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Dear Friend,

From Brazil to Uganda to El Salvador to Peru to so many wonderful sites across the United States, we join the thousands of families, students, teachers, and community leaders who participated in our programs to extend our appreciation for helping us make 2018 our best year to date.

In 2018, we planted and distributed 62,930 fruit trees in five countries through programs with schools, public parks, food banks, community gardens, Native American reservations, and poverty-stricken families in developing countries—along with providing training and ongoing resources in their care.



In the meantime, stories of BIG harvests and cleaner environments from previous FTPF orchard recipients continue to inspire us. Like the students and teachers at Gregory Lincoln Education Center in Houston, pictured here, who reported that, “We harvested enough from one to feed our entire elementary! Those trees have been such a blessing and natural teaching tool. Thanks for the gifting of your grant in 2011!”

Back in Minnesota, our team was honored to partner with a trio of tribes last spring at Red Lake, Leech Lake, and with renowned Native American environmentalist Winona LaDuke at White Earth, who said, “We are really grateful to your foundation for joining us and bringing us all of these trees for our people ... our community used to have a lot more food sovereignty ... and it’s time to return to our vast collections of trees.”

KALISPELL’S URBAN FORESTRY AWARDS HONOR TREE-PLANTING EFFORTS

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KALISPELL MIDDLE School students, from left, Kyleigh Willis, Ciarrah Todd, Shaej Jackson and Connor Johnson, pull weeds from one of the trees at Grace Orchard Oct. 4 in preparation for winter. (Duncan Adams/Daily Inter Lake)

Just to the west, Kalispell Middle School in Montana received an Urban Forestry Award in October for its efforts to create and maintain a thriving schoolyard orchard through our Fruit Tree 101 program. The orchard, planted in 2012, now serves as an outdoor classroom. One of the teachers was quoted in the local newspaper as saying, “The kids that planted that orchard are in their first year of college, so they knew they weren’t doing it for themselves. They were doing it for future generations.”

One of our most profound experiences came this fall as we launched a brand new program deep in the Peruvian Amazon forest aimed at providing families, whose average monthly earnings are less than \$35, with a source of perennial income. In a region that is only accessible by boat, the communities we worked with chose the types of trees we would provide. Through the project and a series of workshops, families become committed to conserving the Amazon rainforest, as their new trees allow them to focus on sustainable, native, and eco-friendly sources of ongoing income without cutting any trees down, serving both humanitarian and conservation goals!

Without your support, we simply would not be able to share the magic of planting fruit trees with so many communities in need! Please make a donation today, resting assured that for the eighth year in a row, more than 90 cents of every dollar donated was used in our life-sustaining tree planting programs. On behalf of our entire team, we thank you!

For a greener, cleaner, healthier planet,



Cem Akin, TreeEO & Co-creator

