



# SOMETHING AMAZING IN THE WORLD...

Our seasonal e-news updates are designed to share our current success stories that your donations have helped to make possible, because at Something Good in the World we believe that "small is beautiful, but beautiful is not small..." Please visit our website for more detailed information on all of our educational programs and projects: [www.somethinggoodintheworld.org](http://www.somethinggoodintheworld.org).

Small Steps Towards  
a Big Difference

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FALL INTO WINTER 2021

This fall, Something Good in the World really accomplished something amazing...We shipped our **Envira Pod** mobile educational trailer and Earth School materials to Hawai'i thanks to a generous grant and the tireless fundraising efforts of the Friends of the **Volcano School of Arts & Sciences!** Now our programs can continue to flourish in both Hawai'i and New York! Please keep reading to find out how your donations have helped us to keep all of our projects going during these strange pandemic times. Thank you to all the foundations and individuals who have cared to make sure that our nature-based work would not be stopped, that we could see it through, one step at a time, seeding children with hope for the future now...

In Hawai'i, we often teach children the phrase, "Aloha 'āina," which essentially means to show our love for the earth, and the reverse is also true; "Āina aloha," which is that the earth loves us in return.

Something Good in the World established "**Something Aloha**" projects in Hawai'i in 2019, and our Children's Peaceful Garden (Ka Mala Maluhia in Hawaiian) is being supported here by the **Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots Program**, **Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation**, **Whole Kids Foundation**, **Kids Gardening**, and most recently by a **Big Green Jumpstart** grant, as well as by individual donors like many of you.





The district of Ka'ū, where SGITW operates on Hawai'i Island, struggles with high rates of poverty and lack of access to affordable, healthy food. In our educational programs, we often refer to our area as a "food mirage" because there is the illusion of plenty of fresh food availability, but the reality for over 50% of families here is very different.

SGITW's projects and programs in Hawai'i promote food sovereignty through backyard farming and agroforestry. We teach students through child-size gardens how to care for and nourish the land (mālama 'āina) so that it can sustain us ('āina mālama). Through sustainable veggie, herb, native, butterfly, bee, and traditional Hawaiian edible gardens, we are guiding children through the inspiring and totally practical process of growing their own food. We know from over 20 years of experience in farm-based education, that the inspiration starts with children and the ripple effect reaches their teachers and family members and ultimately way beyond where it started.

We are so grateful to all those who have chosen this fall to support "Something Aloha" educational programs and projects for Hawaiian children to help keep our educational programs, gardens, and alternative energy projects growing in Hawai'i, one butterfly, one solar panel, one seed at a time. [Click here](#) to watch a short video to see how our zero carbon footprint, solar-powered Envira Pod mobile educational trailer is now inspiring off-grid living at the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences.





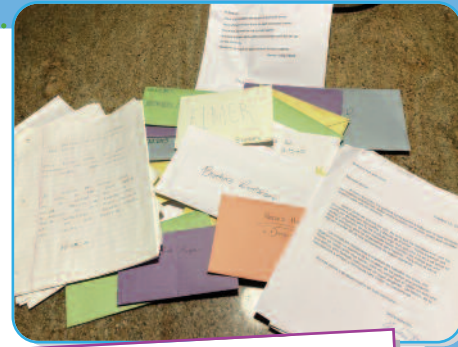




Here a few excerpts from letters written by the students and teachers in Spanish, translated into English:

Today, Tuesday October 12, 2021 was an amazing day for me and I loved everything. First of all I want to thank Elmer for inviting us to his job. I'd like to thank him very much for the food he gave us and also thank his workers. Because he was an immigrant teen and also suffered as much as us and also went through what we are going through. Just like he said, he was a 16 year old boy when he came here to study. I also really enjoyed the food that he gave us, I truly don't know how to thank you enough...  
-Milton

Thank you for sharing some of your history with us and your struggles to get to where you are. I felt like I was in my homeland El Salvador again. I felt at home. Thank you for everything that you did for us, who are going through what you went through to get here and to fulfill our goals and dreams. You are a great example that if you don't give up you will succeed and reach your goals. Thank you for the delicious pupusas, they were really good, they reminded me of my mother and my grandmother...  
-Grecia



We all have that dream inside of us, but you showed them more, something you don't see often which is having courage and being the example to keep on going until you reach the goals that you've always had but didn't have the patience to follow through with. For them, to see someone succeed gives them the vision to keep moving forward with their goals.  
- Eric Larios, Teacher, Abbott House Shelter

In other amazing news, "Earth School-to-Farm" programs were offered free of charge this fall to the Ossining Children's Center and the Ossining High School in New York, thanks to the above foundations, as well as grants from the Deupree Family Foundation and the Jack DeVito Foundation. Our ongoing garden projects for local high schools and day care centers are teaching children of all ages how to grow their own food and create sanctuaries for wildlife.

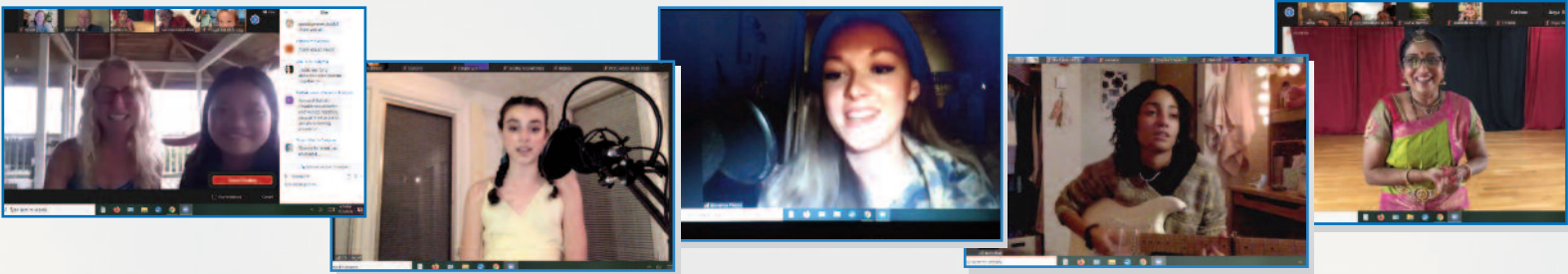
Thanks to the endless energies and efforts of Linsay Cochran from [Kitchawan Farm](#) and Danielle Jackson from [Ossining High School](#), this fall all of our [Children's Peaceful Garden](#) plants were safely transplanted into the Mindfulness Garden at OHS! It took weeks of planning and preparation, not to mention hauling all of our compost (7 years worth!) and raised beds to the high school. Students and interns helped with every aspect, and it was an incredibly inspiring learning experience. We are really looking forward to the spring, when Ms. Jackson's Interactive Ecology students will join Something Good in the World to work in the Mindfulness Garden together and enjoy all the new pollinator, woodland, and herbal plants and flowers that have been donated. We are eternally grateful to Linsay for her expertise with native plants, and it is true to say that none of this would have been possible without her skills.



Meanwhile, at the [Ossining Children's Center](#) this fall, Kindergartners were treated to their favorite activity: making worm cake! There is nothing more fun for 5 year olds than creating their own layer cake of compost and naming their worm friends, who will live in their classroom for the year. Come spring, we will transfer the new, healthy soil from the worm bin to their school garden, and the cycle will begin again. [Click here](#) for a sweet video to see the OCC students heading into the woods with SGITW to learn about the origins of their drinking water and understanding why we need to keep our waterways clean and safe.





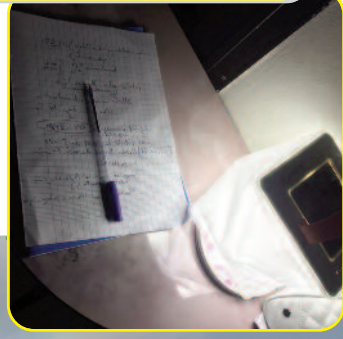


This fall, all of our SGITW community members and supporters were invited to our annual **Energy of Youth Concert** - and this year the event was virtual, so our audience and performers were international! This live fundraising event featured the talents of youth-full musicians and dancers, representing musical styles and traditions from world cultures. For one hour, nearly 50 people tuned in via Zoom to support young audiences sharing the world's most energy renewable resource: youth! The benefit concert supported all of our alternative energy projects and we raised close to \$2,000, which is pretty awesome for our tiny grassroots organization, it's definitely the most ever for a one-time event, so we are truly grateful to all of our amazing performers and to all of you who donated.

One of our newest initiatives that the Energy of Youth benefit concert supported is called "The Human Light Project," an urgent international collaboration between Something Good in the World, the **YTop (Youth Template of Peace)** and **LuminAID**, to assist young people in Lebanon in their current crisis situation. We have been sending solar-powered lanterns and chargers to Lebanon to help families to have their own renewable energy source and a light to see in the darkness. Most recently, Peekskill's **New Era Creative Space** Girl Rising youth group, run by a dear friend and colleague of SGITW's, Ridvan Foxhall, has taken up the challenge to raise \$1,000 to send 100 lights and chargers to Lebanon. Please [click here](#) for an important video about this project, and to learn more about the situation in Lebanon.



If you would like to [make a donation](#) to the Human Light Project, a gift of \$10 covers the cost of one solar-powered light that will be delivered to a family in need. It's never too late to give to any of Something Good in the World's projects, as they are always ongoing. We greatly appreciate your generosity, care, and support, as we press on into the future with children every day...



Dear Barbara,

I hope this email finds you well and safe.

In this email I would like to pass the message of the beautiful people of Lebanon who you have helped light up their dark evenings.

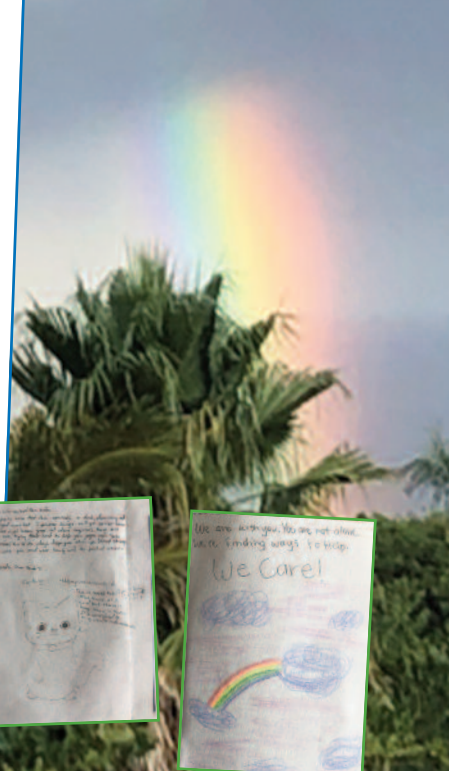
You cannot imagine the joy - despite all the agony - the moment the lanterns were lit.

My mum literally said, "I always wake up at night and walk in the dark. I felt blind with my own eyes fully functioning. Now with this light, that I can charge in the sun, I feel assisted and loved as if you (my only son) was next to me in those dark nights."

I have recorded some videos and photos of those beautiful moments and I would like to share them with you (before the internet crashes again :P).

So much love and faith and light.

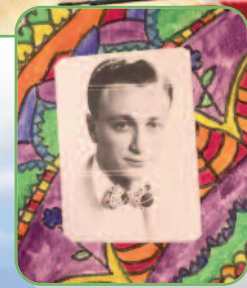
Best regards,  
Karim





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We are committed to upholding a genuine value for humanity, and are steadfast in our dedication towards creating a new and better template for education in the 21st century, that integrates nature, the environment, and the practices of sustainable living.



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