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To educate consumers and create awareness using media (broadcast, print & social) campaigns on the perils of poor diets, the cost to individuals’ health and the cost to our environment. To elevate these issues to invoke change in food choice and habits resulting in food production changes.
MESSAGE FROM
OUR LEADERS

Edgar Ndjatou - Chairman

SEE is nearly a year old and has already made an impact in climate change policy! We have created helpful content to educate the public on our mission, created strategic partnerships within the climate change community, created programming, and have raised awareness about climate change to elected officials.

SEE has created an exciting and active website along with a monthly newsletter that reaches the environmental press and features interviews with industry leaders. Collectively, the website and the newsletter has over a million viewers. SEE’s social media presence is equally as robust and far reaching. There are currently 2,000 Instagram account followers. On July 4, SEE’s Tik Tok videos about eating hamburgers had 10,000 views.

The organization has successfully promoted a “meat down program” where individuals commit to a reduced meat or non-meat diet to help save the environment. Over 250 individuals have signed up to date. The “meat down program” has been featured on Yahoo! News and in the Texas Observer, a respected investigative news journal. The estimated reach of the “meat down program” is approximately 250,000 individuals.

Together with our partners, we have created programming to bring awareness to our mission. We participated with our well-known partners and Advisory Council Committee members, Climate Healers of Arizona; Farm Animal Rights Movement of Bethesda, MD; Glen Merzer, the author of Food is Climate for our newsletter, media interviews, media releases and we also interviewed Dr. Neal Barnard of the Physicians’ Committee for Responsible Medicine on SEE’s web, You Tube channel and Social media.

Finally, our “Power of Food” program with Montgomery County MD’s after school program will start in October 2022. The purpose of this program is to educate students, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, how to cook healthy meals with limited resources. The goal is to help students understand the value of nutrition and how healthy eating can positively impact climate change.

Thank you so much for your support as we continue to grow as an organization. We look forward to hearing your ideas and your suggestions on how we can continue to effectively carry out our mission!

Best, Edgar Ndjatou
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Jane DeMarines - Executive Director

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TIMELINE OF SEE'S YEAR

JUNE 2021
Maryland provides SEE'S EIN recognized business in the state of Maryland. SEE begins on website and social media channels.

JULY 2021
SEE applies for 501 C3, SEE reaches out to DC Veg Society President.

AUGUST 2021
Maryland provides SEE'S EIN a recognized business in the state of Maryland. SEE launches social media channels.

SEPTEMBER 2021
SEE begins partnership with Farm Animal Rights Movement—and holds initial organizational meeting. SEE sends first news release jointly with FARM.

OCTOBER 2021
SEE hires The Agency to launch an expanded website.

NOVEMBER 2021
IRS provides SEE'S 501c3 business status in the state of Maryland.

DECEMBER 2021
SEE issues a holiday press release—asking people to make a New Year’s Resolution to kick the meat habit for one day/week.
TIMELINE OF SEE’S YEAR

JANUARY 2022
SEE asks Glen Merzer for FOOD is CLIMATE name for the newsletter. SEE meets Climate Healers CEO Dr. Sailesh Rao, who joins SEE Advisory Committee with FARM, and Glen Merzer. SEE begins YouTube Channel Celeb vegan interviews.

FEBRUARY 2022
SEE joins FARM, takes on PR for Planet Bethesda for World Vegan Day in June. SEE joins Montgomery County Food Council, meets Adam Green, of Bethesda Green and Dr. Neal Barnard of Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

MARCH 2022
SEE attends and exhibits at the Society of Environmental Journalists Conference in Houston, with 4,000 members/800 attendees.

APRIL 2022
SEE exhibits at Greenfest and signs up 150 “MeatDown Pledges” at the event in Wheaton Maryland. SEE hires Glen Merzer as Senior Writer Researcher.

MAY 2022
SEE launches Climate Wednesday to provide short usable graphics with data on food and climate—every Wednesday to 2,000 enviro media in the country.

JUNE 2022
SEE presents a proposal for an after-school program “Power of Food” for high school students to the recreation department, offered a contract for the fall school year. SEE reached new funders and was asked to resubmit a proposal.

JULY 2022
SEE continues Celebrity Vegan/vegetarian interviews with Seth Goldman of Eat the Change, and worked with Representative Jaime Raskin’s staff on Planet Bethesda press release. Raskin applauds SEE for its support of his initiative to require vegetarian options at federal cafeterias.
OUTREACH

Planet Bethesda
SEE participated with the lead Farm Animal Rights Movement in Planet Bethesda attracting 2500 people on World Environment Day, June 5th. Our booth gave nutritional counseling with Board member/nutritionist Erin DeMarines "Myth Buster", and we signed up 120 people to reduce their meat consumption at least one day per week.

Greenfest
At Greenfest in Montgomery County Maryland in July, 150 people signed SEE's Meat Down Pledge to reduce meat consumption at least one day per week. It attracted 4-6,000 people over the course of a 6 hour day with our booth visitors standing in line!

Kick The Meat Habit With FARM
People were there to see the Cherry Blossoms, but we were sharing vegan snacks—and snagging conversations about the mission of FARM and SEE. We distributed more than 400 snacks on a brisk Spring day at Washington, DC’s tidal basin fringed by blooming cherry trees.

March for the Animals
Joined by DC Voters for Animals and other animal rights groups, we marched in front of the White House in August to protest the use of animals for drug testing. 200-300 people marched and chanted messages on animal cruelty.
Society Of Environmental Journalists

SEE participated with 800 journalists who cover environmental issues and environmental groups of all sizes who attended this 3-day conference in Houston, which included visits to toxic waste dumps. SEE Executive Director met the Texas Observer Editor at the Conference and was invited to submit an opinion article: “Here are the latest environmental reasons you should stop eating meat.” Texas is the largest producer of livestock in the nation. Texas Observer, with a monthly readership of 600,000 is often cited in highly esteemed journalism venues, such as MSNBC’s Rachael Maddow show.

High School Program

SEE was chosen to offer a program, “The Power of Food,” to middle and high school students in Montgomery County’s after school program in several high schools. SEE’s curriculum was reviewed by Montgomery’s Recreation Department school providers. The program’s goal using student participation and cooking classes using plant-based recipes hopes to teach the impact of healthy plant-based diets both on health and the environment. The program begins in October 2022.

Newsletter

SEE’s monthly newsletter: FOOD IS CLIMATE, whose name was co-opted with permission from SEE employee and noted screenwriter and plant-based author Glen Merzer. FIC offers an enviro-food digest of national/international news and a first-person interview of amazing (they really are) articles of newly healthy converts to plant-based eating, including SEE Board member Fabricio Zambrano.

Erin’s Kitchen

SEE Board member Erin DeMarines, a vegan entrepreneur, started E-Fit Foods, a plant-based food company based in Florida. She has been featured on Fox News, Bloom TV, and Unchained TV for her cooking and vegan food ventures. Erin’s Kitchen is our new option of Videos: Erin sharing her recipes, and cooking tips and tricks on SEE’s website.
MAKING CONNECTIONS

WORKING WITH CONGRESS

Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08) and 31 other House members urged the White House to ensure that all federal facilities offer vegetarian entrees wherever they serve meals, and recognized a Washington-based non-profit for their support in this effort. “I want to extend my thanks to Sustainable Earth Eating for supporting our efforts to expand vegetarian options at all federal facilities,” said Rep. Raskin.

MEDIA EXPOSURE

A Texas Observer article (https://www.texasobserver.org/here-are-the-latest-environmental-reasons-you-must-stop-eating-meat/) on the impact of eating meat on human and the planet’s health Article and other media articles reached between 800,000 and 9 million consumers from our media coverage in 2021-2022, including a major article in Yahoo News. SEE issued 22 press releases in 21-22.

PARTNERS

- Climate Healers
- Farm Animal Rights Movement
- Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
- Eat for the Earth
- Vegetarian Society of DC
- Society of Environmental Journalists

RESEARCH

- Rockefeller Foundation
- University of Illinois (Chicago)
- Montgomery County Business Incubator (Bethesda Green)
- Vegetarian News

CAUSE ORGANIZATIONS

- Bethesda Green
- Farm Animal Rights Movement
- Montgomery County Food Council
- Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
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Dr. Sailesh Rao, Founder and Executive Director of Climate Healers, a non-profit dedicated towards healing the Earth’s climate

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