



# 2022 Annual Report



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Fellow Friends of Freedom,

“We are raising a generation of young Americans who are, to a very large degree, historically illiterate,” warned historian David McCullough. “They are being cheated, and they are being handicapped, and our way of life could very well be in jeopardy because of this.”

Too many students are being indoctrinated instead of educated. Rather than learning America’s history, warts and all, they’re learning warts alone. They’re told of America’s faults and flaws (real and imagined), but not her ideals and achievements.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is needed now more urgently than ever!

We bring students and teachers from throughout the nation to our handsome 75-acre campus bordering Valley Forge National Historical Park. Here, we show them what their forebears sacrificed to secure and bequeath the blessings and opportunities of freedom. Here, we inspire them with the history, ideals, and continuing relevance of the American founding. Here, we teach them the priceless rights and corresponding responsibilities of American citizenship—and we equip and motivate them to shoulder those responsibilities.

Here, our founding chairman, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, expressed his conviction that the American experiment—“with worthy disciples,” he said—would overcome every obstacle, conquer every challenge, and endure.

That’s our mission. We create those worthy disciples. What makes it possible is your support—for which we thank you.

Cordially,

David Harmer  
Chief Executive Officer

# OVERVIEW

Thomas Jefferson reminds us, “If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.” As Americans, we must understand and embrace our country’s founding ideals and principles. Only when Americans can recognize, understand, and cherish the vision and ideals that first made us a nation can we be united in our determination to preserve them.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge believes these ideals are worth defending and passing on to future generations. For nearly 75 years, we have led the dedicated effort to educate young Americans to be informed, engaged, and responsible citizens. Americans need to know—and never forget—their country’s legacy of liberty.

How do we accomplish this? We transform lives.

At Freedoms Foundation, we bring thousands of young people and teachers from across America to our beautiful and historic 75-acre campus. We guide them as they walk in the footsteps of history. We teach not only about the history of their country—we teach them the meaning and relevance of our past. We teach them what it means to be a responsible and patriotic citizen. We show them how to be fully engaged in the critical debates of our time, how a thorough understanding of America’s history and the aspirations of the founding generations is the most reliable guide to shaping its future.

We are proud to lead the battle against civic illiteracy, and we thank our donors, partners, and participants for helping us advance as a society closer to fulfilling the founders’ aspirations of liberty, equality, and justice for all.



**Only 24% of American 8th graders**

performed at or above “proficient” on the nation’s civic education test in 2018.



**Fewer than 6% of American adults**

could name all five fundamental freedoms protected by the First Amendment in the 2022 Annenberg Constitution Day Civics Survey.

MORE THAN  
**14,000**

better/stronger/more effective  
teachers thanks to our professional  
development seminars





MORE THAN  
**100,000**  
students

impacted directly by our  
civic education programs

**40,000 hours**

of direct educational instruction to  
students annually on American history  
and limited self-government.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION  
OF MORE THAN  
**14 million**  
students

transformed by FFVF  
teacher programs

# LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**Preparing the next generation of responsible citizens is at the heart of what we do.**

We open our doors to students from all backgrounds and views as they come to Freedoms Foundation to obtain a greater appreciation for our history, ideals, and the relevance of our country's founding documents.

With this knowledge and appreciation, they can actively share their voice and protect the first principles of freedom.



## History Encounters

### FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

- Declaration of Independence
- Constitution
- Bill of Rights

Our History Encounters program allows students to step out of their classrooms and into history. Students, as a class, experience an incredible week-long program as they journey through the historical sites they have only read about in their classroom. They interact with historical interpreters who bring their textbook education to life right before their eyes. They walk the same halls our country's founders traversed when signing the Declaration of Independence and debating our Constitution. Our life changing programs allow students to establish deeply personal connections to history – to our nation's shared story – which they will carry throughout their lives.





"I feel so lucky that my school went to Valley Forge. I learned about how General Washington and other soldiers lived and what they all gave up so we could all be free. It was really cool to cross the Delaware Bridge [at Washington's Crossing] and think about how the soldiers felt when they crossed in boats on a cold Christmas night. I also really liked when the soldiers showed us how they used their muskets and yelled, 'Fire in the Hole.'"

**Peter Oliverez, 5th Grade,  
La Canada Elementary**

"It was such a privilege to accompany my son and his 5th-grade class to Valley Forge! It was inspiring to hear personal accounts through amazing historical actors about the principles upon which our country was founded and see places like Independence Hall, where history occurred. Even though I am a practicing attorney who advocates for constitutional rights, our trip to Valley Forge gave me a better appreciation of how much people sacrificed so we can enjoy the freedoms afforded by the United States of America."

**Lisa Oliverez, Parent of Peter Oliverez**

## Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program

Civic illiteracy has the potential to cripple our country. Individuals cannot fix, change, or maintain what they do not know.

This is why we offer a four-day Spirit of America Youth Leadership program for high school students. We welcome students from across the country to understand the history of America's founding and those documents that enshrine its underlying principles, and how these still impact their lives today in the 21st century. We show them how to be fully engaged in the critical debates of our time and how a solid understanding of America's history is the most reliable guide to shaping its future. We also teach them to participate in civic life with courage, confidence, civility, and respect for others.

Our expert scholars and staff immerse students in interactive exercises on citizenship, democracy, free enterprise, and American judicial and political processes. As students work with their peers, they improve their civil discourse and strengthen their leadership skills while identifying their future contributions to society.



"I had the pleasure of participating in the Spirit of America Youth Leadership program in 2000. I enjoyed meeting participants from across the country who had a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and perspectives. The experience taught me how to navigate challenging conversations with others and how to find common ground or respectfully disagree. It is an amazing program that helped break me out of my shell as a teen and started my thoughts of getting me where I am today in government."

**– Nick Charles, Maryland House of Delegates**





472 students

FROM OVER

40 states and countries

attended 10 Spirit of America programs

PROGRAM PARTNERS:

- AMVETS
- The Connelly Foundation
- Mannington Ruritan Club
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)
- National Sojourners
- Union League Legacy Foundation
- VFW







## Service Learning In Public Policy (SLiPP)

Exceptional high school students eager to become citizen problem solvers attend our Service Learning in Public Policy (SLiPP) program – an advanced leadership development workshop. After working closely with public policy experts, students work collaboratively to identify real-life challenges they seek to improve in the public health, media, and legal fields. Freedoms Foundation bolsters their experience with expert guidance as they learn how to craft a viable public policy solution to propose. An in-person, service-learning experience tied to their topic highlights the significance of their proposals as they prepare for a group presentation before a panel of judges. Students walk away with new perspectives, refined critical thinking skills, and are ready to become part of the solution to society's many challenges.



"The SLIPP program showed me how to be a functional member of society, teaching me the importance of contributing to local politics, policies, and much more. For me, being able to grasp what goes into communication policy enabled me to think far deeper about how policy is essential to the proper functionality of our community. Being able to observe and learn from professionals that specialize in communication only enhanced that deeper thinking. This approach enabled me to collaborate with my team and formulate our own policy. But only when my team and I had to present it to a board of judges did I truly realize the weight and influence that public policy possesses. With the confidence, knowledge, and mindset that I now have, I hope to be a better leader now and in the near future."

– **Steven Ung**

## Teacher Seminars

After parents, teachers are the most important influence a young person has in their education. The most effective teachers know their subject, can communicate it with passion, and recognize the role they have in molding young citizens and future leaders.

Thanks to our generous partners, we provide dynamic in-person professional development seminars guaranteed to provide teachers with new knowledge and perspectives for their classrooms, directly from well-respected scholars and field experts who offer unique insight into American history and the issues we face today as a nation. They visit historic sites, research libraries, and museums tied to their seminar topic and where they can enliven their lessons with first person experiences. Teachers also network with colleagues from across the country, engage in productive conversations, troubleshoot classroom and school challenges, and identify new curriculum approaches.



“Freedoms Foundation respects teachers and welcomes everyone with genuine enthusiasm. They bring in the best scholars while also weaving in solid and cutting-edge pedagogy. The site visits are thoroughly planned, and they emphasize the significance of what we are learning. Best of all, we are located right near Valley Forge Park and Freedoms Foundation’s campus allows for pensive walks through the 42-acre Medal of Honor Grove. Each morning I would walk among all the state monuments and think about the sacrifice of Americans and how lucky I am to be a teacher.”

**– Lois MacMillan**





NEARLY  
**200 teachers from 36 states**  
attended our five 2022 seminars



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# MEET DIANE DESHONG

Freedoms Foundation is a diverse collection of valuable partners and supporters who make our mission possible. This year, we are honored to highlight the incredible support and dedication of Board member, chapter member, donor, and friend - Diane Deshong.

Diane was raised to love and honor the United States – a commitment she upholds daily. In 1999, when a friend told her about Freedoms Foundation, she quickly joined the Los Angeles County Chapter to support our organization. “I was so impressed with the work Freedoms Foundation was doing,” said Diane. “I was from suburban Philadelphia and loved our country - it was the perfect fit.”

For over 20 years, Diane served many roles on the LA Chapter board, including as president. She helped secure critical funds for Freedoms Foundation’s student and teacher programs while raising awareness about our organization and its mission. In 2019, Diane was elected Vice Chair of the Freedoms Foundation Board by her fellow directors. She is currently serving her second term.

She thoroughly enjoys Freedoms Foundation’s 75-acre campus and is an integral member of the board’s Campus and Facilities Committee. “I am very passionate about the campus,” says Diane. “It is important to raise money for our students and teachers, but it is harder to raise money for the campus. The campus is where we hold our programs and symbolizes our mission. It is a piece of history with beauty and serenity. We need supporters to invest in maintaining and improving our campus for future generations.”

In addition to her immense generosity and support for Freedoms Foundation, Diane is also a long-standing board member of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, which brings together individuals and organizations to address conflicts and identify solutions. She is the daughter of the late Leonore Annenberg, former US Chief of Protocol for President Ronald



Reagan, and stepdaughter of the late Walter Annenberg, who served as the United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's during the Nixon administration.

Diane’s dedication and service for the past 24 years have improved Freedoms Foundation’s reach and impact, and she is looking forward to continuing that service for years to come. “I look forward to Freedoms Foundation’s growth and reaching more teachers and students. Having spoken to students and teachers who have been to your programs, they all say the same - it was very special and inspirational. I look forward to making our campus even more special as well.”

“This is the perfect time to support Freedoms Foundation,” shared Diane. “Many of our students are in schools that do not have a government class or an American history class. According to the University of Pennsylvania, over 33 percent of Americans do not know about our Constitution, Bill of Rights, or that there are three branches of government. We need the programs offered by Freedoms Foundation. I believe in what we do because it makes a difference.”







# M.J. MURDOCK CHARITABLE TRUST

## AN INTERVIEW WITH CEO ROMANITA HAIRSTON



Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is always humbled by the support of our partner organizations, and we are pleased to highlight the generosity of our longstanding partner – the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

For over 40 years, the Murdock Trust has funded scholarships for Pacific Northwest teachers to attend Freedoms Foundation's professional development seminars and workshops free of charge.

Their mission is to serve individuals, families, and communities across the Pacific Northwest through grantmaking, enrichment programs, and convenings that strengthen the region's educational, social, spiritual, and cultural base in innovative and sustainable ways.

Their new Chief Executive Officer, Romanita Hairston, shared her thoughts about our decades-long partnership.

**Freedoms Foundation's mission statement is "We educate students and teachers about the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, inspiring them to preserve and advance our freedoms." In your view, how does the Murdock Trust mission align with the mission of Freedoms Foundation? Why is civic education important to the Murdock Trust?**

Our benefactor, Jack Murdock, believed strongly in the importance of civic engagement. The Murdock Trust believes communities are best served when they have all the information available to make the right choices for themselves and their families. Educating citizens about their rights and responsibilities empowers them to make informed decisions and best serve those around them. Organizations like Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge help make this important information accessible to all students and teachers.



**Why are teachers important to the Murdock Trust and what do you hope they learn by participating in Freedoms Foundation's professional development seminars?**

Supporting education has been a priority of the Trust since our founding in 1975, and teachers are at the heart of our educational system. A good educator can open up a student's eyes to new vistas of opportunity they might never have considered otherwise. The Trust is glad to support teachers as an investment in our future scientists, politicians, writers, thinkers, and leaders.

After attending Freedoms Foundation professional development programs, we hope teachers will return to their classrooms equipped to share with their students an informed understanding of our responsibilities and rights as U.S. citizens, inspiring the next generation to engage in civic responsibility for the benefit of the common good.

**What do you wish more people knew about the Murdock Trust?**

Philanthropic foundations can unfortunately carry with them a level of intimidation, but I think our applicants and grantees would be the first to say that we are relational partners who care deeply about the wellbeing of each nonprofit with which we interact. And, in addition to awarding grant funds, we offer development programs that build capacity in nonprofits by developing strong boards, strengthening fundraising, cultivating thoughtful leadership, and more. We are collaborators at heart, committed to the ongoing cultivation of a flourishing

nonprofit ecosystem, and we are thrilled when new partners and nonprofits join our community. We are committed to cross-sector collaboration and seeing the power of what can happen when individuals and institutions work together across differences to develop powerful solutions to today's intractable challenges.

**What challenges are nonprofits currently facing? How can nonprofits work to overcome those challenges?**

PACIFIC NORTHWEST STATES
Washington
Oregon
Montana
Idaho
Alaska

We are currently in a moment of persistent change driven by shifts in economic and social patterns in a variety of sectors in our society. These shifts affect a significant number of things from the way we work to the way we give. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to

create ripples of challenge and opportunity across the nonprofit sector that impact both service and funding patterns.

The workplace has evolved from the expanded use of technology to increases in remote and hybrid work environments. And, of course, the broader economic uncertainty that has a direct impact on budgets, staffing models, and overall delivery of service.

The primary challenge to the nonprofit sector is how organizations can adapt to and find opportunities in these waves of change. Those that can embrace and grow through change will be well positioned for the future. While there is no one singular

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solution, the ability to remain flexible and adaptable while moving the mission forward will be critical to this success. Achieving this focus and bringing your supporters and constituents along takes strong leadership on the board and in the organization.

The need to attract and retain highly capable talent and leaders is at an all-time high. This is a unique challenge as we face shortages in the labor market.

Nonprofits that close the talent gap will have leaders who can identify and leverage the opportunities to accelerate their mission by engaging their supporters, constituents, board, and partners to anticipate coming challenges and to more swiftly develop solutions.

### **As you come close to the end of your first year at the Murdock Trust, what have you learned?**

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to connect with a broad range of leaders across our region and in the philanthropic space to gain a deeper understanding of the unique and diverse challenges facing our constituents and the role the Trust can play in supporting innovative solutions.

As I head into my eighth month, I am most struck by one key learning among several. Leaders and organizations across all sectors and organization types are concerned about the increasing polarization in our region and country.


There is a common desire and willingness to work for shared solutions that move our democracy forward toward solutions that positively impact the common good. This requires us to engage in nuanced, thoughtful, and collaborative conversation to address the complex challenges facing our communities.

We will continue to seek to steward our relationships with key partners in such a way that we can make positive impact on many of these intractable issues. In my first months at the Trust, I've been encouraged at the potential for the renewal that continued collaboration could bring.

### **What are your future goals?**

The Trust is as committed as ever to the flourishing of Pacific Northwest communities, and to broader conversations relevant to our constituents.





As we think of our future as an organization, we want to be poised to serve this region not just as it navigates the challenges of today, but as it faces whatever comes in the next ten, twenty, fifty years. To that end, we are looking at how we can best set ourselves up for successful service, taking a close look at our own systems and processes.

We plan to incorporate new practices that emerged during the pandemic while keeping our donor intent evergreen and maintaining the best parts of our historical foundation.

A key part of work and strategy going forward is further refinement and focus on our sectoral approach. A second key theme for us is increasing our use of data to understand and accelerate capacity building and impact.

### **What is the most gratifying component of your position as CEO?**

There are two things I give thanks for every day in this position. First, I am grateful for the chance to collaborate with so many Trust grantees and partners that are making positive change in the front lines of their communities. It is not hyperbole to say that Trust grantees are changing the Pacific Northwest, for the better and for good.

Second, I am grateful for the Trust staff. They are truly dedicated, servant-hearted leaders. They strike a rare balance of care for each individual grantee and partner, while sharing a commitment to the flourishing of entire sectors and communities. I count myself lucky to work alongside and lead Trust staff every day.

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— ROMANITA HAIRSTON  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, M.J. MURDOCK CHARITABLE TRUST

# GEORGE WASHINGTON IN PRAYER STATUE

Overlooking Freedoms Foundation's 42-acre living Medal of Honor Grove is a nine-foot-tall bronze statue of America's first President kneeling in prayer.

The figure depicts sculptor Donald DeLue's interpretation of the famous story by Isaac Potts, owner of the home that became Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. He reported seeing George Washington praying in the snow during the harrowing 1777 – 1778 Valley Forge winter encampment.

Gifted to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge by the Pennsylvania Freemasons in 1967, the George Washington at Prayer statue attracted over 20,000 Masons at its dedication.

It has since remained a cherished symbol of our organization. Over the years, however, the statue began to yield to the elements.

Fortunately, under the guidance of the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, the statue was fully restored to its original splendor. From August – October 2022, crews cleaned the statue, reintegrated color, repaired damage from acid rain, repointed the masonry pedestal and terrace, reassembled the base, and installed new signs.

The restoration work was completed just before the 245th anniversary of Washington's arrival at Valley Forge. We hope the statue reminds future student and teacher participants of the sacrifices made by the individuals who secured the ultimate triumph of the American Revolution.









# RECOGNIZING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Freedoms Foundation has sought to preserve American patriotism and recognize civic duty through its prestigious National Awards program since its founding in 1949. The George Washington Honor Medal acknowledges those whose projects, words, or deeds reflect the best of the American spirit by offering constructive solutions to contemporary problems. In 2022, Freedoms Foundation presented awards to 71 individuals and organizations in nine different categories, including 36 youth essay recipients. Below are three of our award recipients:



## The Laughter League

Presented by the Dallas Area Chapter of Freedoms Foundation

The Laughter League is a non-profit group of professionally trained performers who interact with those in healthcare and education environments. Usually dressed as clowns, the performers work with healthcare professionals at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children to provide laughter and play as an integral and healing part of a young patient's care. Along with the impact seen in healthcare, the Laughter League is active in helping students struggling in classrooms across the Dallas Independent School District. They have brought their innovative programming to help teach STEM subjects by using physical comedy and circus arts. The Laughter League's mission "to improve the lives of the families... through the transformational power of laughter" is found throughout the country from Boston to Seattle and continues to grow.



## GiGi's Playhouse

Presented by the Sacramento Chapter of Freedoms Foundation

Inspired by a promise to her daughter, GiGi, Nancy Gianni and her family created a network of playhouses where families could come for resources, networking, and support and where kids and adults with Down syndrome could gain self-esteem and life skills. Nancy's goal when she started this journey was to change the way the world views a Down syndrome diagnosis. Families often face fear, panic, and negative information, and Gigi's Playhouse serves as a space where families are given hope and acceptance. Gigi's Playhouse

now stands as a replicable playhouse model, and today there are 57+ playhouses globally delivering free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome.



## Blazer Academy

Presented by the Pensacola Chapter of Freedoms Foundation

Sheriff Chip Simmons of Pensacola saw a need to step up and make a difference in the lives of struggling teenage boys in his city. He developed a program, “Blazer Academy,” to provide mentorship to these young men at a critical time in their lives. Students attend classes in the evening at the sheriff’s office. The classes, all run by volunteers, teach the boys how to be constructive members of their community, make long-term goals, choose worthy personal heroes, and practice appropriate social behavior. Upon graduation, each student is awarded a tie, a polo shirt, a pair of khaki pants, a pocket watch, and a blazer. Alumni leave with the skills needed to be successful in their chosen paths and confident in their abilities. Blazer Academy has recently expanded to include programs to teach female empowerment to young women. As the reach of the Academy grows, so does the positive impact on the local Pensacola community.

## Youth Essay Winners:

- Jacob Alfia, Dallas, TX
- Cole Anderson, Draper, UT
- Noah Barnes, Herriman, UT
- Ethan Bishop, Meadow, UT
- Emma Bodell, Draper, UT
- Megan Brown, Archbald, PA
- Gemma Burak, Peckville, PA
- Ella Cabets, Archbald, PA
- Wesly Carbonneau, Marana, AZ
- Carter Chatterton, Cove, UT
- Michael Chepurny, Roseville, CA
- Raven Cooper, Suffolk, VA
- Scarlett Crutchfield, Rocklin, CA
- Hannah Dowding, Richmond, UT
- Devin Draxler, Richmond, UT
- Chase Elmer, Folsom, CA
- Grace Fellows, Folsom, CA
- Sutton Gore, Madison, AL
- Katelyn Hawkins, Orem, UT
- Dhriti Jagadish, Rocklin, CA
- Caleb Johnson, Murray, UT
- Ezekiel Jones, East Ridge, TN
- Serenity Lacy, Dallas, TX
- Grace Lozelle, Dallas, TX
- Rajan Luthra, Dallas, TX
- David Miller, Pensacola, FL
- Hannah Miller, Pensacola, FL
- Ethan Orr, Sacramento, CA
- Alexis Perkins, Suffolk, VA
- Mason Peters, Jessup, PA
- Hailey Raines, Suffolk, VA
- Jerkiya Savage, Suffolk, VA
- Alivia Smith, Olyphant, PA
- Avery Smith, Redmond, UT
- Samuel James Wood, Lewiston, UT
- Tanner Wright, San Andreas, CA



# RECOGNIZING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

## 2022 National Award Recipients

### Adult Community Category

- **Virgil Atkinson**, Yuba City, CA
- **Jean B. Bingham**, Salt Lake City, UT
- **Blazer Academy and Sheriff Chip Simmons**, Pensacola, FL
- **Randy A. Bowman**, Dallas, TX
- **Eddie Brown**, Pensacola, FL
- **Shirley Ferrill**, National City, CA
- **Fisher House - San Diego**, San Diego, CA
- **Nancy Gianni – GiGi's Playhouse**, Roseville, CA
- **William “Bill” Glover**, San Diego, CA
- **Larry M. James**, Dallas, TX
- **The Laughter League**, Dallas, TX
- **Kristin Muhl - Foster Children's Resource Center**, Sherman Oaks, CA
- **Lisa Mumford**, Dallas, TX
- **Michael Naya**, Kenilworth, NJ
- **Ronald McDonald House - San Diego**, San Diego, CA
- **St. Joseph Medical Clinic**, Pensacola, FL
- **St. Sylvester Columbiettes**, Gulf Breeze, FL
- **Joseph and Kathleen Sorenson**, Murray, UT
- **United Support & Memorial for Workplace Fatalities**, Lincoln, NE
- **Nina Vendhan**, Highlands Ranch, CO
- **Venice Family Clinic Street Medicine Program**, Venice, CA

### Youth Community Category

- **Gorham and Graybill Partington**, Pensacola, FL
- **Grace Williams**, Pensacola, FL
- **Connor Wright**, Lynnfield, MA

### Educator and School Categories

- **American Preparatory Academy - Catherine Findlay**, Draper, UT
- **Laura Buckstein**, Pensacola, FL

### Military Essay Category

- **Mackenzie Buchanan**, Sacramento, CA
- **Peter Olberding**, Tucson, AZ
- **Nina Weinberger**, Tucson, AZ

### Public Communications Category

- **LTC Dan Schilling**, Draper, UT

### Special Events Category

- **James Fishback – MLK Symposium**, Alachua, FL
- **Ponaganset Remembers: A Tribute to the 911 Fallen**, North Scituate, RI
- **Utah Honor Flight**, West Point, UT



# DONORS

## FREEDOMS FOUNDATION DONOR CLUB

The Freedoms Foundation Donor Club is our way of recognizing and thanking our incredibly loyal donors who have given \$40 or more in 2022. In the table below are the different levels within the donor club, as well as the tokens of gratitude you can expect to hear more about as we reach out in the coming weeks and months.

<i>Benefits</i>	<i>Common Sense Continental \$40+</i>	<i>Federalist Paper Patriots \$500+</i>	<i>Declaration Defenders \$1,000+</i>	<i>Constitutional Scholars \$5,000+</i>	<i>Bill of Rights Brigade \$10,000+</i>	<i>Wash- ington's Cabinet \$25,000+</i>
Freedoms Foundation 12-month calendar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion in Annual Report	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exclusive invitation to lecture given by a noted scholar		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to on-campus donor appreciation events			✓	✓	✓	✓
Invitation to CEO's State of the Foundation			✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP campus tour				✓	✓	✓
Donor wall plaque				✓	✓	✓
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VIP visit to Philadelphia area Revolutionary historic site of your choice and lunch at the Union League of Philadelphia						✓



## FREEDOMS FOUNDATION DONOR CLUB

★ New Donor

■ JCL Member

● New JCL Member

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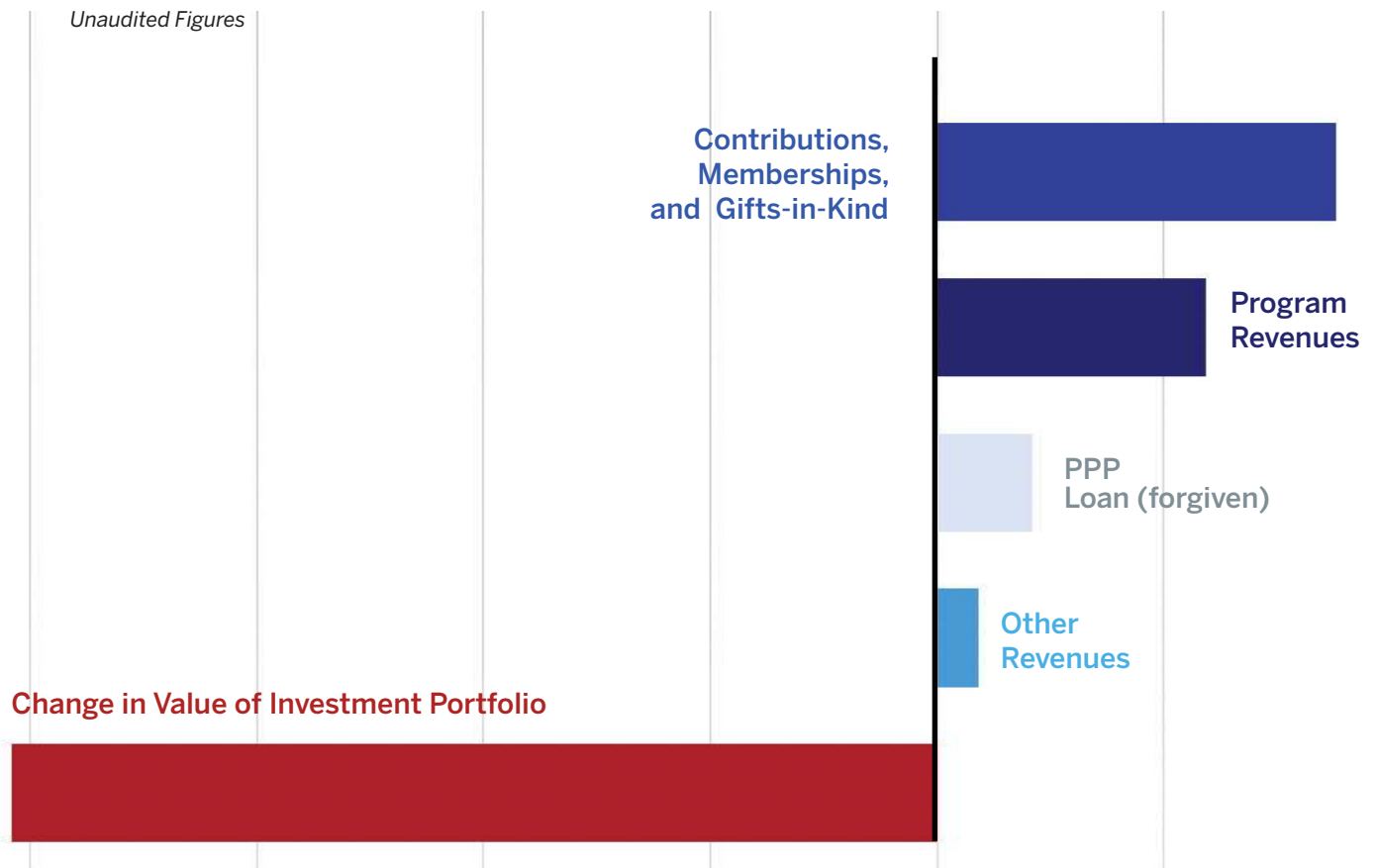
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Contributions, Memberships, and Gifts-In-Kind	\$878,720
Program Revenues	\$593,775
PPP Loan (forgiven)	\$211,730
Other Revenues	\$93,378
Change in Value of Investment Portfolio	-\$2,038,778
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$261,175</b>

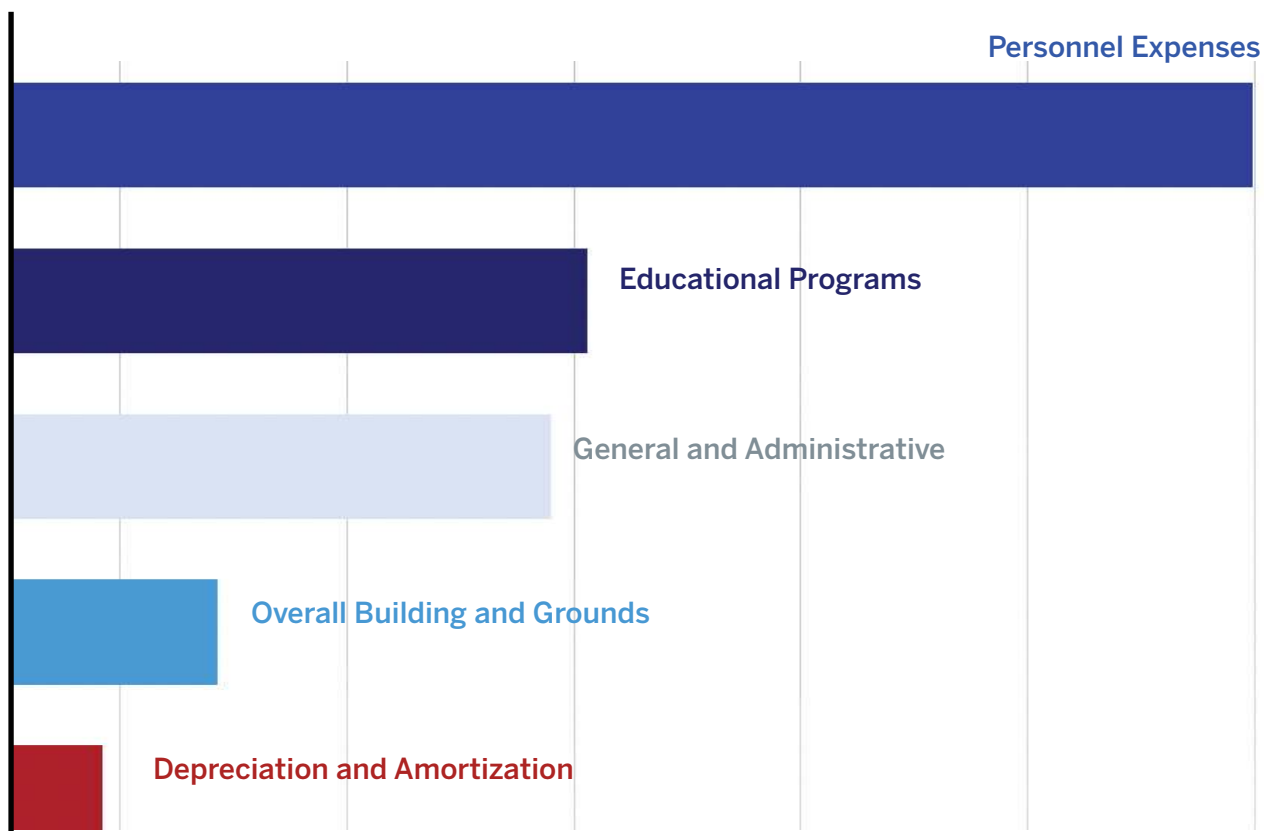
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Personnel Expenses	\$1,197,712
Educational Programs	\$611,718
General and Administrative	\$579,484
Overall Building and Grounds	\$286,165
Depreciation and Amortization	\$183,974
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,859,053</b>

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