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Dear ,

As D Acres winds down to close out another wonderful year with a fully stocked root cellar, we reach out to our members for support. **Your involvement in D Acres is invaluable.** As a place-based sustainability focused education center, it requires many hands to create our vibrant yearly programming. The future is about all of us - and it's your positive support that continues providing D Acres with the ability to evolve and grow to meet the needs of our region.

Looking ahead to our 19th growing season, we encourage you to reflect on all that D Acres has accomplished over the past year. From the publication of The Community-Scale Permaculture Farm to another successful Permaculture Design Course, we **shared information and awareness** through public speaking engagements, educational tours, workshops and day-to-day interactions with the multitude of guests whom graced our facilities. Developing our Kid's Days programming resulted in families spending more time on the farm. The 2nd annual Porcine Fest provided an opportunity to fully understand the entire animal processing. Find our growing internet presence online with hundreds of videos on YouTube and an active Facebook page.

D Acres of NH exists to share in the creation of a viable, sustainable and practical modality of living. We have hosted working groups and provided a forum where they have been able to connect and discuss and formulate working plans to move forward. The **monthly food events** that you have attended continue to provide the public with the opportunity to fully experience the seed to table philosophy that D Acres continues to carry through. Our goals are to make these skills and models available to more and more people, regardless of ability to pay.

For the upcoming year, we will focus on

- sustainable **four-season housing** for our residents - with an emphasis on building mini-houses.
- expanding our current **youth programming** with outreach to the local elementary schools to provide in-school support for programs such as school gardening, composting and recycling.
- **Renovations** will continue on the Red House with a connector and greenhouse placed between the studio and the main building.
- The plan to purchase a **collective grain silo** to provide feed to area farms at a fraction of the cost is well underway,
- **trail system** will expand to the neighbors' complementary sheep farm.

As D Acres cultivates the relationships through the variety of programming channels that avail themselves to us, we will produce future stewards of sustainability and ecologically sound practices. These and other programming opportunities are made available with your help.

The **open invitation** to visit our organization is, as always, extended to everyone. Many of you have visited this past year to see the farm in all its glorious growing season, whether it was for a get-away, to volunteer in the garden, a regular monthly food event, an evening of music or even one of our educational workshops, we encourage you to continue! **Sharing** your favorite moments and stories with your friends and coworkers about D Acres creates a larger base of interest. The more people who have the opportunity to experience our educational homestead and permaculture farm, the more awareness and education ripples outward toward the mainstream public at large.

The importance of utilizing D Acres falls to you, our supporters, we appeal to you to utilize all that we have to offer. We are hopeful that you will make a **financial contribution** to the Annual Appeal. We also appreciate the support that you provide via **attendance** and **volunteerism**, many hands continue to make light work. Any level of donation is appreciated, and will be put to excellent use right here at D Acres. Thank you in advance for your **generosity and commitment to D Acres of NH** as we continue the work for positive change.

Sustainably yours,

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