2018: A Year In Review

5,000+ CHILDREN EDUCATED  22 SCHOOLS  $100,000+ INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

It was another exciting year of growth for ClearShark H2O — growth of our programs, growth of our team and growth of our impact! Take a look at how we made a splash in 2018.

We welcomed Bryan Gomes, Education Coordinator to the ClearShark H2O Team.

Bryan has almost two decades of environmental education, public outreach and team building experience to his credit. He has a B.A. in Marketing/Psychology and a MEd. in Post-Secondary Education from Salisbury University. He spent the last 8 years in various roles for the environmental organization Oyster Recovery Partnership including as the education program manager. Bryan is now part of CSH2O and is providing oyster and environmental education to our local students.

We participated in the Global Giving Tuesday fundraising movement and raised $3,500 in 2017.

#GivingTuesday is a one-day global giving movement designed to generate as much good as possible in one day by donating to non-profits and other causes. Our goal this year is to raise $5,000 on Tuesday, November 27th. Learn more at givingtuesday.org.

We sponsored the installation of an art gallery at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, the environmental education hub for AA. Co. Public Schools. The gallery engages students in using art to express their connections to the environment. Art will be seen by over 10,000 visitors per year—with people from all over the state.

We were awarded the BGE Green Grant totaling $4,000!

Environmental stewardship is one of BGE's core values. They are committed to using natural resources responsibly, preventing pollution and improving energy efficiency. BGE Green Grants are offered to communities within the BGE service area. The grants complement BGE's environmental giving and help link their employees to the communities they live and work in.

The Blue Heron Gallery—Connecting Students to Nature through Art.
We doubled our work from 11 to 22 Anne Arundel and Baltimore County Schools, reaching over 5,000 students from Pre-K to 12th Grade.

We have added three new partner-program offerings known as “Chesapeake Champions”, “Heroes on the Half Shell” and outreach with Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center. Visit our website for more information about these program offerings.

We provided 70 drownproofing scholarships to 5th grade students in Anne Arundel County.

These scholarships allowed students with financially-challenged families to get the drownproofing education they need to safely interact with and enjoy the waterways around them.

We raised $16,000 at our 3rd Annual Brunch.

Over 150 guests and volunteers and 24 sponsors came together in 2018 to help us celebrate and raise nearly $16,000 towards our mission.

We gave two $1,000 scholarships to Sparrow Point High School Graduating Seniors.

The scholarships were awarded to two S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (Sparrows Point Educational Center In Environmental Studies) students to continue their environmental education in college and beyond.

We launched our first Annual Environmental Literacy Film Festival in partnership with the Eco Action Club and Environmental Literacy Program at Broadneck High School.

Applicants from within Anne Arundel County Middle and High Schools created short films related to our environment. Prizes were awarded to the top two winners—a Beach Cruiser bike, tickets to the National Aquarium and cash.

We sponsored the Kids Activity at PYY Marine’s Open house—a local marina located in Pasadena, MD.

Kids and some adults enjoyed Oyster Shell Painting and coloring at the annual PYY Open House event. PYY Marine is committed providing exceptional marine services to Pasadena and its surrounding areas.

Thank You!

We couldn’t have accomplished any of this without our donors, partners and supporters, and we’re excited about what’s to come in 2019. Email info@clearsharkh2o.org to learn more and stay in touch.