



A SEASON OF *Thanksgiving*

During this **Holiday** season, our thoughts gratefully turn to those who have inspired us, taught us and blessed us.

“GROWING GOOD CORN”

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year his corn won a blue ribbon at the state fair.

One year, a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about his methods. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

“How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering their corn in the competition too?” the reporter asked.

“Why sir,” said the farmer, “didn’t you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn.”

He knows that his corn cannot improve unless his neighbor’s corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness. The welfare of each of us is bound up with the welfare of all.

It is possible to give what we have away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and become poor.

*May the year ahead bring
Peace, Good Health and Happiness to you and yours.*

Sincerely,



Please consider how you can help some of the organizations that have touched the lives of Beacon employees.

