

# Thank you for 20 years!



Happy Anniversary Daily Actors!

What a long, inspiring trip it's been. Whether you've been with us a month, or since Daily Acts was just a few volunteers and a stack of Ripples Journals, we invite you to pause and celebrate the small steps that have led to big change.

20 years ago, the sudden loss of my mom and tragedy of 9/11 acted as a catalyst to do something about a people and planet in crisis. Out of this, **Daily Acts was founded on the belief that by reclaiming the power of our daily actions, we could transform ourselves, our homes, gardens, neighborhoods, communities and beyond.**

In a dark and stormy world of large problems, what if the power of small could change it all? It's small acts of courage and conviction, small groups of committed world-changers, and even small gardens of regenerative delight.

This is how we've gone from planting one garden to mobilizing hundreds, to tens of thousands of resilience-building actions. **With you at our side, Daily Acts has grown from educational events to installing gardens, fostering coalitions, training leaders and helping our community become national leaders in responding to the climate emergency.** In response to drought, fire, flood, pandemic and the climate crisis, together we rise.

There has never been a time when our small efforts and groups have mattered more. Now, it's time to get Daily Acts' solutions and models in many more hearts, hands and communities. Thank you for your vital support!

Take heart, take part, take action,

Trathen 

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## Your support amplifies our impact.

**SPREADING SOLUTIONS & MODELS:** Create inexpensive, simple-to-implement solutions that empower people to take climate action and improve the environment while providing models that are accessible and replicable beyond our local community.

**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP:** Develop tomorrow's environmental champions that understand that change occurs at the intersection of environment, economy, and equity.

**BUILDING PUBLIC WILL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Grow support for science-aligned climate policy and adoption of low-tech solutions on local, state, and national scales by working with our networks and alliances.





## 1,474 Programs over 20 years

**Talks, tours, hands-on workshops, & community gatherings to inspire change:**



**ACTION:** Growing skills, relationships, and resilience drives bigger community changes. We've installed **37 demonstration gardens**, educated and engaged over **70,000 people** and mobilized over **100,000 actions** and projects to grow food, save resources, reduce climate change, and build local self-reliance.



**LEADERSHIP:** To build community leadership, Daily Acts has helped launch and lead over **2 dozen diverse coalitions** at the local, regional, state and national scale in addition to adopting and strengthening the Leadership Institute and ECO2school youth climate leadership programs.



**COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION:** By pairing community driven action and leadership development with local governmental partners, we design innovative programs and policies to address the climate emergency. We work with over **100 organizations and businesses** each year to host programs and collaborate with regional networks.

**Learn more about our work at [www.dailyacts.org/our-story](http://www.dailyacts.org/our-story)**

# 20 years of Transformative Action

Hosted 1st Sustainability Tour, sharing an inspiring vision of resiliency and action



2002

Installed 1st public food forest in Northern California and ignited city partner alliances



2009

Co-led collaboration to transform 30 lawns in 30 days, helping young adults overcome barriers and reach their greatest potential



2015

Helped create Landscape Design Templates utilized by 40% of fire survivors rebuilding in 2018 & 2019



2018

Collaborated to give away 1,200 food container gardens in Covid response



2020

2008



Installed 1st permitted household graywater system in Sonoma County, streamlining today's permit process

2010



Mobilized 628 garden installations in a weekend in 1st community action campaign, demonstrating small acts add up to have a big impact

2017



Saved the Leadership Institute from closing, empowering people with tools for personal leadership, civic engagement and collective power

2019



Co-founded Climate Action Petaluma to help the city and eventually all of Sonoma County to declare a climate emergency

2020



Helped create a Climate Emergency Framework to achieve goals of zero carbon emissions, carbon drawdown and climate adaptation

**Thank you for being a part of this journey.  
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# What Your Community is Saying...

**2003: Ripples Zine Best Earth Friendly Read**

"Daily Acts is the premier model and organization in the country doing this transformative community-based work."

**2015: Bill Kortum Sustainability in Action Award**

"Participating in this program and working with Daily Acts has emboldened me to live my values and embody the change I want to see in the world."

**Brett KenCairn,**  
*Senior Policy Advisor for Climate & Environment, City of Boulder*

"Daily Acts involvement links us together as a community and empowers us with hope for a sustainable future."

**2010: Sonoma County Outstanding Sustainability Education Award**

**Carolyn Glanton,**  
*Sonoma Clean Power*

**Cathy Walsh**  
*Santa Rosa Resident*

**2005: Center for Peace and Justice Unsung Hero Award**

"It's because of the passion that Trathen and the entire team demonstrates that I actually have hope - I have hope that we can tackle this climate crisis. Daily Acts, you are the real deal. We are so grateful that you are helping lead the way to a more sustainable future."

**2020: Voted Best Nonprofit in the North Bay by North Bay Bohemian**

"Everything I have done with Daily Acts has been life shifting."

**Senator Mike McGuire,**  
*California State Senate*

"This education is vital to the success of emerging green and sustainable initiatives."

**Grayson James,**  
*City of Petaluma Green Team*

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