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Dear Friend,

Backyard Abundance is seeking **financial support for the March 12-14 Dave Jacke presentations and workshops**. These workshops conclude a two-month *Seeds of Sustainability* event series, which will empower hundreds of residents with skills to improve the sustainability of our businesses and community.

Dave Jacke is known nationally for his groundbreaking research on innovative ways to sustainably grow food, improve water quality and increase the resiliency of communities. He is the author of the award-winning two-volume book entitled *Edible Forest Gardens*. Since the 1970s, he has designed, built and planted sustainable landscapes for homes, farms, universities and communities in many parts of the United States and overseas. After the Iowa City event, he travels to the University of Minnesota to lead courses for the Permaculture Research Institute.

The workshops will focus on using nature’s ecosystems as models for food production and community design. Because healthy ecosystems maintain, fertilize, and renew themselves naturally, mimicking them can help us create landscapes of high productivity and deep beauty. The result is a resilient, highly collaborative community that uses less energy and produces little pollution.

Sponsorship Levels

We invite you to take part in this community event by being a financial supporter. Your donation will help pay for Dave Jacke’s speaking fees, workshop materials and expenses.

| Timeframe | Free passes to March 12 presentation | Banner presented at March 12-14 presentation and workshop | Logo and recognition on promotional materials | | Recognition at all presentations | Name on sponsor page of the Backyard Abundance website | | | |
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| Level 1 \$1000 - \$2000 | 10 passes | • | | • | • | | • | | |
| Level 2 \$500 - \$999 | 5 passes | • | • | | • | • | | • | |
| Level 3 \$250 - \$499 | 2 passes | | • | | • | | | • | |
| Level 4 \$100 - \$249 | | | | | | | | • | |
| Level 5 \$1 - \$99 | | | | | | | | | • |

About Backyard Abundance

Backyard Abundance is a Johnson County nonprofit that was founded in 2006 to fill a **community need for comprehensive environmental education**. Public events, yard tours, workshops, and presentations have reached over 1500 residents and have successfully demonstrated how to improve water quality, grow food, and conserve natural resources. The *Seeds of Sustainability* workshops will launch an **on-going series of classes and events entitled *Create Abundant Landscapes*** that will teach residents how to improve the resiliency of their landscapes and their community. Partners include the University of Iowa, ECO Iowa City, New Pioneer Food Co-op, Taproot Nature Experience, Field to Family, Environmental Films Iowa City and Environmental Advocates.

Sincerely,

Fred Meyer
 Chair and Executive Director

Linda Farkas
 Treasurer