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Kids Matter: This Week in Daily Giving

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January 1, 2016 marks the three year anniversary of the day I began making a micro grant, every single day of the year, to social changemakers around the globe. Since then, a community of givers, myself included, have joined with [the Pollination Project](#) to make [1317 grants in 60 countries](#). In the past few weeks, we've made grants to small social change initiatives all over the world. From Ajman Thrower's Oakland-based social change marketing firm that employs and uplifts low income youth of color; to a rooftop garden in Green Bay Wisconsin that supports youth in foster care; these community leaders are finding ways to create resilience in their own backyards.

Congratulations to:

Ndoto Afrika, [Sanitation and Hygiene to Improve School Life](#), Morogoro State, Tanzania. A Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project benefitting elementary school students at the Wema Primary School.

Julia Hollins & Daniel Culbreth, [North Durham Youth Empowerment Project](#), Baltimore, Maryland. Promotes personal growth, development, anti-violence and community building activities for youth age 6-14.

Taavon Bazemore & Latiesha Heggie, [Serving our Youth in Better Ways](#), Baltimore, Maryland. An after school arts program for low income teenagers.

Carolyn Kuether Wyatt Kuether, [The URBAN Production Farm](#), Green Bay, Wisconsin. A comprehensive after school gardening program for foster youth.

Dasha Savage, [Merry Stem](#), Oakland, California. This innovative program teaches community residents how to grow and harvest food in their backyards, then redistribute the food among residents via a barter system.

Aaron Kitchens, [Bikes for Brazos](#), Bryan, Texas. Provides free bikes to low income community residents to help them get to and from work and other activities.

Sara McCune, [ComiqueCon](#), Dearborn, Michigan. An event that promotes women in comic arts.

Tanyi Mbianyor Thomas, [Waste Management in Bessongabang Community](#), Mamfe, Cameroon. Promotes waste removal and community education around environmental protection.

Ataba Jude Fonsah, [Help Pollinators](#), Batibo, Cameroon. A hands-on youth training program that helps youth become compassionate beekeepers and advocate for pollinators.

Santhi Reddy & Rajendran Reddy, [Start a Mini Food Products Unit in Saranalaya Old Age Home](#), Dindigul, India. Supports orphaned elderly people by creating a food production facility that serves the residents.

Ajman Thrower, [8 Feet Tall](#), Oakland, California. A social change marketing firm that employs local low income youth of color.

Amanda Andresen, [New Rooster Yards for Disposable Heroes Rooster Sanctuary](#), Mogood Australia. Supporting a sanctuary for roosters as well as educating the public on the realities of egg production.

Magali Queyranne & Carlos Colonia Bardales, [Greening in Lima](#), Lima, Peru. An environmental advocacy project in a city with a high level of pollution.

Butterflies Katz, [South Florida VeganFest](#), Ft. Lauderdale, South Florida, Florida. Bringing positive information and education about vegan lifestyles to the residents of South Florida.

Laure Ferguson, [Tutoring for Success](#), Los Angeles, California. An afterschool tutoring program for low income students to help them thrive in their education.

I am honored to be one of the people who funded these fledgling projects with a small seed grant. We are looking forward to see how they grow.

In the meantime, if you are someone with an idea for changing your community or the world, please consider [applying](#) for a seed grant from the Pollination Project.

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