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~ Donor and volunteer

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Blue Water Foundation STORY

WE ARE AN ALL-VOLUNTEER, 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that serves at-risk youth in the San Francisco Bay Area by using the experience of sailing to build self-confidence, learn new skills, and improve their self-esteem.

To achieve its mission, Blue Water Foundation works with the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco Police Department, Alameda County Probation Department, San Francisco Recreation and Parks, San Francisco County Probation, El Dorado County Probation, numerous charter schools, and community groups.

Founder, Lee Stimmel, started Blue Water in 1990 with the simple goal of sharing the joys of sailing with at-risk youth and providing children with an alternative to drugs, alcohol, and gangs. He and a group of volunteers used their own boats to take middle and high school students out on the water, teaching them sailing basics, opening their eyes to a world of undiscovered opportunities.

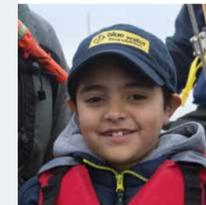
WATCH VIDEOS about the powerful impact sailing has on participants: bluewaterfoundation.org/articles

“ Ever since I started sailing with Camp Sweeney, I started to think about what I missed out in life so far, and what other things I could do instead of running the streets and getting in trouble. Blue Water sailing made me realize that there is much more in life to experience, and more memories to make.

~ Student Sailor

Since its founding, more than 40,000 young people have discovered the art of sailing, experienced success through teamwork, and have had fun while exploring a healthy alternative to drugs, alcohol, and gangs.

Blue Water Foundation owns and maintains two boats. The organization received Diablo Magazine's 2017 Threads of Hope award, which recognizes volunteers who selflessly give their time to help others, strengthening the fabric of East Bay communities.



How Our Programs BENEFIT AT-RISK YOUTH

AT-RISK CHILDREN ARE THOSE WHO are less likely to transition successfully into adulthood, whether it be in academics, job readiness, or the ability to become financially independent.

Often these children become involved in drugs and/or crime, unless they are provided with healthy, supportive activities, and positive role models.

Blue Water Foundation helps at-risk youth in their ability to become positive members of society by providing them with the opportunity to sail. Our sailing programs give young people the experience of teaching, leadership, and working together toward a common goal. This helps build their self-confidence, and gives them a new perspective on their capabilities, and what is possible for them.



AT-RISK YOUTH NEED YOUR HELP. GIVE TODAY! To learn more about Blue Water Foundation's history, boats, and programs, plus watch our videos, visit bluewaterfoundation.org.

“ Youth in the juvenile justice system need opportunities to discover new and different horizons. Sailing with the volunteers of Blue Water Foundation provides them with experiences that they would likely never pursue on their own, and affords them the chance to see beyond their current circumstances. This is all wrapped in the positive relationships and inspiring conversations offered by Blue Water Foundation mentors. This is truly something special where young people are the beneficiaries.

~ Allen Nance, Chief Probation Officer, City and County of San Francisco



Ways YOU CAN HELP

YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL to our mission. Blue Water Foundation relies on the generosity of donors to maintain our programs. Our organization operates solely through volunteers; 100% of donations go entirely for our operating costs, which are primarily the maintenance of our two sailboats. Your generous support will enable us to continue providing positive experiences that shape and enrich the lives of children.

INDIVIDUAL GIVING

Donate
Blue Water Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations may be made through PayPal on our website at bluewaterfoundation.org/donate or on the Amazon website at amazonsmile.com.

Include us in your estate planning
Deferred gifts can help support your charitable interests and possibly achieve tax benefits. A planned gift, such as a bequest in your will or trust, life insurance designations, or a stock donation, ensures your support for the children we serve well into the future.

Sample bequest language: I give the sum of \$___ or ___% to Blue Water Foundation, 155 Montgomery St, San Francisco, CA 94104 (tax id: XXXXX) to be used as the Board of Directors deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

Organize a fundraiser
Are you interested in organizing your own fundraising event? If you have an idea for a fundraiser just let us know, and we'll help you make the event a success.

CORPORATE GIVING
Get your workplace involved in our mission. An employee giving campaign is a great way to raise funds and can include allowing employees to make donations directly through payroll deductions or turning unused vacation hours into a donation. *Ask your employer about the potential of corporate matching.*

VOLUNTEER
Blue Water Foundation welcomes anyone with an interest in sailing and who demonstrates the commitment and skills as sailors and mentors to the students. We offer a full-scale certification program from crew through first captain.

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