

Welcome to the inaugural Recompose newsletter! It's been a while since we've been in touch about our work transforming the death care experience, so we've got lots to report:

- Our team is working hard to bring you this regenerative, sustainable end-of-life option.
- The transition from Urban Death Project (a non-profit) to Recompose (a public benefit corporation) has been smooth, and it's given our work a wonderful boost.
- We've redesigned our system from the original core to the new Recompose "hive." Scroll down for an artist's rendering.
- We've brought on some wonderful additions to our advisory team - you'll meet one of them below.
- We're focusing on the 2019 legislative session here in WA State...it's time to get serious about sustainable death care options!

You can read more about our progress below. Thank you for being part of the Recompose community!

Best,

Katrina Spade  
Founder and CEO, Recompose

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## Introducing...the hive!

We've made some exciting changes to our recomposition system, and have switched our focus from vertical "core" to individual "vessel." The concept is the same: the body is covered with natural materials like wood chips and alfalfa, providing the perfect environment for nature to do its job. Over the span of approximately 30 days, everything breaks down on a molecular level, and a rich soil is created. Friends and family will be able to use that soil to grow a memorial tree or nourish a favorite garden.

There were a few reasons for this change, including our ability to shorten the engineering timeline and design a more flexible, scalable system. Perhaps the best part? The individual

vessels nest together in a hive, reminding us that we are all connected to nature AND to each other.

The folks at MOLT, a local Seattle studio, created this rendering to give a sense of what the hive might look like in a future Recompose facility. We think it's beautiful!



*In this rendering of a Recompose facility, plants grow and people visit the hive, connecting with the cycles of nature and remembering loved ones.*

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## Policy Update: We're Going to Need Your Help

In the next several months, we'll be ramping up our grassroots policy work. We KNOW that the public wants more sustainable, meaningful death care options, and we want to make sure that our lawmakers know it too.

We're starting this work in Washington State, and we'll be reaching out in the next

few months with specifics on how you can help. But for now, please take the survey below to give us a better sense of our newsletter community.

**Do you live in WA State?**

[Yes, I do](#)

[No, I do not](#)

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## Advisory Team Spotlight: Leslie Christian



Leslie Christian has been a leader in social and environmental business for more than 25 years.

After spending the first part of her career in banking and on Wall Street, Leslie became passionate about using finance for the benefit of all stakeholders and went on to serve as President and CEO of Portfolio 21 Investments. During her 17 years at Portfolio 21, Leslie co-founded the firm's pioneering environmental mutual fund as well as Upstream 21, a uniquely-chartered regional holding company for socially and environmentally responsible businesses. In

1993 Leslie co-founded with her colleague and friend Linda Pei the Women's Equity Mutual Fund (now part of Pax World).

Through NorthStar Asset Management, Leslie offers advisory services to individuals and institutions seeking to align their values and their money through an integrated capital approach to investing and philanthropy.

Leslie is helping the Recompose team with strategy to bring our vision from concept to actualization. Welcome!

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“Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.” - Sarah Bernhardt

