



FRIENDS of GREAT SALT LAKE

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Dear Heather Dove and Kandy Richards,

I'm writing to report on the \$1000 grant FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake received from Great Salt Lake Audubon in 2020 to support our Doyle W. Stephens Research Program. While we had to modify some of our programming in response to the global pandemic, we were still able to use our awarded grant funds in the following ways:

- We created marketing materials which were distributed in print and online to potential applicants at all Utah colleges and universities among a wide variety of programs. We received a commensurate number of applications compared to non-pandemic years and applicants were from a wider pool of academic interests, which has been one of our primary goals for the program.
- We were able to supplement our technology to accommodate hosting a virtual event, as our typical Great Salt Lake Issues Forum was postponed and has been rescheduled for 2022. Our 2021 Doyle W. Stephens scholarship event will be held virtually on May 6 from 6:00-7:00 PM wherein we will hear from our 2020 scholarship winners, Molly Blakowski and Melissa Cobo. We will also announce our 2021 scholarship winners.

Generosity from Great Salt Lake Audubon is instrumental in helping us realizing our Doyle W. Stephens Research Program. Research proposals at the undergraduate and graduate levels contribute to our community's understanding of the Great Salt Lake ecosystem. Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

All best,

Holly Simonsen
Membership and Programs Director