PROBLEM

Three interrelated crises—a pandemic, attacks on basic human rights of women and BIPOC communities, and the global climate emergency—have left indelible imprints in terms of loss of life and social and political rupture around the world. Arguably, nowhere around the world has mishandled these crises more than the United States. A peaceful transition of power in the White House remains elusive, and an already divided nation is at risk of fracturing further.

SOLUTION

Kindness, tolerance, and empathy are needed to heal our divided world so that we can move forward together to promote a more positive future.

To further that goal, The Environmental Studies Program is issuing a Call for Proposals for projects that promote community and kindness. At least eight proposals of up to $200 will be funded through this initiative. Proposals of up to 1,000 words, detailing the target community, rationale for the funding, and a brief timeline should be sent to: pepperatkinsonpalombo@gmail.com by December 13th 2020. Awardees will be notified by December 20th 2020. One requirement of funding is to write a short blog post detailing the project and its impact.

PAW IT FORWARD

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This lecture, featuring Sam Pickering, provides the theoretical basis for initiative: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFHTWIpLS0k&feature=youtu.be