

## **\*GMLP 2017 Year-End and 2018 Plans\***



The George Michael Legacy Project completed its annual year and is happy to report that in the midst of setting up operations, we have made significant progress and realized several wonderful successes for 2017. We are funded by personal trustee's funds for operations. Successes included:

- Added two new ambassadors to the foundation who will help with research, outreach and communications. Teresa Harris, of Texas and Melissa Hinton, California
- We created and published an artistic web page in 2017 to feature projects, charity campaigns, information and events. It is not a fan page, [www.thegmlegacyproject.org](http://www.thegmlegacyproject.org)
- Streamlined our efforts to include a few core charities. We will assist with specific campaigns where we can, develop projects to raise funds, or create direct tributes in George's honor.

### **Donations raised (\$3510) in 2017 as follows:**

1. **\*The Mayhew Animal Home.** - \$1,200 included bundles of love supplies for homeless pet owners, sponsored a cat room, holiday meals for cats and dogs in shelter, extra supplies for feral cats, and donations to their Thera Paws program.
2. **ReThink Mental Illness** \* - \$400. Includes funds from a direct tribute set up in George's name and through a Christmas campaign.
3. **Rainbow Trust Children's Charity** - \$250. Includes direct funds from a tribute in George's name and from a Christmas campaign.
4. **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** - \$200 donated for the adoption of an orphaned elephant, Maisha, for two years.
5. **International Otter Survival Fund** - \$105 donated to sponsor two otters, Noelle and Furget-Me-Not
6. **The Family Place** - \$50 direct donation
7. **St. Jude's** - \$135 Direct donation and through Christmas campaign. Toys collected and donated for Christmas.
8. **Omwabini Orphanage in Kenya** - \$300 Project campaign to build housing. This is sufficient to build one home and furniture and animals for support.
9. **Project Angel Food**- direct donation for walker \$65
10. **NJ Turtleback Zoo** -direct donation of \$25
11. **MacMillan**- \$125 Direct donation
12. **GMLP Lites of Love** - \$655 for solar lights in memory of George with an ornament of a unity cross as a fundraiser to support events. GMLP donated 20 lights to the parish in Goring.

## **Plans for 2018**

### **Events**

1. A special event is planned for a charity and will be hosted at a venue near Rehoboth Beach, DE. The location will bring together fans and others interested in the message from a large regional area including Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, DC, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. Items will be available for auction and purchase.

2. GMLP will host a joint charity event in London. We have donations to share, items to present for their own auctions, and serve as our introduction and big thank you for the charities work.

### **Donation Outreach**

We have started requesting the donation of items to be used at hosted events for live auctions and to establish an online loft studio; the loft studio will include unique work and one off original items for purchase. Our current retail shoppe will transition to be limited to a few key items for promotion of various campaigns. We are too small to support shipping expenses.

### **New Projects for 2018**

A tribute fund has been created with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in George's name. The benefit of this group is that this foundation has chapters in all 50 states available for information.

We hope to create an event for a college campus in 2018.

We just published our new memorial project in George's honor, \*Seeds for Life Music in the Winds - \*Direct donations to purchase seedlings in the states and designate which state to plant them in National Forests. This is a US project, to plant in distressed areas impacted by environmental problems and natural disasters. We wish to have trees in every fifty states 8n

George's honor as a celebration of new life in a beautiful loving, greening way.



## **Our Focus and Intentions**



Our intent is to grow this foundation organically with honor and integrity and not sell George, but to have our work stand on its own in his honor. We built it not for recognition or fanfare but to continue the legacy of George's important charity work. We do not see our foundation as competing with anyone because we cannot play the game for large donations. But we do have a role as a small sister foundation that can harness smaller donations that will build a united force for social change. We are here to create awareness and assist in building funding, not to compete in any way.

**Regards,**

**Jo Becker, Sallyann Saull, Kelly Lauer, Ann Shaw - trustees**

**Melissa Hinton, Teressa Harris - ambassadors**