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DONATIONS TRANSFORM LIVES!

Your annual donations over the past 41 years have made a huge impact on the men and women who live and work at Bonny Lea Farm.

Your donations have provided for vocational and life skills training along with special services including behavioral interventions and counselling, adaptative physical recreation, speech/language therapy and academics.

Upgrading of our facilities has been important in order to be accessible for those with limited mobility, so building ramps and wheelchair friendly wash-rooms required a great deal of financial help.

As a result of your generosity, participants have been given opportunities to develop meaningful skills and life experiences that only a few generations ago did not exist for people living with a disability.

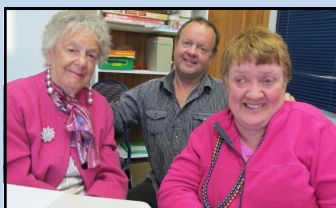
Why are your donations vital for us today? Program funding has been reduced and we have had to cut back on some of the services that were once offered on a regular basis. Our facility needs more accessible features, and we wish to expand our facility in order to offer new programs and services and operate support services to full capacity again. Our Direct Mail Campaign will be sent to you later this month. **Thank You!**



Obtaining wheelchair transportation required lots of fund raising.



Vocational training- Greenhouse & Garden Production is one of 6 work opportunities for participants



Preparing for our Mail Campaign

Feature in picture: Mary Ellen Clancey-Board Chair, Laurie Ann Hughes, Participant and David Outhouse, Managing Director.



Families are most grateful that that their adult children are leading happy lives at Bonny Lea Farm.

What is Planned Giving?

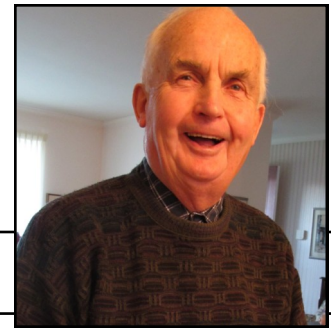
Planned giving is a form of charitable giving. It is usually making a provision in your estate plan (Will) to leave money to a registered charity that you believe is worthy of your support. How do you make such a decision? Everyday, people are helped and lives are enriched by the work of charities in our communities. Financial assistance is essential to support and sus-

tain this work. Choosing to leave a gift from the heart brings meaning, dignity and purpose to a life well lived. Your gift is your opportunity to participate in a way that allows these important causes to be well supported now and long after you have gone.

Mr. John Riley, former Board member and currently a BLF Society

Member has been consulting with his financial planner to get the right expertise and advice to ensure the type and timing of his gift maximizes the advantages to him and to the charity. ***"It is important for an organization to have plans for the future. This can be done when loyal donors make a long term commitment to help. This is a very satisfying feeling knowing that you are helping with the organization's mission and vision. I have felt a sense of belonging in my association with Bonny Lea Farm. Their work is exceptional."***

John Riley interviewed at his home.



Catherine with her family.

Catherine's Success Story!

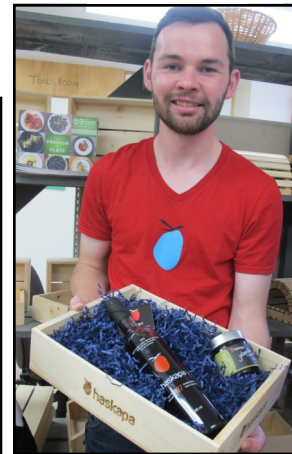
It wasn't too long ago that Catherine was experiencing very challenging times in her life. She stopped taking part in her favourite activities and was not wishing to associate with others. After medical & behavioral exploration, and treatment, Catherine was finally feeling well.

She has resumed going swimming. This is great because she can swim like a fish! She is attending communications class which is helping her to express her needs. She is socializing with peers, and her love of music has returned. For the

first time in years Catherine stood before an audience and sang a song! Catherine's success comes from her own self-determination, and from the care and support from her exceptional staff. We are thrilled to hear Catherine laugh again.

A Berry Good Idea!

Bonny Lea Farm's wooden gift crates are growing in popularity. Taste of NS along with Acadian Maple, local wineries and many repeat customers like our various styles of crates. We were approached recently by Haskapa (LaHave Natural Farms) to create a crate that would display their popular berry products. With the creation of a special jig, our participants were able to build the crates accurately and to use Hashapa's branding iron to label the crate. Ross MacNeil who approached us is their office manager. He has considerable experience working with food product logistics both in Canada and abroad. We are very pleased to be partnering with such a fine company.



Ross holding the crate made at Bonny Lea Farm.

