Ironwood Tree Experience

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Investment Report 2017-2018



American Experience, 2018: Linking our past & future through today's youth environmental stewards. Mesa Verde NP, Colorado

Our Mission

To create healthy and resilient communities, Ironwood Tree Experience makes it possible for youth to engage with the natural world and be stewards of the environment.

Our Audience

Over 1,000 young people stepped up to help us walk our talk in Sp. 2017-Su. 2018

86% of these youth are ages 14 to 20 y/o, and represent 23 local high schools and colleges in southern AZ.

Dear ITE Donor,

Your encouragement and generosity have truly activated our youth environmental stewards and there is no holding them back!

You make it so that ITE youth are able to seize opportunities that motivate them to build character, polish their style, and practice their moves to be the best world citizens and environmental stewards they can be - all while being a teen!

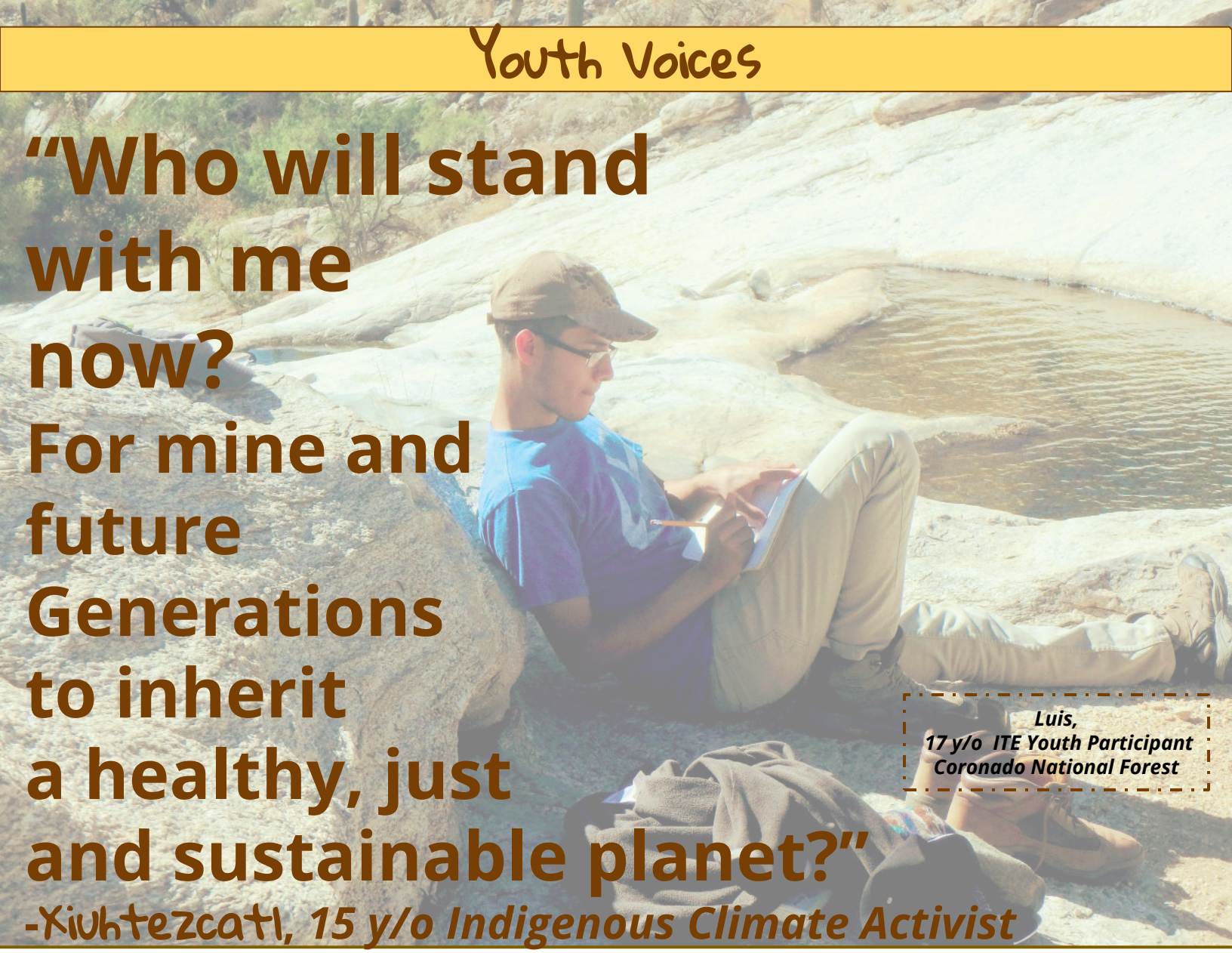
Because you give of your time, expertise, and dollars to ITE, you fortify our work and mission and create equitable and inclusive lifelines for youth across the socio-economic spectrum to full-heartedly participate in meaningful experiences. Despite coming from different neighborhoods and schools, ITE youth share many things in common...like a genuine appreciation of the natural world, intrigue for diverse cultures, empathy for others - human and non-human alike - and the energy to take action!

This past year, over 1,000 ITE youth were actively engaged in public lands and urban areas of historical, cultural, and ecological significances and they made a difference. With your investment, they get to dream big, explore the edges, ask tons of questions and step up to take meaningful action toward the creation of a healthy, just, and restorative future.

Enjoy all that you have helped to accomplish in 2017-2018. Please read on!

Thank you, Suzanne Dhruv

Youth Voices



“Who will stand with me now? For mine and future Generations to inherit a healthy, just and sustainable planet?”

-Xiuhtezcatl, *15 y/o Indigenous Climate Activist*

Luis,
17 y/o ITE Youth Participant
Coronado National Forest

“...it's incredibly inspiring for me to see people taking action against environmental threats. I think that being out in the San Juan Mountains and Wilderness will remind me of what I'm fighting for.”

~ Isolde, 18 y/o
ITE Youth Environmental Steward

“When you spend the majority of your time outside for 15 days learning about how every part of the ecosystem affects everything else and learning about how much humans have changed ecosystems, it starts to seem crazy that the natural world is not considered in nearly every decision we make...”

~ Madeline, 19 y/o
ITE Youth Environmental Steward

“..I adore the creepy-crawlies of the earth: snakes, spiders, scorpions. I love them all, and they seem drawn to me. I like creatures most people don’t quite understand: for me, animals’ offensive power just makes them more interesting.”

~ Will, 15 y/o
ITE Youth Environmental Steward

“...natural resources are being exploited at an exponential rate, causing the decay of our planet...I want to prevent this and educate others about not only what's happening but also what will happen if we don't change.”

~ Isaiah, 16 y/o
ITE Youth Environmental Steward

Youth Action & Support

ITE Partnership Programs

American Experience: Youth Environmental Stewardship in the San Juan Mountains * **Bridging Schools and Parks through Watershed Citizen Science** * Connecting Youth Outdoors through Citizen Science in Our Forests * **Engaging Native Boys** * Field Studies for Schools * **Interactive Community Design Internship** * Mobilizing Youth in Climate Education and Action * **Tomorrow's Garden Internship** * Youth Action Corps * **Youth Ambassadors for Southwest Cultures Internship** * Youth Engaged Stewardship

ITE Partners & Schools

PARTNERS: Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind * Beyond * **Bureau of Land Management** * Cienega Watershed Partnership * Friends of Tucson's Birthplace/ Mission Garden * **Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership** * Headwaters Alliance * Indigenous Strategies * **Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail** * National Park Foundation * **Pima County Regional Flood Control** * Saguaro National Park * **Sonoran Desert Network** * Southwest Decision Resources * The Anza Trail * **The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program** * The Wilderness Society * UA College of Education * **UA Pima County Extension/4H** * USA-National Phenology Network * US Forest Service: Coronado National Forest * Western National Parks Association * White Cliff in Durango * **SCHOOLS:** Civano MS * Sahuarita HS * **Salpointe HS** * Sunnyside Unified School District * Sunnyside High School * **Desert View High School** * The Gregory School * United World College

ITE Donors & Sponsors

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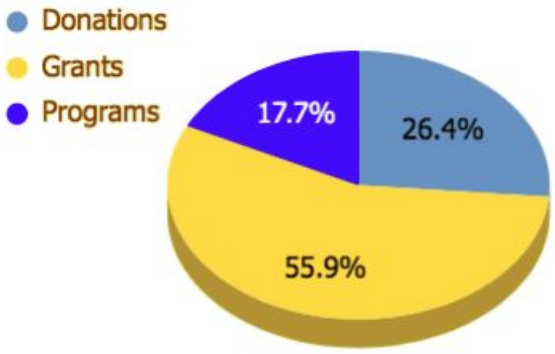
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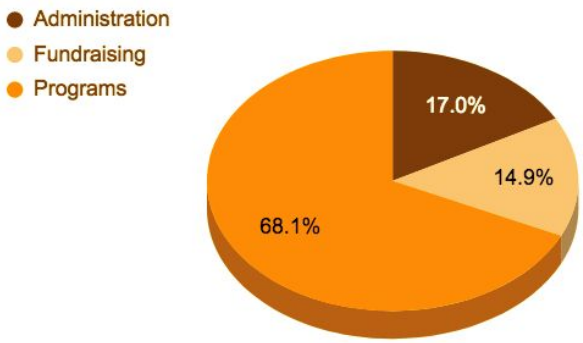
Sam, 17 y/o ITE Youth Participant, Coronado National Forest

Financial Statement 2017-2018

INCOME		
Donations	$49,373	26.4%
Grants	$104,583	55.9%
Programs	$33,167	17.7%
Total Income	***$187,123***	***100%***



EXPENSE		
Administration	$26,436	17.0%
Fundraising	$23,122	14.9%
Programs	$105,643	68.1%
Total Expense	***$155,201***	***100%***



Youth Highlights



