Tis’ the sea-sun for reflecting upon a fin-tastic year for Heirs To Our Oceans!

Our waves would not have been possible without supporters like you, so kia ora, kwe emmal, sulang, gracias, obrigados, danke, merci, thank you from wherever we are in this world we share.

What tides were had in 2019 with support of our donors? Read on! And this is just the tip of the iceberg of our action and efforts these last 12 months.
OUR PASSION
AND PURPOSE

We are Heirs To Our Oceans, and we have a job to do.

We are educating ourselves and others, buoying hope, floating solutions, and creating waves of change that will ensure the health of our blue planet.

We are the next generation of fearless and compassionate youth leaders who will ensure a healthy natural environment for everyone.

We are unstoppable, because we have to be.

Together we spread awareness, accountability, and action among youth and adults worldwide.

Together, we protect the waters of our blue planet—our rivers, lakes, streams, groundwater, drinking water, and oceans—because all water on Earth is connected, and all youth should be learning about it and how to protect it.

We have started a global movement to save our oceans and waterways—for ourselves and for future generations.
H200
VISION

All youth will be educated and empowered as leaders who turn the tide of the ocean and water crisis together, connected in protecting our Blue Planet.

H200
MISSION

Inspire a long-term investment in our youth through education, empowerment, and connection opportunities.

The approach to conservation over the last 50 years has allowed our natural environment to continue deteriorating. We need to invest in our youth and make a change for and with the next generation.

We must learn to value our natural resources beyond for mere profit.

We must be given the opportunity to learn about the problems we will inherit.

We must develop empathetic leadership, critical thinking and problem solving skills. This is where we devote our time, energy, and resources, for all youth.
Real-world, action-based, education for ALL youth

Heirs To Our Oceans strives to educate all youth, and adults alike, about how our actions affect our oceans and waterways.

We show the connections between human health and the health of our natural environment. For example, we connect the dots by explaining that plastic is made from petroleum, so plastics not only cause plastic pollution but also contribute to climate change.

We believe all youth—not just a small, privileged percentage—should have the opportunity to learn about our planet’s natural environment, in our natural environment, and to develop critical thinking, problem solving and creative thinking skills.

Water literacy should be a right starting with elementary school and continuing in the curriculum of every middle school and high school.

Empowerment opportunities for ALL youth

All youth—no matter their socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, nor religion—should have empowerment opportunities.

Heirs To Our Oceans provides scholarships so that all youth may thrive in empowerment opportunities like these:

- Dive certification training;
- Public speaking appearances and advocacy work;
- Participation in our annual two-week intensive Summit for Empowerment Action & Leadership (H2OO SEAL);
- Attendance at international conferences, workshops, symposiums and engagements focused on ocean and water issues;
- Marine ecosystem learning in their own waters.

In Heirs To Our Oceans, youth teach youth (and adults!) about human impacts on our oceans and waterways, about the importance of bringing all voices to the conservation table, and about how to support vulnerable communities.

All youth together—not just those of the same demographic, skin color, nationality, ethnicity, or spirituality—can engage in shared learning. It’s inspiring and empowering and connecting!

We, as the next generation, can rise up together to become better decision makers for each other and for the health of our planet.
WE PROCESS
WHAT GOOD LEADERSHIP IS

We undergo training in empathetic leadership, including doing the work in understanding how to move beyond the barriers of alienating institutions. We put what we learn into practice.

International Heir Leadership Team

Our diverse International Heir Leadership Team support our youth leaders across the globe.

All of these Heirs have recently completed, and put into practice, empathetic leadership training.

“ What would our world be like if each of us adults treated every child as if they were our own.”
Heirs have been very busy with efforts in policy advocacy as we are inheriting the challenges our ocean and water faces as well as the climate crisis. Our efforts range from single-use plastics to deep sea habitat threats to eutrophication and harmful algal blooms, and all are tied to the climate crisis.

We make a splash influencing adults in local government, state, national and at an international level through the United Nations to make the right decisions for our generation.
Sixteen youth from around the world, including ten of Heirs To Our Oceans along with Greta Thunberg, filed a Petition against the five worse emitting countries that signed onto the “Optional Communication” of the ratifying Member States of the United Nations’ Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC) holding some of the world’s leading economic powers accountable for their continuing failure in meeting carbon emission rates that will reach no more than a 1.5 degree celsius average global temperature increase (from 1972 baseline temperature) and for the damages the youth are suffering.
Heirs from New Zealand, France, Palau and California meet with a California lawmaker regarding the need to support a plastic reduction bill.

Pacific Islanders at California State Capitol where they shared their stories with lawmakers about the need to reduce plastic manufacturing as they experience the plastic pollution with every high tide.
The heart of our global movement continues to be our annual two-week international intensive, Summit for Empowerment Action & Leadership (SEAL) which was held this year in Pescadero, a rural agricultural community located on the beautiful coastline of Northern California. Four-fifths of the youth who attended were indigenous, consistent with the spirit of Heirs To Our Oceans, and they were fully sponsored including travel.

Our successful fundraising efforts ensured that underserved and underprivileged youth from around the world were included.
GLOBAL MOVEMENT

Connecting those who otherwise wouldn't have connected, from around the world.

Heir Dakota led a sea otter observation paddle at SEAL 2019.

Feeling on top of the world unstoppable!

Thoughtful processing of ancestors on summer solstice at SEAL 2019 on land of Costanoan Ohlone.
Heirs around the world are active in doing their part to turn the ocean and water crises around. Here are a few highlights:

Oxford H2OO Chapter in Berkeley, California, started off their year with the Heirs being pivotal speakers for the City’s Disposable Free Dining Ordinance which was signed into law. The Heirs speaking power garnered them press conferences and speaking engagements at David Brower Center’s Sea Change, the Zero Waste USA Youth Conference and the Ecology Center Friendraiser. In May, they received the Sierra Club’s Emerging Voices Youth Award!

Heir Catarina in Brazil witnessed the golden beaches in northeastern Brazil blacken due to an oil spill. She along with local organizations cleaned what they could and started monitoring the beaches for dead marine animals and the coast for threatened livelihoods of coastal communities. Catarina shares: “I give what I can of the materials necessary to clean up the oil, principally those beaches that need the most help.”

H2OO Chapters in Palau have been active and working together to help educate themselves and other youth and elders of Palau about the problems of climate change. The Heirs of Palau believe that educating the public on the climate crisis is needed in order to make any significant changes.
After finding significant amounts of e-waste in their local waterways during waterway sweeps, Heirs in Kentucky decided to do something about it. The Kentucky H2O chapter has been busy at work educating students and adults, including local and state government officials, about the dangers of e-waste and the importance of keeping it out of landfills. They believe strongly that, because of the lack of federal management, it is imperative that steps be taken at the local and state level to ensure this rapidly growing waste stream is managed appropriately and that all US residents have access to e-waste recycling.
Heirs David Ackley from Marshall Islands, Shay Barton from California, and Carlos Manuel a Filipino who lives in Palau, talk with Greg Dalton of Climate One regarding the Climate Crisis and why action now is essential.

Heirs share what needs to be protected and why: Heirs work to get the message out in as many ways as possible — from conference engagements to school presentations to media — about the need to protect their Blue Planet and humanity for their generation to thrive in a healthy environment.

Heirs speak about the importance of connecting dots to the climate crisis, such as the role single-use plastics plays in the climate crisis from cradle to grave with fossil fuel extraction and processing to toxic incineration as a means of eliminating the synthetic waste that nature cannot manage.
DONORS SUPPORT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITIES! H2OO believes that our world would be a better place if under-served, under-privileged and indigenous youth were to also receive meaningful empowerment and education opportunities. Aside from H2OO SEAL, H2OO offers opportunities such as these:

DIVE CERTIFICATION: This year H2OO certified another islander youth to scuba dive! Heir Laden Kloulubak of Palau shares: “I am now able to dive and see the ocean through a new perspective. I feel more connected to the sea creatures and their homes because I can now interact with them in a new way. I also now see more clearly the maintained parts of the ocean. At the dive sites we had gone to, there were many corals that had lost their color due to the increase of temperature. Seeing these kinds of negative effects made me want to fight harder for change.”

Heirs from Palau, France and California do coral restoration masterclass in Thailand.
EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEANINGFUL TRIPS WITH SCIENTISTS! A LatinX Heir from the Northern California agricultural community met two Maori Heirs from New Zealand in Patagonia to spend a week with orca researchers, including Dr Ingrid Visser of New Zealand, and experiencing the amazing Argentina coastline. The trip was beyond inspiring.

EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITIES

INDIGENOUS CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES! Ten indigenous Heirs were given scholarships to attend the 2019 Bioneers conference Native Youth Leadership Summit. Heir Miguel shares: “My participation in this conference has helped me as an indigenous youth and water protector in the ways of showing love and respect to the humans who we share this earth with. Love, respect and kindness are what the earth needs and what every human needs as well. If we would have continued that since the beginning, the world would not be where it is now. In knowing this I will move forward in my life with love, respect and kindness as my guiding principles.”
TAKING ACTION, SWEEPING IT UP, AND SEEKING ACCOUNTABILITY: Heirs are action-oriented, including with beach and inland “sweep” and brand audits. Why a “sweep” as opposed to a “clean up”? Because plastic pollution is so pervasive you can no longer clean it up. Why a brand audit? Heir Cambria shares: “Brand audits are a way for us to put pressure on corporations to reduce their plastic usage. After a sweep, we conduct an audit of the brands of the plastics we collected. The data we collect goes to Break Free From Plastic (BFFP), a coalition that we are a part of. With this data BFFP prepares an annual brand audit report. To no surprise in 2019 BFFP found that Coca Cola, PepsiCo and Nestle are the top brands found as plastic pollution through brand audits worldwide.”
MAKING PRODUCTS GOOD FOR US AND THE EARTH! Heirs Charley, Aislinn, Dakota, and Heidi worked together to make a plastic-free, all-natural shampoo, their own recipe, that is better for them and the environment! H2OO “Hair Potions” got accepted into a plastic-free and all-natural shop in Pescadero, California -- Pescadero Essentials, and it has had rave reviews with all proceeds going toward funding underserved youth to attend H2OO SEAL.
ADDITIONS TO THE H2OO FAMILY: We were so happy this year to welcome Emily Berglund, Program Coordinator, and Rufaro Kangai-Sibanda, volunteer Development Director, who have been hard at work increasing capacity within H2OO and fostering new alliances as we continue to expand our reach. We were also thrilled that a former H2OO Chapter leader in Palau stepped into an H2OO internship role upon graduating high school! Olilai Chilton has show the power of youth through her empathetic leadership and organizational skills that she brings to the H2OO helm.
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**Program Services Expenses**

- Filming: $28,973.03
- Education/Outreach: $106,145.16
- Donation Expenses: $2,550.00
- SEAL: $85,362.80
- Postage: $735.08

**Management & General Expenses**

- Fees for Professional Services: $51,083.51
- Office Expenses: $1,262.22
- Advertising and Promotion: $8,303.23
- Other Expenses: $3,465.69
- Information Technology: $1,316.60

*These are the financials for 2018*
HEIRS IN THE WORLD

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“Where will we grow next?”