



ROUND THE BEND FARM

A CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT ~ FISCAL YEAR 2017

When people first begin **EDUCATING** themselves about how our *modern lifestyle* is **IMPACTING** the **PLANET**, **OUR BODIES** and **OUR WELL-BEING**, they often feel **OVERWHELMED**. The problems can seem so *big*, the timescales so *long*, and the **SOLUTIONS** so *onerous* and *unlikely*.

**ROUND THE BEND FARM (RTB), A
CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY,
IS HERE TO PROVE OTHERWISE.**

We are a **LIVING LABORATORY** devoted to **REDIRECTING** *personal* and *environmental* **HEALTH, ECONOMY** and **SOCIAL SYSTEMS**. We provide **LOCAL ACCESS** to non-GMO, *pasture-raised* *meats* and *chemical-free foods*, **OFFER EDUCATION** about **LOW-IMPACT LIVING** and *well-being*, and invest in **LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE INDUSTRIES** and **SMALL BUSINESSES**.



OUR MISSION

We are a living laboratory that cultivates, educates, and empowers people of all ages. We are devoted to the global paradigm shift toward hope and abundance by valuing diversity, modeling nature, and redefining wealth.



RTB is not your typical non-profit, and our board of directors is likewise unique. Since RTB's inception, our board has sought to epitomize through action our unconventional approach. They have openly accepted the challenge to lead in a different way: through collaboration, from a perspective of "power with" rather than "power over." We are grateful for their guidance and vision, and for their celebration of those on the ground each day. Their contribution is restorative and transformative, a true example of a shifting paradigm of leadership toward intentional empowerment and true grassroots change.

Our board embodies a breadth and depth of experience and wisdom that we are ever grateful for and constantly learn from. President of the Board, Desa Van Laarhoven contributes a guiding vision informed by years in non-profit leadership

and a steadfast dedication to sustainability and social justice. Duncan McFarland and his wife Ellen (our chief non-board supporter) are champions of the RTB mission, carrying our vision through times of uncertainty and cheering on our every success. Their fiscal contributions are the bedrock upon which we are able to challenge ourselves as an organization and grow. Legal expertise is Nancy Dempze's gift to RTB, offering a passion for conservation and a unique sensitivity that distinguishes her as a lawyer. Glenn Oliveira rounds out the board with his keen marketing sense, event organizing and social capital that he garnered through his work at the Marion Institute and Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) Mass. Through their abundance of wisdom, our board truly is the fertilizer to our collective garden.

This has been a humbling and inspiring year for RTB. Through dedicated hard work, relentless determination, thoughtful visioning, and patient action, we have witnessed evolutions both grand and modest throughout our organization and across our land. This year, we added 55 acres to our land base, with the purchase of the abutting Ocean View Farm; 40 of the 55 acres are prime agricultural land. In addition, we expanded our educational infrastructure by building a classroom, teaching and processing kitchens, offices and library for the administrators—all run off the sun, with the vast majority of the materials sustainably sourced and many locally produced.

We didn't do this alone. We have seen our dreams manifest through the power of teamwork and partnerships. We are profoundly grateful to our Team, Board of Directors, and many organizations and individuals. We are especially grateful to Ellen and Duncan McFarland, who have supported our work in a deep and meaningful way.

Duncan likes to repeat the words of Gaylord Nelson: "The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." Ellen and Duncan have helped us plant trees under whose shade they may never sit, and we at RTB water those trees faithfully and watch them grow in strength, hope, abundance and with everlasting gratitude.

In addition, there are many folks who supported RTB during our infancy and helped to initiate the project literally from day one. We stand on your shoulders and appreciate your gifts. These folks include, but aren't limited to: Michael and Margie Baldwin, Leslie and Rutgers Barclay, Shaun Van Laarhoven, The Marion Institute (most especially Angela Silva and Abby Smith), Antone Vieira, Ellen Densmore, the good people of Rancho Mastatal, Eva Sommaripa and Liz Wiley.

We act as a living laboratory to humbly express our work as a teaching tool. We are expanding local access to pasture-raised meats and chemical-free foods, re-establishing native pollinator populations, modeling low-impact lifestyle options, offering inclusive educational opportunities, and investing in local industries and small businesses. We believe these actions will drive a collective redirection of our personal and environmental health, economy, and social systems. One day soon, seedlings we've nurtured at RTB will have sent their roots out far beyond our borders and

will offer an abundance of fruitful outcomes and opportunities to the greater community.

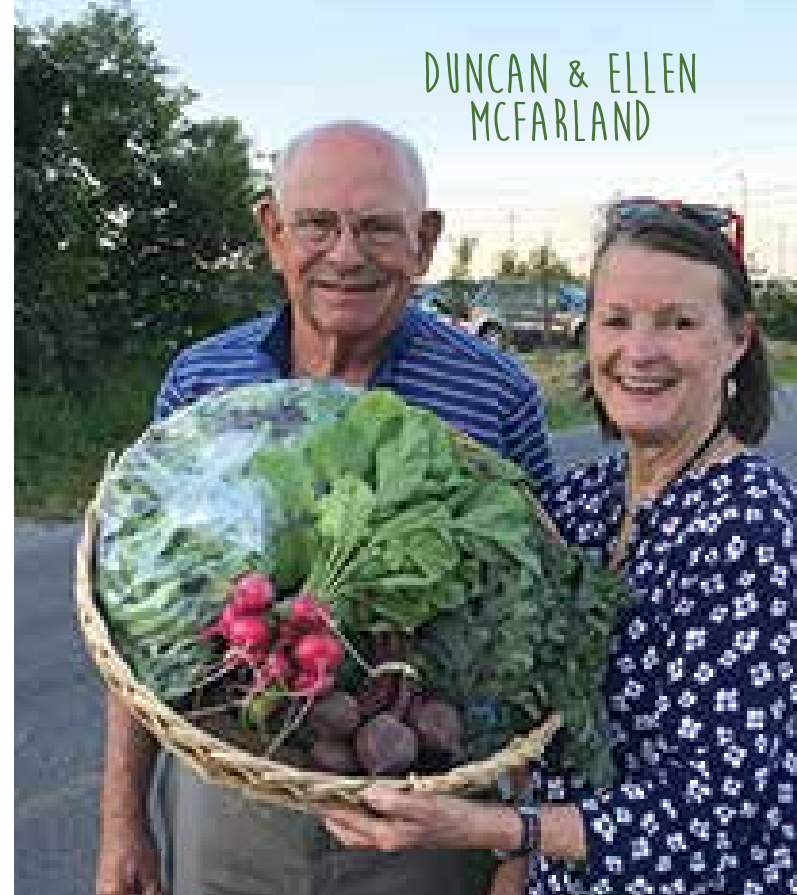
Our mission is complex and we hope this report will help folks to grasp our tenets: "valuing diversity, modeling nature and redefining wealth". Words don't do any of these concepts justice; actions serve them best. Please enjoy this glimpse into our work, and thank you from the depths of our souls for believing in, being a part of, and supporting our collective work.

LETTER FROM THE CO-VISIONARIES:

WITH GRATITUDE AND LOVE, DESA & GEOFF (AND FARM BABY NIA)



DUNCAN & ELLEN MCFARLAND



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GAYLORD NELSON

TENETS

At RTB, three guiding principles serve as the compass in all of our efforts:

- * VALUING DIVERSITY
- * MODELING NATURE
- * REDEFINING WEALTH

These foundational tenets direct our energies, check our intentions, and hold us up as we pursue a global paradigm shift toward hope and abundance. To live authentically by these principles requires active stewardship of our land, our infrastructure and our community, and constant consideration of *how* we do *what* we do.



VALUING DIVERSITY

At RTB, we believe that *diversity is the key to nature's success*. Diversity exists at the ecosystem, species, and genetic level, and is the result of interactions among the environment and people over thousands of years. From the smallest drop of pond water to magnificent fields of produce to the majestic oceans, nature is filled with incredibly diverse, yet closely interdependent, systems.

We see the importance of valuing diversity in every decision and action we implement at the farm. Diversity is factored into the relationships that we develop and cultivate, the crops that we plant, and the livestock that we raise, because we know that diversity strengthens our work, expands our reach, and creates a more restorative ecosystem and humanity.

The power of diversity is immense when we truly respect and value differences. Individually, and organizationally, we become stronger when we value differences in backgrounds, skills, experiences, race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identities. This brings fresh ideas and perspectives to our work and lives, challenges our assumptions, and makes our lives richer.


Diversity shapes every decision that we make in the evolution of this organization. Our team can raise barns and goats, develop fields of food from seedlings and business plans from ideas to implementation. Through their diverse skills, experiences and perspectives, the RTB team constantly collaborates and challenges one another to grow.

The practice of diversity, inspired by the intelligence of mother nature, is reflected in how we approach our efforts on the land. Multispecies and rotational crops are one such example. By diversifying what we cultivate and where we do so, we improve soil health and promote resistance to pests, bacteria and disease. Just above the soil, pollinators benefit from more food and habitats. The impact of diversity is far reaching.

A diverse, local food system becomes resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. Protection of open farmland, and the availability of more nutrient-dense foods in the bioregion, means higher wages and reduced exposure to harmful agricultural chemicals for farmers. Most notably, diversification decreases reliance on industrial agriculture whose chemical-addicted monocultures strip life from the land and put the future of food and nutrition, as well as human life, at great risk. From diversification comes strength, wellness and integrity, for the human and non-human community alike.

In all that we do, the rich abundance of diversity that mother earth creates is our model which we aspire to mimic. We look not just to this day, this season, or even this year, but to the impact that our decisions will have for generations to come. In actively valuing diversity throughout the countless spheres of influence here at the farm, we pursue a global paradigm shift toward hope and abundance, beginning right below our feet.



 THIS IS THE POWER OF DIVERSITY: to create interdependent networks that are more resilient due to their differences, to create an ecosystem of connection that is more than the sum of its parts.

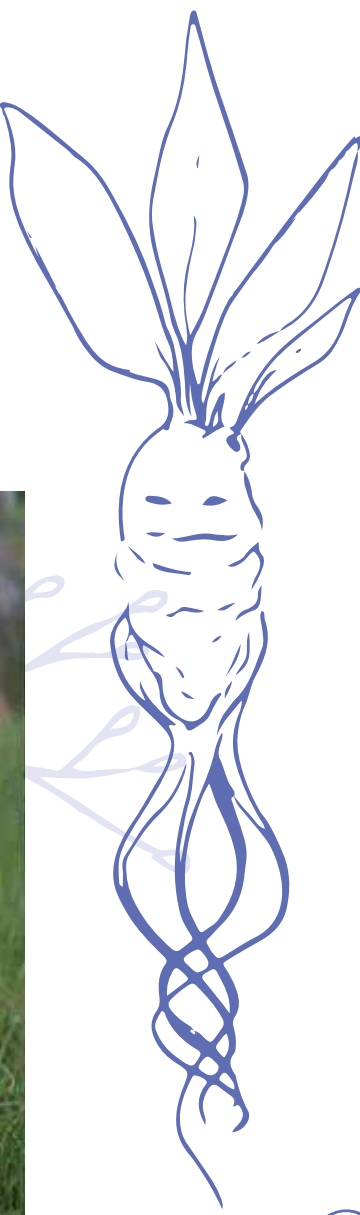
MODELING NATURE

We look to nature as our role model in the creation, development, and implementation of restorative processes as they relate to food, farming, and living. Biomimicry emulates nature's time-tested patterns and strategies, as we create and support food and agricultural systems that are environmentally sound and socially responsible. In nature, nothing is considered waste. *Waste for one is food for another*. Striving to live by this belief, we value all of our resources and consider our impact with each decision we make.

The rhythms and cycles of nature are mirrored in the social fabric, land evolution, infrastructure development and business growth at RTB. Our organizational framework eschews conventional structures, favoring a more egalitarian and in(ter) dependent management style. Team members are encouraged to pursue interests and inspiration, while holding one another accountable to the collective vision and responsibilities. Cooperation makes waste a resource: our hoop houses are heated by manure beds and our composting toilets create nutrient-rich soil that will spread in the forest. Animal life is nature's intelligence at its best: livestock mow the field and select the most nutritious food for themselves, chickens eat our pests, and pigs dig up invasives.

On the land, nature leads. In pursuit of balance and health, we adapt our work to the cyclical needs dictated by the seasons. Winter at RTB is a time of quiet reflection and planning for spring, when our community begins to awaken along with the thawing land. As ambient temperature rises, so does activity. In the summer, plants burst with hard labors' fruits, animals grow full and strong as they graze verdant pastures, and the farm buzzes with conversation as educational events and farm tours punctuate long days. The autumn transition represents the culmination of all of our work, the closing of the loop. We savor the season's harvest, preserve foods for winter hiatus and celebrate a season of growth alongside the greater community.

ON THE LAND, NATURE LEADS.





WE HAVE CONTINUED TO REDEFINE WEALTH TO MEAN A LIFE FULLY LIVED, WHERE TIME IS PRECIOUS, COLLABORATION IS INSTINCTIVE, AND SUFFICIENCY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL.



REDEFINING WEALTH

At RTB, we view wealth as a culmination of all the aspects of our lives that money can't buy: good health and quality of life; deepening connections to self, community and nature; loving your work; being a part of something bigger than your individual self; time to experiment, learn and be; and the presence of a robust gift/sharing economy. We seek to create an environment at RTB where these characteristics of a "wealthy" life are available to our land-based community: our farm team, our agripreneurs, and our extended family here on the farm. Through tiny-house living and treating food as medicine, we demonstrate that conscious living is wealth in itself, and through our agripreneurs we share this wealth with the community.

Equity is critical to redefining wealth. As a living laboratory that empowers people of all ages, we are continually testing models for living and working that are also accessible beyond RTB. We believe that when any group of people is suffering, locally or globally, it creates inequity and suffering for all. Our goal is to create balance and to be part of a system that feeds positivity, love, equity and healthy food into the greater community. From providing city residents low-cost community supported agriculture shares to recycling organic urban waste, we strive to enact this principle in all we do.

At RTB, we look at economic systems as ecosystems, where connections are inherent and waste is a resource. Our food scraps and weeds from the garden are fed to the pigs and chickens, or composted. In addition, our land manager has created deep relationships with businesses that help to feed the pigs with bi-products from both cheese making and beer brewing. The value of our Center for Restorative Community is in the generation of different forms of capital that are invested back into the farm and the community, having a regenerative and sustainable impact. Through collaborative work, material and financial capital is produced.

This year, the synergy of skills and experience held by the RTB team has seen its greatest expression in the creation of our Education Center.

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The new Education Center features handcrafted, artisan detailing throughout, including cedar tree baseboards and entryway posts and trims, a carefully handmade stone facade in the solarium, and recycled landfill liner roof shingles. The building is an expression and investment of both material and financial capital that will continue to have impact for generations to come.

Together we've sent ripples of change through our community—we've cut waste at urban eateries, gleaned veggies for food production, conserved land, supported scientific research and more. We have continued to redefine wealth to mean a life fully lived, where time is precious, collaboration is instinctive, and sufficiency is available to all. This communal, cultural, and spiritual capital is an emergent property of restorative communities such as RTB.

IT IS TRUE WEALTH.



THE TEAM

Teamwork makes the dream work! As we strive to create a restorative community filled with hope and abundance, the individual contributions are more than the sum of their parts at RTB.

Desa Van Laarhoven

Co-Visionary & Executive Director

Each day Desa acknowledges and feels grateful for the privilege that she has been afforded: to manifest her dreams alongside her life partner, family, close allies, and an inspiring community. Growing up in a multiracial family instilled in Desa an acute awareness of the progress our society still needs to make towards equity and social justice. She is dedicated to ensuring that RTB is constantly seeking the strength

of diversity in every aspect of the word, in regard to people, plants, animals and purpose. Whether she is employing locals or giving them an in-depth tour of the farm, discussing the ethics and restorative living, Desa strives to “walk the talk”. This past year she’s seen RTB through new eyes: those of her daughter. Raising her baby girl is a constant reminder of the blessing to be a part of the remarkable community that is RTB, where diversity is cherished, resiliency is cultivated, sustainability is at the forefront and action is taken.

Geoff Kinder

Co-Visionary & Volunteer Farm Manager

Self-proclaimed “head pile mover,” Geoff turns what might be considered waste or work (piles of rocks, manure, trees and scraps) into opportunities for connection, personal growth, business development, and sustenance. Investing in people and the land is what motivates him—fostering community “wealth” through a focus on health and balance. In addition to all of his voluntary responsibilities in overseeing the RTB’s infrastructure and land, he was critical this year in helping manage the building of the Education Center and the acquisition of Ocean View Farm. On the newly-acquired farm, he’s been focused on regenerating the soil with a diverse sequence of plants, animals, energy and microbes. By developing systems that are bountiful, diverse, waste-free and resilient, Geoff molds the future of RTB and its expanding potential.

Benoit Azagoh-Kouadio

Resident Foodie

Whether he is trialing high anthocyanin tomatoes or trying his hand at growing turmeric, our thoughtful resident foodie remains dedicated to building a healthy and diverse immediate, garden-to-kitchen food system at RTB. Through creative experimentation, Benoit makes use of our ecosystems’ natural abundance. From brewing garden crop fertilizers and fermenting unusual foraged foods to opening our kitchen to the tastes of different cultures, he continues to nourish healthy ecologies, communities and individuals. Benoit has recently cultivated his interest in herbalism, harvesting wild medicinals and crafting useful

preparations for the farm community. His annual Brix Bounty work exchange has also served to bring valuable produce and transplants to our kitchen and land.

Nathan Sander

Permaculture Specialist & Builder

Nate has his hand in nearly every farm endeavor, steadily building the collective RTB mission along the way. His invaluable vision, leadership skills, and drive has charged him with a leading role in the construction of the new Education Center and all it encompasses. While contributing quality site work, carpentry, materials fabrication, artistic touches and more, he has maintained his vital role as resident permaculture systems builder. In his thinking and actions, Nate looks forward; his development of our perennials this year has supported our vision of being productive, resilient and self-sufficient as a community, well into the future.

Tyler See

Resident Builder

If our society is to forge a path toward hope and abundance, then craftsman Tyler believes we must be deliberate about what we are using to build it. He walks the talk as he’s honored this ambition throughout the year, carefully procuring and incorporating diverse woods from the farm and surrounding properties into the new Education Center. In projects great and modest, Tyler models and celebrates nature’s bounty in form and function. His live-edged trim and round stock used for pillars and braces produce minimal waste, what’s left going to compost or firewood. Woodwork is his genius, and Tyler’s every effort bespeaks of his love to create and to mimic nature, as humbly as possible.

Danielle Smith

Apprentice Grower

For Danielle, work at RTB has redefined wealth into something more tangibly human. In apprenticing, she has found nourishment and peace of mind; what she considers truly good work and preventative health care. She has absorbed every opportunity this season for hands-on learning, developing her skills as a diligent laborer in both veggie production and perennial food systems. In partnership with Mass in Motion, funded by a Harvard Pilgrim Grant and supported by the Healthy Incentives Program, Ashley Brister and Danielle grow a diversity of fresh foods for New Bedford residents, who might otherwise not have the luxury to afford organic produce. Nurturing plants from seed to plate is her passion, and she certainly continues to cultivate this passion in her role.

Shaun Van Laarhoven

Executive Chef & Assistant Farm Manager

When Shaun arrived on the scene many years ago, RTB instantly became healthier, more loving and balanced. Shaun heralded deeper nourishment and health for all creatures, human and other, on the farm. Food prepping and processing RTB meats and produce, preparing meals to nourish hard-working bodies: this is his artistry and passion. Each year, Shaun aims to add a cooking skill to his repertoire; this year he wood-roasted a butterflied pig. Chief “team supporter,” Shaun fosters efficiency in food systems, ensuring that there is no waste. This Leadership SouthCoast grad is often found lending a hand outside the kitchen, whether it be with hay making, holistic animal care, gardening, fence clearing or whatever arises on the farm.

Hannah Wylie

Livestock Apprentice & Social Media Liaison

Integrity and a sense of purpose defines Hannah’s critical work. Wealth for her is the ability to rise each morning to the goats’ call, absorbing the morning sounds and sights about the farm, to begin her daily work flow as a Paradox Acres apprentice. In her role, she has developed both husbandry and business skills. Each day is punctuated by animal care tasks, and the goatscaping endeavor that she manages alongside Geoff Kinder. At one time or another she has cared for every animal on the farm, which in turn helps to provide nutrient-dense meats to the community. In addition, she offers valuable contributions to newsletters and social media posts. One of the most versatile team members, Hannah could go from goat milking to graphic crafting to hoof trimming to video making in a single day.

Heather Zine

Executive Assistant

As Desa’s right-hand administrator, Heather brings hope and organization behind-the-scenes. She has fulfilled many roles at RTB throughout the last year, serving first as a passionate volunteer and more recently transitioning to a part-time employee. Since she first joined the team, Heather has been a vital organ of support and encouragement in the farm organism. Her attitude and dedication is a shining example to the rest of the team and the greater community of true commitment to a deeply-felt purpose.



THE TEAM



EXTENDED TEAM

Beth Harrop
Bookkeeper

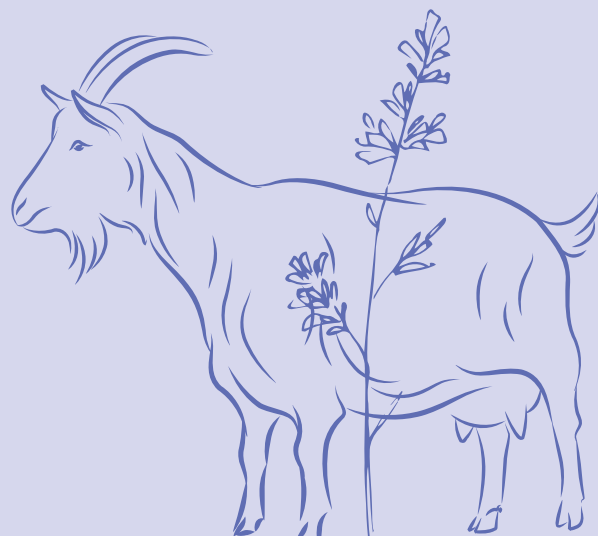
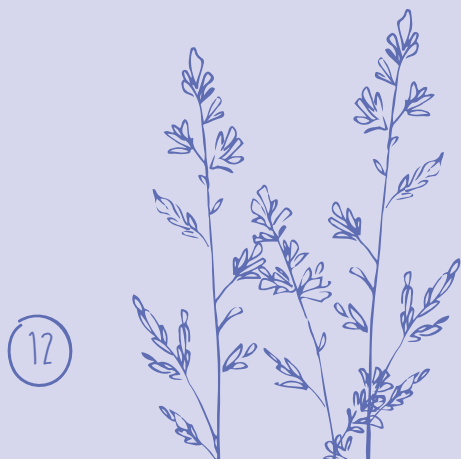
What makes RTB a unique organization to be a bookkeeper is the way that we share not only time, but life, with our extended community. Even in an administrative position, Beth finds herself involved with farm life whenever possible. From shingle making to vegetable fermenting, she loves working with the community towards a common goal of living well and thoughtfully. This is exemplified in her accuracy and care as a bookkeeper, traits essential to the financial operations of RTB. Beth sees bookkeeping for RTB as a regenerative contribution to her community and the earth.

Laura Killingbeck
Food Systems Consultant

Over the last seven years, Laura has contributed in a variety of capacities to RTB, from farm work and fermentation to consulting on food systems and sustainability. As a seasoned RTB consultant, she helps us to explore and create farm scale systems for processing and preserving food. She is a cherished presence on the farm, where she finds deep joy in working the land, sharing healthy food, and diving into the vibrant RTB community. Laura believes that these experiences have brought greater meaning to her life, and is confident that her involvement with RTB is serving to create a world where there is plenty for everyone and hope for the future.

Carissa Wills-DeMello
Writing Consultant

Writing for an organization that she believes in is the epitome of wealth for our new word weaver. Through the relationships she builds and the work that she does at RTB, Carissa finds herself refreshed and challenged to grow as a person and a writer. This informs her creative writing perspective, as she finds herself documenting the story of RTB. Carissa believes that the stories we each tell form a collective narrative that has the power to shift our global paradigm.



OUR AGRIPRENEURS

“Agripreneurs” are social entrepreneurs who create opportunities in food and agriculture. Those involved strive for a cyclical movement of resources, feeding their own business and contributing to the success of others, the ecosystem or the educational capacity. In this framework, RTB is the support system, providing resources and a stable footing to an intentionally diverse collaboration of visionary entrepreneurs. The freedom and collaboration inherent in agriprenurship encourages creativity and ingenuity, and we see these outcomes having ripples beyond RTB, enabling us to reach beyond our borders and positively impact our community.

MODELING
NATURE

RTB Agripreneurs form an ecosystem where symbiotic relationships often mean one’s waste to be another’s input, making this living laboratory-in-action a reflection of nature and a microcosm of a local economy.

WE’VE BEEN BUSY
PLANTING
PERENNIALS

41
TREES

72
BUSH/MIDSTORY/VINES

20 LOGS
OF SHIITAKE

70+ BERRIES

21 VARIETIES OF HERBS

Including Pear, Apple, Cherry, Plum, Chestnut and more.

Including Cherry, Hazelnut, Grapes, Raspberries.

Including Blueberry, Raspberry, Choke Berry, Elderberry and more.

Ashley’s Produce

Ashley Brister’s driving mission is to provide access to mindfully grown, nutrient-rich produce, and to improve long-term health for the entire community—regardless of economic means. For Ashley, collaboration grows nutrition, as she provides a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) share of produce for approximately forty families on 2/3 of an acre, which she constantly tests and amends to ensure healthy soils for future generations. Thanks to Mass in Motion, fifteen of those CSA shares are half-price, providing New Bedford families roughly ten pounds of produce per week for an average of \$27 a week, enabling people of all socioeconomic levels access to nutritious foods. Her vegetables can be found throughout the area, including the popular eateries Moby Dick Brewing Co. in New Bedford and The Bay Club in Mattapoisett. Ashley lives the belief that growing food is activism in action.

Hana’s Honey

Pure, artisanally-collected honey is a by-product and a gift that comes from serving a greater purpose: protecting our pollinators. Lucy Tabit simply cannot imagine her life without bees (or being apart from their exquisitely intricate and mesmerizing world). She generously shares this world with the community, managing thirty hives across four properties, seven of them gracing RTB. In the last year, these hives have produced approximately 250 pounds of nutritious honey! What she gleans from these modest and important insects is truly sweet: together anything is possible. And she acts on this. By networking with other beekeepers, Lucy seeks to keep local bees alive through the winter. At a greater scale, she’s been involved for the last three years in helping pass Massachusetts legislation that would curtail the use of toxic neonicotinoids, and is working to inform the public of the environmental harm they pose.

Nilsa’s Teas & Botanicals

Through her love for the land and community, Nilsa Garcia-Rey has evolved from RTB volunteer into herbal agripreneur. Over the last year, Nilsa has transformed an overgrown patch into an herbal oasis, attracting pollinators and birds, enriching the soil, welcoming visitors, and providing herbs and teas for the farm and its customers. Having spent her younger years in art and activism, Nilsa now strives to “live the change” by learning from nature. She has developed her business of growing, drying and processing quality, chemical-free herbs. She transforms herbs into teas, healing salves, balms, infused oils, tinctures, and spice blends for RTB’s Open Farm Days and three local farmer’s markets. Nilsa’s hard work over the last year is apparent: she now has a beautiful market set-up, a Facebook page, and several new tea blends. Back at the farm, she’s looking ahead: turning a small greenhouse into an herb drying room and planning to diversify her herbal offerings in the coming years.

Paradox Acres

Geoff Kinder, owner of Paradox Acres LLC, brings diversity, depth and beauty to the land with his roaming herds of cattle, pigs, goats, and sheep. He sees himself as nature’s understudy—learning every day through thoughtful, playful interaction and experimentation. Sharing specialties, exchanging resources, and filling a needed niche is what draws him to be part of the agripreneur community. Paradox Acres meats are grass-fed, non-GMO, pasture-raised and rotationally grazed—one of the area’s most ethical options for meat. For the impact this has on people’s health and for how it’s molding the land, Geoff is satisfied, but still strives to do better. His meat CSA continues to be successful, and Geoff now sells at two local farms in Dartmouth. He has begun goatscaping with a beautiful herd of goats and the help of his apprentice, Hannah Wylie. Building on this year’s successful hay-making venture, Geoff’s next steps are to intensify land impact and embrace nature’s regenerative capacity.

OUR EDUCATION CENTER



The newly-constructed Education Center is no doubt this year's greatest achievement—a testament to the power of collaborative effort, and a long-held collective dream made manifest. For several years now, RTB has found itself faced with limitations imposed by our current infrastructure. We found our bathrooms could not meet the demand that events and tours generated, nor could we share our agricultural bounty with guests (especially school children) without a commercial kitchen, and rainy days put a damper on events.

With our new building nearly complete, we find ourselves on the verge of taking our educational capacity to a new level. A full classroom allows us to continue educational efforts through inclement weather and icy winters, creating a comfortable home base for discussion and reflection following adventures around the expansive property. Our fully-equipped commercial teaching kitchen is the epitome of learning in context. Here we have created an environment where the wealth of culinary knowledge that exists within our community can be exchanged in a supportive, modern facility.

Another major motivation for creating our new building was exposing a wider audience to a unique way of living. From composting toilets to live-edge cedar trim milled on-site to landfill liner roof tiles to triple pane windows, the construction details echo the integrity of our mission as an organization. This building, if nothing else, is a teaching tool. Visitors inside the building will be exposed to a different lifestyle: using a composting toilet will no doubt make an impression! In addition, we created a processing kitchen so that we can demonstrate and utilize all of the excess food produced at the farm by canning, fermenting and processing them for later consumption.

BUILDING ATTRIBUTES

POST & BEAM CLASSROOM

A holistic building approach that is built to last for generations and maintains the integrity of the wood

HERITAGE NATURAL WOOD FINISH

Made of 5 environmentally-friendly ingredients, containing no petroleum or metallic drying agents

7 COMPOSTING TOILETS

Help to conserve massive amounts of water, transforming human waste into a rich, well-stabilized soil that will be buried in the forest under 6" of dirt or compost

DOUBLE-STUDDED WALLS

Create a better R-value which in turn saves energy

TRIPLE-PANE WINDOWS

Create a better U-value which in turn saves energy

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

Runs our entire farm without fossil fuels

OVER 6,000 UPCYCLED ROOF SHINGLES

Transformed from unused local landfill liner, putting to use an unwanted material and putting local labor to work

CEDAR SIDING

Durable, safe and renewable, naturally water-resistant and chemical-free

SALVAGED/USED MATERIALS

Including oak tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, tile, doors, windows and so much more, in an effort to keep these items in use and out of the landfill

The earth awakened in December of 2015, when we blessed the earth and celebrated the commencement of the construction project. We’ve since dedicated ourselves to sourcing ethical materials and building meaningful relationships with subcontractors, knowing that each decision accumulates to determine our end result—one that we want to stand proud of. In constantly seeking to model nature, we have constructed this building with materials that are as local, sustainable, and ethical as possible, making certain that waste is minimal and utility is maximized.

We have the creativity and ingenuity of our dedicated building and design team to thank for buildings that are more beautiful than we could have imagined. Their hard work bespeaks commitment to the ideals that we live by at RTB: valuing diversity, modeling nature, and redefining wealth. From lugging stones and tree trunks, to recycling materials, laboring long days and making critical decisions, our team has demonstrated passion in action and created a work which is, in the timeless words of Kahlil Gibran, “love made visible”.

We are also truly blessed with funders (The Bromley Charitable Trust) who nurtured this unusual undertaking, celebrating quality and long-term vision over the cheap, short-term gains that



are all too common in our modern market and culture. It is a gift unlike any other to be afforded the opportunity to build in a way that will be low maintenance and gentle on the environment, while reflecting our organizational integrity and values. We dedicate this building to our entire community and extend our deepest gratitude for its completion.

OCEAN VIEW FARM ACQUISITION

The flat, vast expanse of Ocean View Farm was formally acquired by RTB on August 10, 2017, marking its protection from development and continuation as a working farm, just as Bob Motha had wanted it. Mr. Motha bought the land in 1944 from his father, who had purchased the 160 acres 55 years prior. Upon his passing, Bob left the farm to his daughter, Roberta, who wanted to keep this portion of land in agriculture. Every rock hand-picked from the land, the soil cleared with oxen-drawn plows, it resonates until this day with the warm intentions of the Motha family.

The acquisition of Ocean View Farm has been over two years in the making. Conversations between Buzzards Bay Coalition’s (BBC) Mark Rasmussen and Desa led to the establishment of the Allen’s Pond Strategy group, a joint effort between BBC, Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT), and RTB.

Ocean View was split into two plots of land—55 acres for RTB (owned by The Bromley Charitable Trust) and 63 acres to DNRT. The vast amount of the funding for the 55 acre RTB parcel came from the USDA (\$1.84 million) and The Bromley Charitable Trust (\$2 million). Expanding onto Ocean View was a strategic move for RTB. The property directly abuts the current boundary of RTB, adding quintessential farmland to the hilly, granite-dotted fields that currently comprise our 39 acres. RTB’s original property will continue to be education centered—demonstration plots, permaculture, animal production, small-scale grazing, and educational workshops and events.

The newly-acquired land brings our property to 94 acres and expands our realm into focused, sustainable, food production. Through small-scale “gardens,” we aim to heal the property from its most recent chemical agriculture, creating healthy food and job opportunities in the process. Our vision is to open this land to a new generation of farmers, specifically targeting women and people

of color, those who have historically managed and worked the land but have been locked out of long-term leasing and ownership. In creating equitable access to agricultural opportunities, we hope to demonstrate a form of healing for social and environmental systems.



The next decade will yield transformation that we can only begin to imagine: building quaint family farmhouses, reimagining communal living, developing innovative business models, and building deep relationships. The union of our two parcels will no doubt be a long-term process in which we will move slowly and intentionally, finding organic ways to “close the loop” socially and economically, aiming ultimately for this acquisition to continually bring increased diversity to RTB and the greater farm community.

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BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2017 (OCT 1, 2016- SEPT 30, 2017)



Revenue:

Programs - Unrestricted	\$267,491	61.1%
Programs - Restricted	\$170,000	38.9%
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$437,491	100.0%

Expenditures:

Programs	\$166,773	38.1%
Solar Installation	\$168,140	38.5%
Administrative	\$89,259	20.4%
Fundraising	\$13,112	3.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$437,284	100.0%

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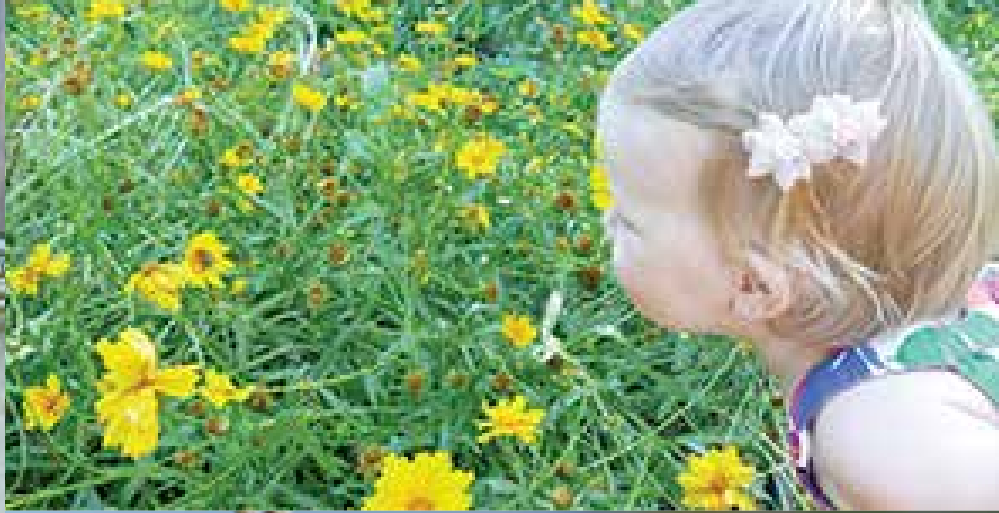
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