

# Woodland Harvest Mountain Farm Winter 2017-18 Annual Fundraising Appeal

Greetings Dear Friends,

We hope you are happy & well this winter season! Woodland Harvest is the incredible space it is because of all the folks who have stepped foot on the land and contributed to building the vision, infrastructure, off-grid systems, libraries, gardens, beauty, community, and so much more. From festive potlucks & community work days to Alternative Breaks & wonderful WWOOFers to the local farm tour & AppState interns, we thrive as a totally unique space that means so much to so many. This year, we really need your creative ideas, support & capital.

We have some big plans & dreams for the farmstead in 2018 including a cordwood & cob community kitchen, expand our visitor spaces and improve the farmhouse infrastructure with hot water, underpinning & a root cellar!! We've added two full-time farm residents, and we are co-creating a *Makers Space* in West Jefferson to become a dynamic local resource for youth, students, or any community member with a desire to learn or share skills.

We know we are an amazing family and Woodland Harvest is an incredible space, yet we still struggle to pay our monthly land debt. Lisa and Elizabeth cannot continue to be the sole funders of Woodland Harvest, homeschool our boys and carry out our important (not-for-profit) work in this world. We have not found a way to pay our land debt while living on our NC farm without working a full-time off-farm job or our entire family leaving Appalachia to find sustainable wage work.

For several months this year, we worked in San Jose & San Francisco, CA drywalling, painting, and roofing in 100+ degrees. We do this not because it's our passion, but because it's the most efficient way for us to pay the Woodland Harvest land debt and keep the boys near wonderful spaces like the San Jose & San Francisco public library teen centers, makers spaces & bike cooperatives! However, while we were away from NC this time we were robbed of over \$10,000 in farm tools, resources, personal effects, products, and earnings and our space became too dormant without our attention & love.

**The time has come for others to invest in the sacred space of Woodland Harvest so that it can exist peacefully forever as a vibrant nature sanctuary for respite, healing, teaching & learning!**

**This season we are specifically fundraising to pay off the farm land debt because we cannot continue to offer amazing workshops, host groups, and grow community if we lose our sacred space!!**

The Woodland Harvest land debt note is about \$75,000; the farm operates on about a \$1,200 per month to keep the space and animals tended, but that excludes any personal or project costs. When we pay off the land debt our monthly costs will drop to about \$550 per month, which can more realistically be earned by farm AirBNB rentals, value-added farm product sales, and hosting workshops & student groups seasonally. All of this said, we urgently need immediate support in these challenging and uncertain times.

Please **donate what you feel**, share our story with others, and know that we want to hear your creative ideas around fundraising and the long-term financial security of Woodland Harvest. Our goal is to solicit one or more generous philanthropists (like you 😊) and pay off the total land debt, but every dollar, every share, every prayer & every moment MATTERS. Please contact us to talk more. Thank you deeply for your time, attention, support, and love.

Blessings & Deepest Gratitude,

Elizabeth, Lisa, Landrum & Aydan

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