

*Recent Observations  
and Updates*

- > According to a report from the [Urban Institute](#), 84% of children born into poverty were still poor in their late 20's.
- > Updated our strategic plan to more accurately reflect our collaborative, partnership approach with organizations that support our mission to improve the lives of underserved children.
- > Launched a search for an Executive Director to help us take SEC into its next phase....

## Opportunities to Serve Abound

### Updated Mission Statement for SEC...

Someone Else's Child (SEC) is committed to improving the lives of underserved children in the United States and Globally by supporting programs that address economic disparities and drive systemic change. With an emphasis on education and literacy, economic justice, and children with disabilities, SEC looks to break the cycle of inequality through innovative approaches that empower youth to learn, grow, and fulfill their potential to live meaningful lives.

We also emphasize families' involvement in their own communities, providing opportunities for children and their loved ones to serve others through volunteerism while cultivating empathy, personal growth, and confidence—what we call Kids-Helping-Kids.

To widen our impact, we collaborate with like-minded nonprofit organizations, foundations, schools, and community agencies. We actively seek out opportunities to thoughtfully expand the scope and impact of SEC through partnerships that enhance our mission to champion children.



SEC has recently partnered with [Rwanda Youth Partnership](#) (RYP) and [Rungano-Ndota](#) for the development of youth cooperative businesses. In 2016, a group of young Rwandans and a few inspired Americans catalyzed a new initiative for the poorest youth in Rwanda. That idea grew into Rungano-Ndota Initiative and Rwanda Youth Partnership. Focused on community, education, and collaboration, these partner organizations have worked with over 200 at-risk youths in Rwanda to develop cooperatives (e.g. Honey and Cassava), establish entrepreneurial training programs, provide micro loans for start-up businesses, and mentoring.

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### Boston Explorers



For [Boston Explorers](#) (BE) kids, the city of Boston is an exciting campground. In an inter-age, electronic-free setting, children make their own choices and have time to play and use their imaginations. In a world of often highly scripted and programmed play, BE follows a child's interests to help frame daily activities and explorations. The goal is to inspire a sense of civic

engagement, adventure and curiosity that will last a lifetime. This unique concept, the brainchild of founder, Alphonse Litz, gives the kids a fun combination of exercise, working with their hands, imaginative play, and an opportunity to learn about their city. Building character is an essential part of the camp program. It takes grit to persevere, to try new things and recover

from a setbacks. As an added focus, the [BE Leader-in-Training](#) program provides experiences for BE camper graduates that will help prepare them for the transition from teen to young adult. SEC has supported BE for many years and maintains the highest regard for Alphonse and his incredible program. The response from campers and their parents is always overwhelmingly positive.



[Boston vs. Bullies](#) is a bullying prevention program presented by The Sports Museum and the Boston sports community to stand strong against bullying. Through videos and activities, the award-winning educational program leverages the power and example of Boston sports to help stop bullying in our schools and in our community. Rusty Sullivan, Executive Director of the Sports Museum and Michelle Gormley, Director of Edu-

cation, have been so gracious in making their program available to our non-profit partners free of charge. Collaboration is an important part of partnering, helping to expand ideas by building and sharing a knowledge base between programs and organizations. *By introducing successful programs, like Boston vs. Bullies to other organizations, we can share resources and be more impactful together.*



[Social Innovation Forum](#) (SIF) brings together innovative non-profit organizations and social impact businesses and connects them to passionate investors, supporters, mentors, and in-kind partners who are seeking new ways to use their resources – time, talent, and money – to create positive social impact. [The Loop Lab](#) (pictured) is a 2021 Innovator and a prime example of an organization that SIF works with.

With 106 social impact organizations in the SIF portfolio and more than 1,366 committed funders and practitioners in its active community, SIF is helping to improve lives and build stronger, healthier communities all across greater Boston. SEC sponsored a 2021-22 track, Work-Based Learning and Mentorship Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults.

*"If you want to go fast, you go alone; if you want to go far, you go together."*

## Peter Wolf Headlines Our First Big Fundraiser!

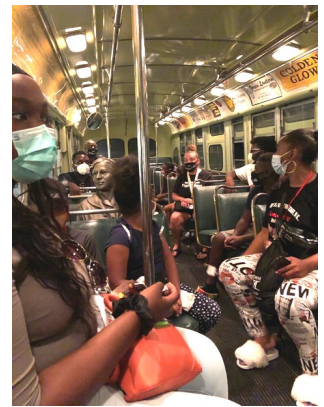
We're really excited to announce the first major fundraiser ever for Someone Else's Child. [Peter Wolf and The Midnight Travelers](#) at [the Cabot Theater](#) on December 4th. Peter Wolf has been known for decades as the dynamic lead singer and song writer of the J. Geils Band, with whom he showcased his talents on such hits as "Centerfold," "Freeze Frame," "Love Stinks" and "Musta Got Lost. Together with his distinguished band, "The Midnight Travelers", Wolf is known for his ability to create an intimate and personal connection with his audience. 100% of net proceeds will go to Someone Else's Child. Event and sponsorship details can be found [here](#). Donations can also be made on-line [here](#). Thank you!



[Smart from the Start](#) is a trauma-informed, multi-generational family support and community engagement organization with a mission to promote the healthy development of young children and families living in the most underserved communities of Boston and Washington, DC. The organiza-

tion reaches out to families and empowers them with the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive.

Founded by [Cherie Craft](#), Smart focuses on family and community as the catalytic element for children's lifelong learning, health, and development. SEC helped sponsor Smart's [Civil Rights Summer Pilgrimage](#).



Recently, SEC partnered with [LEAD Monrovia Football Academy](#) in Liberia to provide support for the upcoming school year. LEAD Monrovia Football Academy provides Liberia's talented youth with academic classes, football training, and life skills lessons to improve academic perfor-

mance, break down gender barriers, and prepare its students to lead positive change in Liberia. For the 2021-22 school year, the school will have 160 student-athletes, ages 8-18, in grades 3-10. The academy is part of [LEAD Edu](#), an organization founded by [Will](#)

[Smith](#) and predicated on five core principles: inclusive, gender equal, holistic learning, access and local leadership. LEAD's main priority is "to provide a holistic, comprehensive education that equips our future leaders with the skills they need to achieve their dreams."



*"The opposite of division isn't unity. It's collaboration."*

## Updates and New Connections

Below, going clockwise from the upper left, are updates on some of our 2021 programs: celebration day for the first cohort of [Greens Do Good](#) interns; [Kids in Community](#) (Lynn, MA) summer camp rhythm lessons; update on our [Impact Media Program](#) with the Carsey Wolf Center at UCSB; Chris Hope of the [Loop Lab](#) in Cambridge, MA, managed to persuade Casey Affleck to speak at one of his classes. Quite a coup, Chris.

Right, [Boston Explorers](#) tour the Boch Center in Boston this summer.



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