TWO BIRDS, ONE STONE

An All-Square Club

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Objective

- The objective of the grant, as per our initial proposal, was to develop the food rescue program of Two Birds, One Stone. This was met as well as expanded. The desired result of the program is to help reduce the use of landfills by cutting food waste within the NYU community. The grant has not changed this fundamental mission, but has allowed us to explore on other ways of accomplishing it. The grant freed up our resources so we could do more than just focus on our day-to-day deliveries...

- Two Birds, One Stone has helped minimize the amount of food that our NYU dining halls waste. Realizing that this was easier said than done, we understood that instead of just trying to get the dining halls to produce less food, we would save the food they do have leftover.

- Two Birds, One Stone now saves food every night, Monday thru Friday, from two NYU dining halls – Weinstein and Hayden. We take the leftover food to two rescue missions in Manhattan – the Bowery Mission and NYC Rescue Mission.

- Through this grant, we wanted to expand our work to another dining hall. We also wanted to branch out and use the money to plan more events. We wanted to collaborate with other sustainability clubs at NYU, as well as programs during NYU Earth Week.

- We were able to work with other clubs, and get our name out to many students at NYU, and increased our student involvement. We were able to help co-host a program during Earth Week, help sponsor a field trip through another club, as well as start deliveries at another NYU dining hall.
Summary Description

The Green Grant allowed not only our club to expand to help the city we call home, but also allowed us to expand within the university to gain more volunteers, and a more involved student base. Our program doesn’t ask for much and isn’t very complex, but with this grant, we were able to expand and create an even better presence on campus. We were able to start saving food from the Weinstein Dining Hall, on top of Hayden, as well as provide programs with other NYU sustainability clubs.
Previous State + Final Outcomes

- Before the grant was given to Two Birds, One Stone, we were only active in delivering from one dining hall - Hayden Hall. The deliveries require us purchasing pans to provide with the dining hall every night.

- Noticing that Hayden wasn't the only dining hall with a lot of leftover food, we were able to begin delivering from Weinstein, as well. We are currently in the process of working with other dining halls and working out a delivery system with them. The Green Grant helped with the costs of pans and establishing a presence at Weinstein.

- We were also never a very program-driven club. We simply did the deliveries from the dining halls, and that was it. There was not much interaction with our peers, and with our student volunteers.

- Our goal was to create programs that would allow our name to get out there and sponsor exciting opportunities for everyone to get involved in sustainability at NYU, and New York City.

- We were able to work with CHEFs for Schools in helping sponsor a field trip to Stone Barns Farms. This trip allowed a group of NYU students to take a group of students from Manhattan to a farm upstate. These students had never left New York City before, let alone gone to a farm. It was a remarkable experience in which students got to help give back to the community and teach others about sustainability.
Data and/or Impact Estimates

- **CHEFs for SCHOOLS:** Through this event, we were able to take 30 children to a farm upstate and let them experience something they never get to do in New York City. *Two Birds, One Stone* doesn’t just like to focus on the NYU community. We like to focus on the community in which NYU is a member – NYC. We like to give back to the city that we call home. With our Green Grant, we wanted to give back to NYC, and we felt the best way was with our youth. We were able to take the kids to a place they would never be able to go, and teach them something we were passionate about.

- **Food Deliveries:** We were able to expand our deliveries to another dining hall at NYU. With that expansion, we were able to donate more food than ever and feed more people than ever expected. The statistics at Hayden were that we were donating around 50 lbs of food every night. With the extra dining hall, we were able to donate over 100 lbs of food a night, and around 500 lbs of a food a week. This food was delivered to the shelters, and distributed to the people who needed it. The shelters are so grateful for the food, and really rely on us serving the community.
Moving Forward

• Since Two Birds, One Stone was already an established club at NYU, it did not require us working as hard to find areas to use the money. It certainly did allow us to move away from our normal use of the funds which are buying pans. We were able to use the money to sponsor events, and get more involved with other programs on campus.

• I suppose if we were to be given the Green Grant again, I think we would like to plan more events. I would like to see Earth Week done on a more larger scale at NYU, and also advertised more. I think it would be great to get more NYU students involved in sustainability at NYU.

• We were able to help other programs at NYU, which I think is very valuable. It gave us a chance to get the Two Birds, One Stone name out in the NYU community.

• The next steps for Two Birds, One Stone are to continue to grow as a club at NYU, and to increase awareness of food waste and sustainability in NYU’s dining halls.
Financial Summary

• From our Green Grant, we were able to donate $500 to the CHEF's for Schools field trip in 2010. WE were able to help them take the children from an elementary/middle school to a farm in upstate New York. They were able to learn about healthy and nutritious eating habits, as well as sustainability and farming. These kids had rarely left Manhattan, so it was a very important learning experience for them. It was also valuable because NYU students got to guide these students and experience the farm as well.
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