“The CCREF has had another successful year of growth! We continued to build on our efforts to bring quality research on topics important to the industry. None of this would have been possible without our generous donors and their continued support of our work. I extend my deepest gratitude and thanks to all of them.”

– Ginny Black, CCREF Trustee Chair

2018 – 2019
Accomplishments

The Compost Operations Training Course (COTC) continued to grow to where five trainings were held across the country. Students came from across the country and internationally investing their time and energy to expand their skills and knowledge on how to run the best compost manufacturing facility.

Trainings were held:
East Lansing, MI – 42 students
Raleigh, NC – 35 students
Richmond, CA – 18 students
Irvine, CA – 28 students
Pomona, CA – 36 students

ICAW 2019
Using the theme Cool the Climate – Compost! talented LA-based illustrator, Evan Clark, created the winning poster design to represent International Compost Awareness Week across the country. ICAW was held May 5 – 11, 2019
RESEARCH PROJECTS

Soluble Salts in Compost
This paper examines the issue of soluble salts with the goal of beginning a dialogue illustrating that compost with a high electrical conductivity measurement - due to total nutrient content rather than potentially detrimental salts (sodium chloride) - is not harmful in most applications. The work for this paper was done by the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh.

Air Emissions
This literature review was started in 2018/2019 and is expected to be completed before the end of 2019. It is evaluating current air quality testing methods to determine their effectiveness and identify possible changes or alternatives to those methods.

Compost Research College Scholarships
It was hard to just pick a few but CCREF awarded scholarships to two college students to encourage their compost research. Research scholarships are given out annually. The two winning students were:

- Donald De Alwis who was awarded a scholarship for his project focused on the use of locally sourced compost to facilitate hydric soil conditions in wetland restoration.
- Sally Landefeld’s research project aims to characterize the relationship between soil health and plant food, looking at the question of does healthier soil grow healthier food?

Sampling Video and Reference Guide
To help deal with the issue of getting good samples for testing, CCREF created two videos demonstrating the steps that should be taken in order to send compost samples to a lab for analysis. Both videos are available on the compostfoundation.org website. Also available is a Sampling Reference Guide created to further assist in the learning process.

“*This past year was transformative in many ways for CCREF, many of it is thanks to our dedicate Trustees who spent countless hours looking at how the Foundation can make the greatest impact now and in the future.*”

– Frank Franciosi, Executive Director
The Composting Council Research and Education Foundation supports initiatives that enhance the stature and practices of the composting industry by supporting scientific research, increasing awareness, and educating practitioners and the public to advance environmentally and economically sustainable organics recycling.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1, 2018 – March 30, 2019

**REVENUE**

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**Revenue Less Expenses**  

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