



THE NOIRE WATERS FOUNDATION

Impact Report



2024 - EARTH DAY

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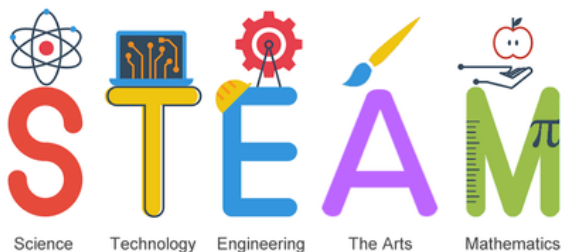
Our Mission

The Noire Waters Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to building a cohesive community among individuals through shared experiences and promoting a sustainable future.

Our mission is achieved through three key pillars:

1. Providing S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) opportunities and career pathways for the youth
2. Facilitating access to recreational water activities for underrepresented communities
3. Fostering social responsibility for the environment through partnerships and programming with businesses and organizations

We extend these invaluable opportunities and resources to communities through our foundation.



Our Purpose

Building a sense of community is at the heart of our organization. We believe that connecting individuals who share a love for the water and its ecosystems can foster a supportive and inclusive environment. Through organized events, workshops, and networking opportunities, we aim to bring together like-minded individuals who can learn from each other, collaborate on projects, and cultivate lasting relationships. By building a strong community, we hope to inspire collective action towards the preservation and sustainable use of our water resources.



About Earth Day ⁰²

History of Earth Day

Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22nd, is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about environmental issues, promoting sustainability, and encouraging action to protect our planet. Its history, rooted in a growing environmental movement of the 1960s and 1970s, marks a pivotal moment in the collective effort to address the environmental challenges facing the world. Earth Day has evolved into one of the largest secular observances worldwide, uniting millions of people in the common cause of environmental protection.

Raising Awareness and Inspiring Action

1. Educational Campaigns: Earth Day serves as a major platform for educating the public about pressing environmental issues, from climate change to plastic pollution, helping people understand the impacts of their actions on the planet.
2. Global Mobilization: Each year, millions participate in activities such as tree planting, clean-up efforts, and climate strikes, making Earth Day a powerful tool for uniting people across borders to advocate for environmental change.
3. Policy Advocacy: Earth Day is a key moment for pushing for policy change, with organizations and individuals using the event to call for stronger environmental protections, climate action, and corporate responsibility.

The Future of Earth Day: A Call for Sustainability

1. Focus on Climate Action: As climate change becomes an increasingly urgent issue, Earth Day continues to emphasize the need for immediate and sustained action to reduce carbon emissions and shift to renewable energy sources.
2. Environmental Justice: Earth Day now highlights the importance of environmental justice, advocating for fair access to clean air, water, and a healthy environment, especially for vulnerable communities disproportionately affected by pollution and climate impacts.
3. Long-Term Global Goals: Looking ahead, Earth Day will play a critical role in advancing global sustainability goals, such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to ensure a livable planet for future generations.



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Overview

On April 20, 2024, the Noire Waters Foundation partnered with The Jonathon Jones Foundation to host an impactful Earth Day event at the Boston Children's Museum. Forty-five students from St. John's Catholic School, along with their parents, attended the event aimed at fostering environmental awareness and introducing the youth to STEAM careers.

Our Earth Day event successfully introduced young students to the critical issues of climate change and STEAM opportunities while fostering a sense of environmental responsibility. Through hands-on learning and support from local partnerships, we empowered the next generation to take action toward a more sustainable future. We look forward to expanding our impact in future events.

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Key Activities

- **Museum Exploration:** For the first two hours, students explored the Boston Children's Museum exhibits, engaging with interactive displays focused on science, art, and innovation.
- **Educational Session:** Following the museum visit, the children and their parents participated in an educational session that highlighted the importance of climate change awareness and global warming solutions, while introducing potential career paths in STEAM fields, led by four STEM professionals based in Boston.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Each student received a reusable recycle bag and a plant pot to take home, with the collective goal of planting their seeds at their school to symbolize their commitment to a greener future.

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Event Goals

- Provide an engaging museum experience for grade school students (ages 6–14).
- Educate attendees on climate change, global warming, and sustainability.
- Introduce students to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) careers and opportunities.
- Encourage environmental responsibility by promoting recycling and hands-on gardening.



Highlights

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Students Engaged: Children gained hands-on knowledge about environmental stewardship and STEAM education.



Active Participation: Each child received materials to implement what they learned by planting a pot at their school.



Community Collaboration: The event strengthened our relationship with local organizations, especially in partnership with Boston Children's Museum, the Jonathon Jones Foundation, and Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, Lower Mills Campus.



Our Partners

The event was made possible through a partnership with The Jonathon Jones Foundation, led by New England Patriots player Jonathon Jones. His foundation shares our passion for empowering youth and promoting community engagement, and together we were able to inspire these students to make a positive impact on their environment.



BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



NEXT STEPS JONATHON JONES FOUNDATION



**Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy,
Lower Mills Campus**

STEAM EDUCATORS



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Biotechnology



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Senior Research Associate
Biotech/Pharma



Dr. Kindred Harris (she/her)
Medicine/Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation



We thank you for your ongoing support of our program.

Acknowledgements

The success of our Earth Day event at the Boston Children's Museum would not have been possible without the incredible support of our partners, volunteers, and participants. We extend our deepest gratitude to The Jonathon Jones Foundation, led by New England Patriots player Jonathon Jones, for their shared commitment to empowering youth and fostering community engagement.

We also thank and acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the Boston Children's Museum staff, local STEAM professionals, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to create a meaningful experience for our attendees. Together, we are shaping a generation inspired to build a sustainable future.

Finally, thank you to the dedicated educators, parents, and students of St. John's Catholic School for their enthusiastic participation. Your curiosity and passion for learning fueled the spirit of this event.



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