



THANK YOU for inspiring us.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Seed Savers Exchange stewards America's culturally diverse and endangered garden and food crop legacy for present and future generations. We educate and connect people through collecting, regenerating, and sharing heirloom seeds, plants, and stories.

# LETTER FROM OUR INTERIM CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

Thank you! In 2021, Seed Savers Exchange experienced yet another year of high demand for seeds across our program areas (including the Exchange) and via our catalog. Because of you, we were able to meet that demand and connect hundreds of thousands of people with seeds, supporting their gardening efforts whether their goal is food security and food sovereignty or stress relief, delicious meals, and exercise.

With almost a million people connected in some way to Seed Savers Exchange, you are making it possible for us to provide this community with not only seeds but also knowledge and other resources that contribute to our collective ability to grow food and steward seeds into the future.

As you read through these pages highlighting a few of the things we accomplished with your support last year, we hope that you feel good about all that you have made possible. You are truly helping us care for the seeds and everyone who stewards them, and we are grateful you are part of this community.

Regards,

Lynne Rilling

Interim Co-Executive Director

John Reynolds

Interim Co-Executive Director



## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021**

Thank you for inspiring us, and for your impact on our work and mission!

Every day, someone in this community inspires us with a phone call, a letter, an email, a social media comment, or a conversation with staff in the Lillian Goldman Visitors Center—sharing remarkable success stories of food grown from seed, seeds saved and shared, and connections developed throughout. All of us at Seed Savers Exchange (SSE) are so grateful to you for these stories, for your support, and for engaging in this work with us. We hope you enjoy these highlights from this critical, joyous, and inspiring work that demonstrate the tangible impact your support had in 2021.



VARIETIES IN THE COLLECTION:

SEEDS **20.000+** 

POTATO TISSUE CULTURE

600

GARLIC 290

VARIETIES IN THE ORCHARDS: **1.500** 

LISTERS ON THE EXCHANGE/IN THE YEARBOOK: **479** 

VARIETIES LISTED ON THE EXCHANGE/IN THE YEARBOOK: **21.514** 

UNIQUE VARIETIES (**219**CROP TYPES) LISTED IN
YEARBOOK; **16,122**TOTAL LISTINGS IN
YEARBOOK

EXCHANGE
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM
HERITAGE FARM IN 2021:
2,867 (A 21% INCREASE
OVER A RECORDBREAKING 2,362
DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2021)

NUMBER OF HERMAN'S GARDEN AND DISASTER RELIEF SEED PACKETS DONATED IN 2021:

44.800

# INSPIRED TO SAVE AND SHARE SEEDS

#### The Exchange and the Collection

The Seed Savers Exchange seed swap (today known as the Exchange) began in 1975 when co-founders Kent Whealy and Diane Ott Whealy put out a call to others to help save heirloom, open-pollinated seed and 30 seed savers responded. These first Exchange participants inspired others, the Exchange grew, and people began not only sharing seeds with each other—but also sending them to Kent and Diane for preservation. Thus was the collection started!

Forty-seven years later, the collection is the backbone of Seed Savers Exchange's mission and work. A large number of the varieties in the SSE collection are not found anywhere else and represent a rare treasure trove of seed stewardship and diversity. Your support of the ongoing stewardship of this living, publicly accessible collection of biodiversity and cultural heritage is literally lifesaving. You are also making it possible to share this collection through the Exchange and the SSE catalog, as well as across our varied programs, to help ensure true seed security into the future. Thank you.



#### **STILL GROWING**

SSE's seed historians are both growing our knowledge about the varieties in the collection and accepting new donations into the collection, in accordance with our accession policy. These skilled researchers are connecting the tendrils between people, seeds, culture, food, and history. With your support, SSE is welcoming new varieties to the collection to be shared in future years, and adding to the rich bank of knowledge that accompanies the seeds. And by sharing these stories, we hope to inspire other people to create and share their own seed legacies. Thank you!

NUMBER OF
VARIETIES
RESEARCHED IN 2021:

164
(121 FULLY
RESEARCHED AND
DOCUMENTED)

NUMBER OF
NEW VARIETIES
ACCEPTED INTO THE
COLLECTION IN 2021:

27







# SAFEGUARDING AND REGENERATING THROUGH COLLABORATION

Since our founding, SSE has always believed that many hands need to care for the seeds in many places to safeguard them for future generations. The Exchange facilitates this long-standing goal, as do several other key collaborations.



# COMMUNITY SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Through the Community Science RENEW program, experienced seed savers are helping SSE with the massive undertaking of scheduled regeneration of the 20,000+ varieties in the collection. Their assistance is especially helpful with crop types for which we have too many varieties to grow in the space available at Heritage Farm, and with crop types that are challenging to grow all the way to seed production in northeast Iowa (zone 4b). Thanks to your support for this program, more varieties are able to be regenerated every year to enhance the viability of the collection. We are grateful!

Community Science ADAPT participants, meanwhile, are helping SSE to learn more about the varieties in the collection—what they look and taste like, how they grow and produce in different regions, and more. Thanks to you, SSE is expanding our knowledge of the varieties in the collection while also engaging new seed savers and gardeners in this work.

PARTICIPANTS IN 2021 VARIETIES REGENERATED THROUGH RENEW VARIETIES REGENERATED AT HERITAGE FARM PARTICIPANTS IN 2021 VARIETIES EVALUATED THROUGH ADAPT EVALUATED AT HERITAGE FARM



# RETURNING SEEDS TO THEIR ORIGINAL STEWARDS

SSE and numerous partners across the country are selecting varieties in the collection, growing them out for full identification, and bringing them home to their cultures of origin. SSE acts primarily as the resource for seeds and seed histories, to support people and communities to reconnect with their ancestral seeds, revive foodways and recipes, and rebuild food security and food sovereignty. Thank you for your

generosity to make this deeply collaborative and critically important work possible.

8
PARTNERS/
COMMUNITIES

8
SITES

4
STATES

VARIETIES GROWN
AND REMATRIATED
IN 2021, INCLUDING
VARIETIES GROWN AT
HERITAGE FARM

#### **SEED REMATRIATION**

SSE and eight Indigenous growers and seed keepers from the Upper Midwest continued the active partnership first developed in 2020 to collaboratively grow and save seeds that the partners requested from the SSE collection. While some seeds come back to SSE for long-term preservation, the majority of the seeds saved through this partnership are staying with the Indigenous communities that are now reconnected with them, to be shared and grown within these communities into the future. SSE is grateful for the connections to each other and to the seeds developed through this partnership.



#### **ASIAN VEGETABLE PROJECT**

SSE has also partnered with Second Generation Seeds in California to identify seeds in the collection originally from Korea, China, and the Philippines. Second Generation Seeds is growing these varieties, showcasing their value to restore foodways and cultural connections, and saving seeds for continued sharing and saving within the Asian diaspora.

VARIETIES OF
CUCUMBERS, WITH A
CUCUMBER-TASTING
FIELD DAY





# 14 GROWERS 14 COLLARD VARIETIES GROWN

#### **HEIRLOOM COLLARD PROJECT**

The Heirloom Collard Project core partners (SSE, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Working Food, and Utopian Seed Project, with participation from the Culinary Breeding Network) continued to grow heirloom collards in 2021 in partnership with a strong network of collard enthusiasts across the country. The partners and other key stakeholders also engaged in a strategic planning workshop to envision the next steps for the Heirloom Collard Project. This vibrant collaboration to engage farmers, gardeners, and chefs (and all collard lovers, really) in collard appreciation has a bright future!

# INSPIRING AND LEARNING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



#### **Virtual Events**

Like many other organizations, SSE had to change the way we provided educational events during the pandemic. The inspiring aspect of the pivot to online and virtual events is that SSE's events became more accessible to much broader and more diverse segments of this community than ever before. We are grateful for your support to make this possible, and inspired by how many of you participated in events last year!

#### **Community Seed Network**

(communityseednetwork.org)

Since its inception, Community Seed Network (CSN), SSE's partnership project with SeedChange of Canada, has been an online resource to connect gardeners and seed savers across the continent with others in their region. In addition, the LEARN tab on the website offers invaluable educational resources for individuals and organizations. This network continues to grow as more people see the value of the connections it makes possible. With resources in English, French, and Spanish, it's an effective, accessible way for all of us across the continent to connect, share knowledge, and save seeds as a community. Thank you for your support to help provide this resource!

250
APPLE GRAFTING ATTENDEES

411
CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

19,008

REGISTERED LIVE,

PAGE VIEWS OF SEEDSAVERS.ORG/ CONFERENCE THROUGH 2021

450
SEED SCHOOL
ATTENDEES

**8,900**CSN USERS IN 2021

CSN PARTICIPANTS
ON THE
NETWORKING MAP:

1,486
INDIVIDUALS AND
ORGANIZATIONS

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

You are the reason all of the work highlighted here was possible last year, and you are the reason Seed Savers Exchange is inspired to carry out this vital work to support our mission and our community.

Please let us know if you have comments or questions about the impact of your support, the work highlighted here, or our plans moving forward. Thank you for the inspiration!

SSE is grateful to you for your support. We are grateful for all the gifts of time, financial resources, and connections from everyone in our community. You make all of our work possible!

We have listed 2021 volunteers, interns, partners, sponsors, tribute gifts, and donors giving \$500 or more between November 1, 2020, and October 31, 2021, in this 2021 Gratitude Report.

We make every effort to ensure accuracy, but if you notice an error or omission, we apologize! Please contact us at *donations@seedsavers.org* to correct the error for future reference.

#### **2021 VOLUNTEERS**

Carol Bolson
Corey Brink
Randall Duvall
Dale Emery
Max Goodner
Natalie Goodner

#### **Green Iowa AmeriCorps:**

- Maggie Anderson
- Martin Donovan
- Collin Kern
- Mara Mergens
- Matt Staver

Tina Hall

# Iowa COVID-19 Recovery AmeriCorps:

- Tess Hilgerson
- William Kopp

Joan Johnston
Beth Lynch
Janet Rog
Emmarene Smock
Peter van der Linden

**2021 INTERN** 

Joey Stabenow



#### PARTNERS AND PRESENTERS

#### **Guest Presenters at the 2021 Virtual Conference**

Heron Breen
Melissa DeSa
Glenn Drowns
Nate Kleinman
Kristyn Leach
Craig LeHoullier
Kristin Loria

Kellee Matsushita-Tseng George McLaughlin Debbie Premus Chris Smith Eric von Wettberg

Ira Wallace Rowen White

#### Guest Presenters for 2021 Seed School

Melony Edwards
Eleanor Hucker
Jessika Greendeer
Ibrahim Loeks
Sara McCamant
Adrianna Moreno
Penn Parmenter
Dorene Pasekoff
Julie Sheen

#### **Community Science Technology Partner**

SeedLinked

Anna Stange

# **Community Science RENEW Growers**

Bjorn Bergman Gordon Brown John Collet

Linda Crago

John Coykendall (Blackberry Farm)

Aaron Dinwoodie Cody Egan Gene Forester Ellen Gardener Stephen Gethers Susan Graham Rosey Guest

Thomas Martucci Diane McArthur Tracy Meade

Roxane Mitten Randall Norville Dorene Pasekoff Leah Perry

Beth Shelly
Lynn Sontag
Judith Taylor
Owen Taylor
Ryan Thummel
Tiffany Traverse
Jen Williams

# Community Seed Network Partner

SeedChange of Canada



# 2021 Seed Rematriation Partners

Avis Bear-Bass - Youth Education Coordinator - Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative, Iowa

Rosebud Bear-Schneider - Keep Growing Detroit Farm Manager, Michigan

Christina Blackcloud - Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Coordinator

Eartha Borer-Bell - food justice advocate and environmental health consultant, Minnesota

Shelley Buffalo - advocate for land back, Indigenous food ways, food justice, and rematriation, Iowa

Jessika Greendeer - Farm Director at Dream of Wild Health, Farmer at Little Sky's Farm, Minnesota and Wisconsin

Luke Kapayou - Ancestral Farm Manager - Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative, Iowa

Shiloh Maples - Program Manager at Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance and Indigenous Seed Keepers Network, Michigan

Rebecca Webster - Oneida Nation, Wisconsin

Kellie Zahn - Agricultural Agent with Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin

#### 2021 Asian Vegetable Project Partners

Scott Cheng-Fleeman - Shao Shan Farm

Ari de Lena - Kamayan Farm

Kristyn Leach - Namu Farms

Kellee Matsushita-Tseng - Assistant Farm Manager UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology

#### 2021 Heirloom Collard Project Partners

Melissa DeSa - Working Food

Lane Selman - Oregon State University and Culinary Breeding Network

Chris Smith - Utopian Seed Project

Ira Wallace - Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

# NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS IN 2021

Maya Beach
Kyle Bulicz
Jennifer Craven
Mitchell Haas
Kevin Harris
Kathleen Murphy
Kathy Rosendahl
Margaret Tomlinson
Bobbi Underbakke
Kari Witthuhn-Henning























#### PULPIT ROCK Brewing Company

handcrafted in decorah, iowa

Seed Savers Exchange would like to give special thanks to Amy Goldman Fowler for her long-standing guidance and support of our work and mission.



# SUPPORTERS OF SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND INITIATIVES

#### Collection Documentation, Regeneration, and Sharing

Anonymous

### **Community Science ADAPT Program**

The Blooming Prairie Foundation J. R. Borowy Fund

Donna Shaw

#### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Workplace Culture Evolution at Seed Savers Exchange

Iowa Arts Council/Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grant

#### Drift Less. Explore More at Seed Savers Exchange Marketing Campaign

Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA), 2021 Iowa Tourism Grant

#### **Heirloom Collard Project**

The 1772 Foundation

#### **Internship Program**

John Everson

#### **Oral History Training**

The Chanticleer Foundation Scholarship for Professional Development

#### Seed Rematriation Using a Participatory Conservation Model

Anonymous

North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)

Alan J. Rausch

#### **Seed Trade Census**

The Blooming Prairie Foundation Timothy P. Welsh

# Trail Accessibility and Signage Planning

MiEnergy Cooperative



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#### **TRIBUTE GIFTS**

Mary Ann Ackers in memory of Peggy Wagner Hanson

Rex Adams in honor of Joey

Martha Andera in memory of Jeffrey Edmund Schmitz

Mary Anderson in honor of Jessica Carr of Shine Farm, Richmond, Virginia

Nancy Anderson in memory of Al Anderson

Randy Archambault in memory of Ernie Archambault, who loved to weed his garden

Carol Arny in honor of Deane C. Arny

Nancy Arrigoni In Celebration of Louis & Evelyn Arrigoni

Sara Arthur-Noble in memory of Joan C. Arthur

Margaret Atkinson in memory of Sarah Elaine Kendell Martin

Kylie Augustine, happy birthday to Henry Gault

Eva Barr in honor of Stephen Brownlow

Mair Benuska in memory of Carol Ann Biefeld

John Berckbickler in memory of Blanche Berckbickler

Simone Bercu in memory of Dora Bercu Gontovnik

Debi Bernish in honor of Mrs. Nancy Mitchell

Enid Boasberg in memory of Lucinda Hart Gonzalez

Judy Boessmann in honor of Rolf Boessmann Kathy Boyd in memory of Jan Boyd

Cheryl I. Brannon in memory of Norma Krueger

Judie Bringhurst in honor of Carson Gavin Peyton Hill

Walter Bryant in honor of Asher Bryant

Gloria Burow in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Dan and Marcia Burow

Jennifer Burtwistle in memory of Hazel Geddes

Linda Calhan in honor of Scott Lake

Kathleen Callum in honor of Jozef Sloma

Michael Carbonaro in memory of Tony Carbonaro



Elaine Case in honor of Angela Ferraro-Fanning

Eileen Ceisel in memory of Linda Kay McFarland

Julia Challinor in honor of Karen Challinor

Marilee Clarke in memory of Nile Clarke

Gloria Cody in memory of God's Angel Sherri Basso

Denise Costich in honor of Ellis Avery Baldwin, Mara Baldwin, and Sarah Hennies

Sharon Cypher in memory of Norma Amo Riegert

Nancy Dailey in honor of Maggie Kyger on the occasion of her 65th birthday

Anne Daugherty in memory of Robert Weber

Victoria De Martini in honor of Joanna Osborne

Mary Dean in memory of Polly Anthony

Marilyn Denney in honor of Scott Lake

Kevin DeSalle in honor of Sharon DeSalle

Dan Desalvo in memory of Sanorina Tesone

Christine Desmit in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

William Dillow in honor of Gloria J. Dillow

Sarah Dorsey in memory of Jack Dorsey

Ryan Dougherty in honor of Chrissy Ferree

Sahaja Douglass in honor of Michaela Ambrosia Douglass

Maria D. Downs in memory of Doris Boehme

Kathleen Dubin in memory of Lisa and Eva

Donald Dukelow in memory of Valeria Chima Dukelow

Anne Dye in memory of Margaret "Peggy" Hanson

Linda Each in honor of Shawn Reynold

Adiema Ebanks, happy birthday to Claudia Boldt McIntyre

Barbara Ebert in memory of Barbara L. Kelso and Gerald K. Kelso

Patricia L. Eller in memory of Carolyn McCoy

Steve Elmore in memory of Linda Wiener Elmore

Rebecca Engrav in honor of Loren Engrav's 80th birthday

Alison Erickson in honor of Scott Lake

Amanda Estes in memory of George Olsen

Mike Ewanciw in memory of Kristan Johnson

Tasha Fasce in honor of Aris Vayas

June Fischer in memory of Glenn and Jerry Hansen

Jan Fooks in memory of Rosemarie Eggers

Sherry Fowler in memory of Bid Fowler

Karl Frank in honor of Joan Clark Frank

Brenda Freeman in honor of Betty Lefevers

Coral Fry in honor of Doug Fry

Barbara Gerten in honor of Don Gerten

Amanda B. Gerwig in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

Karen Gizzi in memory of Mary C. Duffy

Laura Goddard in honor of Bruce Goddard

Daniel Goglin in memory of Scott Lake

Betsy Goodman in honor of Bruce Goodman

Ingrid Gordon in memory of Martha and Richard Thorngren

Stephen Graf in memory of Robert Graf

Kristin L. Graff in celebration of Natalie Mae

J.P. Graham in honor of Linda Sutherland

Julia H. Gray in memory of Daniell Revenaugh

Sara Guinn in honor of Paul and Effie Anderson

Sally Hallgren in honor of my parents and grandparents

Ken Hanas in memory of Judy Hanas

Linda S. Hart in honor of Russ and Barb Hart

Holly Hayward in honor of Elwyn Meader

Matthew Heemstra in memory of Berdella Heemstra and Darlene Moss

Connie Heimann in memory of Theresa Heimann

Grant Herfindahl in memory of Patrick Quint

Susan Hindman in memory of Sharon Haynes

Dana Hoffman in honor of Sheila Laing

Juanita Hofstrom in memory of Ruby Arnold

Juanita Hofstrom in memory of Norman Hofstrom

Andrea Humm in honor of Rebecca Kilde

Mari Ito in celebration of Danaus Plexippus

Joanna Itoh in honor of Cynthia Dettman

Charlotte Jacob-Hanson in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

Karen Jannusch in honor of Linda Owens

Yvon G. Jensen in memory of Allen Carl Jensen

Terry Jess in memory of Marvin L. Jess

Ann Johnson in memory of John Francis LeTard

Marianne Jones in Celebration of Lillian Galchick

Ruth Katon in honor of William Scott Lake, Jr.

Clair Keene in memory of Mary Weber

Hannah Kimball in memory of John Robert Hudson, my sweet garden partner

Edward Kinnunen in memory of Louise Kinnunen



Susan Kirk in memory of my dear cousin, Sharon Koskela

Irvin L. Klavohn in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

David Klemme in memory of Arnold Klemme and Harvey Shaeffer

Cindy Kludt in honor of William Scott Lake, Jr.

Amy Koch in honor of Buddy Koch

Caroll Kohler in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Kohler, Jr.

Nancy Kolb, happy birthday to Harriet Ruth Molzahn

Nancy Kolb in memory of Robert Gurney

Zsuzsanna Kovacs in honor of God

Richard Kurshan in honor of Barbara Leach

Jonathan Latham in memory of David Wilson

LeCheryl Law in memory of Booker T. Law, Sr. and Ruby Williams

Joseph Leghorn in memory of Louis S. Massa

Carol LeResche in memory of Kevi Lind

Brooks L. Lewis In Celebration of Linda V. Craig

Diane Li in memory of Kent Whealy

Everett Lindsey in memory of Jack Lindsey

Andrea Linton in honor of Peter Hayward Linton

Jerry Little in memory of Earl H. Little

Barbara Lob in honor of Jill Johnson

Tessa Loughry in honor of John Andersen

John Loughry in memory of Laura Loughry

Davonne Loup in honor of Melissa Satermo Hovey

Valerie Lovelace in memory of Lucille Johnson

Dale Lowery in honor of Katie Hanson-Dorr Adrian Lund in honor of Max Lund

Jeanne Lyles in memory of Pasquale Mazzoli

Jeanne Lyles in memory of Giuseppe Troisi

Anna Mabrey in memory of Fran Fagan Holmes

Trey Marks in memory of Mindy (Min Fish) Harp

Charles Massey in honor of Gregory A. Isakov

Elizabeth Matzinger in honor of William Scott Lake

Jo Ellen Maurus in memory of Joan Swedberg

Kathryn Mayer in memory of Chuck Mayer

Karen McCauley in memory of Helen and Russell Serenka

Mary McDonough in honor of Alexa McDonough

Robin McNeely in honor of Fred McNeely

Joleen Medore in honor of Vic Medore (Dad)

Annika Michaels in honor of William Scott Lake, Jr.

Elizabeth Milewicz in honor of Ronald and Beverly Attinger

Lakshmi Mizin in honor of Michael Mizin

Melissa Moe in memory of Bobbie Moe

Kathi D. Morgan in honor of Rosemary DeWitt Dailey

Morgan Creek Vineyards and Winery in memory of Dorothy St. John

Susan Munson in memory of Helen Munson

Zina Murray in honor of Bernadine Meggas

Derek Musselmann in honor of Duff and Gleasnor Porter

Susan Myers in honor of Charles Richard Brown

Susan Myers in memory of Meredith Stephanie Myers Goerdt

Margaret Nace in memory of Robert Nagel

Mathew D. Orwig in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

Gail Epping Overholt in honor of Pete Overholt

Julia Owings in memory of Herman (Blackie) Napper

Michael Pabelick in honor of Duane Pabelick

Michael Pabelick in memory of Patrick Bishop

Gary Pace in memory of Kent Whealy

Anne Palma in honor of Rebecca McCreary and David Tilly

Anita C. Parker in celebration of 65 years of marriage, and a garden every single year!

Catherine Parkman in memory of Charles Parkman

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Sarah Pierce in memory of Jerry and Mary Miracle

Marilyn Pikas in memory of Stan Frost

Jennifer Pitino in honor of Jill Kleinman

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Todd Schulman in honor of my marriage to Katie Schulman

Kimberly Schultz in honor of Edward O. Kassman, Sr.

Lyn Sennholz in memory of George Clemens and Walter Miller

Michelle Sharp in honor of The Klevar-Davison Family

Glen M. Shaw in memory of Libby Lee Shaw

Lindsey Shere in memory of Charles Shere

Joseph Shurboff in honor of Jerry Sarno

Tom Simpson in honor of Geof Stanley

Dorothy Smith in memory of all past seed savers

Teri Smith in memory of Father and Mother, Henry C. and Maria E. Smith

Jill Smithson in honor of our children and grandchildren

Jamie Snowden in honor of Velma H. Lord

Elizabeth Soladay in memory of Sandra Krage

Katherine R. Solum In Celebration of Kelsey (Solum) Williamson

Rose Sombar In Celebration of Lily Sombar

Jacquelin Sonderling in memory of Hans and Mira Sonderling

John Spence in memory of Virgil C. and Jane S. Spence

Leslie Spencer in memory of Elisabeth Langby Atmer

Philip A. St. John in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

Adena Staben in memory of John F. Christianson

Robert Stanley in memory of Ruth Stanley, my mother

Charis R. Stenberg in memory of Rev. Gordon Rasmussen and Rev. Al "Bud" Stenberg

Barbara Stephens, happy birthday to Joan Kahn

Michelle Stevier in memory of Marie Kadlec Greicar

BethAnne Stolp in memory of those lost to COVID-19

Victoria Strang, happy birthday to Jane Strang

Nancy Svoboda in memory of William Scott Lake, Ashland, Wisconsin

Christie Swisher in memory of Fritz and Ethel Olson

Asa Tait in honor of Kim Tait

Asa Tait in honor of Cindy Law Robert Tank in honor of Dawn Zervas

Rebecca Taurog in honor of Dominic Ackerman

Monica Templin in honor of Brigid

Chris Then in memory of Bridget Jernstrom

Ginny Thomas in memory of Walter Harris

Wendy Thomas in honor of Kassi Hays

Julie Thostenson in memory of Bruce Lee Gravatt

Josephine Tisdale, happy birthday to Graham Griffith

Lisa Torsiello in honor of All Friends

Michael Totten in memory of Adelaide Greenbaum

Lynn Tryggestad in memory of John and Daryl Narveson

L.C.S Tucker in memory of Norma Jean

Debi Ulrey-Crosby In Celebration of Summer

Beth A. Unrath in memory of Grace W. "Peg" Hanson

Urban Farming in memory of Kay Richardson, Leon Daggs, and Earl Thomas

Barbara Vaile in honor of Ken Windom

Velma Vaughan in honor of John Duddy

Chris Wargo in memory of Sue Muta

Molly Waterworth in honor of Erin Anderson and Mark Ridnour

Janet Watson in honor of Tom McGuire

Karyn Watters in memory of William Scott Lake, Jr.

Linda Wattonville in honor of John Hubbeling

Kimera Weese in honor of David E. Lawrence

Jeanne Wein in memory of Lafe Wilmarth

Vicki Weissler in memory of Jean Leslie Weissler

Sequoi Werner in memory of Kaye and Ade Trautman

Sally White in memory of Rev. Neal P. White

Ruth Howell Williams in honor of Pam Luce

Dorothy D. Wilson in memory of Dorothy Roady

Steve Wilson in celebration of food freedom

John Wingate in honor of Madeleine Wingate

Kristine Ina Winter in memory of Bradley Ayres Dickson Winter

B. Wood in honor of Patrick Wood and Michaela Howard

Joe Wurth in honor of Lindsay Lee

Tony Zalewski in celebration of Janet Hernandez

Anna Zeman in memory of Hedwig Elisabeth Zeman

Stanislav Zhuk in honor of Natalia Sarbaeva



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# **FINANCIALS**

The financial information provided here is for SSE's fiscal year ending October 31, 2021.

#### **SUPPORT & REVENUE**

JOHN GIRL WILLIAM		
Contributions		
Conference	\$9,640	0.11%
Corporations	\$516,915	6.07%
Membership	\$369,666	4.34%
Donations	\$652,610	7.66%
Fundraisers & sponsorships	\$66,609	0.78%
Foundation Grants	\$346,948	4.07%
Government Grants	\$295,456	3.47%
Sales & shipping	\$5,653,335	66.34%
Investment income	\$132,952	1.56%
Rental income	\$11,616	0.14%
Other income	\$465,523	5.46%
Total support and revenue	\$8,521,270	
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Programs	\$4,735,915	70.03%
General & administration	\$1,534,917	22.70%
Facilities (farm expenses)	\$283,903	4.20%
Fundraising	\$208,234	3.08%
Total expenses \$6,762,969		

Net revenue \$1,758,272

The standard goal for nonprofits is to maintain 3-6 months of cash reserves, and for farms/agricultural operations (especially given the climate and weather volatility we are experiencing), it is preferable to have 6 months to a full year of cash reserves on hand. As a result of the revenue received in FY 2021, at the end of the fiscal year SSE had 61% of our FY 2022 total budget, or approximately 7 months, of cash reserves on hand. These funds are thus not available for programmatic expenses in FY 2022 except in the case of an emergency.

Items not capitalized: Collection items purchased

\$29

