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Dear Dale and Tomme-

We've not met.....but my daughter Kelsey gave me a wonderful tour of your gardens one day in late Spring. It was so good to see the things she had been telling me about for weeks. (Okay.....I'll admit, not fond of the bees.....but I do understand their role in the bigger scope of things!)

I've been out of the country for the last few weeks....so this note is late in coming. I just wanted to thank you both so much for all that you taught Kelsey. While she fell in love with the gardening.....she learned so much more from both of you:..... the importance of social justice, hunger and the role of good nutrition, the value of true community, a commitment to selflessness.....the list could go on and on. While she was at K....and again while I was gone, your names came up in nearly every email I received. In this case, you planted some seeds that will help her to continue to grow into the person she is meant to be.

As a father.....I am immensely grateful for the nurturing you have provided Kelsey.

Kelsey and I spoke last night of taking a short trip to Kzoo later this summer so that we could see the gardens in full bloom.....but most importantly, so that I could meet the people who have been true teachers to Kelsey.....teachers in every positive sense of that word.

My thanks!

-Tony

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