

Dear friend,

I like to think I got in on the ground floor.

My cell ag journey started way back in 2009 when I had the chance to see our very own Isha Datar present in a campus theater at the University of Alberta. The topic? The possibilities of something called "*in vitro* meat."

I think I speak for all of us in attendance that day when I say I was totally unprepared for what lay in store. What we expected was 20 slides in 20 minutes about the science fiction of lab-grown meat. What we got was an invitation to rethink our global food system.

I left the theater feeling energized and hopeful (and only slightly bewildered by the fact that Isha and I are the same age). As a guilt-ridden omnivore, I've been captivated by the promise of the field ever since.

I'm Stephanie – the new Development Manager at New Harvest. If you're reading this, then you already know that 2020 was a year of exponential growth for the team. Besides welcoming aboard <u>13 new research fellows</u>, we also hired six new staff members, including – that's right – me!

My name will be popping up in your inbox periodically, so I figured the only polite thing to do would be to introduce myself! And as my first official act, I'm thrilled to share that our end-of-year fundraising efforts were a huge success, bringing in a **total of \$1.83M for 2020.**

More than just a number, this is proof that more people than ever believe the time has come for the next agricultural revolution. Thanks to supporters like you, we are now better equipped to maximize the impact of cell ag in 2021.

My hope this year is to give you more opportunities to get involved in this growing movement and to reveal how your support is making a tangible difference accelerating much-needed foundational cultured meat research.

In the meantime, I want to hear from you! What motivates you to support our mission? What do you need from us to better understand the impact of that support? Anything else I should know?

I'm all ears – feel free to reach out anytime.

With gratitude,

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