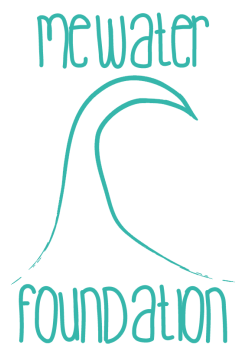


# 2023 MeWater Foundation IMPACT REPORT



Healing and Inspiring through  
the Magic of Mother Nature



**Surfing For Good**  
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# OUR MISSION

On behalf of the children, families, our Board of Directors, and staff at MeWater Foundation, I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude for your support. Because of you, the future shines bright for our community, and an even more significant impact awaits!



“*MeWater gave me the opportunity to connect with people when I needed it. Being in this program made me realize just how much I loved the ocean, and moreover, the simple joy of getting to share that love with other people.*

– Ollie

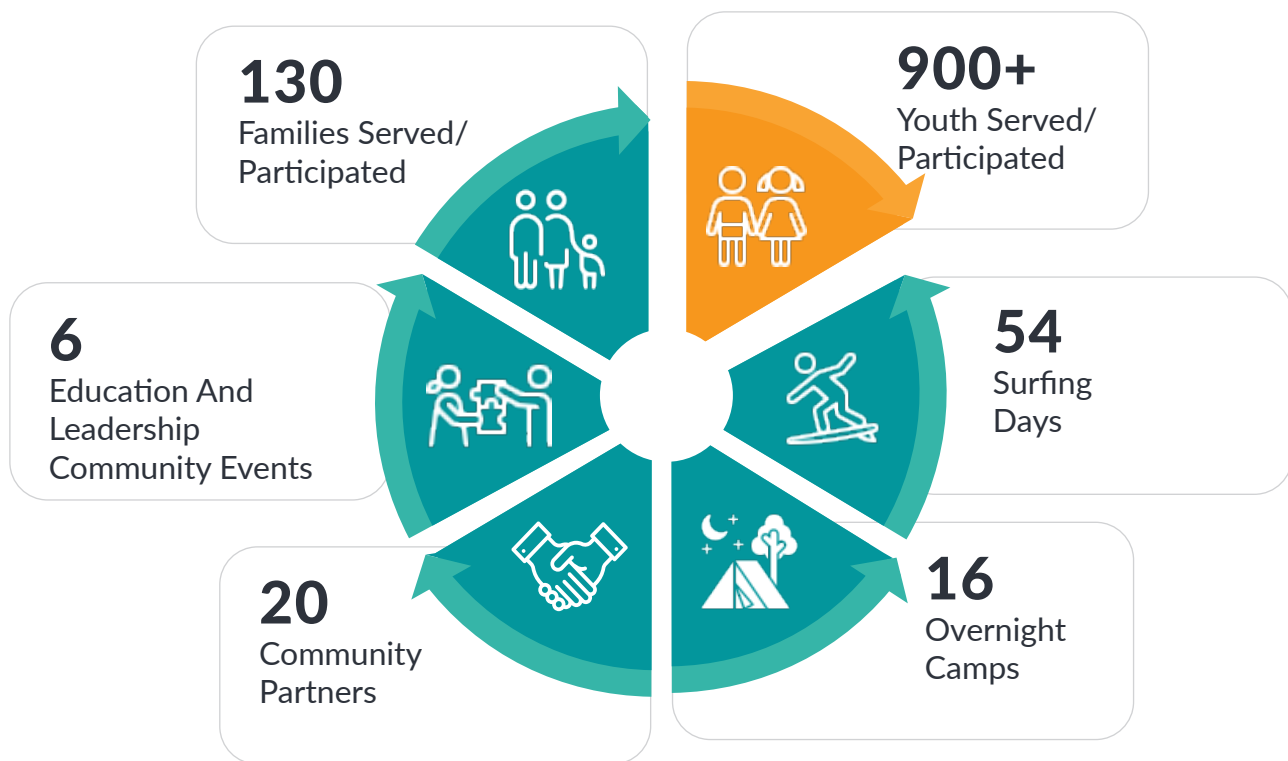
As I reflect upon this past year, I am empowered by the effect that our program has on the children and families we serve. This Impact Report intends to provide you with a snapshot of the positive results MeWater delivers to the children and community we serve.

*Our vision at MeWater Foundation is clear: Every child and family should have access to the magic of Mother Nature as a tool to uplift their mental health and well-being, as well as a community that supports their needs.*



# OUR IMPACT

Our unique model aims to build enduring relationships with children and families facing the most daunting challenges, equipping them with the resources to hone their resilience, strengthen our communities, and thrive.



The well-being of children and families has been at the center of my life’s journey for a long time, and I am proud to be a part of such an incredible community.

Thank you for joining MeWater Foundation on this journey. Let’s ride our positive impact together, one wave at a time.

With Gratitude,  
Eddie

“ I’ve been fortunate enough to partner with MeWater for several years. MeWater has shared the beauty and joy of the natural world with my fourth-grade students. On more than one occasion, MeWater has provided the means to take twenty-plus students and their families surfing and camping. Many of these students have never been in the ocean before and don’t know how to swim. After being partnered with a MeWater volunteer, you can’t get them out of the water at the end of the day. The daily stresses and worries that they carry are left on shore. Watching them fall in love with surfing and the natural world is magical. The work that MeWater does is truly transformative.

– Teresa Collins, 4th grade teacher



“ Our son started volunteering with MeWater for required service hours. MeWater became like a second family to him in no time, and he has spent hundreds of extra hours with MeWater. He says MeWater is “something special” and arranges his schedule around MeWater surf days and camping trips. We have seen the joy these days bring him while noting much growth in his confidence, empathy, listening skills, and leadership. He enjoys nothing more than sharing his joy of the ocean with others. Thank you, MeWater! We are super grateful to you, Eddie, and all you do for our son and the community! You Rock! Best, Tracy





“ The MeWater Foundation has genuinely changed our family’s lives and helped our family in so many ways. When we first met Eddie, my boys participated with a different organization. My boys went surfing with Eddie on a day trip, and they loved every moment of surfing, especially my son August, who was seven years old at the time. Eddie took an interest in my son August because he showed so much passion and love for surfing at such a young age, and he took August and my older son, Amonta, surfing. Eddie called me to ask about the lessons. At the time, we were going through such a tragic loss in our family, and we were displaced and living in a shelter. When I told Eddie this news, he helped us immediately. He bought the boys some necessary items, including coats and shoes. We moved into our new home, and MeWater helped with everything we needed to move in. It has been three years, and MeWater is still by our side. The boys go to surf camps, and MeWater helps us every year for Christmas with gifts and groceries throughout the year. The food delivery is beneficial because Amonta and August are big guys, and groceries are our biggest household expense. I want to thank MeWater for always being there for our family and teaching my children new experiences and better possibilities in life.

– Amica, mother to Augie and Amonta





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