Looking Back, Looking Forward!

2003
FOUNDING
The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) is founded as a 501c3 in New York.

2004-2010
SEED FUNDING & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
- NYS Special Legislative Grants
- EPA Capacity Building Grant
- Inaugural Summer Institute
- Partnership with LifeStraw
- Boston Latin School Summer Inst.
- Scarsdale, NY Summer Institute

2011-2015
COMMITMENT TO ACTION
- Clinton Global Initiative
- 3-year project partnership with NYC Dept. of Education
- Expansion to LAUSD, Los Angeles, CA
- Partner with Linde, PLC (formerly Praxair)
- The New School Summer Institute established in NYC

2016-2018
MAJOR EXPANSION
- Greenpoint Summer Institute in Brooklyn
- IBM Strategic Planning Grant
- Launched Civic Science: Inquiry to Action with Mt. Sinai PEHSU
- CELF Whole Systems Change Program:
  - Warwick Valley CSD, NY (National Green Ribbon Award Winner)
  - Putnam Valley CSD, NY
  - The Hewitt School, NY
- National Geographic Society Strategic Partnership & Explorer Grant

2020-2021
VIRTUAL & HYBRID PROGRAMS
- Technology partnerships: Plume Labs; Habitat Map; SubPod
- Program transformation to high quality virtual learning experiences, delivered to schools around the world
- Commitment to strategic fundraising
- Leadership Circle launched with Fluor and Linde, PLC
- Virtual Student Symposium

2019
EXPANSION TO TEXAS REACHED ONE MILLION STUDENTS
- Transformational investment from First Reserve
- New University Partnerships: Rice U, UH Clear Lake, NYU
- Board development

2022
SCALE & SUSTAINABLE GROWTH
- Membership program launch
- Green Careers expansion
- Hybrid programming innovations
- Multiple new partnerships: Baker Hughes, Howard Family Foundation, Neuberger Berman Foundation, BBVA, 4th Bin, Greentown Labs

2023
STUDENT IMPACT YOUNG VOICES FOR THE PLANET
- Multiple Student Symposia in Texas and NY
- Young Voices for the Planet combines with CELF bringing film catalog and inspiration for student engagement and empowerment

2024&Beyond
PURPOSEFUL GROWTH
- Program innovation
- Impact amplification
- Geographic expansion
- Enhanced overall reach and impact

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