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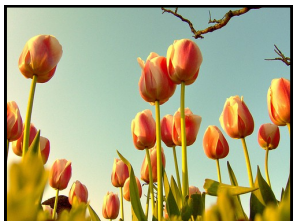
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Upcoming Events

Charity Challenge
May 17th
3:00 PM in Halifax

Breakfast/Plant Sale
June 7th
8:00-11:00 AM at
Bonny Lea Farm

Lobster Supper
August 3
4:00-7:00 PM at
Bonny Lea Farm
Take Out Service
Starts at 3:00 PM



Former Board member and society member Dr. Jolene Jarvis shares her experiences about Bonny Lea Farm.

"I was intrigued with the idea of Bonny Lea activities being aimed at helping participants become as independent in their lives as possible. I found the enthusiasm and dedication of the participants to learn and work hard exciting. The staff were caring and willing to go the extra distance to give of themselves that they were an inspiration to me.

My brother had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and died at 17. My mother

struggled financially. This left me with sense of gratitude and a desire to help others. I was therefore honoured to serve Bonny Lea in several ways including serving on board.

My husband and I are fortunate to be able to support with donations. We try to spread the word about the events and the purpose of this organization. We love buying the herbal products and the mulch looks great in our garden. My office uses the confidential shredding service which has excellent privacy safeguards in place.

At times we have done some small

fundraising of our own to support Bonny Lea. For example, we ask our birthday party guests to bring a donation for Bonny Lea instead of gifts for ourselves. There are many ways to help out with such a great local cause.

The optimism and dedication to their work is infectious. It is truly the best kind of infection to have, and I hope it keeps spreading."



Dr. Jarvis and husband Martin Kilmer.

SCOTIABANK CHARITY CHALLENGE

Last year we raised close to \$3,000 and had a team of 23. Our participants are feeling great about contributing to our organization and we are most grateful for their commitment.

Immediately following last year's race, participants began talking about coming back to raise even more money. This year's target is \$6,000 and we

are almost 1/2 way there. The money is still going toward our new elevator. Team Bonny Lea Farm organizer Jewel March recalls what the first race experience was like. ***"Being there at the start line with everybody was community integration at its best. It demonstrated that everyone can achieve the same goal. When you get involved with the***

event through the Charity Challenge, you are not only helping yourself mentally and physically, you are helping others."

Rose & marathon mascot



VOLUNTEER EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

Bridgewater Parks & Recreation expressed its appreciation to organizations in Lunenburg County that utilize volunteers in many different aspects of their programs. Many of our Board of Directors have been honoured in the past. This year volunteers Joanne and Whit-

man Giffin who worked directly with participants were recognized. They spend one to one time with participants who live

at our group home in Chester.

"It is a wonderfully fulfilling experience and we would heartily recommend it to anyone who would like to take the time."



LEAVE A LEGACY NOVA SCOTIA

Bonny Lea Farm is a proud Bronze sponsor of LEAVE A LEGACY NOVA SCOTIA. We recognize the importance of making a difference in the lives that follow. Your gift big or small contributes greatly to the long term growth and sustainability of charitable organiza-

tions such as ours. Charitable giving can help your own financial picture, while helping others whom you care about. Ask your financial or estate planning advisor to include charitable giving as part of your financial plan. A legacy gift is a living reminder of individuals who cared

about their community and supported causes that were important to them. May is LEAVE A LEGACY month. ***Watch for Bonny Lea Farm's Ad that will appear in a special booklet in the Chronicle Herald on May 12th.***