



## SEEDS OF SOLIDARITY EDUCATION CENTER

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Greetings, Gratitude and Good News!

This letter goes out to a precious circle of friends of Seeds of Solidarity. **With your support, we have accomplished so much over the past 20 years.** To those of you new to Seeds of Solidarity, we are so glad you have asked to stay connected, and hope you will join our amazing community of contributors. Together, we made so much possible this year, and can do it again in 2019.

**We are very excited that you are the first to get some great news!**

Visitors and participants often say that the story of Seeds of Solidarity needs to be a book. Co-founders Deb Habib and Ricky Baruc have finally completed it!

***Making Love While Farming: A Field Guide to a Life of Passion and Purpose***

will be published by [worker owned] Levellers Press and released in March, 2019

**We are thrilled to offer you, our supporters the first preview.**

Visit [MakingLoveWhileFarming.org](http://MakingLoveWhileFarming.org) for a free excerpt and to sign up to get notification of the book release and related events. You will be the first to hear when it is available, as well as our schedule of presentations, book tour, and exciting book-related opportunities.

**Meanwhile**, our programs that 'Awaken the Power to Grow Food Everywhere to transform hunger to health and create resilient lives and communities' continue to thrive and evolve.

In 2018 we:

- **Celebrated the 20th year** of our SOL (Seeds of Leadership) Garden program that has transformed the lives of over 450 local, low-income youth, and transitioned this into our NEW initiative, Craft Your Own Life for teens and young adults;
- **Partnered with a jail and community college** to teach incarcerated men organic gardening, and provided self care and cooking workshops for incarcerated women that led to plans for a 2019 college credit gardening course for them!;
- **Mentored** an intern from Zimbabwe to support her food justice program upon her return;
- **Gave** garden grants to childcare providers who reach and teach vulnerable families;
- **Supported** gardens at a community health center, food pantry, co-op, library, converted factory and rehab center that provide free fresh food;
- **Provided** public and group tours to teach energy efficient & self-sufficient living;
- **Taught** workshops that Grow Food Everywhere and Magnify Love;
- **Shared** our presentations, publications and videos that promote food and energy resilience, and social and environmental justice;
- **Organized**, with our neighbors, the 20th Annual North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival that ignites culture and local economy, and inspires skills for sustainability among thousands.

**With your support, these essential initiatives will continue and deepen.**

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We hope you enjoy the enclosed newsletter, a compilation of some of our 'Best Of' program and farm practices and resources. We commit to spread ideas and inspiration, passing these forward to an even wider audience through our book and related presentations and workshops to come.

We are a richly experienced organization and use all of the resources we receive with vision and efficiency. We reach out with one appeal per year — an envelope is enclosed, or donate on line at [seedsofsolidarity.org/make-a-contribution/](http://seedsofsolidarity.org/make-a-contribution/).

Please make your tax-deductible gift today and keep the work of Seeds of Solidarity strong and visionary.

With Gratitude,



Ricky Baruc and Deb Habib, Co-Founders

As a valued supporter, be among the first to visit our pre-release book website, [MakingLoveWhileFarming.org](http://MakingLoveWhileFarming.org) for your free excerpt, amazing early reviews, and an author video.

Your support makes possible program highlights like these:



- Clockwise from upper left: Our Intern Sta Maodzwa (right) introduces new Greenfield Community College President Dr. Yves Salomon-Fernandez to her model Zimbabwe Garden at our farm.
- Youth in our new Craft Your Own Life program gain skills for a resilient life.
  - Our tours and workshops inspire people of all ages to cultivate food and a hopeful future.
  - Incarcerated women learn to cook with local produce during our workshop at a jail.