

Harmony Homestead &
Wholeness Center, Inc.
Berkshires/Columbia County, NY

Spring 2021

Dear Earth Family,

Happy and Blessed Spring to You!

After an unusually long and challenging year and winter we welcome the warmth of the new season's sunshine on our skin and on the land. As is the purpose of our existence as an organization, Harmony Homestead and Wholeness Center welcomes the newness of collective regenerative thought and ways of being together that put the vibrance of the Earth and BIPOC at the center of service and celebration.

We hold space for black lives mending from the spiritual, mental, and physical abuses we, as Black staff and volunteers here, know all too well. As before, we will organically grow, culturally celebratory foods for BIPOC and hold sacred space for our sacred lives.

This Spring begins our fourth growing season onsite at Harmony!

Highlights from our 2020 growing season: We grew at least 1000 lbs of organically grown food and fed Black elders, families, and churches in Berkshire, Albany, and Schenectady Counties for free (by donation). We grew hundreds of seedlings/starter plants distributed to the explosion of community self-empowerment bursting all around in BIPOC communities. We held weekly meditation, prayer, and gospel singing to get us all through inhumane isolation and desperation. What a both excruciating and exhilarating time to be alive, be inspired, and be committed to self-love and communal restoration!

This year we add the deep honor of growing a food and medicinal Ancestral Arboretum! With this arboretum we feed the people, honor the ancestors and trees, and heal the land.

We'll also continue to repair and strengthen our infrastructure with more rainwater catchment, irrigation, and creating sacred sanctuaries for the community.

We welcome your resources and hands to come dig holes for trees, weed, seed, feed the Earth and her peoples.

We are blessed to marinate in and share the bounty of gifts with the community.

Please join in the good news. We ask for your support in ways that flow joyously from the heart. Please consider underwriting an expense or offering an in-kind donation of the following (current season priorities in **bold updated for Summer 2021**):

- A homestead/farm expense
 - **Ancestral Arboretum**: \$20,000 or some portion _____
 - **Small chainsaw**: \$150 or some portion _____
 - **Arbor materials**: \$300 or some portion _____
 - **Farm Carry-All**: \$2500 or some portion _____
 - **Outdoor benches/tents/tables**: \$3000 or some portion _____
 - **Solar power conversion**: \$10,000 or some portion _____
 - Permanent water cistern construction: \$ 5000 or some portion _____
 - **3-Point tractor and implements**: \$22,500 or some portion _____
 - Meditation hall and dorm (new construction): \$250,000 or some portion _____
 - **Dug pond: \$7000 or some portion** _____
 - **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle for transportation to programs**: \$13,000 or some portion _____
 - **Wheelchair ramp to greenhouse: \$1500 or some portion** _____
- A structural expense
 - **Bathroom handicap accessibility**: \$22,000 or some portion _____
 - Property Insurance (annual): \$2500 or some portion _____
 - Electricity (annual): \$1200 or some portion _____
 - Wood stove #2 flute conversion: \$300 or some portion _____
 - Grounds Maintenance (annual): \$6000 or some portion _____
- An administrative and programs (annual) expense
 - **Wifi and Phone**: \$1100 or some portion _____
 - **Paid Staff and youth interns**: \$120,000 or some portion _____
 - **Guest teachers/consultants**: \$8000 or some portion _____
 - **Community Disaster/Crisis Relief Support**: \$30,000 or some portion _____
- Other in-kind donations
 - **Chest Freezer**
 - **Meditation/Prayer mats**
 - **Back-up projector bulb**

- **CPA services**
- **Carpentry services (all levels)**
- Bunk beds
- Books on Earth-centered cultures and spirituality
- Afro-centric and Earth-centric artwork
- **Ceremonial items: incense, drums, flutes, other instruments**
- A retreat for one underserved community member:
 - 1 daylong retreat: \$40
 - 1 overnight retreat: \$80
 - 1 weekend retreat: \$150

Arrange for in-kind donation delivery or pick-up via email shinebrightblack07@gmail.com .

Easily send a contribution to our PayPal account on the website

<https://unveilwholeness.com/wish-list> .

Thank you for supporting harmony, wholeness, and reparations to Black lives, between humans and Earth, between races, between body, heart, and soul. This work on one patch of the planet ripples out and synergizes with all the other healing communities and prayers around the world. You are in our hearts. Please keep us in yours.

In Solidarity, Strength, and Sovereignty,
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