

2020 Highlights

- > Collaborated with over 25 non-profits globally to improve the lives of underserved children
- > Integrated The Real Program into SEC to enhance our shared emphasis on literacy
- > Established a community focused internship program for teens
- > Invested nearly \$500,000 in children/teen causes

A Most Pivotal Year

Chaos & Hope....

We're all struggling to comprehend what happened in 2020. While it was a devastating year in so many ways, it was also a time of great introspection, fierce realization, political upheaval, economic uncertainty, and maybe, some hope for our future prospects... Wow!

This uncertainty provided fertile ground for honing our focus and scaling Someone Else's Child (SEC). Transitioning from a funding foundation to a working foundation, SEC refined and clarified its mission and vision for future impact.

We are committed to improving the lives of underserved children by supporting interconnected and consequential programs

that inform and empower youth. With an emphasis on education, literacy, and economic justice, SEC looks to break the cycle of inequality through innovative approaches that offer meaningful opportunities for vulnerable children.

It is the responsibility of a community to ensure the well-being and future success of every child. SEC challenges all of us to take on this obligation by building supportive and inclusive communities so every child will have the opportunity to flourish.

Our approach is collaborative and we truly appreciate your trust and support this past year.



Teens Focus on their Communities

In the summer of 2020, SEC developed an internship program to address COVID-19 and social justice challenges in several of Boston's underserved communities. In collaboration with various organizations such as the [Boch Center](#), [Boston Explorers](#), [Thompson Island](#), [Girls Inc. of Lynn](#), SEC provided financial sup-

port and mentoring to these organizations. The teens and young adults developed and implemented programs that addressed the consequences of COVID-19 and social unrest in their communities. [Here](#) is what they had to say about the program.



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The REAL Program Joins Someone Else's Child



SEC and [The REAL Program](#) joined forces in Oct. 2020 to enhance literacy education in Lynn, MA. The REAL Program, with their innovative approach to education and deep roots in the community, is an ideal partner for SEC as we pursue our mission to inspire impactful, lasting change. Founded in 2013 by long-time educator, Jan Plourde, the mission for The REAL

Program is to elevate literacy, social-skills, and good nutrition for underserved preschoolers, elementary aged children, and their families. Based in the gateway city of Lynn, where over 35 languages are spoken and nearly 40% of the population is foreign-born, the REAL Program addresses literacy challenges in a safe and caring environment. The program continues to be suc-

cessful because of its personalized, service-learning model. As part of the SEC family, the program will be able to sustain its existing initiatives, talent, and relationships while achieving its vision of building supportive and inclusive communities to foster equal opportunity for all children. Learn more about this important partnership [here](#).

Improving the Lives of Children with Disabilities



Children and teens with special needs and disabilities are often left in the shadows when it comes to accessible resources and funding. At SEC, we've had the good fortune to work with some of the most passionate and committed people who are dedicated to serving children with disabilities.

Inspired by his daughter, Carlos Periera developed [Livox](#), an incredible technology that helps people with disabilities communicate. [Here](#) is a story about Livox' success with the Bullitt County Schools in KY.

and the [DC Special Education Cooperative](#) to streamline workflow and improve virtual, special education delivery for charter schools in Washington, DC, helping deliver services to students with special needs in virtual settings. Learn more about these efforts [here](#).

SEC also worked with [Education Modified](#)

Responding to the COVID-19 Health Challenges



SEC, through a partnership with [MIT/Solve](#), provided funds to help three dauntless and innovative organizations based in Africa.

Nigeria. [Access Afya](#) makes healthcare convenient and affordable for residents of Nairobi's slums through a chain of micro clinics, diagnostic centers, and pharmacies.

tunity to learn, [Open Learning Exchange](#) (OLE) developed Planet Learning, a repository of free resources.



[Lifebank](#) combines data, smart logistics, and technology to deliver life-saving medical supplies, blood, and oxygen throughout

To ensure that all people have the oppor-

Learn about how MIT/Solve and SEC rallied to help these worthy start-ups [here](#).

Holiday Meal Program

SEC, in concert with Girls Inc. of Lynn, Boston Explorers, and The REAL Program assembled and distributed over [200 holiday meals](#) to Boston area families. With recent economic challenges exacerbated by COVID-19 food insecurity is at an all-time high. Meals were distributed both at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sadly, right now the need is great and we so appreciate our partners, supporters and volunteers who helped make this meal program a success.



2021 Priorities for Someone Else's Child

In 2021, SEC will build upon the momentum of this past year. Our emphasis will follow our mission to serve children and teens in need. Literacy, learning, economic justice and support of kids with disabilities will remain our primary areas of focus.

Top 2021 Objectives

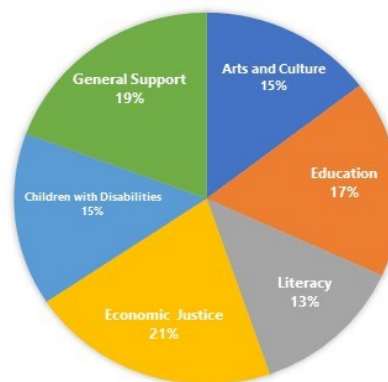
Expand community internship programs

Integrate & expand REAL Program's literacy scope & impact

Seek out additional opportunities to add programs & partners

Expand "Kids-Helping-Kids" initiative

2020 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS



Sustainability

While SEC is well funded for providing continued support, our long term goals include continued expansion in support of our mission and creating sustainability. Your support is much appreciated.

100% of any gift goes to support the children.

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Kibera Rising

For the past two years, SEC has supported Capoeira Kibera, a community-based program that uses the Afro-Brazilian martial art of Capoeira Angola to impart critical life skills, professional development training and alternative life choices to youth ages 8 – 25 in

Nairobi's Kibera slum. Since the program was established in 2018, more than 150 children and young adults from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Congo and Uganda have participated.

In 2021, in order to deepen our impact in the community and in conjunction with our

local Kenyan partners, we are expanding the program, increasing the number of children/teens we serve by renting a studio that will support up to 35 students per class (up from 15). In addition, the program will now include a support program for teen girls.



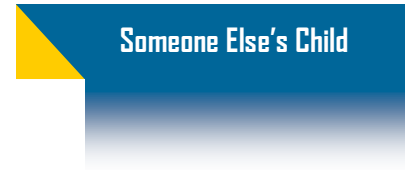
"Children are our greatest untapped resource."

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Practical Education Network (PEN) Focus on STEM

We met Heather Beem, Founder and CEO of [PEN](#) through MIT/Solve. PEN has a special emphasis on the challenges of STEM education in the developing world. Their STEM training program equips teachers to utilize locally-available resources to conduct curriculum-aligned, hands on activities in their classrooms. The materials for each PEN activity are created from low-cost and locally available materials.

PEN employs a teach-the-teachers model, leveraging local networks to reach scale.

PEN has trained 100 local trainers, reaching 3000+ teachers, in turn impacting 600K+ students, who are for the first time experiencing hands-on learning in their classroom. Test scores for these students have improved dramatically with this innovative approach.

In response to COVID-19, and remote learning environments, PEN transferred their STEM teacher training into digital modules that can be deployed online. SEC was able to support this [successful initiative](#).

