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Dear Friend in Justice,

Renowned activist-poet Audre Lorde had it right when she said, *"In our world, divide and conquer must become define and empower."*

In the first few months of 2011, we saw a conquered community in Egypt demand a voice in their own society. This movement empowered communities across the globe to demand a new definition, a new democracy for a better way of life.

This is the heart of research justice at DataCenter: it sparks empowerment.

The source of that spark has been and will always be you. This past year, your individual gifts amounted to the single largest contribution in DataCenter's 33 year history! Your generosity has empowered us and it is empowering the marginalized communities that we work with to make their voices heard. Like never before, communities and allies are coming together across geography, generations, and industries to make a powerful and empowered web of justice.

In this web of justice, DataCenter is connecting modern technology to indigenous communities to save their ancestral lands. Farmworkers are joining restaurant workers, demanding justice for every person who has a hand in moving food from a farm to your fork. Research and other organizing support groups are weaving together in the Bay

Area and Los Angeles, to ensure communities have the resources they need to triumph in their campaigns. And three passionate, accomplished individuals have joined DataCenter's web of staff!

This web is just beginning. Communities once invisible are making themselves visible on the streets and in government chambers -- on their own terms. These terms reflect their realities. These terms celebrate their expertise and experience. These terms honor their dignity as leaders for a brighter future for us all.



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Thank you for weaving this web of justice with me.

In hope,

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Executive Director

DataCenter Welcomes....

New Board Members

Marla Cornelius,
Compasspoint Nonprofit Services

Aspen Branch-Moore, POWER

Sujata Srivastava, Strategic Economics

New Staff Members

Leslie Parra, Development Director

Jay Donahue, Program Manager

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DataCenter Thanks....

As we bid them farewell, we would like to thank Andrea Christina Mercado of *Mujeres Unidas y Activas* and Jessica Tovar of *Communities for a Better Environment* for their generous and enthusiastic service on DataCenter's Board of Directors.