

## Thanks for being a part of our first year!



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Steve,

As we wrap up 2021, I want to sincerely thank everyone for their involvement and dedication to the New Rural Project! When Helen and Cynthia founded the New Rural Project in April of this year, I was honored to be asked to join them as Chair of the Board of Directors.

The New Rural Project understands the importance of listening to rural residents and empowering them to make change through civic engagement. That's why I was excited to use my experience as an advocate and strategist to help achieve the New Rural Project's mission. Our honorary board member, former Congresswoman Eva Clayton, puts it best— listen to her remarks from the New Rural Project inaugural fundraiser back in November:

**Watch now!**



Heading into 2022, the New Rural Project is in the midst of hiring more staff in order to significantly increase our efforts to engage and empower rural residents so that we can increase voter participation in the midterms, organize more community vaccination events, and bring positive change to our rural communities. [Can you contribute to help the New Rural Project fund its 2022 programs and initiatives?](#)

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and I wish you a very joyous 2022. Thank you for being a part of our year!

With gratitude,

Douglas Wilson  
Board Chair  
New Rural Project



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