# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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CREATING AND EDUCATING ABOUT COMMUNITY-SCALE REGENERATIVE FOOD PRODUCTION AND CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEMS



### A WORD FROM THE CO-FOUNDERS

Dear Reunity Community,

It is with deep gratitude that we reflect on our work together for the past twelve years. Some of you we've known since then, Tejinder's days teaching at the Santa Fe Community College, or getting started with the Farm to Restaurant program through the Santa Fe Alliance, and Juliana also teaching middle school and tabling at community events with bowls of worms and babies. It's easy to look back and connect the dots, but when we founded Reunity Resources in 2011, a lot of the programs we are operating today were just dreams and what-ifs that we talked about at dinner or wrote down on big paper. It is only through your support and participation this has all come to fruition!

Our hearts overflow with appreciation as we recount the milestones and growth that have marked our collective path. The journey of Reunity Resources has been a testament to the power of community and the resilience that emerges when we unite for a common purpose.

Navigating the terrain of regeneration and interconnectedness, much like the delicate dance of the natural world, has been both challenging and rewarding. We celebrate the strides we have all made together in co-creating community-scale solutions to waste diversion, soil health, environmental education, food systems and climate change resiliency.

In gratitude,

**TEJINDER + JULIANA CIANO** Co-founders Reunity Resources

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### **ABOUT REUNITY**

Reunity Resources was founded with the knowledge that community-scale change is necessary for our resilience in a changing world.

By creating effective closed-loop systems that allow local businesses and individuals to participate in climate change solutions, we are taking active steps together toward the world we want to live in. Reunity started with a biodiesel collective and has since grown to include community composting, regenerative agriculture with a direct food security focus for our most vulnerable neighbors. By furthering these practices through environmental education, community engagement, and local food systems advocacy, we are sowing seeds for broader scale participation in and replication of these principles.



#### We do this with through:

 food donations in our 24/7 access noquestions-asked community fridge
fresh produce, ready-to-eat homemade meals featuring farm foods, and farm cards that we donate to families served by our partner organizations
food access programs in our Farm Stand, including WIC, Double Up Food Bucks, Fresh RX and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

### FOOD ACCESS

In Santa Fe County alone, 1 in 5 children face food insecurity each day. This issue isn't new, but in the face of inflation, flattened wages, and crises like the pandemic, it has gotten worse. That's why making fresh, healthy food access to everyone in our community is paramount to our purpose. Hunger is both an immediate and a long term issue, and when it comes to food security within our state, we need to continue building capacity to grow, preserve and distribute food for our population.

In 2023, Reunity provided:

- 600+ meals/month to our community via our "no questions asked" 24-hour community pantry, which features produce, dried goods, and dairy products
- Fresh food to an average 50 local households per week via our food access partners-SFPS Adelante, Many Mothers, the Santa Fe Indigenous Center, and The Birthing Tree Collective
- \$7,500 in Farm Card donations to families served by these partners, which allow our community members the dignity to choose what they want, when they want it, in the Farm Stand.

I'M A FIRST TIME MOTHER AND **RECEIVED VEGETABLES AND PREPPED** MEALS FROM REUNITY RESOURCES. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO ME ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE I GAVE BIRTH AND IT REALLY HELPED MY FAMILY. IT RELIEVED US OF THE STRESS OF HAVING TO GO OUT AND GET **GROCERIES AND THEIR PREPPED** MEALS WERE REALLY YUMMY AND NUTRITIOUS FOR AFTER MY BIRTH. ALL THE VEGETABLES WERE FRESH AND ORGANIC AND IT WAS NOTICEABLE THE STAFF PUT LOVE INTO THEIR WORK. I'M GRATEFUL FOR REUNITY RESOURCES AND THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE MY LIFE EASIER DURING MY POSTPARTUM. -IVONE, NEW MOTHER

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# FOOD SYSTEMS

Solving hunger goes beyond immediate community food access programs. Our vision, in partnership with neighbors, farmers and government leaders, is to establish a secure local food system here in Santa Fe. Effective, inclusive collaborations and shared infrastructure form the fundamental basis for this system. Food and infrastructure hubs can be the core of a localized, resilient, and nourishing food system, where all people have equitable and secure access to locally grown & produced foods.

Working toward this vision, we share our greenhouse, labor, land/field space, compost, wash station, certified kitchen, refrigeration, community gathering space, food donation coordination and more with food sovereignty programs including Full Circle Farm, Black Health Equity NM, indigenous seed stewards, and other students, organizations and farms.



Reunity is all about collaborative visioning, advocacy, and practical actions to increase regenerative agriculture and improve food systems efficiencies in northern New Mexico.

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#### **REUNITY RESOURCES**



# **REUNITY FARM**

In 2023, our regenerative farm grew over 70 varieties of vegetables with over 90 varieties native and pollinator plants and trees on the land, creating robust biodiversity, an urban wildlife corridor and a shady haven for Farm Campers, visiting school groups and event attendees. 274 individual volunteers supported our hard working farm team. Beyond our drop-in field volunteer program, over 40 groups aided the Farm, spanning the three local Rotary Clubs to dozens of school groups. Volunteers also supported us through grant writing, animal stewardship, landscaping and orchard care (pruning/harvesting), the weekly stocking of the community fridge, and collaboration to make Fall Fest exuberant.

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#### **REUNITY RESOURCES**

### WASTE DIVERSION

Through our Commercial and Doorstep Food Waste Collection services, we divert 1,404,910 pounds of food waste from the landfill annually: that's the CO2 emissions equivalent to removing 823 vehicles from the road for a whole year.

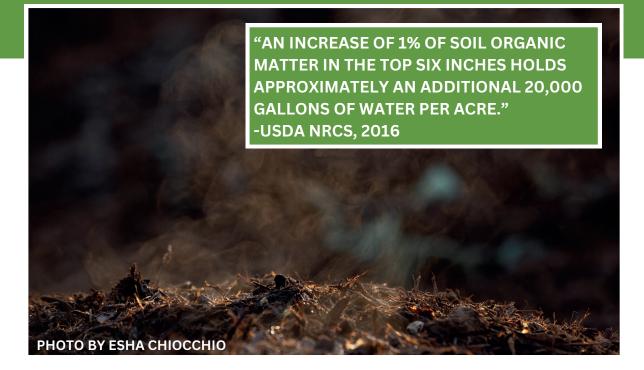
Adding in the manure, wood waste and yard waste we compost, we prevented 4,018,110 pounds of organic matter from rotting in the landfill last year.

What happens next is regenerative alchemy: these wastes become valuable products that further pollution reduction and sequester carbon. We create 6 types of compost, 3 mulches and 5 soil amendment blends in the soil yard. In 2023, we also collected 49,184 gallons of used cooking oil to be converted into biodiesel, a 35% growth since 2021.

"Over one-third of the food produced in the United States is never eaten, wasting the resources used to produce it and creating a myriad of environmental impacts. Food waste is the single most common material landfilled and incinerated in the U.S., comprising 24 and 22 percent of landfilled and combusted municipal solid waste, respectively. Reducing and preventing food waste can increase food security, foster productivity and economic efficiency, promote resource and energy conservation, and address climate change." -EPA



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### **HEALTHY SOILS**

Building healthy soils in our desertified landscape is essential for local food sovereignty and climate change resiliency. They absorb and hold water, retaining rain water where it is useful for plant roots, increasing disease and drought resistance in plants, and sequestering carbon.

Last year, our soil yard was responsible for amendments that could cover over 35 acres of land with an inch of material. This yields at least 28.54 metric tons of CO2 equivalent in carbon sequestered. We also provided over 70 cubic yards to school and community gardens and other food security growing projects.

In 2023, we also installed 43 backyard compost systems for interested residents in SF County, taught workshops and installed two scale-able ASPs in Mora and Taos County, and built our first Johnson-Su bioreactors in the farm, to test the NMSU-born sensation in high-fungal compost production.

# COMMUNITY

Our vision is not just to grow healthy, sustainable food and to create closedloop waste systems here at the farmit's to inspire others to do the same. Over twenty thousand people visited the farm over the course of the season. Land, water and food are universal connectors, and Reunity offers an ideal place for reflection and celebration of all that connects us to each other and the natural world as a whole.

We hosted a broad spectrum of the community at our public events, which in 2023 included favorite local musicians, legendary storyteller Joe Hayes, bilingual cooking classes, soil health workshops, farm dinners and our popular Fall Fest. Over 500 people attend Fall Fest each year, pressing cider as a family, eating harvest soups, picking flowers and berries and enjoying wholesome fall fun on the farm.





"The Farm keeps getting better every year! Thanks for being such an asset to our community through food, music, camps, education, soil, dinners, and being a gathering ground of connection." -Community Member



My 8 year old LOVED every minute of Farm Camp. His creativity was engaged in a myriad of ways from making tie dye shirts to active dramatic play like the game Ranger, which he came home and promptly taught the whole family. He loved catching roly-polies to add to the compost and playing Drip Drip Drop. He made new friends who go to different schools and this taught him how easy it can be to make new friends and bravely try new experiences. His teacher was kind, patient, and inspiring. My deepest gratitude for creating such a healthy, loving summer camp for our children! -Local Parent

# EDUCATION

Education is one of our core values. We offer free field trips and presentations for public school groups and other organizations, and hands-on professional development with farmers, ranchers and area local governments interested in putting the principles of regenerative agriculture and community-scale composting into practice. We worked with over 40 classrooms and groups of learners of all ages in 2023. Over 300 individuals attended our free Root to Fruit farm tours.

Beyond this, we offered 157 scholarship seats and connected 316 children with their food sources at our award-winning Farm Camp. We combine aspects of music, art, science and social-emotional learning, facilitating direct interactions with our fields and farmers, sparking environmental engagement and creating lifelong memories.



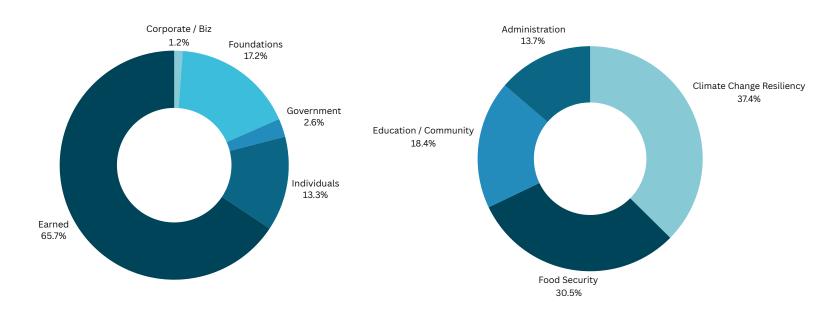


# **2023 BY THE NUMBERS**

To ensure program sustainability and impact, we rely on diverse funding sources. Your generous support provides a harvest to many.

### **How We Are Funded**

### **How We Used Funds**



## AWARDS THROUGH THE YEARS

- 2023 Local Hero Award for Best Farm in Central NM from Edible Magazine
- Best Of Recognitions for Best Summer Camp for Youth, Ecoliving and Sustainability from the Santa Fe Reporter
- 2022 Living Land Stewards Award from the NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council
- 2021 "10 Who Made A Difference" award from the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper
- 2019 Pinon Award for Visionary Non Profit from the Santa Fe Community Foundation
- 2017 Verde Project Award from the City of Santa Fe
- 2016 Sustainable Santa Fe Award from the City of Santa Fe
- 2015 Public-Private Partnership of the Year Award from the New Mexico Recycling Coalition
- 2015 Direct Action Award from the Climate Change Leadership Institute
- 2015 Sustainable Santa Fe Award from the City of Santa Fe



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#### **REUNITY RESOURCES**

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION MATTERS

Robust community engagement in our programming serves as a powerful testament to the meaningful impact of our work and what we can accomplish as we move forward together.









I'VE JUST MOVED TO TOWN AND HADN'T FIGURED OUT MY SUPPORT SYSTEMS YET... THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE HELPED CARRY MY FAMILY THROUGH SOME LEAN DAYS

-COMMUNITY MEMBER

### **PARTNERS IN SUSTAINABILITY**

#### **BioDiesel Partners**

315 Restaurant & Wine Bar Adobo Catering Andiamo! Atrisco Cafe & Bar **Bang Bite Filling Station Betterday Coffee** Blue Heron Restaurant Boxcar **Burrito Spot** Cafe Castro Capitol High Chick-fil-A Chocolate Maven Counter Culture Cowgirl Crepas-oh! Del Charro Dinner for Two Restaurant Dolina Bakery & Cafe Dos Amigos Sports Mexican Restaurant **Dumpling** Tea El Nido Estevan Restaurante Fast & Real burritos Four Seasons Resort **Fusion Tacos** Harry's Roadhouse Hidden Mountain Brewing Co. Izanami Joe's Dining K' Bueno La Boca La Casa Sena La Choza La Secoya de El Castillo La Taqueria Las Golondrinas Las Soleras Senior Living Manko Market Steer Steakhouse MorningStar Senior Living Mucho Gusto

Palacio Cafe Paloma Paper Dosa Pizzeria da Lino Plaza Taqueria Pollo Asado Posa's Ramblin' Cafe Realburger **Restaurant Martin** Rio Chama Prime Steakhouse Rowley Farmhouse Ales Sabor Peruano Restaurant Saigon Cafe Santa Fe Bar & Grill Santa Fe Bees Restaurant Santa Fe Bite Santa Fe Brewing Santa Fe High Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club Santarepa Cafe Sassella Restaurant Second Street Brewery Shake Foundation Sopaipilla Factory Sushi8 Taco Bell Tacos Y Mariscos El Rodeo Tacos y Salsas The Anasazi Restaurant, Bar & Lounge The Club at Las Campanas The Kitchen Table Santa Fe The Kitchen+Bar The Pink Adobe The Shed Thunderbird Bar & Grill Tomasita's Torogoz Trattoria A Mano Tumbleroot Brewery and Distillery Vanessie Restaurant & Piano Bar Vinaigrette Walter Burke Catering

# PARTNERS IN SUSTAINABILITY

#### **Commercial Food Waste Collection Partners**

35 North Coffee Amanda's Flowers Arroyo Vino **Bread Shop** Cafe Castro Cafecito Cottonwood Kitchen at Tesuque Casino Cowgirl Dolina Bakery & Cafe El Rey Court Four Seasons Resort Iconik Coffee Roasters Java Joe's **Kitchen Angels** La Choza La Mama La Secoya de El Castillo **Netflix Studios** Ohori's Coffee Roasters Paloma **Restaurant Martin** Santa Fe International Hostel Starbucks Sweetwater Harvest Kitchen The Kitchen Table Santa Fe The Shed Tumbleroot Brewery and Distillery Walter Burke Catering

#### +21 Santa Fe Public Schools





### COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS

### Some of the Organizations who collaborated with us this past year:

Agua Fria Village Association Black Health Equity NM City of Santa Fe Communities in Schools Eldorado/285 Recycles Future Focused Education Healthy Soil Working Group La Familia Southside Clinic Lensic360 Mainstreet NM NM Department of Health NM Outdoor Recreation Department NM Recycling Coalition NM School for the Deaf NM Department of Agriculture NM Farmers' Marketing Association Presbyterian Medical Services Pojoaque-SF Soil & Water Conservation District Queen Bee Music Association Quivira Coalition Rotary Clubs of Santa Fe Santa Fe County Sustainability Department Santa Fe Indigenous Center Santa Fe Libraries SF Community Yoga SF Preparatory School SF Farmers' Market Institute SF Food Policy Council SF Extension Master Gardeners SF Public Schools SFPS Adelante Sprouting Kitchen St. Michael's High School Three Sisters Collective UCLA Social Impact Consulting Corps United World College YouthWorks, Inc.

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### **2023 DONORS**

\$100,000+

Anonymous

#### \$50,000+

Anonymous Just Woke Up Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation Richard Hertz & Doris Meyer Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation

#### \$10,000+

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#### \$5000+

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#### \$2500+

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#### \$1000+

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#### \$500+

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We love supporting Reunity Resources, knowing our donation makes both an immediate and lasting impact right here where we live. -Donor

## FARM STAND PRODUCERS

Apickleypse Beck & Bulow BlueFly Farms Sparkling Waters **Brightway Eggs** Camino de Paz **CLC Pecans Edensent Beauty Products** Full Circle Mushrooms Gosar Ranch Heart of the Desert Pistachios Lotus Farms Maya's Mushrooms Mi Young's Kimchi Montoya Orchard Mushroom Mama **New Mexico Ferments** Olivieri Chocolate **Owl Peak Farm** Plantita Bakery **Reyah Sunshine Mushrooms Rio Grande Grain Collective** Soul Nectar Creations Tea.o.graphy The Honeysuckle The Pickle Jar Three Sisters Kitchen Granola **Trilogy Beef** Tucumcari Cheese Zia Sodas







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### **2023 STAFF**

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#### **Farm Stand** Lorraine Chow Carmen Ribadaneira

#### **Kitchen** Jen Moyer Dave Raggio

**Soil Yard** Adam Sargent







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### **TIMELINE OF FIRSTS**

2011	Reunity Founded, Biodiesel
2012	First conversations with City of Santa Fe
2014	Commercial Food Waste Collection
2016	Aerated Static Pile Commercial Composting
2017	Backyard Composting with Santa Fe County
2018	Vermicomposting, Free SFPS Field Trips
2019	Farm stewardship transfer, Reunity Farm & Farm Stand
2020	Full Circle Farm, Farm Fresh food programs, Doorstep Collection
2021	Farm Camp, Events and Community Fridge, Farm-to-Family Meals
2022	Field Volunteer Program, Farm Cards for Food Security
2023	Root to Fruit Farm Tours, Eldorado Drop-off, Johnson-Su bioreacto
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### CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION DONORS

