Dear Friends,

As we arrive upon another new year, we reflect on the last twelve months and are evaluating our impact in the community.

We are writing for two reasons, to:

1. invite you to join the movement for respect and justice for our communities; and
2. ask you to consider making a year-end donation to GreenRoots to help advance our important and necessary work.

We are proud to be a 100% resident-led organization -- in addition to our members, EVERY ONE of our staff lives in the communities in which we are organizing.

We'd like to share with you some of our most exciting accomplishments this year:

- Led, with MGH's Chelsea HealthCare Center, Chelsea's successful application for a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize.
- Got dozens of residents onto the water of the Chelsea Creek thru successful canoeing and kayaking events.
- Helped Chelsea families grow much needed vegetables, fruits and herbs at three community gardens -- one dedicated for youth; one dedicated for residents living in public housing; and one for the community at-large.
• Expanded community organizing efforts to include the East Boston side of the Chelsea Creek.
• Supported the work of the six member Environmental Chelsea Organizers (ECO) youth crew who organized many successful events and projects including the first ever Youth Assembly on the Chelsea Creek which engaged more than 100 Chelsea teenagers and adolescents; a youth leadership development training; and launched a successful citizen science project to help inform the community at large about the impacts of water pollution.
• Uplifted GreenRoots' members' leadership to establish a community land trust so that Chelsea residents can own land before it falls into the hands of outside investors.
• Moved energy justice forward by working to create a microgrid in Chelsea that would provide clean, renewable energy that would be resilient especially during devastating weather events -- and it would be owned by the community.

While we’re proud of these accomplishments, we know there is room to grow. Help us by letting us know:

• Are there ways we can collaborate better to make our impact even stronger?
• Are there projects you would like to see us lead, if so which?
• How can we reach more people and engage additional business and community partners?
• Are we communicating enough with you? If not, how could we improve?

Thank you for your time, consideration and input. We value our community relationships!

Best wishes for wonderful 2018!

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