



#RegrowPuertoRico

Final Report 2/2018

THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT!

[#RegrowPuertoRico](#) was a humble campaign started by four [Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems](#) (CASFS) apprentices. We are all connected to Puerto Rico and were devastated by the hurricanes' destruction last September. We set out to raise donations and the response from the Santa Cruz community and donors all over the world has been incredible. ¡Gracias, gracias, gracias!

We are writing this to share our final donation numbers and how they were distributed. **We surpassed our desired goal and raised a total of \$21,158!** Donations went directly to organizations supporting small farmers, the farmers themselves, and to ship donated materials (except for the 3% Generosity.com withheld.) Check it out!

Supporting Grassroots Agriculture Activism



[Fondo de Resiliencia](#) is a grassroots effort powering local regional-food systems, sustainable farming practices, farmers markets, food communities, and the decolonization of agriculture. They are supporting 200 farms with rain water collection, seed donations, reforestation, planting, and more. We raised \$5,000 + [The Cheesecake Factory Inc.](#) donated \$5,500!

\$10,500 TOTAL RAISED

Supporting Student-Driven Community Food Garden



[Huerto Semilla UPRRP](#) is an educational, urban agroecological community garden. It was founded and is sustained by students at the University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras Campus. They are using the funds for tools and outreach for the garden.

\$2,658 TOTAL RAISED

Supporting Local Organic Seeds



[Desde Mi Huerto](#) is the largest organic seed bank in Puerto Rico. The owner, Raul, is pictured on the right telling us about the most requested seeds on the island and his plans for installing solar energy. On the left, seeds are being separated into seed packets. We raised \$5,500 and [Santa Cruz Heirloom Seeds](#) donated \$2,000 raised!

\$7,500 TOTAL RAISED

Supporting Local Agriculture



Nadja Zoe Vale from [Proyecto Uvas de Puerto Rico](#) explains her rooftop table grape model. The project is 8 years old and the model was developed by Nadja and her father, Jorge Vale. They lost all of their \$500 models yet saved plant materials to restart the project. We were able to gift her \$500 + \$500 from [Escribanas](#) to support 2 models!

\$1000 TOTAL RAISED

Overall, we helped raised \$21,158 from over 200 donors to regrow Puerto Rico!

Other Donations

- 10 Solar Panels and an Invertor from CASFS and [The Nell Newman Foundation](#)
- 120 Pounds of Seeds from CASFS, [Renee's Garden Seeds](#), [Mountain Feed and Farm Supply](#), and individual donors
- \$3000 Donation to [Finca Conciencia- La Colmena](#) for bees from [Empress Green Inc.](#) farm

Shout Outs

We want to thank the following people and organizations for their support in so many different ways.

- Santa Cruz Sentinel for this [beautiful article](#)
- Tara for the [radio interview](#) on “Health and Happiness Radio” on KOMY
- [CASFS Harvest Festival](#) for inviting us fundraise at the event
- The teachers and staff at the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
- Our fellow apprentices for making life beautiful in community and for this [video!](#)



(Photo credit Dan Coyro — Santa Cruz Sentinel)

We are native Puerto Ricans, Crystal and Gaby and future residents, Fernando and Arielle. Please continue to follow our efforts and learn about ways of supporting Puerto Rican agroecology on facebook:

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