

2022



LEAF

ANNUAL REPORT





LEAF

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PURPOSE
DRIVEN
VOLUNTEER
ORGANIZATION

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2022

HIGHLIGHTS



In July of 2020, we celebrated the opening of the new LEAF Center (above) when Phase 1 of the California Nursery Historical Park Master Plan was completed. The Ribbon Cutting Celebration included the City of Fremont Parks and Rec Community Service Director, Suzanne Wolf, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, and Fremont Councilmembers. Lots of time and effort went into the renovation of the 20-acre park which included the move of LEAF Center to the park's north-eastern corner. We have 40 brand new planters that are visible from Niles Blvd. Our Etter Apple Orchard, Bruce's Corner and Pollinator Garden have since been planted in 2023.

2022 Excellence in Community Engagement Award

Recognized by the Alameda County Recycling Board, the following areas of LEAF's mission and operations were highly commended by StopWaste.

- Food Insecurity: Community garden planter rentals. Donation of harvests to two local food banks
- Sustainable Living & Mindful Consumption: Focus on composting, food, and plastic waste reduction. Fruit Tree Gleaning campaign, preventing food waste
- Earth Day Recycling campaigns: Preventing textile waste. Regenerative agriculture practices. Creative reuse.
- Community Education: Earth Day and other outreach events. Talkin' Dirt online webinar. Mentoring Scouts and high school students.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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2022 Best of Fremont Award for the LEAF Stone Garden

The Best of Fremont awards recognize businesses and organizations in and around Fremont for their outstanding contributions to the city. We received this award for the city's best community garden.

USDA People's Garden

LEAF Stone Garden was given the accreditation of USDA People's Garden; a program that recognizes community gardens that:

- Grow fresh healthy food
- Support a local resilient food system
- Teach people to garden using sustainable practices
- Serve as greenspace for neighbors to gather, reflect, and enjoy

April 2022 LEAF Earth Day Celebration

In partnership with the City of Fremont and Washington Hospital Healthcare System, we celebrated Earth Day with 17 booths occupied by 35 of our dedicated volunteers who shared their knowledge and passion for environmental stewardship and sustainable living for over 4 hours straight to an estimated 1500 people!



April - May 2022 Earth Day Recycling Event

We collected 216 bras, 155 lbs of socks, 197 lbs of denim, 170 lbs of crayons, and 75 lbs of misc textiles from our community; each item to be reused, repurposed, or recycled instead of going to the landfill.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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2022 Educational Programs and Events

- Talkin' Dirt, our monthly online gathering of gardeners, invites community members to share their passion for gardening and learn from horticulture specialists including Alameda County's Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Volunteer Workday Events are held on the second Saturday of each month, allowing members of our community to join us for the completion of large-scale projects that benefit from a group effort.
- Students for LEAF is a summer program designed to educate local students with hands-on learning experiences. Topics include horticulture, beekeeping, biology, composting, and propagating.

Food Bank Donations

At our food gardens, we grow fruits, vegetables, and herbs using healthy regenerative agriculture practices. This year-round effort yields thousands of pounds of healthy produce that we donate to our food bank partners, Tri-City Volunteers of Fremont and Centro De Servicios of Union City. In 2022, we surpassed our goal of having donated 6,500 pounds of food; a volume capable of supplementing as many as 19,000 meals in our community.





WORDS cannot express our gratitude toward the foundations and organizations who gave generously toward our mission to serve our community in 2022. We treasure our relationships with you!

**Silicon Valley Bank
Foundation**

Thomas Family Foundation

**Western Digital
Corporation**

Mary Crocker Trust

**National Philanthropic
Trust**

Strong Foundation

Richard Godfrey

**Sprouts Healthy Family
Foundation**

Strong Foundation

Niles Rotary

**Mission Peak Unitarian
Church**

Newark Rotary

Bolton Family Foundation

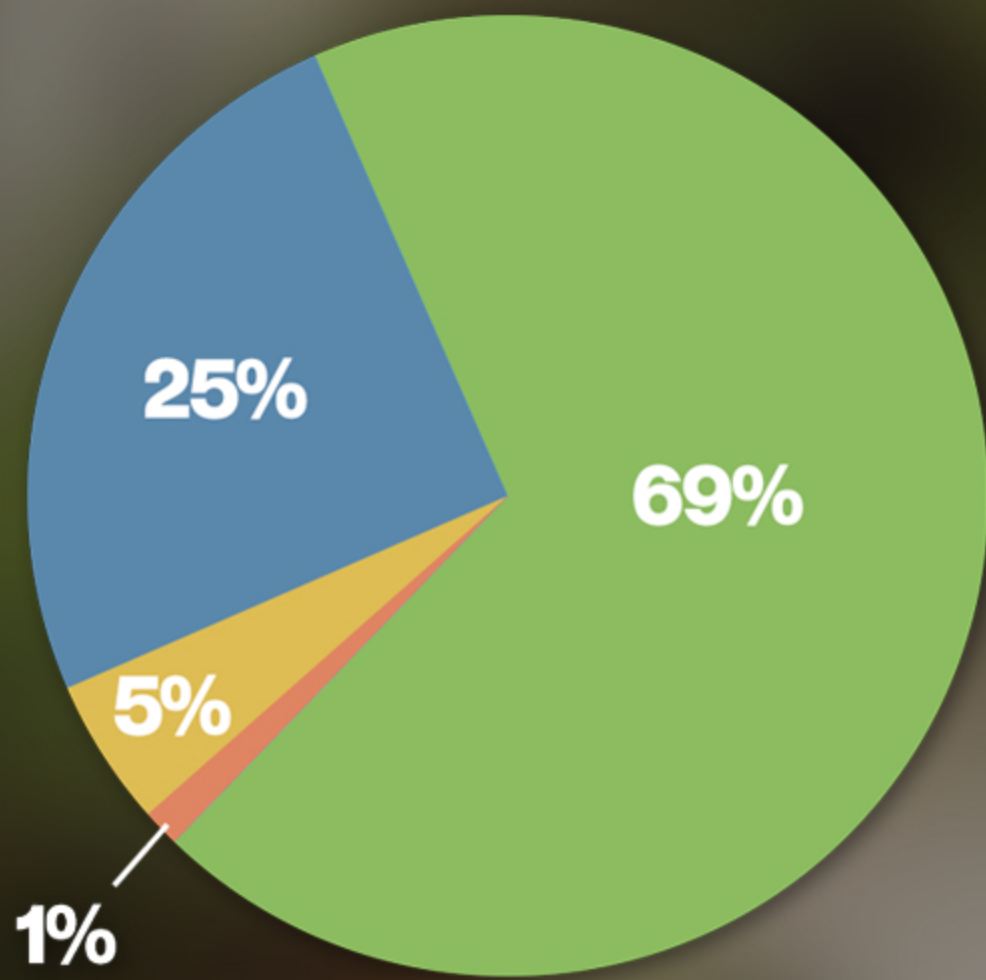
**Alameda County Supervisor
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LEAF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2022 was a year of transition for LEAF. As the impact of COVID diminished, our organization learned to adapt to this new reality. With a focus on bringing in funds through grants, individual contributions and membership, we were able to generate almost 60% more revenue (\$113K, up from \$71K) over the previous year. And we achieved this without any measurable revenue from sales or event activities. While our efforts to deliver fresh vegetables to our local food banks were unabated, our expenses dropped 33% (\$53.5K, down from \$71K). Also, capital expenses were deferred due to delays in the construction of the Urban Garden and LEAF Center following its relocation to the new site.



Income

\$112,934

- Sales
- Memberships
- Donations
- Grants

Expenses

\$53,495

- Corporate
- Insurance
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Professional Svcs.
- Marketing
- Operations

