



As the holiday season begins, SEEDS (Sustainable Energy Education and Development Support) wants to thank you for caring about sustainability in our communities, and for helping SEEDS grow! There is much good news to share, and your support has made it possible! So here it is... your annual SEEDS update/fundraising letter. This is the **only request for donations** we mail each year. Please consider making a tax –deductible donation today to help continue our good work in the community.

**This year there is a great opportunity to have your gift matched (essentially doubled) if you donate by December 31, 2015. A donor has offered to match all donations up to \$4,000! This is great news for all of us!**

Founded 7 years ago, SEEDS has been promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable living to improve the health of our environment and local economy. Some important milestones:

- In 2009, SEEDS sponsored training in solar and small scale wind so our area contractors had an opportunity to benefit from the growing demand for renewable energy, resulting in two new local solar installation companies.
- In 2010, we developed a home energy assessment program to help residents save energy. Since then this program has provided 21 summer jobs for area high school students, assessed 227 homes, and is saving an estimated 150,000 kilowatt hours annually – that's thousands of dollars area families are saving each year!
- In 2011, we launched Wayne Businesses Conserve, and continue to help businesses save energy costs.
- In 2012, SEEDS worked with the Chamber of Commerce adding a *Green Business Award* annually to honor businesses dedicated to people, profit and planet.
- In 2013, we hired our first (part-time) Executive Director.
- In 2014, SEEDS partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Wayne County and installed the first solar system on a Habitat home in PA!

And this year, SEEDS will perform 6 energy efficiency upgrades on non-profit buildings in our area, so they can better serve our region by saving energy costs! This program was funded by the John and Helen Villaume Foundation and The Overlook Estate Foundation Inc. **The non-profit winners are: Dessin Animal Shelter, Wayne County Historical Society, Lacawac Sanctuary, the Waverly Community House and the Hawley and Northern Wayne Public Library branches.**

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Exciting plans for 2016 include:

- More free educational forums
- Expanding our free energy assessment program to include helping more non-profits
- Partnering with two more Habitat for Humanity organizations
- Partnering with The Sustainability Fund ([theseef.org](http://theseef.org))
- Customizing solar energy and energy efficiency forums for Wayne/Pike builders

Please help us make this all happen by making a tax-deductible contribution today. Any amount will be put to good use. You can mail a check payable to SEEDS or visit [www.seedsgroup.net](http://www.seedsgroup.net) and click on DONATE TODAY. A contribution can be made via MasterCard, Visa, Amex, Discover or PayPal. You may even select a monthly sustaining amount!

**Don't forget, if you donate by December 31, 2015 your gift will be matched!**

Thank you for supporting a sustainable future!

All of us at SEEDS wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season!



Katharine Dodge  
SEEDS Chair

P.S. Don't forget to save any fun household items for our annual SWAPAPALOOZA fundraiser PARTY! in the spring. Bring a swap item, and take home another for free! It is a great way to upcycle items you no longer need. Look for more details in our upcoming e-newsletters.

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Enclosed is a tax - deductible contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

- Please apply the first \$10 of my donation to pay for my 2016 (Jan. – Dec.) SEEDS membership dues:
- I am a new SEEDS member. (*Make sure to provide your email address below.*)
  - I am renewing my SEEDS membership.
  - No membership, just a donation.

If you are not receiving our monthly e-newsletter publicizing all our SEEDS free forums, events and articles about sustainability initiatives and renewable energy news, please provide your email address here:

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(SEEDS will never share your email address with any other organization.)

**Please make your check payable to SEEDS and mail to: 1030 Main Street; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Honesdale, PA 18431**