



December 22, 2014

Deborah Tang
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Dear Deborah,

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out annual seed grant awards to acknowledge and encourage excellence in the field of climate stewardship. One of the awards we give out is called the Justice Award and it is meant for those internationally and/or here at home who have been unduly affected by the impacts of global climate change and/or for those in civil society actively pursuing climate justice and greater social consciousness to address the United States' unacceptable per capita greenhouse gas emissions.

With the extreme weather events associated with human induced climate change often it is those most vulnerable who are most affected. Ironically those most vulnerable including homeless people in our society also have the least carbon footprint. CCLI cares to help address this injustice by striving to work together with and help out communities including the homeless people and those living in poverty who often are most direly impacted by the impacts of climate change.

CCLI is proud to present the 2014 Justice Award to you Deborah Tang, as the Executive Director of the St. Elizabeth Shelter which supports homeless people in the local community. We are grateful that St. Elizabeth Shelter is partnering with us to create community gardens at your centers. The seed grant portion of the award will help cover costs associated with the garden project and provide the St. Elizabeth's community with Farmer's Market vouchers for organic food. Community gardens and the organic farms supporting the Farmer's Market not only serve as a wonderful carbon sinks but they also support healthy eating and living and can be uplifting for the people associated with tending to the gardens and organic farms - all together helping rejuvenate the human spirit.

We look forward to working together on this community uplift endeavor and thank you again for your vital community service at St. Elizabeth Shelter.

Sincerely,

Robb Hirsch
Executive Director and Founder