



# Matter Of Trust.org

Join Eco-Enthusiasts  
For Renewable Resources

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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## Our Vision

We optimistically envision a future where humanity harmonizes with the cosmos and embraces Earth as matter of trust.

## Our Mission

**Our mission** is to link **manmade surplus** with those in need, to promote solutions involving **naturally abundant renewable resources**, and to produce **eco-educational** tools.

We identify and develop local and industrial recycling systems. We organize global collaborations sorting waste into useful material stockpiles for redistribution and manufacturing within communities.

We research ecological innovations, encourage in-house skill sets, and value mastery and expertise. We mobilize widespread support and celebrate advances with enthusiasm!

We create programs, online tutorials and environmental inspirations. We disseminate positive eco-news, display informative, transformational exhibits that highlight green career paths and healthy lifestyle choices.

Mother Nature is a catalyst. She is always in balance, orchestrating integrated, enduring cycles and providing for necessities. Intentionally, we follow her lead and only **concentrate on what we DO want for the planet.**



*A word from our President and Chairwoman...*



**Lisa Craig Gautier, President**

2016 was another big year for Matter of Trust, even though for two thirds of it we were living out of boxes. We will miss the sunny Mission, and are very excited about our 2 new homes. Partnering with Drawdown.org has been amazing for all of us and especially the Global Compost Project. Our Clean Wave program sent more hair mats to Garland Texas and the Air Force.

ExcessAccess.org is expanding by leaps and bounds! 2017 looks to be action packed as well. Thanks to everyone for their continued input and support!

*- Lisa*



**Janet Standen, Chairwoman**

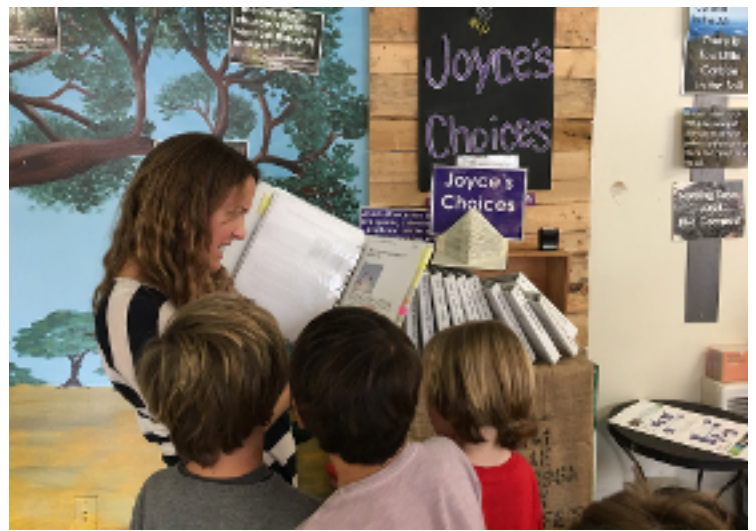
Matter of Trust continues to be a driving force for all things eco-positive. Joyce's Choices, our eco-centric news feed, always curates the very best innovative ideas to inspire and amaze, keeping us informed about eco-friendly progress around the world. Excess Access, the powerful engine that helps to provide someone "Access" to someone else's "Excess" to keep useful stuff out of landfill, is now more user-friendly than ever. With clearer sections, it is quick and easy to see what's there to be snapped up! Thanks to Lisa and her ever-hardworking team for another great year.

*- Janet*



# Field Trips

In 2016, field trips to our Eco-Center included Grattan Elementary School and the San Francisco Conservation Corps.





# ExcessAccess.org

This past year we were excited to launch our 10 departments for ExcessAccess, a feature that allows for better sorting and matching of gifts and wishes.



We also introduced a new keyword search bar that allows users to post gifts and wishes faster.

## Browse the Excess Access Departments

Use Keyword Search for Quick and Easy Posting!

Example: Desk



### EA Arts • Crafts • Music

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Industry • Research

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Disaster Relief • Med

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Movers • Repairs • Vols • \$

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Food • Compostables

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Office • School • Biz

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Hair • Fur • Fiber • etc

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Recycling • Scrap

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Home • Dorm

Linking surplus with needs



### EA Sports • Rec • Auto

Linking surplus with needs



# GlobalCompostProject.org

Check out all the great resources and carbon farming information that's available here now. The number of international partners has grown a lot this year!



# LEAF Academy 2016

Once again, Todd Ditto and the team provided a phenomenal Summer LEAF program! Big thanks to LEAF leaders Amber Post and Betty Cheng!

Special thanks to our good friends at <http://www.treefrogtreks.com> for letting us use their space!

**tree frog treks**  
WILD SCIENCE!





# **DRAWDOWN**

## **THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EVER PROPOSED TO REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING EDITED BY PAUL HAWKEN**

Drawdown.org and MatterOfTrust.org began a collaboration during 2016. Lisa Gautier, co-founder and president of Matter of Trust, became Chairwoman of Project Drawdown and Matter of Trust staff assisted with administration while Paul Hawken's team concentrated on research, writing and design. Check out this stunning book! It is a game changer!

# Thermophilic Composting of Pharmaceutical Compounds

This year, Matter of Trust became the fiscal sponsor for a project led by Dr. Gary Andersen, Microbial Ecology Department Head, Senior Scientist Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), Adjunct Professor UC Berkeley Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management.

This project, which studies thermophilic composting of pharmaceutical compounds, is funded by the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

The goal is to establish a Bay Area resource for evaluating the effectiveness of composting on the decay of pharmaceutical and other potentially toxic organic compounds, and facilitate the widespread use of compost as a safe solution to the greenhouse gas crisis.

The addition of the new equipment through this project provides the highest level of sensitivity for the detection of pharmaceutical compounds in complex environmental matrices. The combination of the existing unique microbial characterization facilities with this addition of the state-of-the-art chemical detection capabilities has made the Berkeley National Lab the most advanced research laboratory for the characterization of compost in the world at this time!



# Solar & Storage for Resilience

Matter of Trust is the fiscal sponsor for a project that is exploring how existing photovoltaic installations can be retrofitted to enable them to continue operating and provide emergency, localized power during an extended electric grid outage.



There are over 6,000 photovoltaic systems installed on homes and businesses throughout San Francisco that will, for safety reasons, stop generating power when grid power is lost during an earthquake or storm event.



The project is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, a collaborative national effort (SF Department of Environment included) that aggressively drives innovation to make solar energy fully cost-competitive with traditional energy sources before the end of the decade.

Matter of Trust continues to be the proud fiscal sponsor for the Heart of the City Farmers Market (HCFM).

Grants help to keep HCFM's stall fees 50% lower than neighboring markets, which in turn reduces food prices and makes it affordable for low-income customers.



Matter of Trust is also delighted to be the fiscal sponsor again this year for June Michaels' SONOMA Food Runners' whose mission is to alleviate hunger, prevent food waste, and build community.

# SONOMA Food Runners



# Hello Cole Street!

We said goodbye to our 17th Street Mission District location after a 3 year lease. We are moving to Cole Valley / Haight Ashbury. 2016 was devoted to the long process of working with the City to convert an apartment building garage and yard into our Matter of Trust Eco-Living Center. This grounding, cozy space will represent the microcosm of healthy lifestyles for mind, body and soil! It will give visitors the chance to explore the enchanting delights of eco-homes, edible urban forest gardens and well-being.

# Matter of Trust Eco-Industrial Hub

We also found a lovely warehouse location! This space will be a macrocosm of clean air, clean water, clean energy and eco-industry. It will also be a space where we can locally felt our hair mats for oil spills and storm drains!





We are so grateful to the volunteers from the Paul Mitchell San Francisco Institute of Esthetics and Cosmetology and to our amazing team - Sonja Lockhart, Charlene Eldon, Katia Rogers, Marco Pietschmann, Alan Wong, Evan Hernandez, Rudy DeLeon, Joyce Joseph, Veronica Masterson - who work tirelessly to create this unique recycling system.

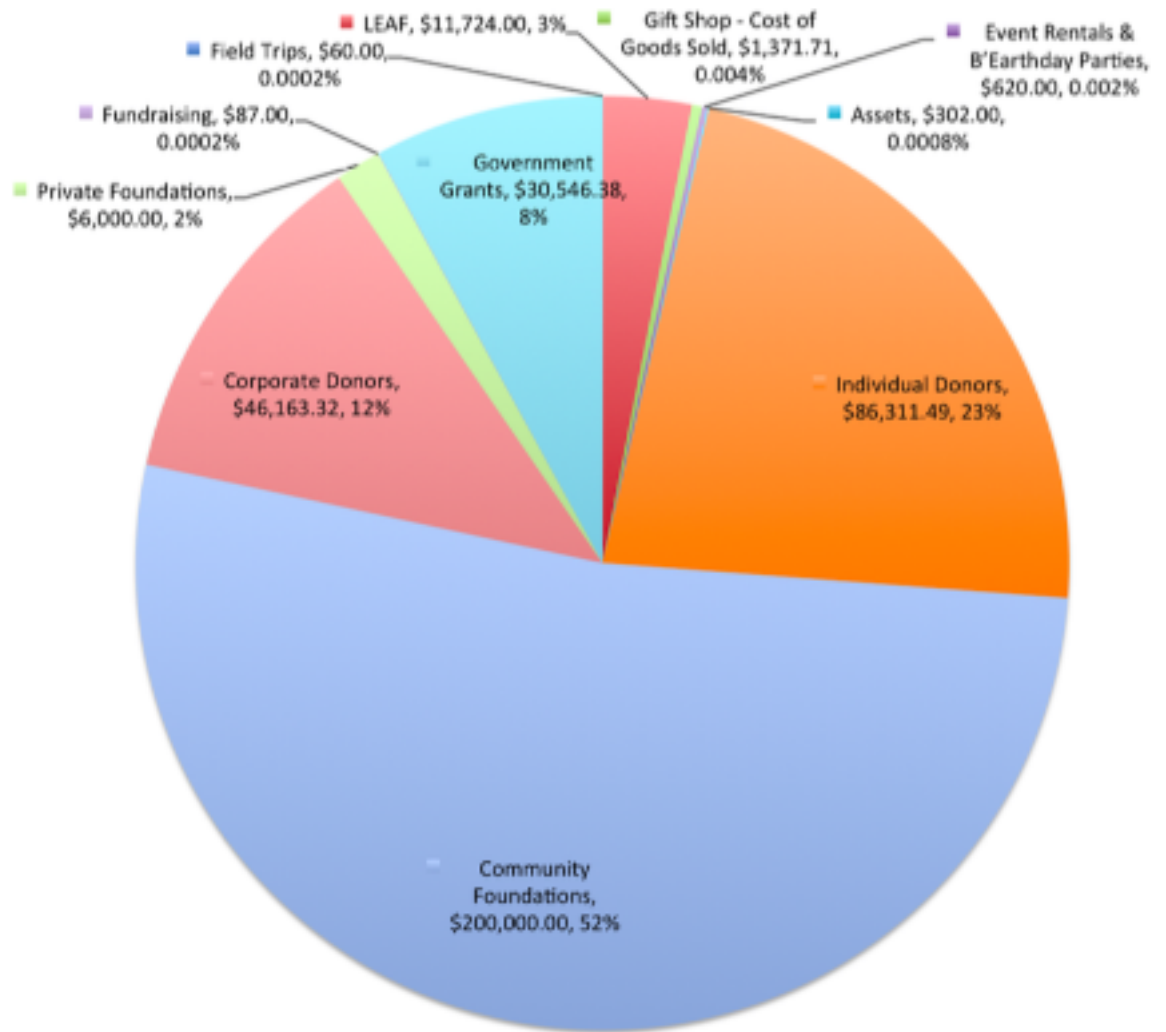


The Eco-Industrial Hub will be the manufacturing site for our Clean Wave project. Thank you to Anne and Doug Delfs for designing the perfect felting machines for hair and fur mats.

Betty Cheng and John Thurston, shown here, when Clean Wave was featured on NBC Bay Area December 2016!

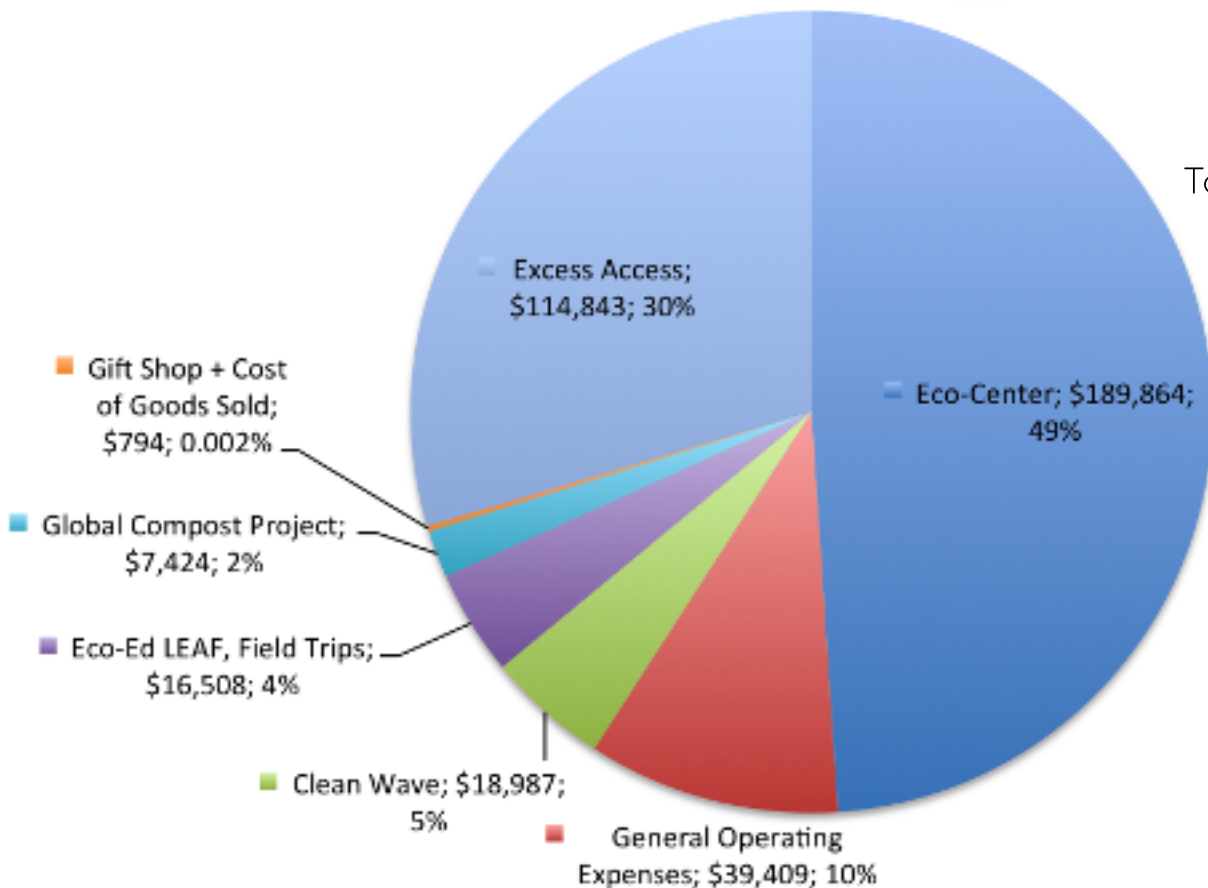
# Income

Total = \$383,185.90



# Expenses

Total = \$387,829.00





# Thank you!

For Matter of Trust, 2016 was a year full of change. Our dedicated team continued to grow our existing programs and embrace incoming projects while planning for the new Eco-Industrial Hub and Eco-Living Center. Your support has never been more vital and appreciated. We couldn't do it without you! Please visit [matteroftrust.org](http://matteroftrust.org) to donate. All gifts great and small will be matched up to \$100,000 by our Board!

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