



# THE WASSAIC PROJECT

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Dear XXXX,

TOGETHER WE ARE WASSAIC.

The Wassaic Project is not just made up of our neighbors, artists, and kids...it includes YOU. With your help, your enthusiasm, and your support, TOGETHER, we have all done a big lift. Together we are engaging art and artists to build a strong community—one rooted in the fundamental ideas of compassion, integrity, and open-mindedness. A place that celebrates differences, and a place that believes in a positive future.

In 2008 we came to Wassaic as a scrappy arts festival, and now, TEN YEARS LATER, we are an internationally renowned organization with a highly competitive artist residency program, a profoundly impactful education program, a cutting edge exhibition space, and a community that helps one another, regardless of our differences. That is what YOU have helped build.

Sociologist Brené Brown, writes in her new book, “Braving the Wilderness”, about finding belonging in the current political climate with its vast social and economic divide, that we must approach those who are different from us with a strong back and a soft front. That is exactly what we do in Wassaic. At a time when many in our country are moving away, both physically and emotionally, from individuals with differing life experiences, we, in Wassaic, are bringing people together for conversations of all kinds. Children, staff, artists all learn alternative ways of thinking, living and communicating, and in turn we are learning the very same things from our neighbors.

This has happened because of YOU!

And now we are asking you to continue that support, indeed to double down on that support. We hope that you will consider making a gift to the Wassaic Project that is meaningful, and join us to imagine where we can go TOGETHER in the next TEN YEARS.

With admiration and thanks,

Bowie Zunino  
+ the Wassaic Project Team