

## From Traprock in 2017, with thanks

*In this year of conflict, challenge and resistance, Traprock Center for Peace & Justice projects reached people locally and beyond. We share some here, with thanks for the community support making them possible. Onward in 2018!*

**Books for Children:** “The Traprock Center for Peace and Justice has awarded \$1,000 to the Orange Public Libraries to purchase children’s books on the themes of world peace, empathy, friendship, immigration, diversity and environment...Last year, the Traprock Center made a similar donation to the Greenfield Public Library that was used to purchase children’s books on the themes of peace, social justice, conflict resolution and nature.”

[traprock.org/childrens-books-collaborative/](http://traprock.org/childrens-books-collaborative/)

### Trees for Vietnam:



“Over the last year, Traprock Director Pat Hynes has spearheaded an effort to raise \$10,000 to plant 10,000 trees and seedlings in the Dong Son commune of Vietnam,” an area severely affected by US spraying of toxic Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. Thanks to fundraisers and contributions, \$12,000 was raised, all of which has gone to the local tree planting effort.

[www.recorder.com/Assemblages-exhibit-10000-Trees-for-Vietnam-fundraiser-12671034](http://www.recorder.com/Assemblages-exhibit-10000-Trees-for-Vietnam-fundraiser-12671034)

**Climate change action:** Anna Gyorgy traveled to Germany to participate in and document the international movement for climate justice around the November UN Climate Conference.

[wloe.org/Climate-Activism-in-Bonn.705.0.html](http://wloe.org/Climate-Activism-in-Bonn.705.0.html)

**Confronting Sexism:** Common Threads director Sarah Pirtle's 30-page dialogue booklet created for the January 2017 Women's March can be downloaded here: [KEEPERS OF THE FIRE: Dialogue to Change Sexism and Foster Gender Reconciliation](#). For more on the [Common Threads](#) program and upcoming January 6 Connecting Ages, Changing Ageism Conference, see: [traprock.org/common-threads/](http://traprock.org/common-threads/)

**Refugee awareness:** Traprock director Pat Hynes was part of a collaborative project to interview Syrian women refugees in Lebanon and highlight Lebanese organizations providing critical services and education for Syrian refugee women and children. [www.recorder.com/Traprock-director-retired-UMass-professor-travel-to-Lebanon-to-meet-with-Syrian-refugees-14205781](http://www.recorder.com/Traprock-director-retired-UMass-professor-travel-to-Lebanon-to-meet-with-Syrian-refugees-14205781)

**And there's more:** the Greening Greenfield-Traprock Film Series, the annual [Peacemakers Award](#) and other Traprock projects: <http://traprock.org/>

*Tax-exempt donations to continue and expand the work are welcome:*

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