



December 22, 2015

Santa Claus
The North Pole

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Mikey and I'm 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a Yo-Yo and your help to get the Food Shed Co-op open. Some new video games would be nice and some vegetables grown without the use of neonicotinoid pesticides which are killing the honeybees (and probably me, you and your reindeer too). My sister would like a new doll and my Mom would like a dose of truthful labeling and general transparency when she shops for our food. She also wants some of that nice soap made from goat's milk. My Dad would like a guitar and access to non-GMO tomatoes that have not been heterologously cloned or even homologously cloned for that matter. I learned about this last year in the first grade. You know, the whole GMO thing. My Dad knows he will find this at the Food Shed Co-op when it opens. He is hoping too that the co-op will have a big front porch where he can jam with his buddies on Saturday mornings in the summer.

Santa, if you are feeling extra generous this year I would really like a bicycle and the Food Shed could really use a building. I prefer a NEW bike but the co-op would gladly accept a previously occupied building. If you see Oprah please tell her about this too since she is always giving stuff away. Actually, just rent-free for a year or two would help the Food Shed open up right away. If you could deliver a bike that is red and is at least a ten-speed I would appreciate that very much. For the co-op the color doesn't really matter but upwards of 8000 ft² would be just swell. You know, about the size of a Walgreens store.

Okay Santa, I think that's about it for now. I will leave some organic carrots on the table for your reindeer. For you, my Mom & Dad have prepared some gluten free cookies made from organic quinoa and tapioca flour. And a big glass of locally sourced milk free of antibiotics, hormones and shared with us by smiling cows. You know, the sort of stuff you will find on the shelves of the Food Shed Co-op when it opens.

Love, Mikey