

Annual Fund Progress Report for 2026

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Greetings, All Star Family –

It has been a pretty good year for Star Island’s Annual Fund! I am told the Island is on-pace to meet or exceed its overall goal. All Star One is on a promising track to meet its own goal of \$125,000. In addition, other conferences have proven quite generous.

The below table summarizes All Star One’s individual giving to the Annual Fund for 2026 (in dollars and donors) and how this year’s numbers compare to recent years:

Calendar year	Giving through season	Number of donors through end of season	Total for year	Total donors for year
2026	44,445 (through Aug. 31)	34	TBD	TBD
2025	53,272 (through Sept. 18)	33	121,819	71
2024	36,814 (through Aug. 31)	34	95,843	77
2023	30,570 (through Aug. 31)	35	96,875	90
2022			119,297	78
2021			98,701	81

Note that counting of “donors” generally refers to households or giving units. Couples are usually counted as a single donor, while individual adult children are typically counted separately. Around 10 or 12 households/individuals donate to Star on a monthly basis.

In 2026, proceeds from All Star One’s art auction, at around \$27,500, came roaring back from the 2025 auction’s total of about \$16,000. (Bravo to the Executive Committee and the auction leaders, who really worked to make this happen!) All Star One typically donates all or most of the auction proceeds to the Annual Fund. Assuming this remains the case, our total Annual Fund numbers are approaching \$72,000.

Will All Star One reach its goal for the Annual Fund? Intriguingly, All Star Two’s total for individual giving to date, at \$54,076, out-paces ours. And LOAS 1’s receipts and pledges to date amount to almost \$71,000.

Of course, All Star One has long been known for its end-of-year generosity. I'm confident that our Annual Fund totals will again reveal All Star One's longstanding leadership among conferences when it comes to supporting this vital resource for Island operations.

Meanwhile, there is some new energy this year in Annual Fund-world. The Fund Development Committee has been reinvigorated and the acting development director, Tryst Chagnon, is very helpful and responsive. If you would like to help engage these resources as part of All Star One's own Annual Fund efforts, please let me know! Help of all kinds is welcome, as are your own ideas.

Relatedly, I want to again express gratitude for All Star One's support for a quick, virtual-pass-the-hat effort back in February 2026 to help purchase new audio equipment for use in Brookfield, Newton, and Marshman. Within about one week, 19 All Star One households contributed a total restricted capital gift of \$5,500 to pay for the equipment. Equally valuable, a subset of All Star One's amazing musicians guided the choice of equipment suitable for Star's unique conditions. Star staff purchased and installed the equipment before we arrived in July.

I am writing this report from Gosport 20, a room with a view that spans from Cottage E to White Island! I am here for the chamber music weekend, where a second year of "Star Flutes" has joined a set of incredible string musicians for a series of outstanding performances. In addition, gaggles of poets, songwriters, local historians, and Star Goddesses are milling about. Mostly, I am amazed by the flocks of migrating birds swirling across Star! I am not sure that sparkling September isn't the Isles of Shoals' most beautiful month. Who is with me, next year?

Love,

Louise