



**SURF
FOUNDATION**

2023 Annual Report

**Supporting the advancement of
world-class science and inspiring
learning across generations.**

The Sanford Underground Research Facility's (SURF) primary mission is "to advance world-class science and inspire learning across generations."

To carry out that mission, SURF creates and delivers educational programming that encourages students to ask questions and find solutions. We host events designed to generate community interest in scientific discovery and invite collaboration among researchers.

As the philanthropic arm of SURF, the Foundation builds strong relationships around the globe and opens doors for public and corporate contributions to support the mission.



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Message from the Director



Dear Friends of SURF,

The SURF Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has had a transformative year. In 2023, our efforts were bolstered by the generosity of donors, corporate partners, and the community, enabling us to support and expand our education, culture, and outreach programs. We also made significant progress with the launch of The Institute for Underground Science at SURF and the completion of the construction of the ethnobotanical garden, Čhangleška Wakháŋ.

Our Education and Outreach team engaged nearly 18,000 K-12 students and 400 teachers through various initiatives, including field trips, science curriculum resources, and professional development workshops. We hosted over 60,000 visitors at the Sanford Underground Homestake Visitor Center and welcomed more than 2,000 guests to our 16th Annual Neutrino Day. The Deep Talks science talks series and

the Artist-in-Residence program continue to enrich our community's understanding and appreciation of science.

As we look ahead to 2024, we have exciting plans to further support education and outreach at SURF and to foster the growth of The Institute for Underground Science. This year promises to be full of opportunities and developments, and we are thrilled to have you with us on this journey.

Your generous support has been pivotal in achieving our mission to advance world-class science and inspire learning across generations. We look forward to your continued partnership and the many possibilities that lie ahead in 2024.

Warm regards,

*Michelle Kane,
SURF Foundation Director*

Čhangleška Wakĥan

One of the SURF Foundation's signature projects is Čhangleška Wakĥan, the ethnobotanical garden at SURF. Through the help of generous donors, the garden showcases our ability to collaborate with communities, colleagues, visitors, researchers, and other stakeholders. It is guided by the SURF Cultural Advisory Committee and the Čhangleška Wakĥan Working Group. Čhangleška Wakĥan aims to explore the connections between science, art, culture, and humanistic inquiry.

Construction of the garden was completed in November 2023, with programming set to begin in June 2024.

Programming will include:

- The Deep Roots speaker series focusing on culture, art, history, and science
- K-12 teacher professional development
- Tours from the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center and special events



Key area of Impact

Education and Student and Development

Paid summer internships awarded to students.

10



8

Students participated in the Davis-Bahcall Scholars Program.

Curriculum units sent to K-12 schools

49



513

K-12 educators participated in teacher professional development programming in South Dakota.

17,921

This year, the Education and Outreach team set a new record, reaching a total of 17,921 K-12 students.



Key Area of Impact

Community Engagements and Events



**SURF public
outreach
events and
presentations**

7,392
Attendees

Statement of Financial Position

Sanford Underground Research Facility Foundation

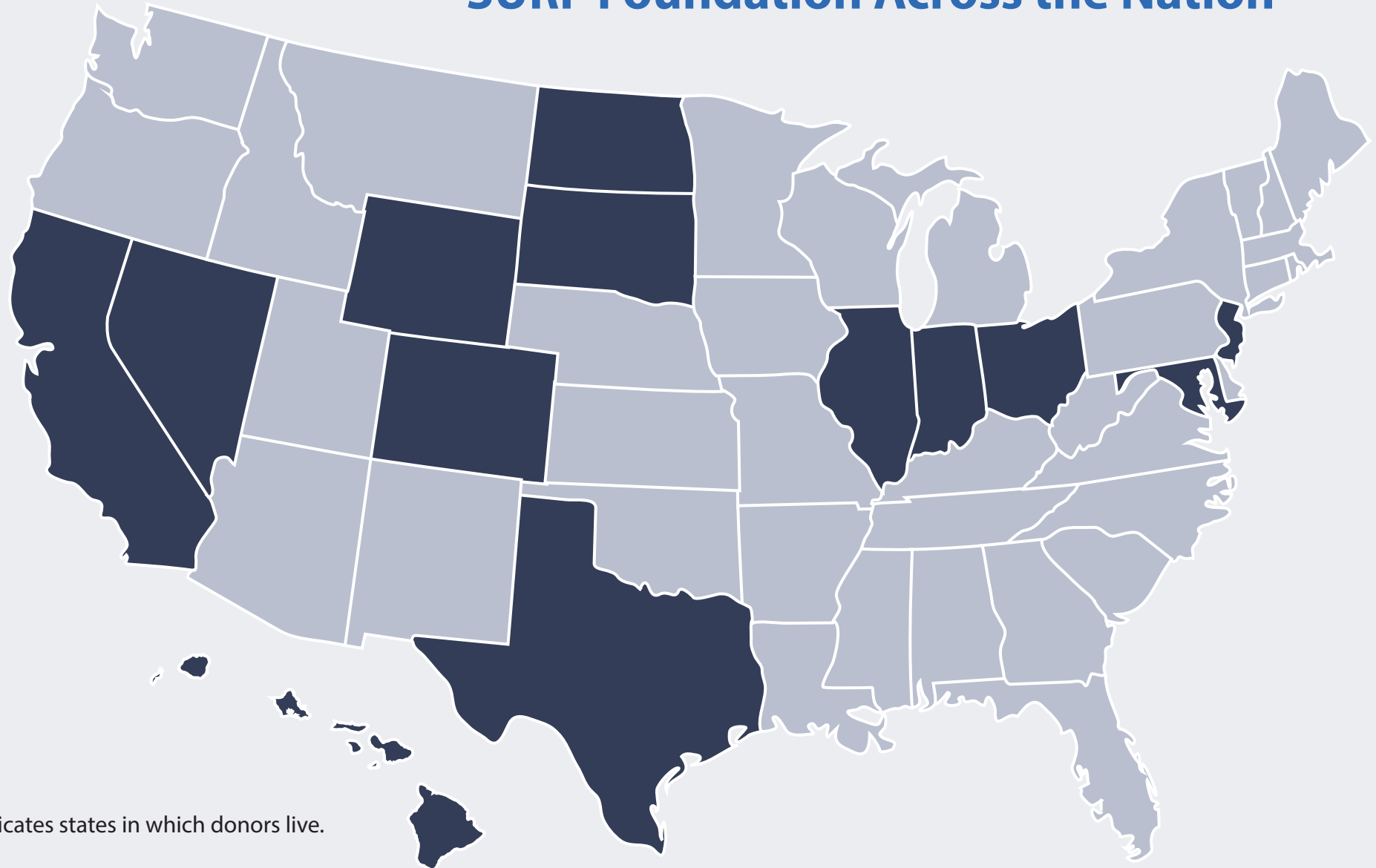
Statement of Financial Position


As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
First Interstate Checking	33,102.91
Total Bank Accounts	\$33,102.91
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	500.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$500.00
Total Current Assets	\$33,602.91
Other Assets	
Contributions Receivable	30,000.00
Total Other Assets	\$30,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$63,602.91
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Restricted	
Davis-Bachall	32,500.00
Garden	0.00
Interns	22,445.57
Public Outreach	5,000.00
STEM Education	37.58
SURF Institute	50.00
Visitor Center	2,500.00
Total Restricted	62,533.15
Retained Earnings	-36,831.24
Unrestricted	569.73
Net Revenue	37,331.27
Total Equity	\$63,602.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$63,602.91

Where are our donors?

SURF Foundation Across the Nation



 Indicates states in which donors live.

Ways to give

Partners of the SURF Foundation

Monthly and recurring gifts are the driving force in supporting the advancement of world-class science and inspiring learning across generations.

Individual Gift

Gifts to the SURF Foundation Endowment Fund, which is like an interest-earning savings account, are invested and the principle is untouched to maintain a strong financial base for future needs.

Planned Giving

Planned giving provides an opportunity for you to ensure an investment in the future of SURF and leave a legacy that will impact future generations.

Corporate Partnerships

We are proud to partner with organizations and businesses that share our vision to support STEM initiatives.

We are thankful for you!



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