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GREEN GENERATIONS NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!

From our hearts to yours, we sincerely wish everyone a peaceful, rejuvenating and joyful holiday!

The best part of the season is remembering those who make the holidays meaningful and we are truly grateful for you!

We wish you all the love and happiness this season and for 2012!



Green Generations Celebrates 6 Months Together!

On January 31, 2011, Green Generations will celebrate its first landmark fête of being a nonprofit for six months! We are very excited to share the following news with you as we've been working very hard these past months. As you'll see, 2012 will be a wonderfully big year for Green Generations. Our next newsletter will arrive in June.

Enjoy reading!

Save the Date!

Our Website
January 15, 2012

Visit us in the New
Year online!

1st Fundraiser
March 9, 2012

Space on White
7-9pm
Details to follow.

1st Workshops
June 2012

Launching our first
workshops with
children, parents,
& teachers.

ECHOING GREEN**Think Big. Be Bold. Drive Change.****Application Deadline: January 9, 2012**www.echoinggreen.org**Who Are They**

To date, Echoing Green has invested nearly \$30 million in seed grants to 500 social entrepreneurs. And, Echoing Green Fellows have sparked social change in forty-two countries on five continents.

Echoing Green also assesses a fellows' **idea diffusion**—how fellows' innovative ideas, models, or strategies for social change are adopted, adapted, and developed by other institutions and eventually considered a mainstream practice.

Why Apply

Green Generations is thinking big, being bold, and driving change! We intend to create a **new educational paradigm** that will bring the South Bronx community together to address local and global issues together.

Child-by-child, parent-by-parent, teacher-by-teacher we will create a compassionate, more just, and greener world full of joy and love.

Now we just need to convince Echoing Green of that!

**Visualizing Green Generations' Future Home**

Nearby the 3rd Avenue/149th Street subway station are three incredible plots of land nestled between Bergen and Brook Avenues. They span three blocks with extraordinary potential.

We envision the middle plot has the location of our future school and community site and the other two for community gardening sites and a little park that will serve as a sanctuary to seek inspiration and solitude.

In 2012 we will work diligently to launch our plan for securing this land and seeking the necessary permits and funding. You can help us by visualizing this space for GG and if you have any connections – let us know!



Green Generations First Fundraising Event



Where

Space on White

81 White Street

New York, NY 10013

www.spaceonwhite.com



When

Friday, March 9, 2012

7pm – 9pm

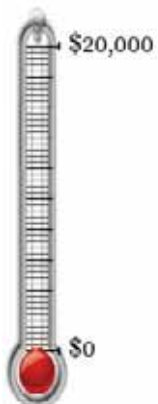
How

Children from a public school in Tribeca and students from Temple’s Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia will donate art they’ve created around our vision and mission statements. Also, photographic prints of the South Bronx will be available for purchase. A sincere thank-you to our contributors!



Goals

We need to raise \$20,000 in seed money. This money will go directly into the fees associated with launching our programs, such as insurance fees, materials, rent, etc. Please join us in this effort. Our online donation page will be available in January at:



www.greengenerations.org





January 2012 Launching our Website

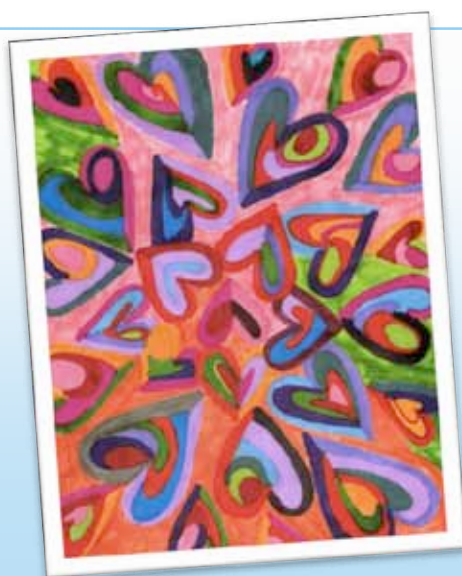
That's right! In the early weeks of January our Green Generations website will be available to the public.

For the past six months our website has been password coded as we've been working on creating a dynamite site that is easy to navigate, inspirational, and highly informative.

In early January you will be able to visit our site. We look forward to your thoughtful feedback and comments!

Also, our website wouldn't have been possible without the generous and incredible talent of our web designer, [Mariko Dreifuss](#). We are very grateful for her expertise and contribution! Thank you!

Finally, you will notice that our website will be translated into three languages: English, Spanish, and French. Translations of the pages will be forthcoming in the New Year.



Positive Affirmations

During our board meetings, we take a moment to reflect and share positive thoughts with each other.

Here are a few positive affirmations we'd like to share with you for the New Year!

Life is a joy filled with delightful surprises.

The more grateful I am, the more reasons I find to be grateful.

Loving myself heals my life.



June 2012 Green Generations' Programs Kick-Off

At Green Generations the foundation of our teaching method for all of our workshops is centered on teaching life skills.

Our team will receive specialized training to give children, parents, and educators every opportunity they need to develop his or her talents and potential.

We have thoughtfully designed empowering workshops for children, their families, and educators. All of our workshops are fun, dynamic, hands-on, and compassionate. We

look forward to launching our programs in June and July of 2012.

Our workshops for children and parents are divided into three main categories: Life-Enriching, Eco-Educational, and Living Healthy and Happy.

For our teachers, we have designed a series of workshops in 5 modules. They're entitled: Teaching Children Compassionately, Exploring Empathy & Emotions, Effective Praise & Infinite Potential, Environmental Ethics, and Turning Your Visions into Actions.

Visit our website in January for more details.



Our Success Notebook

An inspiring, fulfilling and meaningful activity that provides us time to joyfully celebrate!

How-To
Design Your Own
Personalized Success
Notebook

1. Choose a beautiful notebook/journal that inspires you to write.
2. Designate time in your schedule for writing.
3. Start documenting your successes!
4. Use colors, photos, and pictures, too!

Who Are We? Meet the GG Gang!

Adrienne Heim-Vener, Executive Director

Adrienne Heim-Vener is the founding executive director of Green Generations. Adrienne became devoted to the dream of creating a place in the Bronx where children, parents, and teachers would learn to become community leaders, responsible eco-citizens, and develop their talents in a happy, loving, and respectful environment.



Christina Santiago, Vice Executive Director

Christina is the consummate educator. She has been teaching in NYC elementary public schools for over 25 years. Christina is passionate about whole-child education, connecting children with nature, and teaching children about healthy nutritional habits. Christina is excited to reconnect with her community and share her valuable expertise with us at Green Generations.

Erica Allis, Secretary

Erica Allis has over ten years of professional experience in the sustainable development field with IRI and UNEP. Erica is enthusiastic about bridging her knowledge of environmental policy with education. She is inspired to work on a local level here in New York City to contribute to a grassroots effort that improves environmental, educational, and social awareness.



James Vener, Treasurer

A professional environmental engineer for over 10 yrs in and around his native NY, Jim supervised and performed clean-ups, site investigations and construction management. To broaden his horizons, Jim has spent the last five years with UNEP directing projects to support renewable energy alternatives to fossil fuels in Africa and Asia. Jim is eager to bring his knowledge and experiences home to New York and to Green Generations.

Coming Soon in 2012!

In the spring, Green Generations will launch two exciting initiatives for the expressed purpose of giving a voice to our families in the community. They are:

- Youth Advisory Board
- Parent Advisory Board

Check out our website for more information.



Final News

“Be the change you want to see in the world.” –Gandhi



A WARM WELCOME TO

Victor Chovil

A talented Seattle native, Victor will be joining the Green Generations team April 1, 2012. We are excited for him to arrive and help us launch our community outreach and marketing initiatives.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...



... For her skillful and generous talent in designing our website.

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We believe in a community of all generations who create a compassionate, more just, and greener world full of joy and love.

Recommended Reading

