



Strengthening  
community food  
systems.

November 10, 2017

Pamela Grow  
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Dear Pamela,

**I'm so grateful to have you at the heart of the work we do at the Intervale Center.** This year, you have inspired us to deepen our commitment to the farms that feed us, the land that nourishes us, and the community that sustains us.

It has been a challenging year, as we wake up daily to stories of tragedy, climate crisis, conflict, and catastrophe. **But at the Intervale Center, even in the face of these massive challenges, we are growing and thriving, thanks to your friendship, vision, and love.** are building solutions and bringing people together to harness the power of good food to change the world.

**In fact, the Intervale Center is an inspiration to communities everywhere!** It is an example of what we can do when we dream big. This year, visitors came from all over, from Cuba to Australia to California, to learn about what we have created with your help, and to take ideas back to transform their own communities.

As a visitor from the Wallace Center wrote, "*The Intervale Center is known far and wide as one of the most successful, dynamic, innovative, land and community-based organizations working on food systems change in the United States.*" **By supporting the Intervale Center, you are helping us bring the good food movement to communities worldwide.**

Most importantly, you are helping us sustain farms, land, and people right here in Vermont!

**Sustaining Farms.** Thirty years ago, Marian and Marjorie of Orb Weaver Farm were pioneering farmstead cheese. Today, there are dozens of farmstead cheese makers across Vermont, and the industry is thriving. As farmers like Marian and Marjorie transition into retirement, there are smart young people ready to take their place and keep Vermont's agricultural economy strong.

We work with farmers in every stage of business development, from young start-ups to retirement, to help them excel. **By supporting the Intervale Center, you are investing in the future of Vermont's farm economy and working landscape.**

**Sustaining Land.** Erratic weather has become the norm across the globe. But together, we are building a more resilient Vermont, one that will be better equipped to survive large flood events, by planting thousands of native trees along our waterways.

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We also manage Burlington's beloved Intervale, the 300+ acres of riparian forest, wild areas, farm fields, and recreational trails lovingly known as **Burlington's Central Park**. Over the last thirty years, this unique place has become a model for sustainable land use and a place where our community connects with agriculture and the natural world. **By supporting the Intervale Center, you are supporting environmental resiliency, healthy soils, and wild spaces, and making sure the Intervale remains accessible to your community.**

**Sustaining People.** Every day, thousands of families in Vermont struggle to put enough nutritious food on their tables. Carol, one of 175 Fair Share families who receive no-cost gleaned produce through the Intervale Center every year, recently told us, "*There's just nothing that beats fresh food. It absolutely makes me feel so much better, and I know the food is coming right from the farm!*" **By supporting the Intervale Center, you are improving access to healthy, local food for everybody.**

Together, we can take care of each other and the planet. **But we need your help.** We are doubling down on our commitment to this work, and we are asking you to give generously so that together, we can continue to transform the way people eat and live.

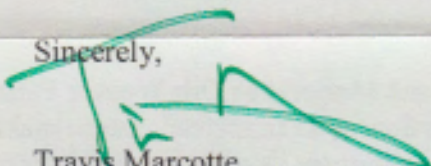


We ask you to dig deeper and to do more, because your commitment to the Intervale Center matters.

**I ask you to renew your gift of \$20 to the Intervale Center this year.** Your gift will go a long way toward sustaining farms, land, and people, right here, right now in Vermont. It will also help us continue to inspire positive, sustainable change around the world.

There's no doubt about it – there is great power in good food. We see it every day in the work we do, the precious place we manage, and the generous community that is our heart. Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,



Travis Marcotte  
Executive Director

P.S. Save a stamp and give online at [www.intervale.org](http://www.intervale.org).

P.P.S. Ask your employer if they match employee gifts and double your impact!

# Intervale Center

sustaining farms, land, and people since 1988



Hey, Pamela!

How are you? I hope you're great!

Thank you so much for your support  
of the IC, and your support for  
me, Chelsea and our whole gang.

We have grown so much — and it's  
because of your loving guidance.  
You're awesome! ♡

Mandy

