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Help our unique work assisting migrant field workers by **making a donation to the Harvest of Hope Foundation, PO Box 40, Stephentown, New York 12168**. For more information, visit our web-site at: www.harvestofhope.net.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Philip Kellerman, President

PRESS RELEASE

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- ★ \$300 to the Tanglewood 4-H and Learning Center in Lincolnville, Maine, to purchase camping supplies for migrant children attending their summer camp.
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www.harvestofhope.net.

March 3, 2003

Jonathon Levine, Publisher/Editor
The Pittsfield Gazette
38 West Street
PO Box 2236
Pittsfield, MA 01202

Dear Mr. Levine:

Hello. Eddie O'Toole, fellow member of the Pittsfield Unitarian Church that I attend, recommended I contact you to tell you the **Harvest of Hope Foundation**.

In 1997 I established the Harvest of Hope Foundation as the only national foundation to raise private funds to exclusively assist migrant farmworkers and families across the country. I run the Foundation out of home in Lebanon Springs, New York.

Since our nation's harvesters of fruits, vegetables and other foods must travel large distances and toil long hours in the fields for minimal pay, the Harvest of Hope Foundation tries to fill in the gaps in service to this population of workers, the majority of whom are Hispanic. We respond because federal and state aid to migrant families is limited and, often, not available.

Many Americans are unaware of the dedication migrant farmworkers and families make to bringing us our daily bounty of foods. Therefore, we would appreciate publication of all or part of the following press release to generate awareness of the problems migrant families face, and the unique help provided to them by the Harvest of Hope Foundation.

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Thank you, and our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

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Since its establishment in 1997, the Harvest of Hope Foundation has distributed more than \$158,000 in aid to migrant farmworkers and their families. The Foundation is the only foundation nationally to raise private funds exclusively to aid migrant farmworkers and their families.

The Harvest of Hope Foundation was established by Philip Kellerman, President, via an inheritance from his grandmother, Dr. Helen Zand, who was a long time social worker and advocate for the poor.

The web-site for the Harvest of Hope Foundation is: www.harvestofhope.net.

For more information, contact Philip Kellerman, President at 518.794.6665 or 1-888-922-4673. E-Mail: Kellerhope@taconic.net.

January 22, 2003

Marty Strange
Director, Policy Program
Rural Policy Matters
PO Box 68
Randolph, VT 05060

Dear Ms. Strange:

After reading *Rural Policy Matters* I would like to introduce you to the **Harvest of Hope Foundation**, based out of Stephentown, New York. The Foundation is the only national foundation to raise private funds to exclusively assist migrant farmworkers and families across the country.

I established the Harvest of Hope Foundation in 1997 via an inheritance from my grandmother, Dr. Helen Zand, who when alive was a long time social worker and advocate for the poor. Since our nation's harvesters of fruits, vegetables and other foods must travel large distances and toil long hours in rural fields for minimal pay, the Foundation works to fill in the gaps in service to this population of workers who are primarily Hispanic. We respond because federal and state aid to migrant families is limited and, often, not available.

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Philip Kellerman, President

March 5, 2003

Efrain Merchan
Managing Editor
El Zocalo News
77 Michigan Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Dear Mr. Merchan:

The majority of our nation's harvesters of fruits and vegetables are Hispanic, and they travel large distances to toil long hours in fields out of sight of most people in our country. Health services and other assistance to migrant families are limited and, often, not available.

The **Harvest of Hope Foundation** is the only national foundation to raise private funds to exclusively assist migrant farmworkers and families across the country. The Foundation works to fill in the gaps in service to this most deserving yet neglected population of workers and their families. I established the Harvest of Hope Foundation in 1997 via an inheritance from my grandmother, Dr. Helen Zand, who was a long time social worker and advocate for the poor when she was alive.

We believe readers of El Zocalo News would be interested in and benefit from knowing about the services of the Harvest of Hope Foundation. Therefore, we would appreciate any help on your part to let your association members know about us. Feel free to publish or distribute all or part of the following press release.

If you need additional information, please contact me at: 518.794.6665, email at: kellerhope@taconic.net or visit the Foundation web-site at www.harvestofhope.net.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Philip Kellerman, President

January 29, 2003

Bryan Welch, Publisher
Mother Earth News
1503 SW 42nd Street
Topeka, KS 66609-9330

Dear Mr. Welch:

Our nation's harvesters of fruits and vegetables travel large distances to toil long hours in fields out of sight of most people in our country. Health services and other assistance to migrant families, the majority of whom are Hispanic, are limited and, often, not available. They are an "invisible population", ignored by the mainstream media and not understood by the public.

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We hope that readers of Mother Earth News would be interested in knowing about the services of the Harvest of Hope Foundation. Therefore, feel free to publish all or part of the enclosed press release.

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Philip Kellerman, President

December 18, 2003

Miami New Times
PO Box 011591
Miami, FL 33101-1591

Dear Miami New Times:

The majority of our nation's harvesters of fruits and vegetables are Hispanic, and therefore I hope Miami New Times will be interested in the Harvest of Hope Foundation.

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Since its establishment, the Harvest of Hope Foundation has distributed more than \$154,000 in aid to migrant farmworkers and their families for vehicle repairs, housing, medical services, food, clothing, funeral expenses, and costs for college.

We would be very grateful if Miami New Times would grant us an interview or publish information to inform readers of the unique help provided to migrant families by the Harvest of Hope Foundation. Please feel free to contact me at: 518.794.6665 or visit our web-site at www.harvestofhope.net for more information.

Thank you for your time and attention, and I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Philip Kellerman, President

Dear TomPaine:

The majority of our nation's harvesters of fruits and vegetables are Hispanic, and therefore I hope the Hispanic Media Association will be interested in the Harvest of Hope Foundation.

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I would appreciate the opportunity to send the Hispanic Media Association a press release and 2002 annual report. If this is of sufficient interest, would you please provide me with an address and contact person.

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Philip Kellerman, President

January 14, 2003

Linda Garza Kalaf, President
Hispanic Women's Corporation
4545 North 36th Street, Suite 207
Phoenix, AZ 85018-3474

Re: Promoting Education for Women Migrant Farmworkers

Dear Ms. Garza Kalaf:

The majority of our nation's harvesters of fruits and vegetables are Hispanic, and **women** make up many of those who work the fields and also care for their families. Mobility, poverty, inaccessibility to health services, and educational disruption hamper the ability of migrant women to pursue education and careers of their choosing.

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The Harvest of Hope Foundation recently established a scholarship fund to help children of migrant farmworkers and their parents to achieve their educational dreams. June McBride, Migrant Counselor, Board Member and an Hispanic first generation college graduate, has developed a wonderful scholarship workbook entitled *Path to Scholarships*. The workbook and accompanying CD guides students to properly organize the materials necessary to improve their chances of securing financial aid (for more information, see www.needcollegemoney.com).

I would hope that the Hispanic Women's Corporation would be interested in supporting our scholarship efforts for migrant women via a donation to the Harvest of Hope Foundation and/or publicizing our unique work to members of the Corporation.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at 518.794.6665, email at: kellerhope@taconic.net. Also feel free to visit: www.harvestofhope.net.

Sincerely,

Philip Kellerman, President

We would be very grateful if El Central would grant us an interview or publish information to inform readers of the unique help provided to migrant families by the Harvest of Hope Foundation. Please feel free to contact me at: 518.794.6665 or visit our web-site at www.harvestofhope.net for more information.

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