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LEAF

LOCAL ECOLOGY & AGRICULTURE FREMONT

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear LEAF Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude. In a time of turmoil and pandemic restrictions, LEAF volunteers dedicated countless hours to keeping LEAF running while adhering to strict COVID safety protocols. Volunteers kept the garden open for members to grow their own veggies at the LEAF Center, mulched and prepped new land at our new Urban Garden site, and cultivated the soil at LEAF's Stone Garden and Bee Sanctuary. The Stone Gardeners donated 5,000 pounds of healthy fresh biocide-free produce that provided over 10,000 servings to families most in need in Fremont and Union City. This was almost double the amount of food we donated last year!

We're continuing to set ambitious goals for the next 12 months as well. We resolve to remain committed to prioritizing food security, providing fresh produce to the local food banks and holding virtual space for environmental education and action. Our commitment to these goals drives us to overcome whatever obstacles present themselves. COVID was the catalyst behind the migration of our onsite seedling sale to an online contactless system. The pandemic has reminded us of our ability to harness the power of community through technology. And we are thrilled to share that LEAF is collaborating with bright minds across the country to launch new technology initiatives that will bring our members together and give them opportunities to enhance their sustainable gardening skills and practices like never before. 2021 will be the year of LEAF 2.0!



It's been said that the most powerful action we can take is to secure a measure of responsibility for ourselves, our local environment, and our own food supply. As we look into 2021 and beyond, we're planning to deepen our commitment to help make Fremont one of the greenest cities on the planet.

I want to thank you for supporting our small team and for your ongoing commitment to our shared vision to mitigate climate change by educating our community on how to live sustainably by growing their own healthy, garden-fresh produce from our food gardens and donating to our local food banks to help alleviate food insecurity. May we all find the wisdom and empathy we need as we write the next chapter of LEAF together.

With Gratitude and a Smile,

Elaine | LEAF President



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