



News from Michael Schuller's Rumphius Foundation

The Rumphius Foundation is proud of our continued impact.

In 2015 Rumphius provided a grant to **Waterside Workshops** in the San Francisco Bay area. The organization provides direction and vocational training for some of the Bay Area's most at risk youth. They use vocational education as a method of promoting youth development, encouraging sustainable and healthy lifestyles, and cultivating positive change. In many cases, Waterside Workshops has provided these young people with their first trusting relationships, and first true sense of being supported. Located at the Berkeley Aquatic Park, Waterside Workshops offers two training programs to dis-advantaged youth aged 14-24. Additionally, the location of Waterside is helping to revitalize an underserved area.



The Rumphius Foundation grant provided funds for Waterside Workshops' expansion of their bike rental program--a vocational training opportunity. Our funding provided 18 new bikes for their rental fleet and funding to support an intern for the full-service community bicycle shop, *Street Level Cycles*.

2016 Rumphius Grants

As our foundation's reputation expanded, so did the number of grant requests received. After reviewing more than 40 compelling submissions for 2016 grants, we were thrilled to fund two very different and important programs.

- 1) With the 100th anniversary of Acadia National Park, a place near and dear to Mike and our family, we sought a way to help the park manage its landfill problems. Working in cooperation with the Park's superintendent, Rumphius is funding the **first rehydration station in Acadia National Park.**



Located at the entrance to Sand Beach, it will serve as a prototype for future stations in Acadia and help reduce the number of plastic bottles left by the millions of Mount Desert Island visitors, with a long-term goal of adding Acadia to the list of National Parks that have gone plastic bottle-free. Mike would love this as he spent every summer of his 63 years enjoying the beauty of Acadia.

- 2) Our second 2016 grant was awarded to **Fit Girls of Wilton Maine**, a summer program entitled "Run and Read into Summer," focused on building the self-esteem of young women through literature and exercise. The Rumphius Foundation is subsidizing a weeklong day camp for 9-14 year-old girls, allowing the program to be offered to the families at no cost. Campers will read Newbery Medal winning author, Cynthia Lord's, new book *A Handful of Stars* and then be able to discuss it with her. This powerful story for middle school students explores a friendship between a small-town girl and the daughter of migrant workers. During the weeklong program campers will also be introduced to the importance of a healthy active lifestyle and exercise, including running and yoga. Fit Girls of Wilton Maine's mission is to encourage physical health, personal growth, self-esteem and confidence in young women.

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Candy, Carrie, Amy, Megan and Casey Schuller**

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