

Annual Fund Progress Report for 2022

Hello, Dear Friends!

Since earlier this year, I have enjoyed serving as Your Friendly Annual Fund Representative. I am privileged to follow in the footsteps of Cory Easter and the others who have held this job over the generations. And I am happy to report that All Star One continues to support Star Island through generous direct and indirect contributions to the Annual Fund. (It's so easy! [Here is the link](#)).

As of early October 2022, monetary pledges and collected Annual Fund gifts credited to All Star One amount to **\$48,797**. Here are a few other key facts regarding our giving:

- All Star One's total contribution to the Annual Fund in 2021 was **\$98,701**. By comparison, in 2020 (when Star closed due to COVID-19), our total Annual Fund contribution was an extraordinary **\$178,532** and, in 2019, the total was **\$112,690**.
- Our giving in 2022 to date is close to our September totals in 2021 (**\$47,493**) and 2019 (**\$49,235**).
- To date, 47 donors/households from All Star One have contributed directly to the Annual Fund – an intriguing number compared to 2021 (43); 2020 (209); and 2019 (63). At all levels of giving, we are so lucky that, year after year, All Star One families join in the effort. It's also nice to see a few individual donors from the under-30 crowd.
- Currently, **15** All Star One households donate monthly to Star Island via recurring credit or debit card charges. Amounts range from \$10 to \$200 per month – isn't that cool?
- Finally, it is worth pointing out how many folks among us contribute *indirectly* or *creatively* to the Annual Fund – in particular through extraordinary contributions to or near-reckless bidding at the annual Art Auction (through which most proceeds have traditionally flowed to the Annual Fund). Examples include the gifts of stunning paintings, photographs, fiber arts, jewelry, food preparation, vacation getaways, musical performances, travel treasures, and, in 2022, one much-celebrated mullet. AND so much more. Star also benefits from the generosity of certain artists among us who contribute proceeds from their sales or commissions to the Annual Fund.

Thanks for all of it. Can we – please – keep up the good work ... and then some? The recent past has been wild and the future is ever-more uncertain. Star needs us more than ever. As the season of giving approaches, I look forward to chatting with many of you about how All Star One can continue its leadership among conferences with respect to Annual Fund contributions. Thanks, and do not hesitate to reach out to me if there is anything on your mind regarding this important function.

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