

2012 SHARE GRANTS

Please note, the reporting categories for our recipients are slightly different this year.

CHILDREN:

The kid-focused activities are some of our favorites!

Lincoln Intermediate Unit Autistic Support Program - This grant is to help students served through the Lincoln Intermediate Unit Autistic Support Program. The teacher is taking the students on a two-day environmental education camp. They will conduct a stream study and learn about plants found on an hour long hike.

Pinwheels for Peace - A love child of a SHARE family member, Pinwheels for Peace, is an installation started in 2006 by two art teachers as a way for students to express their feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives. The art classes of George Read Middle School will create pinwheels of all shapes and sizes and write their thoughts about peace, tolerance and living in harmony with others. They are planted with the help of a local GS troop and remain on display for a week.

Danzante Community Art Garden - SHARE money will help continue the Danzante Community Art Garden. This community-based project serves South Allison Hill on the site of a demolished building. Bricks from the building have been used in the garden pathway and stepping stones will be going in this summer.

Harrisburg Bike Taxi - Harrisburg Bike Taxi will be sponsoring and funding the 1st Annual Market Madness Bike Race and Community Outreach Fundraiser. The event's mission is to educate community members in ways that they can go green. Kids from the Joshua Group and HBG4KIDS will be involved directly and proceeds will be donated to both groups.

Plenty Belize - We provided funding and services to support Plenty Belize in their publication of a cookbook. The recipes are designed to use the produce from the gardens established by Plenty Belize at the schools in south Toledo.

Inner City Outings - We are helping the local chapter of Inner City Outings double the number of trips hosted to 26 or more. They are partnering with the Math/Science Academy, Sci-Tech Academy, the combined Kingdom Embassy Church and Cathedral Consolidated School and the Rowland School to offer biking, hiking, canoeing and camping trips. The children they serve range in age from 8 to 18. Their mission is to increase participant's familiarity with and sense of responsibility for the environment.

GARDENS:

The Campus Community Farm of Saint Mary's College of Maryland - This organization will be using SHARE money to continue providing education and support to the St. Mary's campus and surrounding communities through sustainable, organic agricultural practices. They would like to hire a farm manager and volunteer coordinator for the summer.

Green Urban Initiative - We are also continuing our support of Green Urban Initiative in their quest to cultivate more city lots. They plan to use our money to expand into Uptown Harrisburg and provide more compost for the beds in the existing gardens. Their community gardens currently bring fresh, nutritious produce through gardens on Third St, Calder St and Berryhill Street.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Hawk Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary - We will be helping with their trail maintenance and youth programs. Their Youth Conservation Corps will be completing a section of trail to link the newly renovated education facility with the parking areas and trail system. They would like to provide for a natural history recreation trip at the end of the program.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeepers - This organization plans to support anti-fracking activities. Their focus will be on the effects on water quality in the river and the water tables in the communities impacted by fracking. One focus is to end the use of fracking water for de-icing roads.

Little Buffalo Festival - We will be supporting them in their efforts to provide a free, multi-cultural arts, environmental awareness and sustainable living event. The festival includes conservation, renewable energy and sustainable living exhibitors. They hope to maintain and possibly increase the number of exhibitors beyond twelve.