

FISHING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED



**2018 ANNUAL
REPORT**



REFLECTING ON 2018

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2018- our 11th year! As we reflect on this past year, I would like to thank our Program Directors, volunteers, students, and supporters for making 2018 our best year yet- both financially and operationally. This year was transformative for F4FN, in 2018 alone we educated over 200 students about the importance of responsible angling and marine conservation, while also providing over 1,000 meals of fresh fish to local soup kitchens in South Florida. In the past 11 years, we have educated more than 2,100 students on how to be responsible anglers and provided over 3,300 hot meals of fresh fish to local soup kitchens.

The ocean provides our oxygen, tempers our climate, and provides hundreds of millions of people with food, jobs, and life. Half the world's population lives within 60 miles of the coast. Ensuring the well-being of our local marine ecosystems is a continuing battle. We have not won yet, but we are not about to give up. Persistence, hard work, integrity, and passion is our organization's recipe for success. With your continued support, we will continue to make a difference. We are looking forward to expanding the reach and success of our programs in 2019!

With gratitude,

N. Metropulos

NICHOLAS C. METROPULOS

Executive Director



RESPONSIBLE ANGLING EDUCATION

Currently, 70% of the world's fish species are either fully exploited or depleted. Additionally, 55% of global marine habitats such as coral reefs are estimated to be destroyed by 2100. Our Responsible Angling Education program aims to combat these statistics. Through this program we are educating and empowering the future leaders of tomorrow to be more environmentally conscientious. In the Fall of 2019 we will be initiating a new and improved program that is 30 weeks long and contains a STEM centered curriculum. This new curriculum will focus on critical topics such as: overfishing, climate change, ocean pollution, and much more! This year we have positively impacted over 200 students by educating them on the importance of conserving our oceans via responsible angling. In 2019, we plan to educate over 300 students.



Volunteer Testimonial

"Fishing for Families in Need has clearly impacted the lives of others, and it is a tremendous experience doing something fun while positively impacting children and the environment."

- Marco S.

Student Testimonial

"This program has taught us a lot about ocean conservation, while also giving us the opportunity to share experiences that we will remember forever. Being able to learn and have fun is the best thing in life."

- Jaynee

FISHING TOURNAMENT DONATION

At the moment, 1 in 5 people depend on fish as their primary source of protein. Our Fishing Tournament Donation program strives to provide highly nutritious meals to those in need. In this program we strategically partner with fishing tournaments, allowing participants to donate a portion of their catch to a local soup kitchen. After the tournament weigh-in, our youth and adult volunteers filet, clean, and package the fish which is then delivered to a soup kitchen where it is cooked and served. Those in need can seldom afford this incredibly valuable protein source, and often they need it most to supplement their nutrient-deficient diets. Last year, we had the great honor of providing over 1,000 meals to various soup kitchens in South Florida including the: Boca Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, the Camillus House, and the Homestead Soup Kitchen. In 2019, we plan to provide over 1,500 meals to the homeless in South Florida.



Volunteer Testimonial

"I first started volunteering for F4FN to get my community service hours, but it turned out to be so much more. While volunteering for F4FN I felt as if I was really making a difference in these children's lives and the community."

- Nicholas R.

Beneficiary Testimonial

"Six days per week Boca Helping Hands provides a hot lunch to approximately 170 of our neighbors in Boca Raton. This year we were able to serve over 400 pounds of delicious fresh fish to those neighbors, thanks to the generosity of Fishing for Families in Need (F4FN). For the last few years F4FN has been donating fresh fish to Boca Helping Hands caught during fishing tournaments. We at Boca Helping Hands value partnerships like the one we have with F4FN, as they demonstrate how non-profit organizations like us can collaborate to multiply the impact we can have in our community."

- Gregory Hazle, Executive Director - Boca Helping Hands

OUR IMPACT

IN 2018 ALONE,

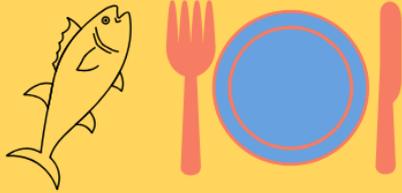
200 STUDENTS

were educated about the importance of responsible angling and marine conservation



PROVIDED 1,000

meals of fresh fish to local soup kitchens in South Florida



4 LOCATIONS

taught our Responsible Angling Education program in South Florida and the Caribbean



SINCE 2007,

EDUCATED

2,100 +

STUDENTS

DONATED

3,300 +

MEALS

FISHING FOR A FUTURE

Visit www.f4fn.org to learn more



2018 CONTRIBUTORS

THANK YOU DONORS! We gratefully acknowledge the following individuals, organizations, corporations and foundations for helping to positively impact the lives of hundreds of children and their families in our community by supporting Fishing for Families in Need.

Advocate \$10k - \$49k

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Everyday Hero

\$1 - \$999

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

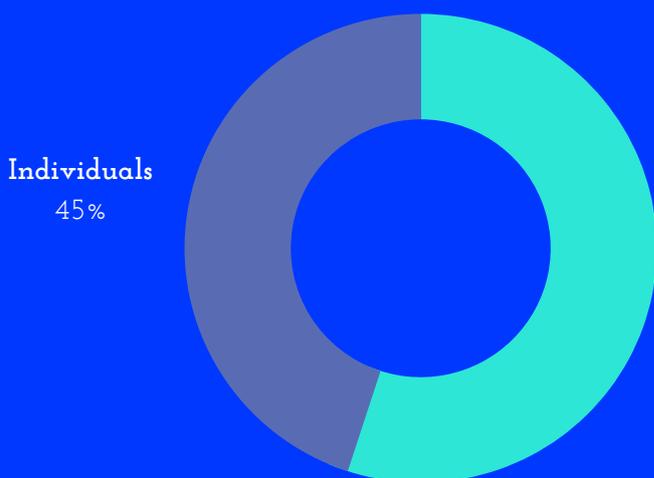
Fishing for Families in Need continues to deliver high impact programmatic results in an operationally efficient and cost-effective manner. This impact is made possible through the ongoing commitment, involvement, and financial contributions of individuals, foundations, and corporations that understand the critical importance of protecting and preserving our oceans. Fishing for Families in Need is in good financial health with stable cash flows, no debt, and positive revenue flows. We have strong fiscal controls for accountability and transparency for donors, and hosted projects.

As with almost all nonprofits, we are operating with a very small percentage of unrestricted funds and are working to make this margin more robust and more sustainable. F4FN is currently a lean operation, but the organization has the potential and capability to impact a multitude of communities. Please consider joining our community of donors to help us get there.

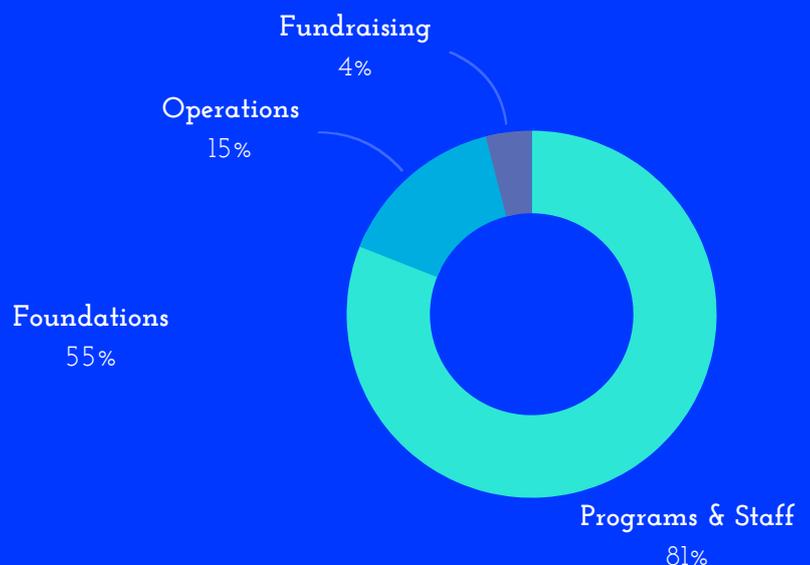
PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

| | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | |
| Foundations & Organizations | 43,400.00 |
| Private and Corporate Donations | 35,115.45 |
| Total Income | <u>\$ 78,515.45</u> |
| EXPENSES | |
| Fundraising | 2,590.06 |
| Operations | 9,246.49 |
| Programs & Staff | 51,087.14 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$ 62,923.69</u> |
| NET INCOME | <u>\$ 15,591.76</u> |

Revenue



Cost Allocation



LOOKING AHEAD

Join us for a night of food, fun, and dancing
aboard the luxurious 130ft. Catalina!



Cruise for a Cause



• **FISHING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED** •

DATE:

Saturday, April 6, 2019

TIME:

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

*(Yacht departs promptly
at 6 PM)*

VENUE:

Sun Dream Yacht Charters

*2950 Northeast 32nd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308*

TICKET PRICE:

\$100

TICKET LINK: [f4fn.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/f4fn)

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