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Dear Ernest and Edwina Diswood,

We are proud to present you and your family with the Climate Change Leadership Institute's 2023 Conservation Award for your vision for regenerative agriculture and for your dedication to conservation at the Rough Stone Ranch in Navajo Nation. The seed grant portion of this award is meant to help support your two worthy projects described by you as follows:

“The first project is to utilize our grey water from our home. This will include the design and installation of plumbing to collect the grey water from our home. The design and installation of a filtration system, storage and connections to our swale/permaculture trees and shrubs. The second project is a roof water catchment for both our home and our pavilion. This system will need to be designed to capture the rain and snow melt off the roofs, a storage tank, and connections for drip irrigation of our plants, our small hoop house and the fruit trees near our home.”

Both of these projects will not only help conserve water which gives life but will also support your rejuvenating, dynamic and holistic goals at the ranch. We appreciate your many thoughtful efforts and ideas and we care to help them to fruition. What you plan to do and what you have already done at Rough Stone is an inspiration for our small grassroots organization, as well as for the Navajo Nation, for New Mexico and beyond. Godspeed!

With admiration,

Robb Hirsch
Executive Director and Founder