



The time has come to reclaim the stolen harvest  
and celebrate the growing and giving of good food  
as the highest gift and the most revolutionary act.  
~ Vandana Shiva

# ROOTED & RISING:

## A Collaborative Fundraiser For Collective Thriving

In the Present-Day Berkshires  
By Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm & Education Center  
Located on Unceded Mohican Land

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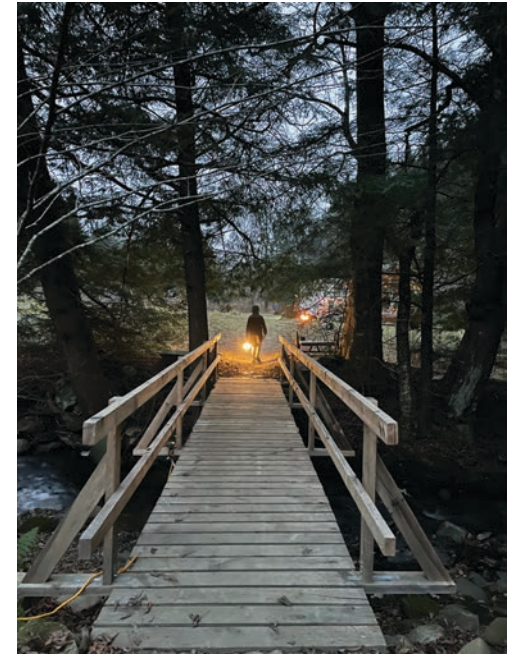
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Let's build  
what we become  
when we dream.  
~ Nikki Giovanni



## INVITATION

Dear Friends of Small Farms, Food Equity, Sovereignty and Collective Thriving—

Over the past two decades, we at Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm & Education Center have grown two land-based initiatives committed to co-creating and building community nourishment and autonomy, from seed to shared table. Both are deeply rooted in relationships that reflect reciprocity to the land and, in turn, as we believe, hold mutual care, Indigenous ecologies, and environmental justice at their core. Together we have launched **Rooted & Rising: A Collaborative Fundraiser for Collective Thriving**. And we invite you to join hands with us in this visionary project.

We believe we are at a moment of rare, precious and fierce opportunity—where we are being called back to the ancestral ways of collective care; where we envision our collaboration as a model for how communities can uplift one another in non-hierarchical ways; and where we together can nourish thriving in our communities that is rooted in collective liberation.

We are deeply moved by the tremendous support this radically grounded project has attracted since launching: to date we have raised over \$1 million in direct and philanthropic aid—or nearly two-thirds of our campaign goal of \$1.7 million! With \$700,000 to go, we are now reaching out to you to give and get involved.

We are honored to be in relationship with one another as an act of remembrance, as a cultivation of what we truly deserve, and as a weaving together of our shared futures. And we look forward to welcoming you to this space of collective care and untold possibility—to learn, unlearn, remember and grow with us.

With gratitude,

Fran Sequeira Calderón, Jen Salinetti, atalanta sungurov, Noelia Salinetti, Nayeli Calderón Sungurov, José Gutiérrez, Amaru Sequeira Maas, Diego Salinetti, Itzel Sequeira Maas, Pete Salinetti & Christina Daignault of Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm & Education Center





## A NOTE ABOUT LANGUAGE

We at Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm believe that language and words evolve, that they hold visions and dreams, and deep meaning and intention. And because language moves through us, choosing the words and how we share them, has a particularly intimate context and meaning for us. We also acknowledge that there is a deeper relationship between where chosen words and living them are paired.

We offer you some possible definitions in our **Rooted & Rising Glossary**, located at the back of this book, of some of the words and phrases we use in our communal work so that we might offer accessibility to the meaning of who we are and be thoughtful in our sharing.

We invite you to consider these terms... and live into these words with us. We also kindly ask that if you choose these definitions for use in your own lives and work, that you offer acknowledgment of their origins.







Remember to imagine and craft the worlds you  
cannot live without just as you dismantle the  
ones you cannot live within.  
~ Ruha Benjamin



## KEY OBJECTIVES / 2021-2023

- **Raise \$1.7 million in direct and philanthropic aid** from friends of small farms, food equity, sovereignty and collective thriving to create and improve shared community infrastructure and programming;
- **Create community gathering spaces at Finca Luna Búho** in Northern Berkshire County by restoring the barn; adding a greenhouse, community kitchen and storage space; and initiating a tiny house retreat program on the property;
- **Build a multi-purpose community barn at Woven Roots Farm & Education Center** in Southern Berkshire County to create year-round fresh food processing, distribution and storage space; dedicated community cooking, workshop and gathering space; and farm store (all underway, thanks to collective fundraising achievement to date!)
- **Cultivate deeply rooted food sovereignty within our region**, seeking to dissolve barriers of income, access, and understanding;
- **Co-create robust county-wide and regional access to food resources and community space;**
- **Provide land, food and medicine** for those profoundly deserving and in need of access;
- **Nurture safe, accessible gathering space** for knowledge sharing and healing;
- **Offer essential retreat and respite space** for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC,) immigrant, transracial adoptee, queer, trans, disabled and other marginalized communities, providing re-acculturation, ancestral healing and joy through relationship to the land and one another;
- **Grow an intentional woven family** beyond borders and backgrounds.

We plant seeds in the ground  
And dreams in the sky,  
Hoping that, someday, the roots of one  
Will meet the up stretched limbs of the other.  
~ Alberto Ríos



## KEY PROGRAMMING / 2022 & beyond

For more than ten years, Woven Roots Farm's Solidarity Share Program has provided Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares for vulnerable community members who otherwise might not have access to fresh, local vegetables. Since 2019, this critical program has grown to offer locally grown, fresh produce and knowledge sharing with over 300 people weekly in Berkshire County. The program is a collaboration with Community Health Programs' Vegetable Prescription Program, as well as **Seeding Solidarity**, the program co-created by Woven Roots Farm and Finca Luna Búho that extends our offerings northward to those who are confronted with greater disparities in resource access.





“I just wanted to let you know that receiving those vegetables from the farm is a huge help. Because of my disability, I’m unable to drive, so having fresh vegetables delivered to my door to nourish myself and my family is much appreciated.”  
~ Emily, Seeding Solidarity participant

## SEEDING SOLIDARITY

**Seeding Solidarity** is our collaborative food sovereignty program that provides BIPOC, immigrant, and other marginalized families in Berkshire County access to fresh, seasonal vegetables while creating a space to cultivate shared values, build community, uplift food literacy, and reconnect participants’ awareness towards sustainability and stewardship. Working in cooperation with participants, we co-create pathways of empowerment and self-determination. We also provide ongoing support through knowledge shares, workshops, direct consultation in land stewardship, gardening, cooking, and preserving food.

By addressing barriers of social and structural access, along with the often compounding factors of unemployment, lack of transportation, required documentation, inaccessibility of spaces and social services due to racism, etc., we are changing the way we involve community members in our empowerment.

By cultivating skills of personal and collective well-being, we are generating access to healthful food and the tools to grow it with our neighbors. Together, we create empowered partnerships that respect and care for the land and each other.









“I was honored to cook with the Seeding Solidarity community. It truly was the most joyous and stress-free work I’ve been able to immerse myself in for a long time. Demonstrating that the food and flavors of immigrant cultures can be adapted to any space we inhabit. Flowers bring joy. Good food nourishes our body and soul. Being surrounded by BIPOC that look like me was important for my being and mental health.”  
~ Tu Le,  
328 North Farm

## Additional Programming: Current & Planned

### BIPOC Youth Gatherings

Intentional nurturing of relationship with nature through conversation and sharing of traditional practices such as harvesting, cooking and sharing of food. This act brings rooted healing and the creation of connection so deeply necessary and deserved.

### Gathering & Meeting Space

Intentional space for BIPOC, Immigrant, Indigenous, Transracial Adoptees, Queer, Trans and Disabled Community, Anti-racism, Decolonization, Re-acculturation Abolition, Community Organizing, Activism, Knowledge Shares, Art, Writing, Music, Medicine Solidarity.

### Healing Access & Services for Marginalized People

Nutrition, Bodywork, Therapy, Herbal Medicine, Healing Justice, Respite.

### Nature Access, Connection & Reciprocity

De-colonized & Un-settled: Skill learning, Forest Bathing, Trail building, Native Plant Tending and Land Care, Gardening, Hand-Scale Farming, Foraging, Floral and Mycelial Connection.

### Knowledge Collective

Holding space for dialogue and facilitating action at the intersections of our lived experiences and realities.

The most important thing is that we have a strength that comes from our ancestors, an inheritance of thousands of years, of which we are proud. That is our nourishment and our conviction.  
~ Berta Cáceres



## COLLABORATING PARTNER: Finca Luna Búho, Cheshire, MA

We are a land project located on unceded Mohican land that works to offer carespace to support marginalized communities in the so-called northern Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts.

As Indigenous people who have been removed from their land and culture, as Indigenous immigrants who have come to the US from places significantly affected by US imperialism, as transracial adoptees and other lived experiences that have separated us from land and nature, we at Finca Luna Búho are intimately aware that access is not the only need of our marginalized communities. There is also a fundamental need to feel at ease, to mend, to heal, to share; to create a sense of home in a manner that is deeply rooted within the community, while holding space for the beauty and tending of our own cultures and experiences.

We are the only land-based project in Northern Berkshire County that prioritizes the needs and centers the experience of BIPOC, queer, trans, transracial adoptee, poor (economically exploited), immigrant, and disabled people. We are a vital community center graced by gardens, fields, forest, a river and streams. And we share this land with dear more-than-human beings with whom we are honored to grow in relationship with over time.





“Finca Luna Búho is a non-judgmental space for the intersection of many identities. At the farm, my experience has been very positive as I’ve been able to be part of a community that welcomed me with open arms and lots of love. I recommend going to the farm, spending a beautiful time of reflection and later sharing this experience with others.”  
~ Karen Ruiz León,  
Community organizer and  
Immigrant advocate

Finca Luna Búho is an intergenerational place where people can create and attend community programs free of charge, essential to creation and growth for marginalized communities. Our project provides physical space for an economically exploited community to make social connections, learn, unlearn, grow, connect, organize, and hold joy and being. It is a space connected to the idea of land justice, which is woven into every aspect of the work—from anti-racism organizing groups, social justice workshops, and community art, to food growing, medicine making, nature immersion, and place-based learning.

We work in a way that integrates individual’s and communities’ experiences and perspectives, centering those impacted by oppression, to allow sharing from a place that nurtures our community care and collective liberation.

[fincalunabuho.org](http://fincalunabuho.org)



Food sovereignty is an affirmation  
of who we are as indigenous peoples  
and a way, one of the most surefooted ways,  
to restore our relationship  
with the world around us.  
~ Winona LaDuke



## COLLABORATING PARTNER: Woven Roots Farm & Education Center, Tyringham, MA

Woven Roots Farm is a traditional, hand-scale vegetable farm, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and education center located on unceded Mohican land in the present-day southern Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts. Through a deep relationship with the land and one another, we at Woven Roots are committed to feeding, educating, and empowering our community members by co-creating equitable pathways to become healthier individuals, ethical growers, and caretakers of the earth and one another.

We celebrate that agriculture itself is rooted in the long-standing cultural practices within communities of Indigenous people, people of color, and immigrants. We acknowledge that the US was built on stolen land and that all US systems are built on the stolen labor of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and other people of color.

Our agricultural practices are centered in the ancestral ways of acknowledging nature as a part of us—just as much as we are a part of nature. We recognize the interconnectedness of all life: soil, plants, microbes, insects, and animals. We embrace these connections and seek to enhance them, not to disturb them. In direct opposition to colonized agriculture, we move through a space of reciprocity that prioritizes our responsibility as land stewards.





“For me, Woven Roots Farm has never been just about receiving fresh food. It has always been a community in support of the farmers, the resilient and hand-scale practices they uphold, the land they steward, and what that land provides to the community... The sliding scale model reflects solidarity and accountability with the community around us. By paying more on the sliding scale based on my personal privileges and income, I am making a commitment that the economic choices I make to meet my own household’s needs, also nourish the community around us.”  
 ~ Natalie Narotzky  
 CSA Member & Volunteer since 2013

In tandem with providing produce full-time, Woven Roots Farm & Education Center also creates space for community members to reconnect to Earth’s natural rhythms and teachings from toddlerhood through elderhood. Our education center offers students a safe and nourishing environment to grow and transform while cultivating food, community and everyday activism.

We create space for individuals and businesses seeking in-depth knowledge in successful hand-scale and ecological farming practices that produce abundant and vibrant vegetables on a small plot of land. Our farm offers intensives and workshops for both beginner and experienced farmers, as well as those interested in building their skills in self-reliance, food sovereignty and environmental leadership.

[wovenrootsfarm.com](http://wovenrootsfarm.com)



Humankind has not woven the web of life.  
We are but one thread within it.  
Whatever we do to the web,  
we do to ourselves.  
All things are bound together.  
All things connect.  
~ Chief Si'ahl



## OUR SHARED ROOTS IN COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE & MUTUAL AID

Community Supported Agriculture has a longstanding history of creating a mutually beneficial, collaborative experience between the land, the farmers, and the consumers. Both Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm have fully embraced the CSA model in both our individual and shared work. As we now celebrate over 10 years of our CSA journeys, we believe it is important to share the full origin story of the CSA movement—removing the Euro-centric, white, male-dominant narrative—and uplifting the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and community members who were instrumental in the foundation of the movement.

In the 1960s, Dr. Booker T. Whatley, a Black author, horticulturist, scientist, and professor at Tuskegee University in Alabama, introduced the concept of a “Clientele Membership Club,” in which club members paid an upfront fee to pick their own produce throughout the season, enabling farmers to avoid the strain of a bank loan. This method was a distinct way to support the disturbing loss of Black farms by creating direct-market pathways. This technique led to the CSA model as well as the Pick-Your-Own model—two key components to the success of small farms today.





We learn from the seed  
renewal  
We learn from the seed  
generosity  
We learn from the seed  
multiplicity  
We learn from the seed  
diveristy  
~ Vandana Shiva

In tandem with Dr. Whately’s research on this continent, formidable work was growing in Japan based on their long-standing history of economic cooperatives and growing concerns about the industrialization of food. A group of Japanese women began the Teikei (“cooperation”) system based on mutually supportive consumer-producer relationships. Elsewhere in Europe during the ’60s, financially cooperative and equitable models were also being created by farmers. In Chile, the Allende land reform and collective agriculture movement were also in motion.

Community Supported Agriculture holds so much history and meaning in its name. We at Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm have seen the movement grow broadly to encompass CSAs that include fresh vegetables, sustainably sourced meat, eggs and poultry, canned goods and herbal medicine—all of which support a growing number of small-scale urban and rural farmers, and that provide many levels of food access. Simultaneously, the majority of access has been for people who can afford to purchase CSA shares.

In recent years, this accessibility has shifted and continues to do so thanks to the tremendous community organizing which is based on the embodiment of mutual aid. We collectively ask that this mutuality moves deeper into our models of care—to include wealth redistribution, with an acknowledgment of accountability for how such a shifting of resources can and must be instrumental in the repair of a system that was designed to create disparity. The way we create a local economy is an opportunity to build just equity within communities.





We never know how our small activities will affect others through the invisible fabric of our connectedness.

In this exquisitely connected world, it's never a question of 'critical mass.' It's always about critical connections.

~ Grace Lee Boggs

## COMMUNITY TESTIMONIALS

“**Woven Roots** is a family-owned and operated business that extends far beyond its shares. Their attention to community-based needs and increased crop shares has been met with integrity and commitment. Our partnership with **Woven Roots** has been one of high-quality deliverables, local sustainability, member-driven need, and pure enjoyment.”

~ Ashli Minor, MS, RDN, LDN, CLC,  
Nutrition Program Coordinator,  
Community Health Programs

“I think it's important to have spaces specially for BIPOC youth, especially in places with a largely white population like the Berkshires, where for the most part we all struggle to find others who share our life experiences and understand what it is to be a person of color in America. A space specifically for people like us, gives us all access to those connections and a community we can truly share our opinions with and experiences and truly be understood.”

~ youth participant

“I am forever grateful to Jen for welcoming us into the community, and for helping me realize what community could be. **Woven Roots Farm** has connected us to so many friends who have become like family.”

~ Erin Morris, CSA member & volunteer since 2014





“Woven Roots is a caring and vested partner in the fight against food insecurity in the region. Jen Salinetti, Co-Founder of **Woven Roots Farm**, has participated with the Youth Agricultural Leaders of Home City Housing (HCH) with organic farming instruction and food justice instruction both at the garden site in Springfield and at her farm in Tyringham for the last four years. As a growing partnership, The HCH Youth Leaders, **Finca Luna Búho**, and NOFA/Mass have embarked on youth-led learning days in both the Berkshires and Springfield. Many of the participants are Black, Brown, and immigrants and the focus of the programming has been around organic gardening and land connection.”

~ Anna Gilbert-Muhammad,  
Equity Director/Food Access Director,  
Northeast Organic Farming  
Association/MA



“Woven Roots Farm helps strengthen and support our local food system in a number of ways – through their farm’s CSA program, through participation in the Nutrition Club, a nutritional support program with Community Health Program and Berkshire Grown, and in their expanding work on behalf of food justice and food sovereignty, specifically with **Finca Luna Búho**, who they work with in the Central and North County area, including Pittsfield and North Adams, to enhance food security, and to teach skills for self-reliance and community building around food access and healthy, locally-grown food.”

~ Margaret Moulton,  
Executive Director, Berkshire Grown



“The leadership **Woven Roots Farm** brings to community-based agriculture cannot be understated. The farm and education center practice the values of generosity, long-term stewardship and systems thinking in everything they do. By prioritizing teaching, connectivity and belonging, **Woven Roots** is cultivating agricultural leaders who are creating new pathways within food access, knowledge, and community. We are so excited to continue to support the vision of **Woven Roots Farm & Education Center** through the **Rooted & Rising** campaign.”

~ Shannon Smith,  
Berkshire Agricultural Ventures



“Finca Luna Búho is a place for self growth and self-expression; conversations I’ve had there have been full of compassion, love, and honesty. It’s a magical place.”

~ Arlene Kirsh, Community Organizer

“Finca Luna Búho has been a space of true sanctuary and refuge for me across the last 10 years. When I am there, my nervous system relaxes and my whole being feels more spaciousness and possibility. My body/soma deeply recognize and have it ingrained as a space of safety...”

At Finca Luna Búho, I have been able to nurture practices around connection with the earth, deep listening to the land, and in turn, deepened my connection with my own body and experiences in my body.

In my time here, I have had the honor of cultivating familial connections, supported the tending of the gardens, medicine-making, making food-as-medicine, playing, and going on many nourishing hikes throughout the seasons...

I believe that the intentional ways the space is held, cared for, and co-created by all of the beings who collaborate there, deeply informs what makes all of the above possible.

The magic of all that unfolds in this space and that is co-nourished with **Woven Roots** (all programming, community care, earth connection, solidarity medicine, youth work, etc.) is palpable upon arrival.

I hold deep and expansive love for **Finca Luna Búho.**”

~ río





"When I think of the land at **Finca Luna Búho**, the feelings bring warmth and vitality to my being. Now when I hold hawthorn haws in my hand, I am brought back to time in the orchards up on the ridge. Each memory becomes vivid and alive in my mind from my time there with the land."

~ **Dena, Residency participant**



"As someone who is a BIPOC, there are two VERY different sides of me that I'm forced to embrace. Having a space where I can share my BIPOC experiences with other BIPOC is super important to build community and relationships. Living in a county where the majority is white, we need spaces to be able to understand each other and help each other."

~ **youth participant**



"Until I came to **Finca Luna Búho**, I felt that our community was fractured. It was the first time that I felt like I belonged and was home living here."

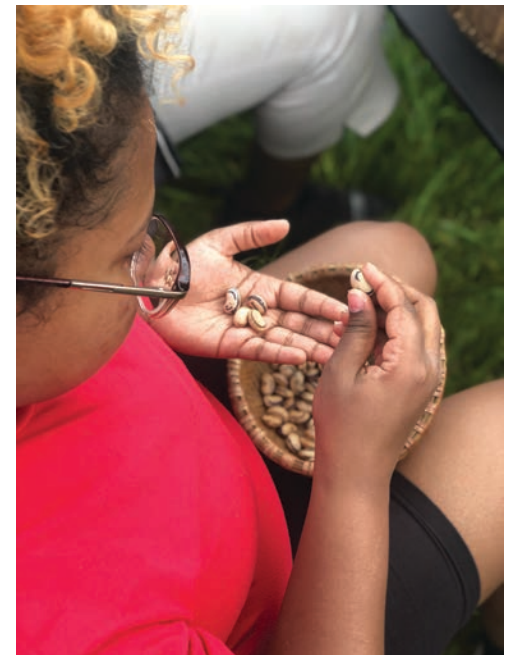
~ **Community member & participant in the anti-racism organizing group**

"At first I was really shy and didn't think I would ever speak in the group. Then after a few weeks, I started sharing and talking with confidence I didn't think I had."

~ **youth participant**

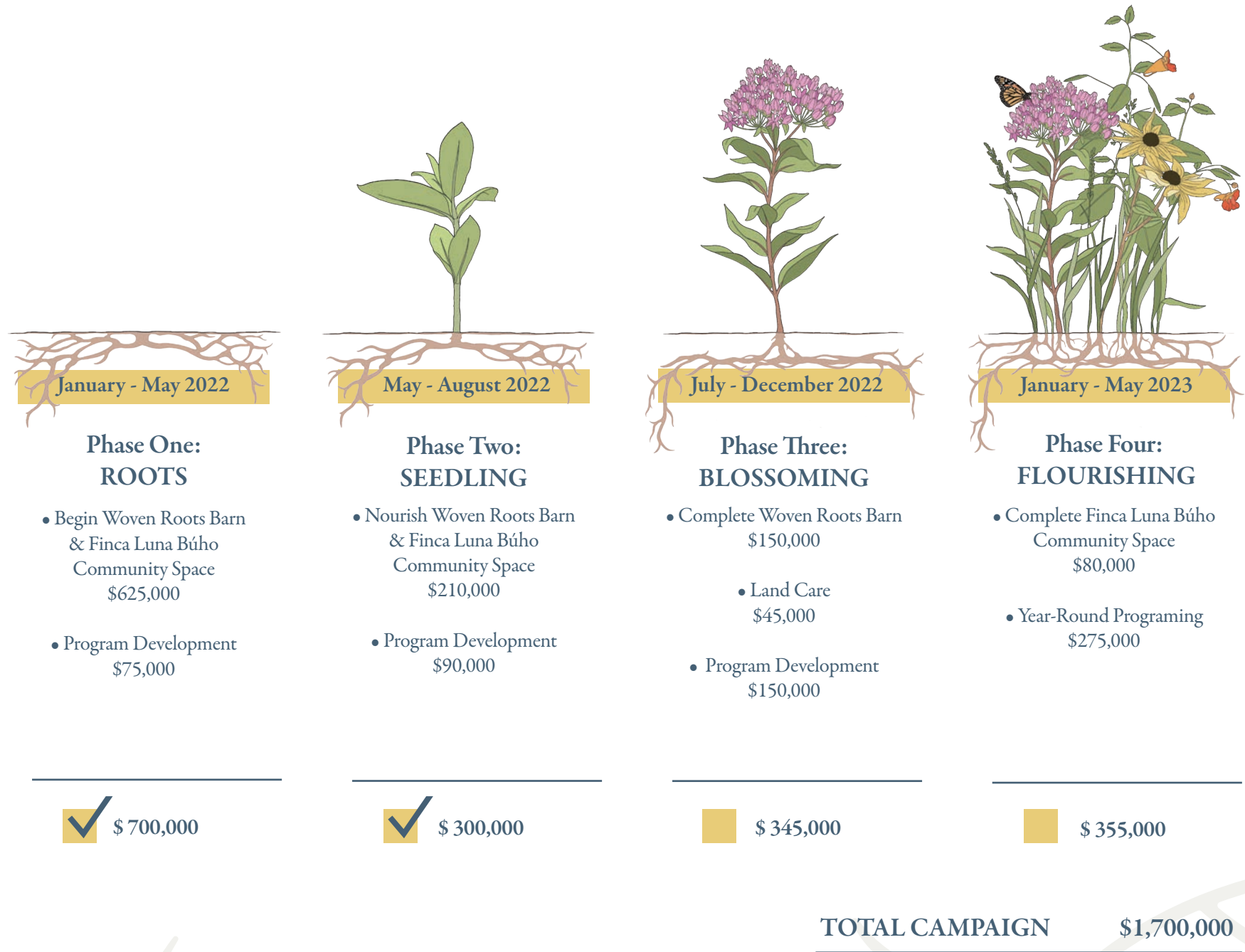


You have to act as if it were possible  
to radically transform the world.  
And you have to do it all the time.  
~Angela Davis





# KEY BUDGET GOALS & PHASING / 2022 -2023





Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,  
Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.  
Together we are simple green.

You gave me what you did not have, and I gave you  
What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference.  
~ Alberto Ríos

## MOVING BEYOND CHARITY

Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm & Education Center believe firmly in the redistribution of wealth outside of a philanthropic context. Systemic capitalism limits how giving can take place. We seek a just and equitable model of resource-sharing that moves beyond this hierarchical and harmful system that confines us and is not our own. We invite you to join us in this paradigm shift that moves us towards collective liberation.

As we move to empower and offer autonomy to those on the receiving end of the current philanthropic model, we offer the following questions: How are we collectively acting in Solidarity Not Charity? Who is deciding how wealth is redistributed? How was this money made? Who was harmed in the making of this money? How are reparations a part of redistribution of wealth? What steps are being taken to equitably redistribute money, not perpetuate harm, be accountable to, and truly change the current system of philanthropy?





We encourage those with wealth access to visit possibilities of true equity of resources and direct aid, that with honest change and nourishment can transform into mutual aid. With gratitude, we uphold these initiatives that push back against the predominant individualistic outlook of our culture, living instead from the point of view that our existences are inextricably linked. Together, we affirm with Black and Indigenous traditions throughout time, that giving is an honor and an essential part of our interconnectedness of life.

We acknowledge that this is a complex and layered conversation. And we recognize that shared strategy can be utilized to augment redistributing one's wealth. For this reason, we offer a way to give that is tax deductible. We look forward to being in deeper conversation and action together. And we invite you to move into these brave and expansive spaces with us—to learn and unlearn, as we dismantle and rebuild collectively.



It has always felt so simple and right,  
passing on what you have  
to someone who might need it.  
~Alberto Ríos



Tomorrow belongs to those of us  
who conceive of it as belonging to everyone;  
who lend the best of ourselves to it,  
and with joy.  
~ Audre Lorde

## HOW TO GIVE & GET INVOLVED

We welcome your gift of shared resources to the Rooted & Rising Campaign! All gifts, whether direct aid or philanthropic, will be received and cared for collectively by Finca Luna Búho and Woven Roots Farm & Education Center to fund the objectives of this collaborative campaign. Here's how *you* can give and get involved:

### Make a direct aid donation:

By mailing a check for the campaign to one of the following:

Finca Luna Búho  
669 Sandmill Road  
Cheshire, MA 01225  
Memo: Rooted & Rising Campaign

Woven Roots Farm & Education Center  
PO Box 403  
Tyringham, MA 01264  
Memo: Rooted & Rising Campaign

### Make a tax-deductible contribution:

By mailing a check to Sonrisas, our 501 (c) (3) umbrella organization for the Rooted & Rising Campaign and fiscal sponsor of collaborating partner Finca Luna Búho. (EIN: 20-44405556)

Sonrisas  
669 Sandmill Road  
Cheshire, MA 01225  
Memo: Rooted & Rising Campaign

### Or make your direct aid donation or tax-deductible contribution by Venmo or Paypal:

By using the QR code below to visit [fincalunabuho.org/rooted-and-rising](http://fincalunabuho.org/rooted-and-rising)



### Please join us!

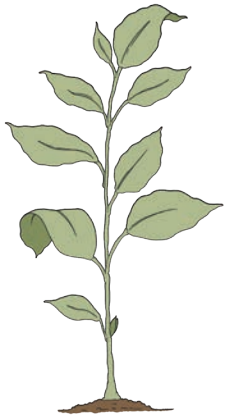
For more information and to hear about opportunities to engage and get involved, please join our Rooted & Rising mailing list at [rootedandrisingcollaborative@gmail.com](mailto:rootedandrisingcollaborative@gmail.com)...

We look forward to welcoming you to the Rooted & Rising Family!

All that you touch  
You Change.

All that you Change  
Changes you.

The only lasting truth  
is Change.  
~ Octavia Butler



## OUR ROOTED & RISING GLOSSARY

**BIPOC** — An acronym for Black, Indigenous, People of Color, used to center the experiences of people of color—those who have been most harmed on this continent.

**Collective Care** — Holding space for those with limited or inaccessible access to care, while asking that we hold thoughtfulness and accountability to our greater web of relationships, interactions, and connections. It is where our personal/individual decision-making and actions are woven together.

**Community Care** — Centering those whose care is limited or inaccessible without support, while being thoughtful about how our mutuality can include needs, desires, and access rather than an exact exchange. Community care asks that we hold awareness of power, privilege and resource dynamics with vision and actions that are equitable.

**Decolonization** — The practice of dismantling policies and systems of stacked oppressions that are based on the occupation and exploitation of stolen lands, people, and resources, often through violence and coercion. This practice also includes the process of reconnecting and reclaiming one's Indigenous culture, both individually and collectively.

**Food Sovereignty** — The right of all people to define and have access to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through (re)building relationships between people and the land, and between those who produce food and those who eat it.

**GNC** — Acronym for Gender Non-Conforming—within the context that gender is expansive and not a binary structure. Also with the acknowledgement that gender is a construct created by colonization.



**Hand-scale farming** — The practice of growing food in an intimate and intentional relationship with the land that prioritizes our responsibility of being in mutual caregiving.

**Lived Experiences** — The lived experience refers to marginalized populations' actual account of navigating a colonized world through the individual's own lens and voice. This is of paramount importance as history is told through the lens of those in power which leads to a single story that generates danger and perpetuates racism, erasure and violence, seeking to keep the oppressed down. Centering the lived experience of marginalized populations shifts the narrative and helps aid in the process of decolonization.

Historically, the lived experience of marginalized populations has been viewed as a belief, opinion, feeling, or idea and something that is up for debate by those in power because our experiences compromise many of the very notions on which this colonized society is built; our lives compromise the hierarchy and become a threat.

Here we center the lived experience of marginalized populations and when discussing different situations, we take care to prioritize and highlight the voices and experiences of those most affected.

**Knowledge Sharing** — To learn collectively in a non-hierarchical way, acknowledging the significance of ancestral wisdom and the value of learning/unlearning from people's lived experiences.

**Lived Realities** — An acknowledgment of how very often our circumstances and realities are part of systemic oppression and consequence.

**Marginalization** — A process of systemic social exclusion that intentionally places a person or group of people in a position of lesser importance or influence by people in power. Those marginalizations can and do inform how people show up and care for one another within these populations.

**Mutual Aid** — The act of communities consensually sharing resources, caring for and supporting one another outside of a capitalistic context. Mutual aid is based in solidarity and not charity values, meaning that there is autonomy in the decision-making from those receiving support.

**Non-hierarchical** — Horizontal decentralization of top-down power structures that centers communication, relationship and organizing done in consensus and care for the different lived experiences and marginalizations.

**“Present-day”** — Refers to the colonized name of a place; for example, “We live in the present-day United States.”

**Queer** — To care for and love outside of or beyond binaries. While often used to describe non-heterosexual relationships, we honor that queerness is present in feelings, how we witness and engage existence and what is present all around us. We also hold queerness as an extension of not acknowledging gender binaries placed on us by colonization.

**Reciprocity** — To be in relationship with mutual care and consciously tending to what this care for one another looks like.

**“So-called”** — In recognition of names that were changed through colonization that was often the result of violence, removal, and other harm.

**Stewardship** — Honoring and caring for our relationship with the land that is held in thoughtful reciprocity and mutuality.

**TRA** — Acronym for Transracial Adoptee, someone who was adopted by a family of a different race from theirs. Most commonly this has been and are white families adopting BIPOC children and therefore (even if non-intentional) includes power dynamics that mirror society’s larger systemic issues such as racism, classism, ableism, and colonization.

**Trans** — Abbreviated from transgender, meaning to transcend and expand beyond binary gender.

**Space Holding** — Providing physical and/or emotional space with intention and mindfulness. This can be both between individuals and in a collective.

**Unlearn** — The process of shifting what we have learned, especially when what we have learned is participatory in any harm. Unlearning is part of growth that can be celebratory and transformative.

**Unceded Land** — Land that was never consensually given by the Indigenous people.

**Unsettled** — For those of settler heritage to acknowledge, unlearn, and make tangible changes within accountability of their privileges, and to the Indigenous people of the land where they are residing.

**Woven Family** — Family that is created by the weaving of deep care and love and tended to with intention rather than by circumstance.





Look up. Stay awhile.  
Let your breathing slow.  
Know that you always  
have a home here.  
~ Alberto Ríos





If you have come here to help me  
you are wasting your time,  
but if you have come  
because your liberation  
is bound up with mine,  
then let us work together.  
~ Lilla Watson

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