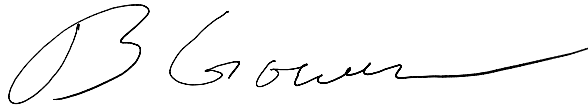


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I participate in collaborative giving because I want to live in a world where my community is defined by giftedness, generosity and abundance. Collaborative giving is a practice that frees me from focusing on my lack of resources or abilities in the way it facilitates valuing the giftedness of friends. Collaborative giving changes the context of giving from a focus on the transaction to a focus on building relationships. A community focused on relationships is enriched by the diversity of gifts and experiences every participant brings to the table. The practice of collaborative giving also facilitates a generous community by rejecting a false narrative of resource scarcity, where everyone must be self-sufficient for what they need. Self-sufficiency can lead to isolation from sharing in the abundance of gifts, talents and resources of their community. A generous community builds a strong social fabric and can share out of its collective abundance, leaving no one isolated or in need.

Common Change provides a platform that makes the practice of collaborative giving very easy with its online tool or through generosity dinners. My passion in life is to foster a community of friends who care for each other and desire to create restorative relationships. Common Change provides a context to do this with intentionality.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Gower". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bryan Gower
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