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## December Newsletter

*Happy Holidays from Voices for Earth Justice!!*

Dear Friend,

December is a time of celebration as we spend time with friends and family and look forward to the coming of a new year. Looking toward 2016, we have hope because of you and our other generous partners. We cannot fulfill our mission without you. Your end of year gift of \$25, \$50, \$100, or \$500 will make a big difference. We also need cement/bricks for walkways and garden tools. You can make a donation on our website [here](#). Thank you for your generosity, which helps us continue our work with people from many cultural, economic, and religious groups, all united in efforts to care for Creation.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of our newsletter.

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### **PeerCorps making a difference at Hope House**

A few days each month, Hope House welcomes teenagers from [PeerCorps Detroit](#), a volunteer program for Jewish teens. These enthusiastic youth have participated in a wide range of activities, from gardening to sharing a meal with neighbors to learning about sustainable food systems in Detroit. It's been a



blessing to have their energy and inquisitiveness at Hope House a few times each month. We look forward to working with PeerCorps through next year!



*PeerCorps volunteers putting the garden to bed*



*Brian from Wayne State [CURES Center](#) speaking to PeerCorps volunteers at Hope House about Detroit's environment and food system*



## Leaf Raking at Hope House!

A small, valiant group of volunteers raked up the hundreds of pounds of leaves fallen from our grandiose oak trees. Click the photo below to watch a short video about the work day on November 6th.



Also, note that we now have a YouTube channel! [Click here](#) to check it out. Subscribe to our channel to stay up-to-date on all of our activity, especially as things heat up this spring and summer.

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## Home Improvements on Greydale

The past few months have witnessed significant enhancements to the property at Hope House. A new, leak-free roof was put on the shed out back, and a gracious carpenter named Benjamin volunteered with us to build a frame for the bathroom in the education center! Along with the frame, the bathroom now has plumbing and electricity, so with a few walls and some warmer weather the education center will be better equipped to handle visitors. Come see the improvements for yourself next spring!



*New shed roof pictured left, and bathroom frame and improvements on the right*

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## Upcoming Events

- [Winter Solstice Prayer Gathering](#) - Dec. 20, 3-5pm @ Repair the World Workshop, 2701 Bagley St. Detroit, MI 48216. [Click here](#) to RSVP, or call Rich at 215-410-9380
- Presentation and Discussion: "Laudato Si", Pope Francis' teaching on ecology. January 9, 16, 23 from 10am - 12:30pm at St Basil Church in Eastpoint. Donations accepted for beverages and snacks. Please contact Sr. Pat Benson OP to register: [pbenson@adriandominicans.org](mailto:pbenson@adriandominicans.org)

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## Have a Happy Holiday Without All the Food Waste (via [Ecology Center](#))

Between Thanksgiving and New Years, the amount of waste we produce increases by about 1 million extra tons or 25%. Ecology Center has tips for you to follow: 2 Rs + C, Reduce, Reuse and Compost, in order to make this holiday season less wasteful. Read the full article on the Ecology Center's website: [Have a Happy Holiday Without All the Food Waste](#)

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*Happy Holidays to those celebrating Hanukkah and*


*Christmas this month. May Peace cover the planet.*




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