Foundation Beyond Belief

ANNUAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

HUMANIST GRANTS

We gave $89,860+ to grantees creating change across the globe. We put humanist dollars to work ending child marriage, transforming education, fighting gun violence, cleaning up pollution in the world’s poorest communities, supporting community-led justice movements and much more! Our Compassionate Impact Grant went to Tandana, which supports community development initiatives in Ecuador and Mali, and provides intercultural volunteer experiences.

FY2018 was 3 quarters as FBB transitioned from a calendar year.

SERVICE CORPS

After an outbreak of violence required our team to move in 2017, this year we relocated our headquarters to Cape Coast and began exploring new local partnerships. This was a challenge. The up-and-coming organizations that fit our program are difficult to find online, so we met with groups registered with the municipal assembly as well as those that heard about us by word-of-mouth: more than 60 meetings total! Five organizations made it onto our shortlist and our new partnerships will be finalized in 2019.

DISASTER RECOVERY

We partnered with All Hands and Hearts for our deployment to Houston where 18 volunteers contributed 584 hours of service after Hurricane Harvey. We raised $5,763 for deployments to areas affected by Hurricanes Michael and Florence, and $2,250 to support rebuilding after the Kerala monsoon. Our Call to Action for migrant children resulted in $4,500 in donations for legal services for children entering the US immigration system alone.

Our Beyond Belief Network welcomed eight new teams this year, and recorded a whopping 14,403 total volunteer hours! Our Humanism at Work award went to Austin Humanists at Work, which performed 1,985 of those hours. Teams organized 298 service events, including: ramp builds for wheelchair users, highway and park cleanups, STEM toy drives; serving food at shelters; collections and giveaways for people experiencing homelessness—and much more!

Our mission is to unite the humanist community in volunteer and charitable efforts, and to advocate for compassionate action throughout the world.

Noelle George
Executive Director

Message from the Director
Each time I look back on FBB’s activities from the previous year, I’m struck by how closely our work reflects our humanist values. Nonbelief can take many shapes, and there is no single value that unites the secular community. At FBB this is not a challenge, but an opportunity: creating unity through shared experiences, mutual commitment to justice, and joining together to care for our planet. In 2018 you fought for the rights of children separated from their families at the southern US border. You traveled to Houston to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey, and donated in support of those affected by Hurricanes Michael and Florence. You volunteered in your local communities. You supported our Service Corps program through its move to Cape Coast, Ghana. But you didn’t do these things alone. You supported FBB as we strengthened the organization itself, and we all created a wave of social good in the world. Together.

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REVENUE & EXPENSES

HUMANIST GRANTS

GENERAL EXPENSES: 33%
HUMANIST GRANTS: 1%
VOLUNTEER NETWORK: 4%
DISASTER RECOVERY: 8%
SERVICE CORPS: 7%

Total Expenses: $216,206
Total Grants Paid in 2018: 47%

DISASTER RECOVERY GRANTS
Children at the Border Call to Action
Beneficiary: The Florence Project
Beneficiary: KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)
Total Disaster Recovery Grants: $7,060+

VOLUNTEER NETWORK GRANTS
Total Grants Paid: $800

TOTAL GRANTS PAID: $102,256+

KEY NOTES
Program expenses do not include grants given to other organizations. Approximately 1/3 of the General Expenses were wages for staff who supported multiple programs, which was not assigned to specific programs in 2018.

 Restricted to 2018 Hurricanes (designated for 2019 deployment) $5,763
 Restricted to 2017 Hurricanes (designated for 2018 deployments) $37,404
 Total Temporarily Restricted Funds: $43,167
 Net Unrestricted Assets: $34,435

* A portion of 2017 Hurricane Recovery funds were temporarily restricted, then used in 2018 for volunteer deployment expenses (including staff expenses). The 2018 Hurricane Recovery Funds are temporarily restricted for use in FBB’s 2019 deployments. These restricted funds, totalling $43,167, are not included in HDR grant totals and are not reported in liabilities as they are not designated for specific grants, so unrestricted net assets are $34,435.

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