



MARION INSTITUTE

Annual Report FY2018

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Letter From The President



Dear Friends,

Twenty five years! Where has the time gone? As I prepared to write this letter, I got to thinking about all the projects, programs, and people that the Marion Institute has worked with over

the past twenty-five years. The memories are colorful, meaningful, and inspiring and FY2018 was an opportunity for us to celebrate the successes of the past, culminating in a Silver Soiree anniversary event where we reunited with many faces of the past and screened a retrospective video that you can [view here](#). It was a stellar silver jubilee year that saw some organizational changes as well as some new opportunities to expand our reach:

- In January, we promoted Robyn Branco to Executive Director from the position of Director of Development and Programs, where she supported interim ED Margie Baldwin.
- Grow Education underwent a changing of the seasons, as Director Zoe Hansen-DiBello moved on to other projects in May. Garden Operations Manager Adam Davenport continues to steer the program on the ground and in the gardens, while Robyn is navigating the program to new heights, with deeper community engagement and the cultivation of local partnerships.
- Speaking of partnerships, earlier this year the Marion Institute's Connector Series became a supporting partner of the New Bedford

Lyceum, an educational forum for civil public discourse that was revived in 2017. In May, the Lyceum brought Gloria Steinem to New Bedford, where she was welcomed by an enthusiastic sold-out crowd. The Lyceum events provide an opportunity to reach and engage new audiences and promote our programs and overall mission.

*We all have our time machines.
Some take us back, they're called
memories. Some take us forward,
they're called dreams.*

- Jeremy Irons

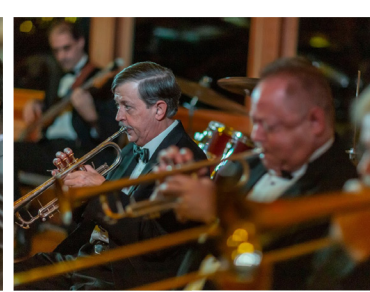
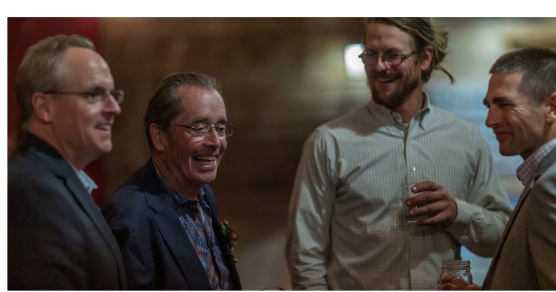
And last, but certainly not least, the American Center for Bioregulatory Medicine and Dentistry (aka The BioMed Center New England) opened its doors in October 2018. Although the center is not operated by the Marion Institute, it has been an aspiration of mine and Margie for the past 20 years and we have taken many actions to bring this dream into reality.

Never one to rest on our laurels, the Marion Institute now turns toward dreams for the future. What will the next 25 years look like for us?

We will certainly continue to seek out the “root causes” of issues that disturb our communities and the world, encouraging transformative ideas and galvanizing progressive initiatives to bring about action and change. And we will also continue to empower individuals to realize and reach their full potential and harness the collective power of wisdom to help build a better world. And what does that entail? To us, building a better world means fostering whole, healthy, engaged individuals and communities, and that's what we'll continue to do in the years to come.

We appreciate your continued support. Together, we can work toward a goal of building a sustainable, equitable, and healthier world.

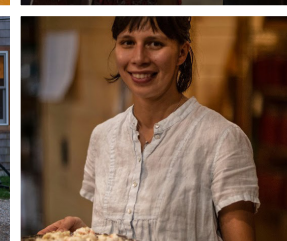
Yours,
Michael Baldwin
Co-Founder/President





**Marion Institute's
Silver Jubilee Celebration**

Saturday, October 20, 2018

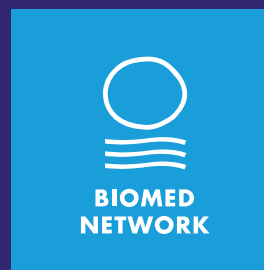


Our Mission: Turning Aspirations into Action



MARION INSTITUTE

We support people and ideas that encourage growth, cultivate awareness and inspire social change through community-building, global sustainability, holistic medicine, and social justice.



Grow Education: Planting Knowledge, Cultivating Community.



Grow Education continues to build and strengthen family and school partnerships through school-based community gardens with a focus on project-based learning and environmental and social justice.



Planting Knowledge:

- In July 2018, we added a familiar face to the Grow garden maintenance crew- Cristiano Dias. Cristiano is an immigrant from Cape Verde, having come to New Bedford during middle school, and has a strong network of Cape Verdean friends and family within New Bedford. He started out as a volunteer with the New Bedford High School garden when he was a student and continued on after graduation. Due to his interest and unwavering commitment, he has been hired to do Garden Maintenance for the Grow Education schools. Cristiano is a huge asset to the team with his horticulture experience and he is also poly-lingual, fluent in English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Creole.
- In the Fall of 2017, Grow hosted a successful **composting workshop** with the students of Trinity Day Academy. Adam, our Garden Operations Manager, collaborated with the staff and students to design and rebuild their compost bin. With the help of Trinity's carpentry shop teacher Mr. Pina, Adam worked with the

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Grow Education: Planting Knowledge, Cultivating Community.

carpentry classes throughout the week to design a three-bin system that would better fit the needs of their garden and school community.

- When the weather outside gets too cold to use our outdoor classrooms (the gardens) we bring our seasonal programming indoors. The adoption of new science standards added to 5th grade common core curriculum in the fall of 2017 spurred Grow to pilot a **Winter Speaker Series** at Carlos Pacheco Elementary School, lining up presenters that could help teachers make this new content relevant to the students:
 - In March, students heard from Robert Rak, Professor at Bristol Community College and Jake Gamache, a waste water treatment operator for Waste Water Treatment Services in New Bedford. The pair spoke to the students about career opportunities in this burgeoning field and was quick to engage them during the Q&A period.

- Later, in April, local farmer Bill Braun from the Ivory Silo Farm was a guest speaker for 60 3rd graders at Carlos Pacheco Elementary School in New Bedford. The timing was perfect for Farmer Bill to visit: the students just learned about plant life cycles in class and were preparing to plant seedlings that would later be transplanted in their community garden.

Cultivating Community:

- We hosted a series of **Community Planting Days** at Grow school locations: Gomes Elementary, Jacobs Elementary, Pacheco Elementary, Trinity Day Academy, Renaissance Community Innovation School, and New Bedford High School. Students, teachers, parents, and neighbors came by to help our Grow team transplant seedlings into the garden beds for the first seasonal round of planting. It's a great way for teachers to close out the school year with an interactive project-based activity to engage and educate the kids at the end of the school year, when they're teeming with

excitement for the upcoming summer break. [Click here](#) to see a slideshow of photos taken at these events.

- Each new school year brings an opportunity to engage a new group of students and their families to the Grow school gardens. A great way to celebrate and get the community involved is with our **Harvest Celebrations**, which took place at 4 schools: Gomes Elementary, Jacobs Elementary, Pacheco Elementary and Trinity Day Academy.
 - Each one was unique with activities such as face painting, garden marker painting, cooking demonstrations (by Round the Bend Farm and Sid Wainer and Sons), a mobile farm stand (operated by Coastal Foodshed) and opportunities to harvest from the gardens using Grow-branded shopping totes provided to all attendees.
 - At Trinity, Grow and the students partnered with a local art non-profit to create a colorful mural for the front of one of the garden beds. The students worked with Dena Haden from Superflat to paint and install this masterpiece!

Grow Education: Planting Knowledge, Cultivating Community.



Southcoast Energy Challenge: Committed to a Sustainable Southcoast.



Southcoast Energy Challenge (SEC) works to ensure that all people – regardless of race, income or neighborhood – have access to clean energy and energy efficiency programs. We accomplish this through local and state advocacy, educational workshops, and collaborations with providers of clean energy and energy efficiency programs.

Committed to a Sustainable Southcoast

- Over the summer of 2018, SEC worked with 15 interns from New Bedford High School via the **“Learn and Earn” program**, made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC). This paid internship program began in July and students worked 20 hours a week for seven weeks. Program Manager Nicole Morris-McLaughlin supervised the students throughout the program and leveraged SEC’s relationships to provide student interns with a breadth of knowledge on renewable energy through insider access to the Wind Technology Testing Center in Boston, guest speakers from BlueWave Solar, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and Self-Reliance, a meet-and-greet with members of the South Coast legislative delegation at the Statehouse in Boston, and a tour of the Marine Commerce Terminal in New Bedford, where officials from Vineyard Wind talked about the importance of offshore wind and the massive job opportunities it will create.
- The students also operated their own stand at the New Bedford Farmers Market, reaching out to the community and educating them on the benefits of switching to rooftop solar and community solar with the goal of signing them up for Energy Assessments through MassSave or the Local Community Action Program - PACE.
- In early October, the Southcoast Energy Challenge participated in the global **2018 DrawDown EcoChallenge**, sponsored each year by the Northwest Earth Institute. Over 110,000 people from 101 countries have used the Ecochallenge Platform, which has engaged over 300,000 people throughout the organization’s 26-year history.
- As a co-captain of Team Southcoast, SEC joined with UMass Dartmouth and the Town of Fairhaven Sustainability Committee to take specific actions in their daily lives to reduce their energy use and waste, among other fun and easy challenges. The Team had 137 members and finished with 21,086 points, finishing 26th out of 842 teams!

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Connector Series: Engaging Audiences, Inspiring Action.



The Connector Series brings thought leaders from around the world to the South Coast of Massachusetts to help share ideas and connect with audiences who have a thirst for knowledge and a passion for positive change.

Engaging Audiences

- In April, the Connector Series hosted Dr. Dickson Thom, ND, DDS, for a pair of events, one at the Cape Cod Cultural Center in South Yarmouth, MA and the other at Hotel Providence, in Providence, RI. **“Healing Chronic Illness with the 10 Natural Laws”** addressed the bioregulatory approach to cancer, Lyme disease, neurological, auto-immune, and digestive disorders.

In addition to being a renowned naturopathic physician and co-founder of the [American Center for Biological Medicine](#), Dr. Thom is also on the BRMI advisory board and has been a main speaker at both BRMI Conferences. We look forward to future events with him, as do the near sold-out crowds that attended each event.

- In August, we welcomed back Brendan Kelly, herbalist and author of *The Yin and Yang of Climate Crisis*, for a pair of events focused on the correlation between climate change and Lyme disease.

The Connector Series partnered with the Sippican Lands Trust for an early morning event, **Eco-Herbal Medicine: An Interactive Walk & Talk**, at Brainard Marsh

in Marion, MA. Brendan led the group on an experiential foraging walk, identifying, tasting, and talking about the uses of several local medicinals and edibles, as well as their importance with climate change.

- The afternoon events, **Lyme Disease and Climate Change: How Internal Inflammation Mirrors the Environment – Seminar & Medicinal Tea-Making Demonstration**, were co-hosted by Round the Bend Farm in South Dartmouth, MA. Using the lens of Chinese medicine, Brendan discussed how the warming of our planet mirrors a similar overheating within us and within our culture. Supported by research from his book, he presented how the progression of Lyme disease mirrors the progression of climate change and how Lyme is very much a condition of our times.
- Following the seminar, Brendan discussed and demonstrated the preparation of wild plant teas for use as food and medicine.

The events were well received and we look forward to hosting Brendan again next year!

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Connector Series: Engaging Audiences, Inspiring Action.

Inspiring Action

- Early in the year, the Marion Institute Connector Series became a supporting partner of the **New Bedford Lyceum**, an educational forum for civil public discourse that was revived in 2017. In May, the Lyceum brought **Gloria Steinem** to New Bedford, where she was welcomed by an enthusiastic sold-out crowd.

In the 45 years since co-founding Ms. Magazine, Gloria Steinem has propelled into national consciousness as a respected and lauded writer, editor, and activist. She travels the globe as an organizer and lecturer and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality.

The Lyceum partnership provides the Marion Institute with an opportunity to reach and engage new audiences and promote our programs and overall mission.

- Later in the year, we welcomed team members from one of our long-standing Greenhouse Initiatives, S.A.F.E. (Sponsored Arts for Education), to the United States for “We are S.A.F.E.”, an event hosted in

conjunction with the UMass Dartmouth Office of Campus Sustainability and Residential Initiatives and held on its campus in the Claire T. Carney Library Grand Reading Room. The event, attended by faculty, students and the general public, was a way to introduce the group to the local community and focus the spotlight on their incredibly impactful work with HIV/AIDS education and the abolishment of female genital mutilation/circumcision (FGM/C), particularly among the Maasai, the indigenous peoples of southern Kenya.

At the event, founder and Executive Director Nick Reding and SAFE Maa co-founder and Project Manager, Amos Leuka, announced a great achievement, one they have been working toward for some time. On February 6th, 2019, the cultural leaders of the Loita Maasai will issue a Declaration of Abandonment. They will publicly declare that FGM/C should not be practiced by the Loita Maasai any longer. The cultural leaders give direction to the community on all cultural matters so this is a huge step toward positive change and progress.

The event was also a way to raise awareness of the group’s next endeavor, the “Half Forest” Conservation Program, which will work to end the destruction of the Loita Namina Enkiyo Forest (aka The Forest of the Lost Child), which is the single biggest threat to the Loita Maasai’s way of life.

The Marion Institute team truly enjoyed their visit and looks forward to the next time the S.A.F.E. team visits the US!

Connector Series: Engaging Audiences, Inspiring Action.



BioMed Programs: Advancing Health from a Different Perspective.



The Marion Institute's **Bioregulatory Medicine Programs** represent a holistic approach to furthering the acceptance and application of biological regulatory (bioregulatory) medicine as an evidence-based, individualistic approach to achieving optimal health and maintaining well-being.

Bioregulatory medicine provides the best understanding of the principles and causes of disease by identifying the process and root cause by which the body reacts to chemical, physical, or emotional stress. By focusing on the process and not the disease, this approach is able to support the individual and the body in its intrinsic capacity and potential to heal itself.

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BioMed Programs: Advancing Health from a Different Perspective.

Bioregulatory Medicine Network (BMN)

Connecting the Science of Self-Healing

BMN continued its support for people seeking bioregulatory medicine by providing educational resources online and via social media, and connecting BioMed practitioners and patients with a revamped Network Locator Tool on the BMN webpage. Highlights include:

- In April, BMN partnered with the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Massachusetts (NOFA/Mass) on a seminar titled **“Nutrition, Microbiome & the Root Cause of Chronic Disease”**. Speaker Kathleen DiChiara, FDN-P, BNI-P, CHC, is a functional diagnostic nutrition practitioner, an integrative health and nutrition coach, and author of the best-selling book, *The Hidden Connection: Discover What’s Keeping You from Feeling Happy, Healthy and Symptom-Free*.

After years of struggling with fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, severe degenerative arthritis, chronic pain syndrome, and a myriad of other ailments, Kathleen made it her personal mission to spread the word about the power of healthy food

and the astounding ways in which food can positively transform your life.

- By late summer, BMN was ready to launch **The Mary Shands Scholarship Fund**, providing the basis for increased access to bioregulatory medicine. Mary Shands was a visionary who dedicated herself with passion and generosity and pioneered the value of the tenets of bioregulatory medicine. This fund has been set up to honor her memory.

The Fund provides partial financial assistance for treatment to those seeking care from one of the BioMed Network Care Providers, or a provider qualified to become a part of the BioMed Network. We are committed to opening doors of access to those who lack financial resources and to servicing patients with equality, impartiality and humanity.

- In early September, content development began for health coaches to become certified in bioregulatory medicine through a **BMN Certification Program**. This certification is critical in helping people implement the fundamentals of bioregulatory medicine. This will also provide sustainable revenue to increase the access to bioregulatory medicine.

- At the close of our fiscal year in late September, the [American Center for Bioregulatory Medicine and Dentistry](#) in Providence, RI was on its way to opening its doors. Six weeks later, it would do just that, becoming the largest and most comprehensive bioregulatory practice in North America.

The incubation of the **BioMed Center New England** has been a key component of BMN’s mission for some time and we will continue to advance the understanding and acceptance of bioregulatory medicine through support and promotion of clinics, doctors, and other health practitioners around the world.

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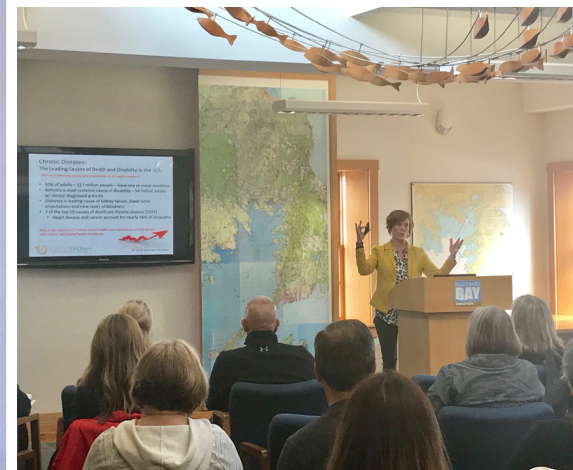
Bioregulatory Medicine Institute (BRMI)

Supporting the Science of Self-Healing

BRMI continued to grow in FY2018, promoting the science and art of bioregulatory medicine and increasing public knowledge of this holistic and evidence-based medical system through expanded educational content on the BRMI database and outreach to new audiences via social media and webinars. Highlights included:

- In May, BRMI returned to Louisville, KY for the **2018 BRMI Conference, “Understanding, Optimizing and Maintaining the Bioregulatory Terrain.”** It was attended by more than 150 doctors and practitioners from many disciplines as well as numerous interested non-medical professionals. The conference included two days of plenary lectures, workshops, a live case presentation, and an array of vendors at the enhanced BRMI Expo.
- Throughout the year, BRMI partnered with a number of respected practitioners to host **6 free webinars** as part of an educational series.
 - March: *Chronic Fatigue & Chronic Infections - A Bioregulatory Approach* (Dick Thom, ND, DDS, American Center for Bioregulatory Medicine)
 - April: *A Bioregulatory Look at the Endocrine System* (Dick Thom, ND, DDS, American Center for Bioregulatory Medicine)
 - May: *A Bioregulatory Look at the Immune System* (Dick Thom, ND, DDS, American Center for Bioregulatory Medicine)
 - June: *Understanding Allergies & Hayfever - Types, Triggers and Treatments* (Dick Thom, ND, DDS, American Center for Bioregulatory Medicine)
 - July: *What is Bioregulatory Medicine?* (Kelly Kennedy, Executive Director, True Wellness Center)
 - August: *Lyme Disease & Chronic Infections - When Antibiotics Fail* (Shaun Riddle, ND, Advanced Naturopathic)
- Comprised of an amazing array of practitioners from around the globe, the **BRMI Board of Advisors** is a truly inspiring and ever-expanding group. In FY2018, a total of 7 advisors were added to this prestigious panel.
 - [Dr. Rolf Habersang, MD](#)
 - [Dr. Ralf Oettmeier, MD](#)
 - [Michael Gurevich, MD](#)
 - [Wolfgang Haas](#)
 - [Marguerite Lane, ND](#)
 - [Dr. Stephen Cabral, ND](#)
 - [Dr. John \(Jack\) Kall, DMD](#)
- A great deal of content was created and distributed in FY2018, via the bi-monthly e-journal and the comprehensive BRMI database, which remains commercial free, and free of charge. The **BRMI YouTube channel** was especially prolific, adding 81 custom videos to its library of playlists.

BioMed Programs: Advancing Health from a Different Perspective.



Greenhouse Initiatives: Experienced Support, Expanded Impact.



Over the years, the Marion Institute has had amazing success helping people with ideas get the organizational support they need to grow into strong institutions by providing fiscal sponsorship and administrative backing. These Greenhouse Initiatives represent a diverse array of interest areas and have had lasting impact on individuals and nations.

This program remains incredibly important to the mission of the Marion Institute, allowing us to continue our goal of global reach and local impact. In FY2018, the **Greenhouse Initiatives** program welcomed 3 new fiscal sponsorships: STEAM the Streets, Speak for the Trees Boston, and The Leadership Brainery.

The Marion Institute team also had the opportunity to meet the team from S.A.F.E. as they visited us stateside to attend our 25th Anniversary event and to launch their latest initiative, a reforestation project, at a Connector Series event hosted in conjunction with and at UMass Dartmouth.

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Greenhouse Initiatives: Experienced Support, Expanded Impact.



Highlights from our Greenhouse Initiatives:

Himalayan Project

The Mount Everest Region and specifically the community of Chaurikharka continue to be incredibly impacted and supportive of the “Building Back Better” Project. This year the dormitories for boarding students, teacher apartments, Secondary block, Primary block, water supply, sewage and toilets have been completed.

The “Building Back Better” Project, upon completion, will service not only the immediate Chaurikharka community but also the entire Mount Everest region. Drawing on populations up and down the Everest valley, the total student enrollment is 337, comprising 30 nursery students, 68 primary students and 239 secondary students (up to Grade 12). Many students walk 2-3 hours each way to school every day and those that live further are allowed to board. Engineers, stone masons, earthquake resistant construction specialists and many volunteers have been devoting thousands of hours over the past 3 years towards the completion of the Master Plan designed by Japanese and Nepali architects.

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Greenhouse Initiatives: Experienced Support, Expanded Impact.

Lawrence Arts House

Lawrence Arts House, now better known as LA House, had a great year serving the community of Lawrence through community engagement of the arts and art therapy interventions in several schools, afterschool programs, pop-up studios and public art making projects. They served 310 students in both schools and afterschool programs, and have facilitated some beautiful and impactful art expressions. LA House also continues to do their signature pop-up studios in the community as well as bringing art making to various settings such as parks, senior centers, libraries, coffee shops, and other community spaces to reinvigorate art making as a healing tool for self-expression.

The Leadership Brainery

In March, The Leadership Brainery (LB) became a fiscal sponsorship. Their mission is to provide leadership development to college students around the country to empower, uplift, and train student leaders to become the world's next trailblazers. The LB National Ambassador Fellowship is a 3-Year incubator for first-generation and diverse college student leaders to prepare for and

gain access to top graduate & professional schools. The LB does this through innovative technology, National Impact Summits, yearly projects, summer internships, and creative content; to build diversity in leadership within Legal, STEM, Medical, Arts, & Finance.

In FY2018, The LB spent most of their time bringing awareness around diversity in higher education. Over 100 professionals invested in their program. Beyond university visits and trainings, they received student nominations for their National Ambassador Fellowship from leading institutions across the country.

Mastate Charitable Foundation

The Mastate Charitable Foundation (MCF) had an impactful and successful year and continues to play a fundamental role in driving positive environmental and social change in rural and wild areas in the country of Costa Rica, most notably in and around the small community of Mastatal and La Cangreja National Park. Funds this year went to a number of different initiatives. They continued to support the operation of the Community Learning and Sharing Center (CLSC), make improvements to the

local soccer field, the elementary school and housing for low-income residents. MCF supports regional leaders to participate in workshops related to sustainability.

S.A.F.E.

In FY2018, the group continued to implement and support SAFE Maa's FGM/C program. SAFE Maa serve a community of 40,000 people in the Loita Hills, over this period, the SAFE Maa team carried out their schedule of workshops, performance tours, school health clubs and one-on-one interventions. This work reached a total of 18,268 people.

In January 2018, the team stepped up their campaign by engaging the cultural leadership in plans for a Loita wide Declaration of Abandonment. Not only did the cultural leaders wholeheartedly agree to lead the community in the Declaration, but they took the opportunity of being together for the first time since 1992, to officially bless the Loita Rite of Passage. Together with the cultural leaders, the team set out to mobilize the rest of the community ahead of this historic announcement which will take place on February 6, 2019.

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Greenhouse Initiatives: Experienced Support, Expanded Impact.

Speak for the Trees

In late August, Speak for the Trees (SFTT) came on as a fiscal sponsorship and wasted no time in fundraising and starting two projects: a tree inventory training program and a tree planting workshop.

As part of a grant agreement with American Forests, SFTT began a neighborhood-scale street tree inventory in 2018 as a data-driven project focused on building organizational capacity and developing relationships with lower-income communities. In the spring and summer, SFTT partnered with a student team from Northeastern University to develop inventory criteria requirements, training materials, and volunteer guides for data collection. Materials developed provide in-depth instruction on OpenTreeMap application use, tree species identification, tree size measurement, and assessment of tree condition. Data collected provided the City of Boston with information needed to develop an Urban Forestry Management Plan related to tree maintenance, management, and improvement for high-priority communities. In 2018, SFTT hosted four inventory training sessions.

In coordination with Northeastern University's Service-Learning program, Chester Square Neighbors, Claremont Neighborhood Association, and Friends of Chester Square, SFTT launched the inventory pilot in September 2018 in the Melnea Cass Triangle neighborhood.

On September 30, 2018 SFTT also partnered with American Forests, American Tower, BFFC, and a certified arborist to host a tree planting workshop at the Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center & Wildlife Sanctuary (BNC) in Mattapan, MA. The free educational workshop provided community members with detailed classroom training about edible tree properties, tree selection, and basic tree care. Following the classroom training, attendees received hands-on instruction by planting five fruit trees onsite at the Boston Nature Center. The project aligned with Speak for the Trees' goals to educate the public about tree stewardship and care while increasing the tree canopy coverage in the City of Boston.

STEAM the Streets

Late in FY2018, STEAM the Streets joined the Greenhouse Initiatives program and quickly got to work, delivering relevant and dynamic STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programming to Carney Academy in New Bedford, including a STEAM assembly delivered by Angel Diaz. In total, 360 students in grades 3-5 were impacted by this energetic and educational programming.

The group is looking forward to continuing their annual activities in FY2019, including multimedia STEAM career awareness presentations where they utilize music, video, slides, and culturally relevant connections to present an ever-expanding career landscape that youth can connect to and see themselves as a part of.

STEAM the Streets also conducts a guest speaker series where diverse representatives in STEAM careers speak about their career paths, demystify their jobs, and have discussions with students about their potential in these fields.

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Greenhouse Initiatives: Experienced Support, Expanded Impact.

Taktse International School

The past year has been a year of milestones and achievements for the Taktse International School. The first Graduates of Taktse (Class of 2014) – Sagun Limbu and Simrin Tamhane – have now completed their Graduation from Endicott College, MA. While Sagun has joined as a teacher in residence at Branksome Hall Asia International School for Girls in Jeju Island, South Korea; Simrin is working at Taktse International School as a consultant managing different spheres from shaping the curriculum to creating global awareness and organizing major events. More and more Taktse graduates are getting admissions in prestigious institutions all around the globe and continue to enthusiastically pursue quality education.

Following initial conversations between Laila Goodman, Dean of Students of GAAN Academy, a Jewish day school in Waltham, Massachusetts and Mr. Sonam Paljor Denjongpa, Director of Taktse; Taktse Science Teachers were able to visit GAAN Academy

in the US to make initial plans on forming a 'Science Institute' where the teachers of both institutes could work collaboratively on units they find most challenging and learn strategies for teaching that enhance comprehension by the students.

The school continues to expand its impact and infrastructure, thus bringing a strong message of encouragement to our teachers and students to continue to strive for a better education.

Pintso Lauenstein-Denjongpa, former Taktse Principal, continues to work as the Program leader for the US based Taktse activities, forming an advisory board, supporting Taktse Alumni, and collaborating with various stakeholders at Taktse and in Marion to create a mission-based governance framework for the US Taktse activities.

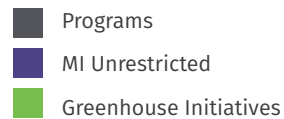
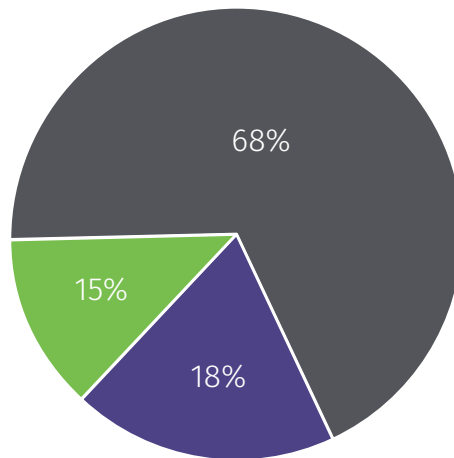
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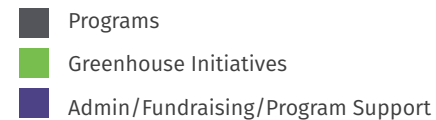
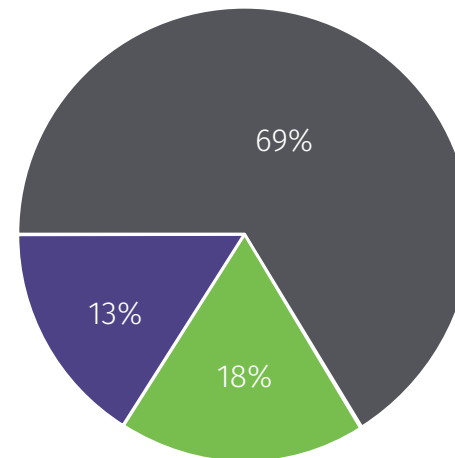
Financials: FY2018 By the Numbers

Fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018)

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



REVENUES

Programs	\$1,776,479
MI Unrestricted	\$461,271
Greenhouse Initiatives	\$393,122
Total	\$2,630,872

EXPENDITURES

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