



Grassroots Environmental Education is a registered 501 (c) (3) corporation with a mission to educate the public about the links between common environmental exposures and human health. We believe that the cultivation of broad-based public support through education is the key to bringing about positive and lasting change.

Grassroots' programs are based on science, and our network of environmental experts includes leaders in the field from Yale, Columbia and Tufts Universities, Mount Sinai School of Medicine and other similar institutions. Using creative skills and cutting-edge communication techniques, we strive to shape public opinion on environmental health issues in communities across the country by developing materials and programs that bridge the gap between scientific research and public understanding. The organization's goal is to empower individuals and groups to act as catalysts for change in their own communities.

Grassroots current projects include:

The ChildSafe School (www.TheChildSafeSchool.org) - a comprehensive children's environmental health program designed to help school communities mitigate or eliminate three environmental exposures common to most schools: chemicals contained in cleaning products, diesel exhaust from idling school buses and exposure to pesticides commonly used on playing fields. The program website contains three short video documentaries as well as Q&A Sheets, scientific abstracts, and ready-to-go policies for reducing or eliminating each of the problem exposures.

The **Grassroots Healthy Lawn Program** (www.GHLP.org) is a public education and professional training program designed to address both the supply and demand for natural lawn care in communities in the Northeast. To date, more than 400 professional landscapers have attended programs conducted by Grassroots, and the program web site has become the go-to resource for consumers looking for organic lawn care services in the NY metro area.

Natural Turf Pro (www.NaturalTurfPro.com) is a four-hour training program on DVD for professional landscapers and turf managers. The program is an offshoot of the award-winning Grassroots Healthy Lawn Program, and is designed to help green professionals make the switch to organic turf management.

"Our Children At Risk" – A half-hour documentary film about the relationship between environmental toxins and children's health. The film features interviews

with four of the country's leading pediatric environmental health experts: **Dr. Philip Landrigan** of Mount Sinai School of Medicine, **Dr. Fredrica Perera** of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, **Dr. Elizabeth Guilette** of the University of Florida and **Dr. John Wargo** of Yale University.

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About Doug and Patti Wood

Patti Wood (Executive Director) is a Visiting Scholar at Adelphi University, where she lectures on the environment and related health issues in the School of Nursing and serves on the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board for Environmental Studies. Ms. Wood is a frequent lecturer at Pace University and serves on the New York State Governor's Advisory Council on Green Procurement and Sustainability. She also works with the New York State Department of Health on environmental issues ranging from West Nile virus to pediatric health.

Mrs. Wood is the author of "Helping to Heal," a guidebook for parents of children with life-threatening illness, and creator of "The ChildSafe School," a comprehensive program to reduce environmental exposures at schools. She is co-producer of the documentary film, "Our Children at Risk."

Doug Wood (Associate Director) is a filmmaker, author, composer and business consultant. He is the producer of numerous films on environmental issues, and the creator of the greenweb, "How Green Is My Town?" Mr. Wood is the founder and President of Omnimusic, an independent music publishing firm that creates and distributes original music for film, television and radio productions worldwide.

Mr. Wood is the author of The Commercial Composers' Guide to Music Publishing and Licensing Agreements as well as several feature articles on music copyright and licensing. Doug has been elected six times to the Board of Directors of the 300,000-member American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) and also serves on the Board of the ASCAP Foundation.

More information about Grassroots and its Board of Directors can be found at www.grassrootsinfo.org/board.html.