

Highlights

- > The focus on collaboration and collective impact resonates with both grantee partners and funders.
- > Continued to refine SEC's guiding principles of compassion, innovation, and partnership.
- > SEC welcomes two new staff and four new board members in 2022.

“While they may be someone else’s child, their care is the responsibility of us all...”

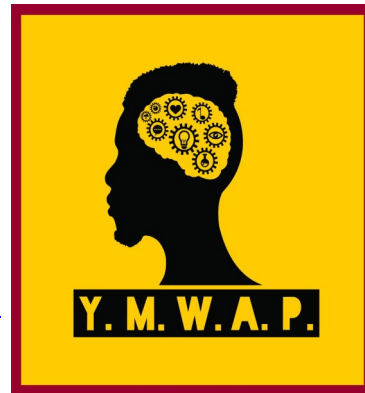
A Gathering of Community & Philanthropy

“I am valued somewhere.” Those four words were spoken by Marcia Felth, Director of Development at [Young Man with a Plan](#) (YMWAP). Marcia was attempting to succinctly describe the value that YMWAP brings to the young men of color that it serves. I think she nailed it. We all want to be valued somewhere, especially our children and teens, and particularly in these challenging times.

Marcia was speaking at a meeting [Someone Else’s Child](#) (SEC) had organized to bring foundations and community leaders together to learn about YMWAP’s mission and focus but also to connect, exchange ideas, and explore the potential for greater collaboration and collective impact.

At SEC, our guiding principle is that we are all responsible for the children and youth in our communities. As we seek out and better define the partnerships that are so vital to our mission, we realize, as Barack Obama said, “the challenges of the 21st century cannot be met without collective action.”

We are so grateful to the trustees and leaders from YMWAP, [The Wagner Foundation](#), [The Alku Foundation](#), [Black Men Run](#), [The Boston Foundation](#), [The Dorot Foundation](#), [Life Science Cares](#), and [Viney Wallach Foundation](#) for your caring and enthusiastic support of this event.



Youth Entrepreneurship Thrives in Rwanda

In June of 2022, Diane and Mike Christian visited SEC partner, [Rungano-Ndota RNI](#), in the Ruhango District of Rwanda. With support from [Rwanda Youth Partnership](#) in the US, this organization provides technical guidance, mentoring, and entrepreneurial advice to the youth of Ruhango. Through business planning, coaching, and microloans, the RNI team has nurtured almost 170 personal businesses and 6 cooperatives. 73 founding youth graduated from the program this past December. RNI is poised for meaningful geographic expansion and impact...



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“The path to big, systemic change is collective action. That takes courage...” Gloria Feldt

SEC Adds New Key Staff and Board Members to Enhance its Mission



For Someone Else's Child, 2022 was consequential and defining. In January, [Christine Dixon](#) joined as SEC's Executive Director, representing a commitment to expansion and sustainability. With Christine as a thought partner, we created a team dynamic that helped SEC better define its mission, focus, and areas of impact. Later in the year,

[Genesis Bautista](#) (left bottom) joined SEC as Operations Coordinator and [Katrina Brink](#) (left top) came on as Director of Communications/Advancement.

The organization also brought on [Vetto Casado](#), [Jason Cohen](#), [Kristina Sung Kepner](#), and [Jennie McDonald-Brown](#) as new members of our board of directors.

The experience and talent on our team and board will further support the guiding principle that we are all responsible for the children and youth in our communities. As we seek out and better define the partnerships that are so vital to our mission, we realize, "there is immense power when people with similar interests get together to work toward the same goals." *I. Koyenikan*



Youth Engagement: "Kids-Helping-Kids!"

In the early days of SEC, we encouraged youth and their families from local schools to contribute to and help assemble backpacks and Christmas gifts for children from under-resourced communities. These early events/projects became the foundation of an enduring and defining aspect of SEC's value in the community - [Kids Helping Kids](#).

In recent years, SEC has supported young people paying it forward with clothing donations, holiday meal bags, gift cards, backpacks, etc. These events teach children at a young age to give back to their communities, instilling values that encourage them to help others - giving without an expectation of getting something in return.

In 2022, SEC worked with young people from the [Hernandez School](#), [Young Man A Plan](#), [Hyde Square Task Force](#), [YMCA of Lynn](#), [Girls Inc. of Lynn](#), and [Building Audacity](#).

These projects are empowering for the young people. It gives them a forum and an opportunity to think about others in their community. Practicing generosity hopefully leads to feeling compassion for others less fortunate, leading to caring action.

In keeping with SEC's focus on elevating the voice of youth, this year, our Kids-Helping-Kids efforts incorporated the youth's ideas for what areas they would focus on. This resulted in a new and more thoughtful approach to the events and donations.



"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." Frederick Douglass

MAIA - An Inspiring Educational Model

Guatemala has the worst gender-equity gap in the hemisphere. Representing roughly 25% of the population, Maya women experience levels of exclusion that make them among the most marginalized on Earth. In Guatemala, fewer than 20% of Maya women complete high school. Post Covid, Guatemala's already-low figure for average years of schooling dropped from 6.3 to 4.8 years.

We met [Martha Lidia Oxi](#), Co-Executive Director of [MAIA Impact School](#) at the [Solve/MIT](#) conference. Her passion and dedication to MAIA's holistic educational model is inspiring. The school focuses on academics, culture & identity, socioemotional intelligence, and personal development that empowers female leaders and helps create systemic change.

MAIA is our first partner in Central America and a shining example of collaborative impact.

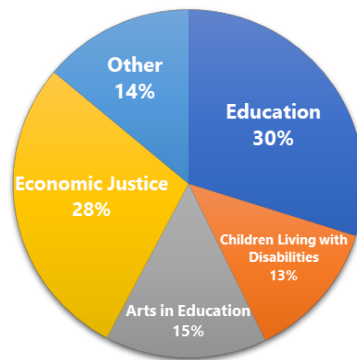


Focus and Opportunities for Impact

SEC enters 2023 focused on elevating youth and community voices. We aim to invest in leaders and organizations that create opportunities for young people around education, the arts, economic justice, and for youth living with disabilities. Our core partnerships go beyond mere funding

and focus on greater collaborations and collective action. All of these efforts are within a culture of learning that deepens our understanding of the areas we focus on, hopefully leading to thought leadership and added value to our partners.

2022 Allocation of Funding



While SEC is well funded for providing continuing impact, 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.

All donations are tax deductible. **Tax ID: 04-3410208**

UCSB Internships: Media Skills for Good!

SEC is entering its 3rd year of partnering with UC Santa Barbara's [Impact Media Internship Program](#). The course equips undergrads with the production skills they need to effectively support humanitarian and environmental organizations as media interns. Through this

exciting program, students support local organizations by helping them to tell compelling, timely stories about their work. The program provides students with an invaluable opportunity to gain real-world media production experience, while at the same time,

giving back to their communities. Check out examples of the students' work:

- [Impact Media 2021](#)
- [Santa Barbara Food Bank](#)
- [Climate Crisis](#)
- [Activism](#)



"Individual effort is good but collective effort is better..." Fela Durotoye

Appreciation

- Continuing gratitude to our Founder, Diane Christian, for her vision and compassion for children.
- Kudos to our grantee partners. Your vision, passion, and dedication to your missions are what makes this all work.
- A big thank you to our Executive Director, Christine Dixon and her team Genesis Bautista, Katrina Brink, and our intern, Ale Reyes Lemus
- Thank you to our board members for your time and enthusiastic support. Vetto Casado, Jason Cohen, Jeff Kaplan, Kristina Sung Kepner, Jennie McDonald-Brown, Ann Mizner McKay

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Amal Alliance Supports Displaced Children

Climate change, natural disaster, and active and protracted crises have denied an estimated 33 million children who have been forcibly displaced worldwide their childhood and the opportunity to thrive in life. This is especially true for already vulnerable children, including children with disabilities and children living outside of family care, who are at increased risk, and of physical and emotional maltreatment, mental distress, and violence.

[Amal Alliance](#) (Amal) is a new partner for SEC. In response to the crisis of displacement, Amal is dedicated to the premise that all children need access to the social and emotional skills that are

fundamental preconditions to learning. The organization provides 4 pillars of support to displaced, disenfranchised, and host community children: 1) social-emotional learning, 2) psychosocial support, 3) early childhood development, and 4) peace education.

Amal's most rapidly growing program is [Colors of Kindness](#), a multi-award winning program that includes a learner digital workbook, teacher training animation videos, teacher guidance both in audio and written form, teacher training (either in-person or virtual), monitoring and evaluation tools, as well as continued remote support to our implementing partners.



"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." Arthur Ashe

2022 A Year in Pictures



*Drummers and Sophie's Goats
[RNI Business Expo in Rwanda](#)*



*[Innovators for Purpose](#)
Creating Shared Value in Cambridge, MA*



*Kibera Community Gathering
Inuka Cultural Centre*



[Slum Dance Africa](#)

"It's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." Harry Truman




[Practical Education Network](#)
[Teacher Training in Ghana](#)



[Financial Literacy Class](#)
[African Community Education](#)



[In Focus Filmmaking Program](#)
[The Cabot](#)



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ALE REYES LEMUS

"Ale is showing commitment by also working on task outside of the weekly time she spends with SEC. This week she met with her Dean who is helping her distribute surveys to her classmates and also to organize focus groups. Looking forward to her projects coming together!"

Christine Dixon, Someone Else's Child

SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD

Congratulations!

Corporate Work Study Student Worker of the Week!

[Ale Reyes Lemus, SEC Intern](#)
[Work Study Student of the Week](#)



[Greens Do Good](#)
[Produce with Purpose](#)

"Don't aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference." Denzel Washington