

# Expanding COMMUNITIES' Reach

Our Winter issue presented several Visions for COMMUNITIES' growth, along with opportunities for benefactors to support those visions (#197, pp. 4, 1, and back cover; [gen-us.net/visions](http://gen-us.net/visions)). We're very happy to report that, as detailed on pages 4-5 of this Spring issue, the response to that appeal has allowed us to start fulfilling some of those visions. Thank you to those who have made this possible!

We welcome the new readers who are receiving this issue—a result of both donor generosity and the ease with which several allied groups dedicated to a co-operative, ecologically regenerative human future have worked together to spread that generosity in the form of this magazine.

So far 100 complimentary one-year print-plus-digital subscriptions have been funded—going mostly to intentional communities (and a few associated nonprofits) within the United States who are new subscribers. We've also received funding for about 250 complimentary digital subscriptions, which we're working to spread internationally in the same way, also in concert with sister groups across the globe.

We hope to continue this trend! Still on our "wish list" are print-plus-digital subscriptions to additional "high-impact hubs" that don't currently receive the magazine. These can include more intentional communities, nonprofit groups, educational programs and groups, public libraries, and college/university libraries. A \$5000 donation allows us to supply 100 of these complimentary subscriptions domestically.

Also on our wish list is additional funding for digital

subscriptions, which can go worldwide for the same cost no matter where they are read. A \$5000 donation can cover approximately 250 of these subscriptions. One "big vision," laid out on the back cover of our last issue, is to make digital access to every magazine issue free worldwide. To be viable and assure financial stability through this change, this vision would require a commitment of \$30,000 per year from a benefactor or benefactor team. Short of that, of course, every additional benefactor gift dedicated to expanding our distribution can add more people to the international community of COMMUNITIES readers.

**If you are interested in supporting any of these projects to enhance COMMUNITIES' reach and its viability in fulfilling its mission—or if you know anyone who may be inspired and able to support these visions—please contact us** (at [editor@gen-us.net](mailto:editor@gen-us.net), 541-335-1566, or c/o 330 Morgan St., Oberlin OH 44074). **Benefactors' sponsored projects can be tailored, mixed-and-matched, and scaled according to interests and capacities.**

At the same time, paid subscriptions and donations of all sizes (including those much smaller than \$5K) remain vital to our ability to survive and thrive, and we value every reader and every group making the choice to support us at any level. And needless to say, our network of authors, artists, and photographers are essential parts of this project too; without them, it could not exist. In fact, many, many people, most of them volunteering (with those who are paid generally working "below market rate") make this unusual and long-lasting magazine possible.

Thank you again for joining us!

—Chris Roth

