

ANNUAL PROGRAM SUMMARY 2022



Bio-Link Depot is a 501(c)3 non-profit based in Oakland, California that advances educational equity by creating a circular economy for scientific materials.



OUR MISSION

- Expand hands-on STEM education for educators and students
- Host bi-monthly "open houses" for educators to visit our Depot to obtain lab supplies at no charge
- Prioritize support for Title I K-12 school educators to benefit students from lower income families
- Contribute to the circular economy by diverting unwanted lab materials from waste streams



"This equipment allows us to give them the feeling of what it's like to do lab work in a real lab."

Tamara Doty
Science Teacher
Sacramento High School

ABOUT

Our organization is founded on the belief that all students should have access to hands-on scientific exploration. This has fueled us for over 20 years as we have provided millions of dollars worth of donated laboratory equipment and supplies to educators and researchers for free.

In the Fall we performed a strategic review of our broader goals and values. As a result, we updated our mission statement to: "Advancing educational equity by creating a circular economy for scientific materials." This clarifies our focus on serving teachers at the most under-resourced schools in sustainable ways to affect systemic change. Our program works to stimulate a passion for science in young people while making their path towards a scientific career more accessible. Meanwhile, we keep excess scientific materials out of our landfills as a part of growing a culture of resource sharing and sustainability.

2022 RESULTS

In 2022, we fully recovered from the pandemic, having one of our most successful years to date. The value of material we gave out in 2022 rose 53% from the previous year, with a year-end value of **\$787,234 worth of materials in the hands of STEM students**. We are so thankful to our community of volunteers, donors, teachers, and board and staff for making this possible.

Value of material given to educators: **\$787,234**

Number of total students served: **81,284**

Number of Title I students served: **43,449 (54%)**

Volunteer hours provided: **2,870**

Material redirected from waste streams: **~127 tons**

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JOIN US IN SUPPORTING STEM EDUCATION

1. Make a tax-free financial contribution

Bio-Link Depot relies on financial contributions from corporate and foundation partners, individual donors, and other grant funding sources. Every dollar we receive results in nearly 4.5x value of materials given to STEM educators. All Bio-Link Depot Board of Directors members are financial supporters.

2. Donate materials

Partner with us to achieve your in-house sustainability goals. Free up precious lab and warehouse space and avoid disposal fees by redirecting unused and unwanted materials to under-resourced schools and academic institutions.

3. Volunteer

We operate with a very small staff and lean warehouse operations, and depend heavily on volunteers. Contact us to schedule a volunteer session for your staff!

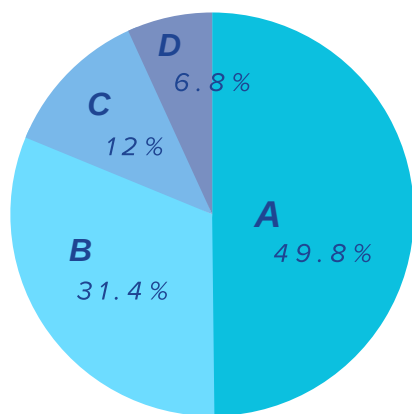


"What I get [at the Depot] makes the kids feel special because it's really high quality stuff, and so for them to actually have their hands on these products is huge. They wear the aprons and the goggles and the gloves and they're like 'I'm a scientist today!'"

Stevie Wills

High School Government Teacher
Incorporates STEM through integrating hands-on forensic testing in classroom mock trials.
Antioch High School, Antioch, CA

2022 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS



Source of 2022 financial contributions:

- A:** Individual & Board Giving: \$43,741
- B:** Nonprofit & Foundation: \$27,557
- C:** Corporate Grants: \$10,500
- D:** Government Grants: \$6,000

Every dollar Bio-Link Depot receives translates to \$4.43 of materials we provide to schools and colleges.

Become a financial supporter of Bio-Link Depot today and help us grow our operations and outreach to local schools.

The future of life science depends on a diverse and well-trained workforce. Hands-on STEM education is essential to building the workforce of the future.



Hands-on STEM Education for All - More Sustainably!