGRAMS

The Sun Foundation designed and produced hard copy and electronic promotional brochures posters and flyers. Program materials were distributed to area community festivals, local businesses, local libraries, local schools and internet links.

PUBLICATION - PROGRAM GUIDE

We thank Havana Printing for their very important support. The guide contained Sun Foundation program information, and

other area arts organization's calendars and program information. The program guide is published annually and has a distribution of 30,000 printed copies. This year there were 10,000 copies sent by postal mail to the Sun Foundation's mailing database, 20,000 guides were distributed to our nine county regional elementary and secondary schools, and 3,000 were distributed to local businesses, libraries, and community centers. Additionally, an electronic copy of the guide was posted to the Sun Foundation's website.

SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you to Concentric Design for donating their time and skills to design and maintain our website, and design the Journal, annual report, and other promotional material throughout the year.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook continues to be a valuable source of communication for Sun Foundation programs, sponsor acknowledgement, and news.

ARTS ADVOCACY

As a member of Arts Partners of Peoria and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Sun Foundation is an art advocate providing regranting support, employment, and free marketing—throughs social media and our website—for artists and arts organizations.

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Program Support



ABOVE Bob and Dominique Kreie with Imre and Marie-Christine Pinter

WINTER WARMING PROGRAM SUPPORT EVENT

Guests attended the 16th annual Winter Warming Children's Program Benefit wine tasting event. \$12,000 was raised to fund the Sun Foundation's major children's programs; Art and Science in the Woods and the Clean Water Celebration. We thank event chairs **Sally Jo Eastman** and **Alicia Turner**, the dedicated Winter Warming Committee, Leo Wine, Super Liquors, distributors, volunteers, students, artists, caterer Connie Randall and A Matter of Taste, event sponsors Hasselberg, Grebe, Snodgrass, Urban & Wentworth, Illinois American Water, Goodfield Bank and local business and individual in-kind contributors for making this year's fundraising event a great success.

Partnerships & Funding

The Sun Foundation gratefully acknowledges our partners and supporters.

SUSTAINING SUPPORT, GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Blaine Adams, CPA, and his firm donated accounting service again this year. **Concentric Design** of Chicago continued their in-kind services as webmaster and graphic designers of program and fundraising promotions.

The Illinois Art Council Agency \$15,000 awarded operational grant, a federal PPP \$16,000 grant, Winter Warming event raised \$12,000 and COVID-19 program relief funds allowed the Sun Foundation to continue its mission during the pandemic surge in fiscal 2020.

Partnerships & Funding, cont.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Businesses, corporations, and foundations that have partnered with the Sun Foundation and given support of \$1,000 or more in fiscal year 2020.

- · Alvar, Inc
- · American Water
- Blick Art Material
- Blue Heron Farm
- Caterpillar Foundation
- Goodfield State Bank
- Hallmark Corporate Foundation
- Hesselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth
- Illinois American Water
- Renaissance Charitable Foundation Inc.
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- Rumbold & Kuhn, Inc.
- TIAA

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- Joan Root Ericksen
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- Laurel & Henry Maze
- Rose Parisi & Donald Meckley
- David Tachenbarg & Joyce Blumenshine
- James & Katherine Weber
- Walter and Alice Wilkins
- Dr. Robert Williams
- Ag Ziny
- Karen & Richard W. Zuckerman

GRANTS AWARDED

- Ameren Illinois
- Illinois Arts Council a state agency
- Maggie Bertram Foundation
- Miles C. Hauter Foundation
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Network for Good
- Peoria Academy of Science
- PNC Charitable Trusts

2020 IN-KIND DONATIONS

In-kind donations amounting to \$98,963 came from local businesses, service groups, and individuals to make the FY 2020 Sun Foundation programing and events possible.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Special thanks to:

- Sharon Obery, Art and Science in the Woods volunteer coordinator
- Karen Zuckerman, Clean Water
 Celebration volunteer coordinator
- David Marshall, Community Arts Access committee chair

VOLUNTEERS

Over 56 people volunteered to support programs in 2020.

Community members gave their talents and time to serve on the Sun Foundation Board of Directors, serve on program committees, help at fundraising events, facility maintenance, assist with teaching, and provide medical care for students.

These amazing people and groups are essential to the work of the organization.

GENEROSITY

We thank our community for showing such significant and long standing support for the mission of the Sun Foundation.

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL

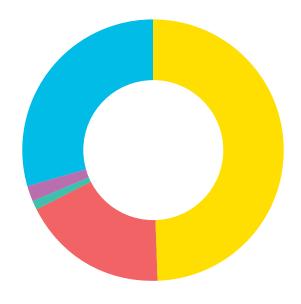
The Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, awarded the Sun Foundation \$12,000 for operations and



program support, \$10,000 for regranting through Community Art Access
Grants to Marshall, Woodford, Stark
and Bureau counties.

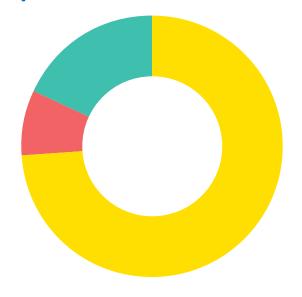
Financials

Income



Income Sources	\$302,594	
Contributions	\$142,039	47%
Grant Income for Operations	\$51,040	17%
Interest & Other Income	\$3,734	1%
Program Event Fundraising	\$6,818	2%
 In-kind Gifts and Contributions 	\$98,963	33%

Expenses



Expenditures	\$270,868	\$270,868	
• Programs	\$201,579	74%	
Program Fundraising	\$ 21,239	8%	
General Administration	\$ 48,050	18%	

Donors

Thank you to our individual and organizational donors during our 2020 fiscal year! We couldn't impact our community in the same way without you.

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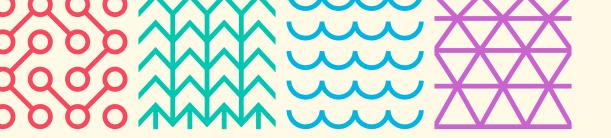
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