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Dear Friends and Lovers of The Pines,

We at Pines Local hope this message finds you well and thriving. Pines Local Solutions, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, was established in April 2023 to address the absence of glass recycling in our beloved community, The Pines. With your enthusiastic support, we successfully fundraised to purchase our first recycling machine by September 2023. This machine crushes glass bottles and jars, reducing them to safe to handle sand that can be used for myriad local uses.

Reflecting on our milestone 2024 season, we are proud to share that we have crushed over 13,000 glass containers and saved more than six tons of material from ending up in the landfill. This local effort not only saved glass from the landfill, but also reduced the logistical costs of transporting it off island, and reduced the fossil fuel emission necessary to transport these heavy materials.

In addition to bottles from individual households, Pines Local also partnered with several guesthouses, crushed a large amount of glass from July 4th events, and Pines Party. The tremendous support and engagement from the community have been both uplifting and essential to our mission. Following our October fundraiser we were able to purchase the next essential piece of equipment which sifts and cleans the sand making it suitable for infrastructure and conservation applications.

However, with the growing demand and success of our initiative, it's clear that we need to scale up.

We have recently engaged a nonprofit consultant to guide our expansion efforts and have secured liability insurance to ensure the safety of our increasing number of volunteers.

A significant aspect of our scaling process will be finding an appropriate space to expand our work. Our current facilities (the front shed of 202 Pine Walk) limit our capacity to serve the community, and a dedicated site would allow us to expand our services significantly.. While we diligently work on securing a suitable location, we ask for your patience and understanding as our service may be temporarily limited to dates which will be posted at [pineslocal.org](https://pineslocal.org).

We remain committed to our mission and are excited about the future possibilities. Your continued support and involvement mean the world to us. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure a sustainable, environmentally-friendly community for all. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey to find local solutions to global problems.

Warm regards,

Jake Tinsley  
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