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"While they may be someone else's child, it is the responsibility of a community to ensure the wellbeing & success of every child."

Someone Else's Child is now a Public Charity

When Diane Christian founded [Someone Else's Child](#) over 26 years ago, she was struck by the notion that we are all responsible for the children in our communities.

In recent years, as we've devoted more time and resources to the foundation, we refined the strategy and focus, brought Christine Dixon on as Executive Director, and embraced a more collaborative approach. Our world is challenged right now and meaningful solutions won't come from individual efforts. This view energizes SEC's support of organizations that understand the need for greater collaborations and collective action.

Diane and I are quite encouraged by the growing impact and direction of

SEC. We feel that it can continue to grow and evolve over the coming years. So, in thinking about succession, continuity, and the future prospects of SEC, we applied to the IRS for public charity status. And recently, we received the approval to operate as a [public foundation](#). To maintain that status, the IRS requires a higher percentage of outside donors. Diane and I will continue to provide annual funding and will also cover all operating expenses so that 100% of outside donations will go to support the programs for youth.

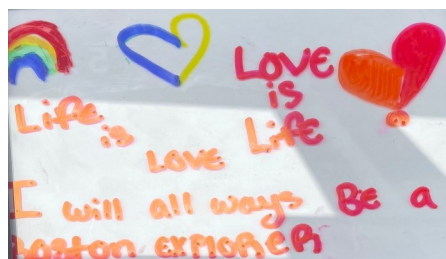
SEC will certainly continue to evolve as we pursue opportunities for greater impact and collective action. As always we appreciate your continued support.



Our First Summer with Boston Explorers

2023 marked SEC's first summer with [Boston Explorers](#) (BE). You may recall, we recently brought BE under the umbrella of SEC as our first direct program. Under the direction of [Natasha Wright](#), the campers discovered the City of Boston as their very own campground. The goal of BE is to inspire a sense of civic engagement, adventure and curiosity that will last a lifetime.

The summer was certainly a learning experience for all of us at SEC. Yet, the joy the camp brought to the youth made it all worthwhile. Having a direct program in Boston provides so many opportunities for connection and learning. We envision BE to be a springboard for additional community engagement.



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"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world." Shakespeare

First day of School at Johnny's Town School



Founded by Bill Masquoui, [Rebuild Africa's](#) (RA) mission is to empower the people of Liberia to rebuild their lives and communities through education, vocational training, and mentoring. Liberia's 14-year civil war between 1989 and 2003 inflicted a high cost on Liberia destroying all the critical economic and social infrastructures, including schools, hospitals, and companies.

SEC met Bill in 2022. He presented his idea to build and operate a school for children ages 3 to 14 in the remote Kollahun District of Northeast Liberia. This area is one of the most underserved districts in Liberia.

RA's plan was to raise funds for construction and also involve the community in building this early childhood development center. We're thrilled to see that Bill's dream is now a reality.

Reclaim! Ojibwe language revitalization



We attended the 2023 [MIT Solve](#) Equity Summit in Tulsa, OK. This year's [US Equity Summit](#) was hosted in Tulsa for its historical significance and proximity to 39 sovereign nations. While there, we met Esiban Parent, a developer for [Reclaim!](#), a video game in the [Ojibwe language](#) to support Indigenous learners. SEC has a growing focus

on indigenous youth and the intrinsic connection between language and culture. Esiban introduced us to [Dr. Mary Hermes](#), Director of [Grassroots Indigenous Multimedia](#) and founder of [Reclaim!](#) Through this new partnership, SEC can better understand links between language, culture & community for indigenous children.

Steam the Streets



[Ben Gilbarg](#) is the co-founder and director of [Steam the Streets](#), an organization that utilizes music, video, performance, and motivational speaking to make [STEAM](#) careers relatable and within reach. Through their [App](#), engaging video content, school assembly shows, and workshops, they reach young people where they're at. Ben emphasizes that In the USA, an estimated four million

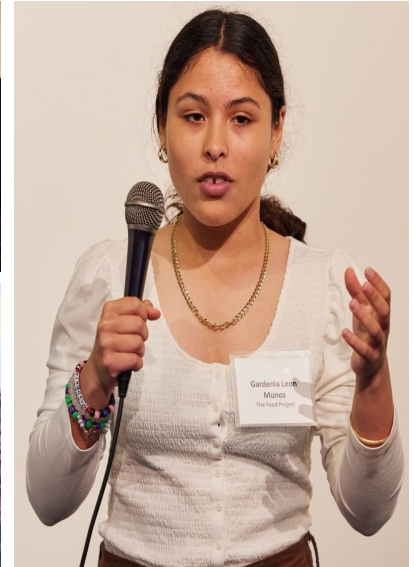
STEM and Arts (STEAM) jobs will go unfilled in 2023. Many students and educators are unaware of these high demand, career options, especially for underestimated BIPOC students. Recently, Steam the Streets announced an affiliation with [NOAA](#) to introduce students to marine science & sanctuaries through their App.

"When making decisions look to the impact on the 7th generation" Native American

SEC & Lynn Non-Profits Showcase Youth

[Building Audacity](#), the [Food Project](#), [Girls Inc. of Lynn](#), [KIPP Massachusetts](#), [LEAP for Education](#), [Lynn English High School](#), [Lynn Museum/LynnArts](#), [Northeast Arc](#), and the [YMCA of Metro North](#) teamed up with SEC to showcase youth leaders and spur collaboration among Lynn non-profits.

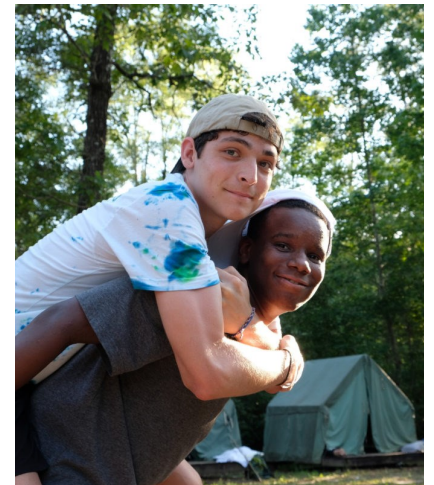
Nearly 100 community members and young people highlighted resources and how those can be jointly focused to create more opportunities for Lynn's young people to choose their futures. The event was a celebration of adult and youth leadership in Lynn and a forum to encourage the community to provide "more for Lynn's children and teens." The funds raised from this event were distributed evenly among the non-profit planning partners. The Lynn youth will also provide their views on next steps.



Building a Network of Citizens, Teammates, and Leaders

"[Live Oak Camp](#) exists to challenge the status quo in two ways. We help develop individual young people to become stronger citizens, teammates, and leaders. We start with summer camp, but we go far beyond camp to invest year-round in their growth. At the same time, we nurture the friendships and connections between these individual campers and alumni through our long-term efforts to build a powerful and diverse network. Ultimately, we aim to increase their collective power and social capital as a rich and connected community of talented individuals." *From Live Oak's business plan.*

SEC met [Jack Carey](#), Executive Director of Live Oak through [Travis Ning](#) at the [Ward Foundation](#). Live Oak connects 8 to 22 year old youth from New Orleans to summer sleep away camp in Mississippi, wilderness trips, leadership training, mentorship, and employment opportunities. From this year's campers: "Without Live Oak, I would never have realized who I truly am." "Live Oak has taught me how important it is to live the values." "In my life, you have been a constant." "Live Oak is a place where people can feel seen and heard." "These past 3 years at camp have really defined me."



Empowering Young Leaders with Ability

SEC has long championed young people living with disabilities. In fact, it is one of our four primary areas of focus.

Since 2001, [Triangle](#), Inc. has rapidly expanded to provide youth and adults with the innovative career, leadership, and safety skills they need to live more independent, dignified lives. SEC learned about

EPIC through Triangle. It was founded by Jeff Lafata-Hernandez in 2011 to address the growing need for transition-age youth with disabilities to develop their leadership skills and become more active in their communities. [EPIC's Service Warriors Program](#) promotes active participation in community projects, similar to SEC's [Kids-Helping-Kids](#) initiatives.



"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

More Moments from our 1st Summer with Boston Explorers



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If you're inspired by SEC's partners, you can support them [here](#).

Reimagining Internships

From the [District C](#) website: "Teamship is a reimagined internship experience that prepares students for modern work. Teams of students solve real problems for real businesses, all with the support of an expert coach."

District C believes in teaching young people to work in diverse teams to solve complex problems. Collaboration is at the heart of the District C approach. SEC has collaborated with District C on several unique projects including one to help us design our own approach to youth philanthropy. Earlier this year, young people from [Cristo Rey Boston High School](#) and [Dearborn STEM Academy](#) participated in a "Design Sprint"

to launch the Someone Else's Child Foundation Youth Philanthropy Program. Expertly facilitated by [Tania Baez](#) using the District C [Teamship approach](#), we created a safe space where all ideas were valued and voices could be heard. We envisioned together a youth-centered program where young people are a part of the decisions made in their communities. Going forward, this program will incorporate what we learned from this exciting collaborative session.

Youth philanthropy is incredibly powerful, both for the young leaders and their communities. [Here](#) is more about youth engagement Initiatives.



"The highest form of wisdom is kindness."



The [Boch Center's City Spotlights](#) Showcase
"Advocating for the freedom of self-expression"



[Livox](#) - App for people with disabilities
Celebration of student-created content



More from the Lynn Leaders Event



The 2023 [MIT/Solve Challenge](#)
Finalists in NYC



[Livox](#) School Session in Brazil
Youth designers & teachers

"Compassion becomes real when we recognize our shared humanity." Pema