

SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2021-2022**

DEAR FRIENDS,

Your generosity in 2021-2022 has kept The HEAL Project moving through challenging Covid-19 interruptions into a hopeful present and a bright, sustainable future. With your support, thousands of children receive meaningful lessons about nutrition, sustainability, and healthy food systems all year. To support equity in our community, last year we extended our award-winning Intensive Garden Program (IGP) to **all four public elementary schools** within the Cabrillo Unified School District (CUSD) **for the first time in our history**. We were thrilled to welcome kids back to IGP after a year of virtual garden education. In autumn, we safely re-opened school field trip programs at the San Mateo County School Farm, bringing field trip enrollment to **1,200** this school year, from **zero** in the previous year. As I write, we are well on track to achieve student participation in 2022-2023 to rival our pre-pandemic numbers.

With your donations and grants, we have adapted our garden and farm programs to bring The HEAL Project into a new era of equity and inclusion. Through generous funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), we received the green light to develop a **school garden handbook** to share with San Mateo County schools, including:

- Our 26-week garden lesson program for 2nd & 3rd grade students
- Regional planting guides and school garden funding resources
- Consultation & training to support the realization of garden-based education programming in San Mateo County

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The HEAL Project provides the most valuable and basic teaching for our children. There's **nothing** more important!

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-Donor



We are so proud of this work because it expands our programs in a lasting way as we connect and collaborate with educators and key partners and bring access to quality food systems education to coastside and bayside communities.

Our work helps students see how the food we eat affects the health of our bodies, and how the way we grow it affects the health of the planet. Children learn first-hand about good stewardship of the land that nourishes us, and grow up to be engaged citizens in a society where everyone understands the connections between our food, our health, and our environment.

This report is a snapshot of what we've been up to.

This year The HEAL Project:

- Became a Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) for Half Moon Bay High School.
- Hired two Spanish-speaking staff; began including bilingual content in our monthly newsletter.
- Secured a seven-year in-kind lease for our farm with Cabrillo Farms through 2030.
- Secured a three-year contract with the County Health System to support farm operations.
- For the fifth year in a row, secured support from the County Office of Sustainability to provide compost education to students of San Mateo County.
- Farm-to-Family weekly food distribution, fully enrolled by spring, was delivered to 20 households.

I am always glad to hear from you, so please feel free to call or send an email any time. (Phone: 650-918-2422 or email director@thehealproject.org). Looking forward to a healthy and productive 2023...with you.



AMY BONO
Executive Director

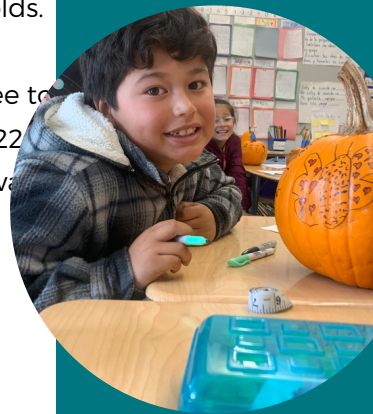
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Thank you for showing us around during our field trip.

I learned about how to help our earth.

I hope you teach more people.

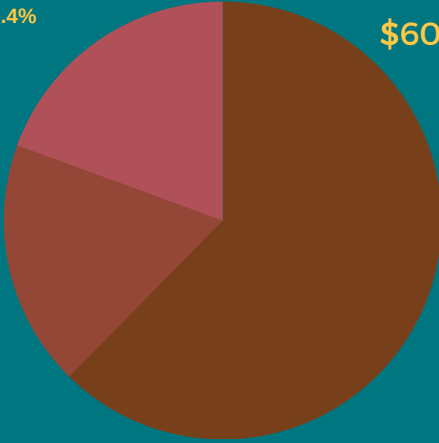
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Sincerely,
-3rd grader



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Development
19.4%

Admin
18.2%



EXPENSES
\$606,956

Programs
62.4%



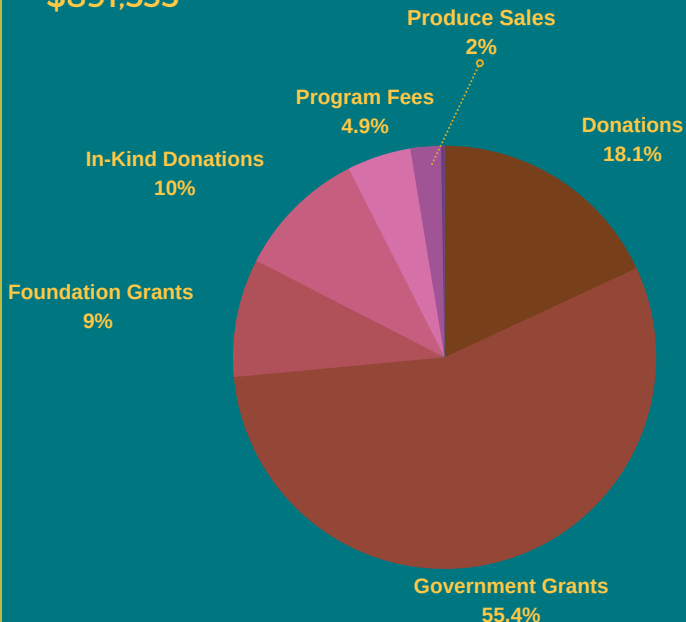
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I brought my 4th grade class here last fall. We got to experience the fall harvest! It was such a beautiful and educational field trip. Students got to taste, plant, harvest, and even bring home seeds. I would love to go back to the farm!

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-4th Grade
Teacher

INCOME
\$891,535



EQUITY & INCLUSION @ THE HEAL PROJECT

With our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workgroup we hold ourselves accountable that our work reflects our deep commitment to these values, as we:

- Strengthen outreach to the people we serve
- Incorporate food justice, health justice, and environmental justice lessons into our programs
- Participate in implicit bias training with our staff and board
- Recognize the past, present, and future vitality of Native Americans on the land we share



The HEAL Project's San Mateo County School Farm is located on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone Peoples. In recognition, we created a sign placed **at the farm entrance** to remind everyone of the history of the place and acknowledge this land's original people. CUSD approved the installation of our **indigenous land acknowledgement sign at each of the district's seven school sites**, so that local students can learn and discuss in place from kindergarten through high school. *Students gather at the El Granada Elementary School sign.*



AT SCHOOL & ON THE FARM WE HAVE FUN WITH SCIENCE, COOKING, PLANTS, FRIENDS



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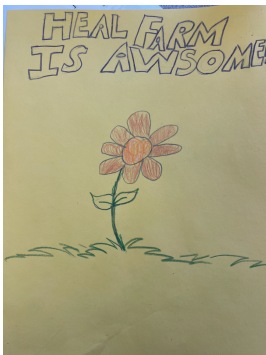
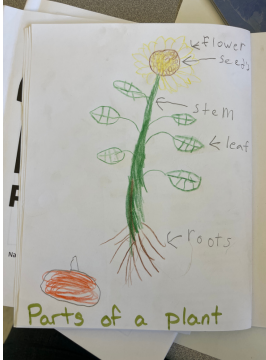
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- 5 Volunteer on Community Farm Day, on the second Saturday of the month--all year long--at our farm in El Granada



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