



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Sister Joan Brown
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Dear Sister Brown,

We at CCLI are proud to present you the 2015 Climate Justice Award for your long-standing work to help alleviate poverty and address global climate change at once - as is called for by Pope Francis in his encyclical *On the Care of Our Common Home*.

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (“CCLI”) is a local non profit organization striving to phase out greenhouse gas emissions and uplift our community through innovation, conservation and integrity.

As you know well, climate change disproportionately negatively impacts poor people around the world who have less means to mitigate the extreme effects which risk their shelter, their already vulnerable water supply as well as their subsistence from the land they rely on for food. New Mexico is facing many of these same social justice issues. Your work to help empower and protect poor people while at the same time striving to phase out greenhouse gases is of great importance and urgency here and abroad.

We not only thank you for all that you and your colleagues are doing to change the story but we also pledge to you our collaboration in your worthy climate justice & climate solution endeavors. We will be a teammate with you locally in Santa Fe, as well as statewide and beyond. Please accept the seed grant financial portion of this award not only as an acknowledgement of your actions to date but as a pledge of a budding alliance for the future.

We really appreciate your leadership, your partnership and we whole heartedly congratulate you on your work that earned you this award.

Most sincerely,

Robb Hirsch
Founder and Executive Director
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