



Elize,

As we wrap up 2025, we wanted to give you an update on our projects and how your donations have helped the community and build power!

But first, are you sick of contributing to the endless consumerism of the holidays and looking to give a more heartfelt gift? **Swap the holiday hustle for something that truly sparks joy!** Make a direct [donation to our General Operating Fund](#), or print a festive gift certificate to donate in a loved one's name. It's the perfect way to spread cheer and fuel our future, all in one go.

[Download the thank you card or gift certificate](#)



### Arts, Culture, and Benevolence (ACAB)



We are relaunching our ACAB program! This program will serve as our political education hub, designed to address the urgent needs of our current moment. Our mission is to transform organizing culture: moving from closed circles toward a resilient, expansive community network. Through ACAB, we will foster a holistic culture that integrates the personal, political, spiritual, social, and creative, reflecting our full individual and collective selves.

### MANY Eco Survival Support

The harvest may be complete, but the work at MESS is just beginning! We're teaming up with experts to design and rehab MESS house, transforming it into a home built from natural materials like cob and earth plaster. This is a thrilling project for 2026, and we're going to need **lots** of helping hands. Whether you love to get your hands dirty, are eager to learn, or want to flex your building skills, this is for you! Stay tuned for more updates.

Example of a cob house at [Stawbale Studio](#) and our earth oven we built this summer



### Daytime Warming Center Fundraiser/Events

The Daytime Warming Center has been a huge success! We've also had a great partnership with [Azaad Healing Studio](#), which has been hosting karaoke and other exciting fundraiser events! Look out for more partnerships in the coming year ranging from more fundraisers, to social and emotional development workshops based in play.

Consider hanging out at the daytime warming center to meet some great people in our neighborhood. If you have the time, [consider volunteering as well!](#)

Supply runs will be made throughout the season, but so far, we've bought:

1. 110 full-fare bus tokens
2. 140 pairs of gloves, hats, and scarves
3. 70 yoga mats
4. Fleece Blankets
5. Over-the-counter medicines
6. 100 headphones
7. 60 pairs of hand warmers
8. Operating supplies (cleaners, shelving etc.)

### Pantry Support

You all really came through during the pause on SNAP benefits! Twice a month we regularly deliver groceries to 70 families twice a month. Because of the amazing upswell of volunteer support and contributions we were able to assist our regulars and increase what was provided and give to families newly in need.

**In 2026, we have a lot of plans, goals, and scheming to do!** Lookout for updates on: Natural building, housing co-op development, more educational events from ACAB, stronger partnership with area organizations, such as Peace House, Around the Kitchen Table (free monthly brunch), We Rise-Inkster, Azaad Healing Justice Studio and more!

Your generosity has been the driving force behind all of these amazing achievements and we're so grateful to have you on our team.

Reminder, with just a few days left in the year, **now is the perfect time to make a tax-deductible donation.** All donations must be received by December 31st to be eligible for a tax write-off!

We're so excited to see what amazing things we'll achieve together in the coming year.

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