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# Online SIPP Community Update December 11, 2022

Zoom Link will be provided upon registration.

Please join us on Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am MST (1:00 pm EST/8:00 pm IST) for an online SIPP Update via Zoom. This will be a great opportunity to meet several of our new mini-grant recipients and learn about their projects.

Please register here.

## SIPP Expands to Washington DC

With SIPP Board members Nidal Allis and Alan Sachs living in the Washington DC area, we are excited to expand our reach to the DC metro community. We

hope to hold an event in the DC area sometime over the next few months. Keep an eye out for that announcement.



## **SIPP Mini-Grants**



SIPP's second mini-grant cycle has concluded, and we have launched a third cycle for projects to be completed by July 31, 2023. Our mini-grant program has been extremely successful in making meaningful impacts for a number of Israeli and

Palestinian communities. These small grants of up to \$3000 each leverage local passions and resources to allow small organizations and initiatives to accomplish big things.

#### 2022 Mini-Grants

For example, one mini-grant helped train and empower three high school students (Palestinian, Israeli and Ukrainian) to become environmental leaders at the <u>Eastern Mediterranean International School</u> where they developed environmental programs and held workshops for EMIS's student body.



Another was the <u>Tishreen</u> placemaking project in Tayibeh, Israel which empowered the local community to rehabilitate and beautify a pedestrian bridge using environmental and placemaking principals. See and hear about this project here.



Our mini-grants span the spectrum between environmental and civil society projects. These are linked in that we believe that a functioning civil society is necessary to address environmental issues. Read about all the 2022 projects on our website.

#### 2023 Mini-Grants

We received twelve worthy applications for our third round of mini-grants and will be announcing the recipients this month! We anticipate funding this program at the same level that we have funded our previous rounds of mini-

grants, but this amount will not be sufficient to support more than a handful of proposals at the full level requested. With your help, we can offer more assistance. Donate here.

## SIPP's Return to the Boulder Jewish Festival

Thanks to the generosity of the Mountain States Anti-Defamation League, SIPP shared a table at this arts, music and community event on Boulder's Pearl Street



Mall on June 12th. This was a great opportunity to introduce SIPP to folks from all over Colorado and beyond.

## Celebrate SIPP 2022! Event

SIPP hosted an in-person, outdoor event on July 31st in the lovely backyard of

Boulder supporters. In addition to enjoying the delicious food prepared by SIPP Board members and the gift of live music by local musician, Joe Stewart, we featured two exceptional speakers: Lindsey Zemler of the Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS), and long term supporter and new SIPP Board member, Nidal Allis of <a href="TechnoRescue">TechnoRescue</a>. Lindsey spoke about her experience being a recipient of a SIPP minigrant, and what it meant to the three students that the minigrant supported. You can see and hear Lindsey's remarks <a href="here">here</a>. Nidal spoke about his journey in founding an electronics



recycling company (TechnoRescue), and how he came to join SIPP's board of directors. See and hear Nidal <u>here</u>.

## Rotary - Computer Refurbishing Project

For the last three years, SIPP has been working with the Boulder Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Rotary Club and other Colorado Rotary Clubs, to support a computer refurbishing enterprise in the West Bank managed by the Greenland Society for Health Development (GLSHD). This relationship began in 2019 when SIPP brought GLSHD Director Dr. Amro to Boulder and many of you had a chance to meet him.

Using Rotary funding, the GLSHD has been able to take used computers, refurbish them, and donate them to needy schools in the Hebron area.

Recently, the Boulder Rotary Club approved additional funding and also identified an additional source of used computers from the Israeli NGO Road to Recovery.



## **Donations**

**Peace is a verb.** Peace requires all of us to act. SIPP accomplishes our work through the volunteer efforts of our board members and others, and by raising funds to support important projects. We work hard to minimize our expenses and ensure accountability of grantees and donees.

But we need more funds to be more effective. **Act through us by making a donation today.** 

If giving money is not your thing, we invite you to explore other ways to partner with us. Contact us at <a href="mailto:info@sipprojects.org">info@sipprojects.org</a>.

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