



2017 News from Michael Schuller's Rumphius Foundation

We thank you for your continued support of **The Rumphius Foundation**, a non-profit organization held at a national public charity designed to help communities and educators strengthen the future of the young and our environment. As we come upon the fifth anniversary of The Rumphius Foundation, we are pleased to report that we are seeing incredible achievements from the programs we have funded over the years, furthering Mike's goal for the next generation to leave the world more beautiful than they found it.

2017 Grants



This year we were excited to provide two grants. The first went to **Solar Youth**, a community organization in New Haven, Connecticut, to support their Fall 2017 Citycology Program. The long-term goals of Citycology are for children to develop the skills to contribute positively to their community, create healthy relationships, maintain physical and mental health and develop economic self-sufficiency. Working in three of New Haven's hardest-hit neighborhoods, the program hires and trains teenagers who teach introductory concepts of ecology to children ages 4 to 8. The children take part in outdoor adventures to investigate the local ecology of their community, identify environmental issues that affect the health of people and the natural environment, seek solutions through a process of problem-solving and youth led action, then teach what they have learned and accomplished to others through public education projects. Learn more at www.solaryouth.org.

As you may recall, Mike spent his college years in New Haven during a time when the economic disparity between the University and surrounding neighborhoods was all too evident. We know that Mike would be pleased to contribute to the development of youth leaders as they are taught about ecology, preserving their green space and setting an example for others in their community.

Our second grant will help beautify the banks of the Charles River in Cambridge, MA.

The Charles River Conservancy sponsors a volunteer program each year where members of the community come together to make their piece of the world more beautiful through the planting of daffodils along the banks of the river. The Charles River Daffodil Beautification project inspires people from a cross-section of the community to reconnect with nature and take pride in their parklands. If you are in the area next spring as the thousands of daffodils bloom, we hope you will toot your horn as you view this yellow splendor!

In closing, we love to circle back and see how grants from the past have been doing. Here are some examples of your contributions at work:



Happy campers from 2015 Run and Read into Summer[®]
Fit Girls camp.

St Andrews School's hoop house • Acadia National Park's hydration station • Fit Girls of Wilton Maine

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Candy, Carrie, Amy, Megan and Casey Schuller

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